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preservation of the Mercury Cougar.*



# VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

With this being the mid-year newsletter for me, it is not that the year is half over, it is more that Car Show season is in full swing and the wait is almost over as the CCOA Western National Event (June 26th & 27th 2015 [www.classiccougar.com](http://www.classiccougar.com)) and the CCOA Eastern National Event (October 9th - 11th 2015 [www.necougarclub.com](http://www.necougarclub.com)) are quickly approaching.

It is inspiring to have two National Events as we celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Cougar Club of America. I have been watching all of the event updates posted on [www.cougarclub.org](http://www.cougarclub.org) as all of the hard work everyone is putting in will certainly yield two very memorable events. My thanks go out to the Mercury Stray Cats and New England Cougar clubs and all of the Sponsors, Volunteers, Vendors and Enthusiasts who have registered for the events. I know first-hand all of the hours of planning, emails and phone calls that it requires to host such large events. The Cougar Club of America Board of Directors and Club Members appreciate all of the efforts put forth to ensure the events and look forward to seeing event photos in future issues of ATSOTC.

**“We are dedicated to the appreciation and preservation of the Mercury Cougar.”**

Our clubs milestone would not have been made possible without the dedication and efforts of Bill Quay. Bill is the current Vice President and is the person who has held the role two terms, the longest of any who had held this position, 1997-1999 and again 2008-2015. Bill resides today in New York State. In addition to serving on the BOD, Bill is also the 1968 428CJ Registrar. The most famous 1968 428CJ Bill restored with his son Steven was the Border Bandit car, which was named and raced by a Canadian drag racer. Bill has chased down many cars across the country as well as resorted several other 428 Cobra Jet Mercury Cougars if you have a 1968 428CJ car or know of one, please contact Bill as he needs to ensure the cars are recorded in his

registry. CCOA Vice-Presidents that worked to keep the club moving forward for all of these years.

The CCOA surviving 35 years certainly thanking the past Vice Presidents, BOD’s, Volunteers, Registrars, and most defiantly all of the Club Members.

**Gavin Schlesinger**

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## Letter from the Editor

**By: Rob Merritt (#8323)  
Member Services Director**

**Former.** [fôrmər] *adjective*

having previously filled a particular role or been a particular thing.

synonyms: I’m out of here!

Dee Baumann’s record time for serving as editor is safe. A new editing team has stepped up in response to the plea in the last issue. I’m going to let them introduce themselves in coming issues. While enthusiasm is the primary requirement for this position – which the new editors have in spades – the new team also brings actual skills and experience. I, for one, can’t wait to see what they do with the creative license they now have.

You can help the new editors by submitting stories, event notices and retrospects, tech articles, etc. Content is what drives the newsletter, and we all want to hear from you. Until the new team introduces themselves, you can continue to send material to me or Kamran ([assistanteditor@cougarclub.org](mailto:assistanteditor@cougarclub.org)) and we’ll make sure it gets to the right people.

A few people asked me if I planned to do something special for my last edition. Bwa ha ha ha ha. Mentally, I've already retired, and I'm just phoning in this last issue. Sorry. Luckily, lots of good submissions make up for it. And, I am taking the liberty of putting my Cougar on the cover – 1969 XR-7 Convertible with the 428 Cobra Jet engine and C6 transmission. I'm hoping to spend more of my allotted Cougar time with the car now that the torch is passed on *At the Sign of the Cat*.

I want to say thanks and sincerely express my appreciation for everyone who submitted material for the newsletter over the last few years. And to Phil Parcels and John Rotella for their help with the web-site end of things. Of course, thanks to everyone who reads the newsletter too. Many of you sent thoughtful notes of appreciation during my tenure – and they really did matter.

Finally, I want to make a special mention and thank you to the folks who handle the mailing of the newsletter. With new editors, we expect the printing and mailing to relocate as well. This is my only regret in leaving the position. Our mailing has been done by a



JOB WELL DONE

non-profit organization known as UDAC. UDAC provides employment and other opportunities to people with developmental disabilities – allowing them to experience the dignity of work, and the pride that

comes with a job well done. Worthy. If you would like to support UDAC's mission, go to [www.udac.org](http://www.udac.org). Tell them the Cougar Club sent you.

Thanks for all the fish!



## A Word from the International Manager

By: Tim Glover (#8224)  
Wirral, England

I have owned cars that were just plain nasty. Not a particular make or model, just that one specific supposedly inanimate object. My Cougar has a wicked sense of humour. Here in old Angletterre we have a

compulsory MoT test, where garage mechanics check cars over and award a certificate of roadworthiness, all things being well. Fail and you can't use your car.

Last year my Cougar failed because a tail light bulb was out. There were several working properly, so I questioned the decision. It seems you can't have an imbalance of lights. Okay, fine. I removed the corresponding bulb from the other side. They're 'balanced' now, can I please have my certificate? Certainly not, you need to book a second appointment because we need you logged in on the government computer for a minimum of 30 minutes and we can't fit you in for another two weeks, when you'll have to take time off work and don't use your car in the mean time and what have you. Bah.

As I write my Cougar's next test is the day after tomorrow, tomorrow being a bank holiday with no shops open. What happens? No problems all year but tonight, in one twenty mile round trip, I've a headlight out, no dash lights and brakes pulling sharply to the right. Double bah. Incidentally, I may have spotted a world-wide car conspiracy here. Do correct me if you have evidence to the contrary, but it seems to me that regardless of what ever side of the road people drive on, cars with brake problems contrive to pull in to on-coming traffic.

Anyway, cars-out-to-get-me-in-a-Steven-King-Christine-type-fashion aside, I will return to business. I will be at Tatton Park for the Stars and Stripes weekend this year, assuming Grant at the MoT station eventually sees things my way, so come along one and all.

In response to people enquiring about M60 Cougars, that particular club is purely Barrie Dixon's baby. You are invited to join by him and that's that. Although I am a member, I have no influence whatsoever and can't get you in. Barrie, by the way, could you email me? My computer completely fried a little while back and I lost all my email contacts, meaning I can't get in touch with you.

In fairness, I should add a footnote about the character of my Cougar. When I bought it, it had been abandoned in the Mohave Desert for some twenty years. On the road to recovery there have been many breakdowns, but always conveniently in the near vicinity of my house. It has always got me home and is a good guy really, sense of humour aside!

# CCOA OFFICER ELECTIONS.

## Gavin Schlesinger (#8427) CCOA Chairperson

Nominations were received for the Director positions that will expire at the end of the year: (1) Vice Chairperson, (2) Club Services, (3) Financial Director, and (4) Community Relations Director.

Each of the nominees will be invited to submit a campaign statement for publication in the Fall newsletter. Voting **instructions** will also be published at that time.

Without further ado, the nominees are:

## Ray Bischoff (#6600) South Lyon, MI

My name is Ray Bischoff and I am accepting the nomination for **Vice Chairperson** of the CCOA.

My romance with Mercury Cougars started in the 1980s with a 1968 Saxony Yellow, black Decor, F code, 3 speed car. I purchased the car from the side of the road in Lansing, MI while attending Michigan State University. It was a humble car but was freshly painted. My intrigue in these cars continued to flourish as this car lead to the next and the next. As can happen with a hobby, I began to accumulate parts and pieces and was soon known as the local "Cougar Guy". I met my future wife in 1987 and she encouraged and supported the hobby. We were married in 1990 and that Saxony Yellow car was driven in our wedding day procession along with several other muscle car classics.



Through the years, I've come to know and restore several examples including small block, big block, Standard, Decore and XR-7 cars. The hobby has introduced me to many friends and other like-minded people who have made my life richer.



My hope is to continue to support the hobby and the people involved in what I consider to be Classic American Automotive Art. I look forward to the "road ahead" and serving as your Vice Chairperson.

## Mike Brown (#6669) North Hollywood, CA



My name is Mike Brown, and I am very excited and honored to run for **Vice-Chair Person** or **Treasurer** and to serve the CCOA and the Cougar community. I reside in the greater Los Angeles area of Valley Village. I grew up in same area and had the pleasure of cruising the famous Van Nuys Blvd in the late 60's and 70's in its heyday. What a blast that was! The cars, the girls and the burning rubber! Stop light grand prix..... How bad ass that was!! That is where I feel in love with Cougars. It was a 1969 yellow 390 Eliminator that this girl had. Wow was it hot!

I have been married to Sharon for over 37 years and have 2 sons Gary and Jason. I am the founder and president of the Southern California Cougar Club, founded in **1993**.



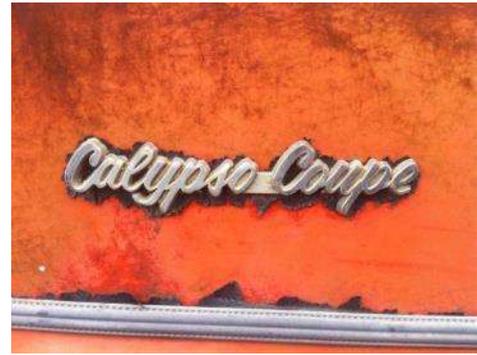


would enjoy and benefit from for more than thirty years.

So now, despite time constraints and a very busy schedule, I still find time do ninety percent of the work and restoration on my cars. It's what I love and what makes me happy. I was one of the first members of the then DFW Cats Club that we formed in 1989, now the **Lone Star Cougar Club** here in Dallas, and I still have my first cat. Damn skippy! I drove her through high school, college where I met Alicia, my wife of almost twenty-five years. I now also enjoy it with my only ten year old daughter, Sydney.



Like most with this sickness I now have several Cougars. Alicia says it helps when everyone around you is also crazy and it becomes the norm. It does not hurt she owns her first car, a 1966 Mustang, that sits in the garage next to mine, but that's another story. Though I have bought and sold several cats over the years, I currently own three 1968's, one 1967 390 GT (project), my 1969 standard convertible, and a 1970(big project). Recently, I found and started restoration of one of the twenty-eight factory supported Calypso Coupes from Dallas Eagle Lincoln Mercury.



I have an Augusta green 68 standard that I restored over the last several years (needed an a/c car here in Texas), and most importantly, my daughter Sydney and I have been working on her 1968 XR7 onyx/parchment interior for her first car. It has been a slow process but she does as much work as she is able at ten years old, and we have time!



Here in Dallas I currently have a property management company and development group that I started in the early nineties. I have partnerships in various other ventures, have a vast background in marketing and sales, and have even found time to own several tote the notes and mechanics shops on the side. I spend most of my free time enjoying our cars with my family and participating in club events. As a director of the Lone Star Cougar Club these past several years I have spear headed our Facebook exposure and worked with our club to use our website as a marketing platform for one of the only Cougar clubs in Texas and the Southwest. Over the past thirty years I have built a very good network of friends in the Cougar community which most of you will recognize by me completely stopping my work day to talk Cougars.

Most importantly I look forward to having the opportunity to contribute to a community that has offered me so much over the years. Thank you all for your consideration.

I will leave you with this. Though my father passed many years ago, if you ever have a chance to read my board at a show it says, "Now son, will you be tired of this car when all of your friends are buying new cars?" Ha! I showed him.

## Greg Taylor (#9115) Crawfordville, FL



It is with great pleasure, I Greg Taylor, accept the nomination for **Club Services Director and Community Relations Director**. I am 48 years of age and have four children and 3 grandchildren.



I live in Crawfordville, FL, just outside of Tallahassee, FL. I have been an auto enthusiast since my teenage years and became diehard Cougar guy in the late 90's. I currently have eight Cougars in various conditions. I am an Operating Partner of Fast Fine Classics, LLC, a classic car restoration business in Tallahassee, FL. My two sons, Zack (22) and Alex (16), work for Fast Fine Classics, and are proficient in most stages of a car's restoration or repair.



My Cougar passion began in the late 90's when I acquired a 68 standard 428 CJ Cougar for the first time. I foolishly traded it away for three fastback mustangs! But as luck would have it, I was able to get it back. And during those years I would acquire several more Cougars. Passing this passion to my boys has been most enjoyable. Two years ago my son Alex and I restored a 67 standard for him to drive. He is doing his second Cougar now, since someone rear ended him, totaling his first cat. I few years ago, I stumbled upon another 68 standard 428 CJ Cougar. This one is a Cougar 500. It needs a little love, but it will be one cool cat. Last year Alex and I attended the Western Nationals and we will be there this year, hopefully with a Cougar. My girlfriend bought a cat from Northern California and friends are storing till this year's Nationals. If it's up to par, it might make it to the show!



Over the last several years, I have become more involved with the Cougar community serving as the technical adviser for the last few years and Club Services Director for the last year. As the Technical Adviser, Club Services Director, and owner of a restoration business, my involvement in the Cougar world has grown significantly by working directly with CCOA board members, regional clubs and a wide variety of vendors. I am also currently serving as the Vice President of the Sunshine State Cougar Club. For me, it's been so exciting to be involved the Cougar community, going to Barrett Jackson Cougar gatherings, attending Sunshine State Cougar Club events, and helping fellow Cougar enthusiasts around the globe.

Thank you,

# Original Owners

Another “Original Owner” story has found its way to this edition of *At the Sign of the Cat*. If you are an Original Owner of a Cougar, consider sending in your story to keep this popular series going. We’ll give you a year’s free membership if you do as a token of our appreciation.

## 1968 Mercury Cougar- Dan Gurney Special

**By: Ben Brace (# 2796)  
Grove City, Ohio**

The Cougar was purchased new by the owner August 22, 1968 from the late Bob Germain, of what was then Germain Lincoln-Mercury, on the east side of Columbus, Ohio. The Germain family now owns a number of car dealerships in Columbus and in Florida.

The mileage is over 104,300 and was the family daily driver until 1980 when it was placed in storage. Restoration including the front and rear body panels was finished in late 1987 and went to its first show in the summer of 1988.



The car was first licensed in Oxford, Ohio (home of Miami University) and the historical 1968 license plate is its original plate.

The actual purchase price was \$3,602.29 (plus tax & title) and included a dealer installed rear speaker and undercoating. A Dan Gurney Special is a factory option that included a center console, turbine wheel covers, interior lighting on the door panels and rear seats. The car was built in Dearborn, Michigan near the end of the 1968 production year. Mustangs and Cougars were

built on the same production line, with every 5th or 6th car a Cougar.



In 1987 I purchased a 1968, Lime Green Standard Coupe as a parts car thinking I would need parts for the Dan Gurney. John’s Classic Cougars had everything I needed so I replaced the timing chain in the Lime Green 68 and it became the daily driver for many years. Currently it is undergoing its restoration, awaiting a new interior and a vinyl top.



In the mid 1990’s because of a lack of recognition for the Cougar in Central Ohio so we started the Cougar “Show within a Show” as part of the Annual Arthritis Classic Autoshow.

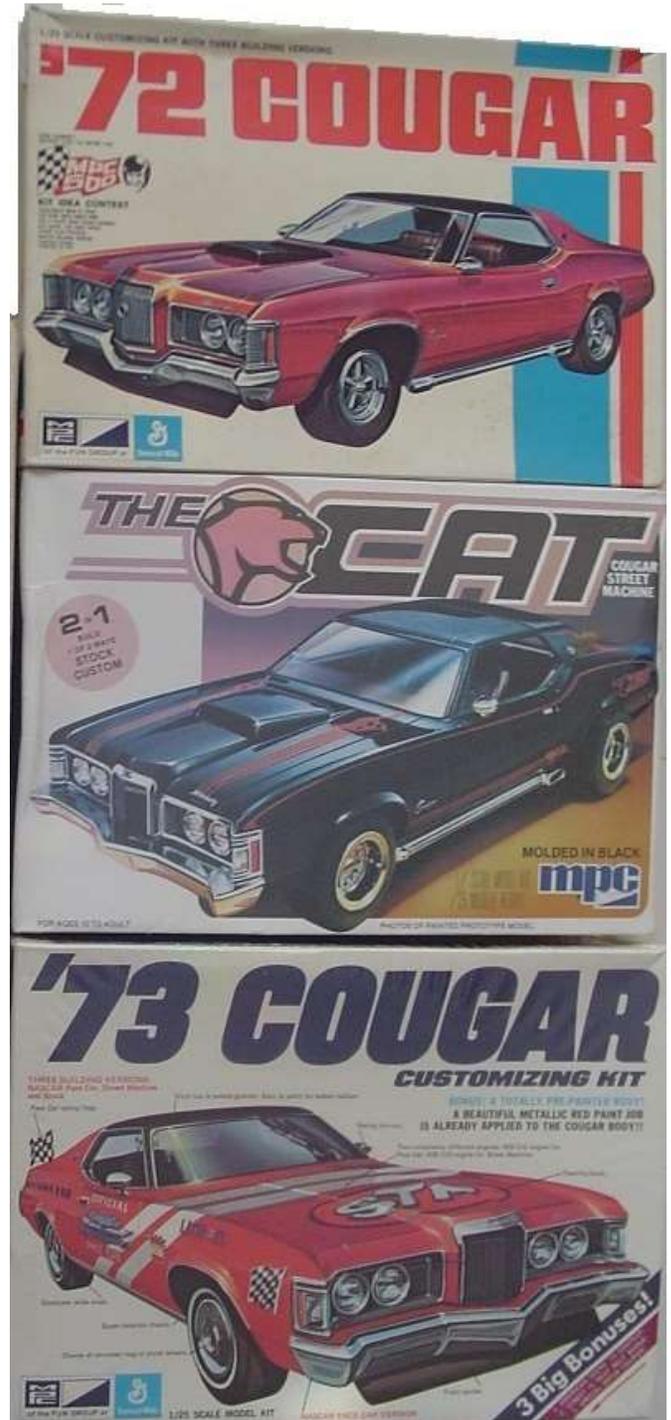
# Cougars in Miniature

**Bill Quay #1515**  
**CCOA Vice President**

This article is about the plastic Models for 1971-1973. As you can see from the picture, there was not a very large selection for these three years. All of the models shown are from MPC Plastics.



I also have another 71-72 model that I forgot to add to the photo. It is a Snap Fit 1/32 scale model made by Lindberg. It was a very simple model that was molded in color. The one I have is a Green color, although the box shows the toy in Black. The 1973 Cougar model "The Cat" by MPC can still be found at hobby shops today. It has been re-issued a couple of times.



All of the toys shown in my Cougars In Miniature articles are from my personal collection.

# Regional Reports & Events

## Cascade Cougar Club

BY: HEATHER WHITAKER (#7477)  
CASCADE CHAIRMAN



Not too much has happened since my last report, but as we head into summer the situation is rapidly changing. On April 25th we had a tech session at Griot's Garage in Tacoma to teach us how to properly detail our classics and at the Mustangs and Cougars show on May 3rd in Port Angeles, Jeff Bingaman's 70 Competition Green standard took home top honors. In the coming weeks several of Cascade's finest cats will be heading off to shows in Richland, WA, Coeur d'Alene, ID and Danville, CA to compete and re-connect with some old friends – yep we love road trips. If you're looking for a holiday destination this summer and yearn to see several dozen beautiful Cougars in one place, plan to join us on Sunday, August 2nd for our annual Prowl. Check out our show flier at [www.cascadecougarclub.com](http://www.cascadecougarclub.com). Hope to see you there!

Visit our website at [www.cascadecougarclub.com/](http://www.cascadecougarclub.com/)

## C.A.T.S. -Cougar Ass'n of the Tri-States

John's Classic Cougars along with C.A.T.S Cougar club will be getting together in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the 28th Street Metro Cruise. We will be meeting at Dan Pfeiffer Lincoln dealership on 28th street. The cruise is on Saturday August 22 2015 and is an all-day event.



**FORDNUTZ  
COUGAR CLUB**  
BY: HEATHER WHITAKER  
EVENTS DIRECTOR



## MAY TRIFECTA: A CRUISE, A MEETING, AND A GARAGE TOUR

It appeared to be a 1969 reunion on May 24<sup>th</sup> when the first few cars arrived at Tim Horton's in Langley. Heather Whitaker was behind the wheel of her yellow 69 XR 7 convertible (with Scott playing navigator for a change) and the Ronalds arrived in their red 69 standard convertible.



Before long the Waines arrived but had to drive their Explorer seeing as their cat is "under the weather" at the moment. While chatting over lunch, the blue modified 69 coupe belonging to new Fordnutz members, Glenn and Arlene Duncan, arrived and introductions were made all around.

We left Langley shortly after 12:30 and headed southeast on our way to Chilliwack. We met up with the Friesens in Kim's newly-finished black 69 428 CJ on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and cruised calmly through the farmland for over an hour. We arrived at our destination, the Wood home on Britton Avenue, promptly at 2pm where we were joined by the Unruhs in their orange 69 Eliminator.

We had a nice visit with everyone, toured Tom's garage which houses some of his high horsepower fleet, then came inside for some coffee, delicious home baking and a brief Fordnutz meeting where Heather got a real razzing for driving like an "old lady". At least we didn't get pulled over by the cops (unlike a Toyota we passed).

At 3:30 Tom pulled his blue 69 XR 7 out of the garage and led us the short distance to Al Parker's garage. (I told you it was a 1969 reunion – a six-pack of 69's and one token non-Cougar)

Al's a fascinating guy and he's been collecting ...well...everything for decades. His garage is filled literally to the ceiling with practically anything you could imagine and the outbuilding is filled with over a dozen vehicles that once roamed the streets in our youth.



Fords and Chevys and Mopars (Al's not loyal to any one make) sit patiently waiting to get loaned out to movie producers and some have even been reproduced as limited-production models. One could spend a week wandering among Al's collectibles and still not see everything. Thanks to Tom and Gail for arranging this entertaining tour in addition to opening up their home to us.

## OHIO

BY: BEN BRACE (#2796)

The 33rd Annual Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In is July 9-11, 2015 at the Dublin Metro Center, Dublin (Columbus), Ohio.

**Thursday, July 9th**, will be the 4th Rolling Legends Tour, this year to Mid-Ohio Sports Car race track, Lexington, Ohio and the return trek will end up at the Right Stuff Detailing annual barbeque cook-out in Westerville, Ohio.



**Friday, July 10th** is the Cruise-Inn with its 6 foot plus tall trophies (over 100 to be awarded) and the Friday evening entertainment is the McGuffy Lane band.

**Saturday, July 11th** is the classic auto show featuring the Chrysler Town & Country, Buick Gran Sport, 1940 Ford and the Ford Thunderbird; and of course the Cougar Show within a Show!

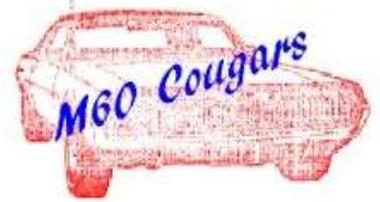
This the last year the Lee Iacocca Award as the Lee Iacocca Foundation is retiring the classic car hobbyist award.

After the formal judging and awarding of trophies, the entertainment is from Phil Dirt & the Dozers.

Register for this show at [www.ArthritisAutoShow.com](http://www.ArthritisAutoShow.com). For information about Saturday's Show within a Show for all years Mercury Cougars contact Ben Brace at [benbrace@benbrace.com](mailto:benbrace@benbrace.com) or call 614-795-6627

## M60 Cougars

BY: BARRIE DIXON  
(#156)  
MANCHESTER, ENGLAND



Not a lot happens around here during spring. We spend most of our time correcting what went wrong with our Cougars over the winter months, just so that we can get the most out of them during the late spring and into autumn. Notice that here, in the rest of the world, we don't call that season "fall"!

I took my car for its annual safety check during the first week in May and apart from a couple of very minor issues, I need to correct before next year; I got the piece of paper that tells all those that need to know my car is "roadworthy". So what do I need to get fixed? Well, the torque box isn't in the best of shape, there's a little bit of play in the knuckle joints connecting the steering column to the rack I fitted a few years back and according to the guy who tested my car, there's some signs of rust along the rocker panels. OK, so the torque box I can fabricate easily enough and the rocker panels aren't too much of an issue, but the knuckle joints I'll just have to buy replacements for next time I'm on vacation.

And where is this all going? Well, I get to enjoy my Cougar all summer long and hopefully I can put a lot more mileage on it than I have in the last few years. I know, I keep saying that and I seldom seem to add more than a few hundred miles to the odometer, but it's just so much more convenient to drag our "daily driver" out of the garage with Jeanette's parking permit in the glove box and wheelchair in the trunk, than it is to transfer a bunch of stuff over to the Cougar whenever we go out. Add to that, most of our journeys are pretty local commuter journeys so, yeah, the "daily driver" is a tad more convenient.

The same can be said for our VP, Steve. His '68 Cougar sits in his driveway most of the time and it too is showing those signs of neglect to its torque box, paint and several years of creeping erosion (we refuse to call it rust!). Just like me, Steve promises to get his car back in shape for the summer. Well, we have the annual show in Tatton Park to go to, Stars and Stripes, and neither of us want to miss that. It's just about the only show we ever do! I think that over the last 20-years or so, the most Cougars we've ever seen there is five or six. Usually, it's just me or Steve or maybe both of us.

So what's "Tatton Park" and what's "Stars and Stripes"? Tatton Park is one England's famous "Stately" homes and it belonged for Centuries to the Edgerton family. Then in the second half of the last century, the Earl bequeathed the estate to the Nation, through the National Trust. Within the park surrounding the house, several events are held there each year including three Classic Car shows. Stars and Stripes is an American car show and that's held each year on the first weekend in July, very close to the 4th, hence the Stars and Stripes title. Simple, huh?

Between writing this and entering the show, there are a couple of things I need to do out there in the garage. So, I'm going to stop writing now and go and get my hands covered in dirt and grime. If that's OK with you.

## INTERNATIONAL MERCURY OWNERS ASSN

**BY: JERRY ROBBIN,  
IMOA PRESIDENT**



Family Fun Awaits You &  
Your Family At IMOA's 2015 Show. Registration For The  
2015 IMOA Is Officially Open.

The 2015 IMOA family reunion car show is going to be in Deadwood, South Dakota. The show is being held at the same time as Kool Deadwood Nites, August 20- 22. Kool Deadwood Nites is a celebration of classic cars and music. Free concerts featuring music from the 50's and 60's. Great weather and lots of fun in Historic Deadwood. Type Kool Deadwood Nites into your search engine and check it out.

The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Spearfish. Spearfish is located approximately fifteen miles from Deadwood. The room rate for two queen beds or one king bed is \$129.99 tax not included. A two room suite is an additional \$30 and a pool side room is a additional \$10. The hotel has "Lucky's 13", a full service restaurant on the premises.

Area attractions include:

- Mt. Rushmore National Memorial
- Badlands National Park
- Crazy Horse Memorial
- Homestake Gold Mine
- Vore Buffalo Jump
- The Old Fort Meade Museum
- Devil's Tower National Monument

For more information about the IMOA and upcoming events, check out our webpage at [www.MercuryClub.com](http://www.MercuryClub.com)

## Lone Star Cougar Club

**By: Matt Slay (#8973)**



**The Usual Suspects**

The LSCC has had busy spring with our activities and shows. This past March we had our club display in the **Dallas Autorama** national show. All of our members Gene Mullenberg, Dwain Barker, Barry Rowe took home awards with Ken Stovall taking first place in his class. The guys showed their 1967-GT, 1968-XR7, 1969 Convertible, and a 1973 Convertible proudly displaying our banner for a national audience.



**The LSCC Club Banner**

Our next event was **North Texas Cruise Nights** sponsored by the North Texas Mustang Club. Several times a year their club invites a guest club to join for an informal car show and meet and greet at the local Cracker Barrel. It was well attended with eight of our members bringing their rides for food fun and fellowship. Gene Mullenberg, Dwain Barker, Cliff Talley, Joe Valenti, Barry Rowe, Mike Hogue, Ken Stovall, and Kevin Hyatt all had a great weather day with the fifty or so mustangs hosting the event. Both Ken Stovall and Dwain Barker were class winners for their 1968-XR7 and 1973 Convertible, respectively.



**NTMC Cruise Nights**

This year the board decided to hold a quarterly **LSCC Tech Day** on the weekend at a member's home in order

to work on specific topics of our cougars. This also breaks up the weekday meeting curse and allows for some members to get out that normally cannot make the drive after work. This April we met at the home of Alan and Gail Easley and their wonderful shop out back equipped with lifts and commercial equipment. With thirteen members showing up we had a seminar on rebuilding and tuning the 2bbl and 4bbl factory units that our cars are used to. Alan, Gene, and Mike Hogue were all very helpful in discussing the rebuilding process and the various vacuum and timing issues that our cars have. Gail made a wonderful lunch for everyone and we spent most the afternoon working on sample carbs and cars. Great weather day!



**Upside Down?**



**The 25th Annual Dallas Spring Nationals** was held at the Sam Pack Museum in nearby Farmers Branch. It was a great opportunity to go through the Sam Pack Museum, socialize, and go home with a four foot trophy. We had eight members and six Cougars. Alan Easley, Gene Mullenberg, Dwain Barker, Ken Stovall, Dan McKeithen, Kevin Hyatt, Jimmy Austin, and Barry Rowe attended the show. First place winners were Dwain Barker ('73 Cougar), Ken Stovall ('68 Cougar), and Kevin Hyatt ('69 Cougar). Class winners were Alan Easley

(2001 Bullitt Mustang), Gene Mullenberg ('67 Cougar), Jimmy Austin ('67 R Code Mustang w/DSO Guatemala), and Barry Rowe (67 Cougar). Congratulations to our members that regularly show these wonderful examples of our Cougars and make the Lone Star Cougar Club proud in a national venue of some incredible automobiles!

The club met at several rallies and cruise-ins over the course of the spring with the **2015 Forest Lane Cruise** always being enjoyable. Club members Matt and Sydney Slay, Cliff Talley and Kristina, Mike and Dotte Hogue, and Clay and Miranda Olmstead all made the trek to the former legendary Dallas cruising spot. Original DFW Cats Club aka LSCC founding members, Bill Dempsey and Jimmy Benedetto showed up for the festivities. Bill brought his restored 1970 Cougar that he has owned since he is in college. It is a bit quicker now!



Finally the club is looking forward to **Horse Power at Lone Star Park** this month. It should be an exciting show at the horse track in the parking lot next to the races. It is the first year for this event on Father's Day and I know that the dads are all looking forward to it. With free passes to the park and club member Jimmy Austin putting on the show it should be spectacular.



Matt S Slay, Director Social Media  
Lone Star Cougar Club  
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## Sunshine State Cougar Club

By: Keith Hamersley #8519

The Sunshine State Cougar Club had their annual Spring show at the Daytona International Speedway in March.



This is our biggest show of the year and we are the longest continuously active car club involved with the show. 18 years and counting. We had a good turnout as usual and the weather was perfect.



This year we held elections for some of our board members positions. We elected as President one of our original members from day one. Ted Hofmann, and the clubs founding member Ray Op't Hof as Secretary . Greg Taylor became our V.P. (who is also the CCOA tech guy ) and our other two board members switched positions. I think it's safe to say the SSCC is in good hands and has a bright future. We have even nailed down a years worth of club shows and activities. That's the beauty of living in Florida, we can cruise all year long.

In April, a few of us attended the Burning Up the Beaches show in Fort Walton Beach, which is in the panhandle of Florida. It's a three day event with lots of cruise stops and activities. We all had a great time. One of the best stops was the Air Armament Museum at Eglin Air Force Base. There was at least two dozen vintage planes of all sizes outside the museum and then more inside. It was incredible. If you are ever in that area it is a must see!



With heat and humidity coming we try to find car shows and cruises to do in the evenings when sun has gone down. Not to mention the summer rains. but these cats are not afraid of water. It will be a busy summer regardless.

## Utah Cougar Club "Top Cats"

By: Gary N. Hart #9408

We had our first meeting in April. We have 18 individuals/couples/households interested in forming a Utah Cougar Club so far. Ten of the couples/individuals made it to the meeting although not all of them brought their Cougar, but came anyway!!! A total of 13 people attended.



We took a picture of the group and got to know each other a bit. Talked about things we want to do as a club and set some basic by-laws, and asked everyone to think about other things to add next meeting.

We decided also to get together every other month on the third Saturday at noon.

Anyway enough of that ... Just wanted to say thanks for your help and support and let you know we're up and running .... Please keep us updated on things as we will do also.



11 cars attended a Picnic hosted by Jim and Kim Custis at their property in Dixon California.



There was a lot of excitement as their daughter made Cougar tire cocks for all of the cars in attendance ☆ as seen next to Shelle Lucas' Purple XR7 GT.



Everyone was finalizing plans and strategies for the upcoming CCOA Western National Event hosted by the Mercury Stay Cats Cougar Club later this month. There are 80+ cars already registered for the event.



The clock is ticking and everyone in the Mercury Stray Cats club are getting ready to host the event.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Rob Merritt (#8323)**  
**Member Services Director**

## A Little Bling for our Anniversary!

All Members should have received by now the special 35th Anniversary Window Decal and more recently, the Key Chain.



If you did not get yours, let me know and I'll get a replacement on its way. Extras also are for sale on the Club's website.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB



The CCOA Board of Directors has adopted a new policy to broaden the membership and support regional Cougar Clubs. If you are a dues-paying member of a regional Cougar Club listed on the CCOA's website, you are now eligible to join or renew your membership in the CCOA with a **\$10 discount**. We think we have every Cougar-related club listed on the website, but if you are a member of a local Cougar club that isn't listed, be sure to let our Club Service Director know so we can get your club listed.

Remember, if you know someone who enjoys Cougars, but who isn't a CCOA member, feel free to share this newsletter with them and invite them to see the web site at [www.cougarclub.org](http://www.cougarclub.org).

## NEW MEMBERS

Joining the Club since the last *At the Sign of the Cat*, are the following new Members:

BRYAN BORLAND  
KOLBJØRN LUNGA

BISHOP'S FALLS NL CANADA  
FREKHAUG NORWAY

MARVIN KEFFER  
TERRY CHADDOCK  
PAUL MERCURIO  
TERRENCE SATTERFIELD  
DENNIS AHERN  
ROBERT WALKER  
DANN ALLEN  
RON SEXTON  
NOEL SCHROEDER  
R.B PHILLIPS

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SCOTTSDALE AZ  
PLEASANTON CA  
OAKLAND CA  
WATSONVILLE CA  
SUISUN CITY CA  
MANHATTAN BEACH CA  
CARLTON GA  
GAS CITY IN  
WESTFORD MA  
ALLEN PARK MI  
ORLEANS MI  
ANN ARBOR MI  
HIBBING MN  
CLAYTON NC

STEVE & MARY RANDAZZO  
MICHAEL KEAST  
RAYNOLD SCHMICK  
MICHAEL THEISEN  
DAVID COUNCIL  
SUE NEMETH & ANDY YOAKUM  
STEVEN SMEDLEY  
PETER NORTH  
JERRY STRAWN  
DWIGHT GRIFFIS  
KIM MILLHOLLIN  
STUART PRETTEL  
JACK VONTILLIUS  
CATHY BLANTON  
THOMAS FOLK  
CHRIS HALLA

BOSQUE FARMS NM  
NORTH LAS VEGAS NV  
EDMESTON NY  
LANCASTER OH  
SAND SPRINGS OK  
ALBANY OR  
AIKEN SC  
RED BANK TN  
PLANO TX  
HOUSTON TX  
APPLETON WI

**Welcome to the new members!**

## RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

If you receive the newsletter by mail, keep an eye on the address label. If your renewal date is coming up, it will show that date on the label. No date – no worry, you're not coming due for a while. For email readers, the email sending the download link will notify you if it's time to renew.

If your renewal is due, use the handy on-line form at [www.cougarclub.org/join.htm](http://www.cougarclub.org/join.htm) or the form printed toward the back of this newsletter if you prefer to renew by regular mail. Be sure to let me know if you change your postal or email address.

If you just need to update your information, or have a question about your status, feel free to email me at [membership@cougarclub.org](mailto:membership@cougarclub.org).

# eBay Cats A sampling of recent auctions compiled by Kamran Waheed.

See an auction result that you think should be featured? Send the link to [assistanteditor@cougarclub.org](mailto:assistanteditor@cougarclub.org)

Condition: #1 Excellent; #2 Very good; #3 Average; #4 Fair/Poor; #5 What are they thinking?



**Year/Model:** 1987 LS  
**VIN:**1MEBM60XXXXX  
**Miles:** 29,902  
**Condition:** 1  
**Winning bid:** \$5,800  
**Total # of Bids:** 16

**Comments:** All original LS Cat with the Palm Beach edition package in showroom condition. Has only prowled the streets for 29k miles. Always garaged, never driven in the rain. Fully equipped with a beautiful cloth phantom convertible top and a rear continental kit. Has the original factory full-wire hubcaps. The factory spare tire that has never touched the ground. All the original service manuals from Palm Beach are included with books, stamps and records.



**Year/Model:** 1968 DGS "500"  
**VIN:**8F91F5xxxxxx  
**Miles:** 99,999  
**Condition:** 3  
**Winning bid:** \$10,100  
**Total # of Bids:** 35

**Comments:** Rare Cat!! Not many "Cougar 500s" were produced. Only available in '68 as a local promotion in the Charlotte & Atlanta areas and related to the Charlotte 500 race. According to Pill Parcels, the National data base director for the CCOA, "the Cougar 500's are very unusual and little is known about them. There were small blocks and 428s, the only color known is white. The cars were purchased through several local dealerships, but the deal was they had to be picked up at the track. All the cars in the promotion were delivered to the track and driven together on the track for a few laps. Including this one there are only 18 known Cougar 500's and this is the 2nd small block known and the lowest VIN known. This 500 was discovered in Greensboro, NC and hadn't been started in many years; it now runs fine and has been driven locally. The Marti report shows that it was produced May, 1 1968. To make this Cat even more special, it was ordered with the Dan Gurney Special Package.



**Year/Model:** 1972 XR-7 Convrt.  
**VIN:** 2F94H5XXXXX  
**Miles:** 144,860  
**Condition:** 2  
**Winning bid:** \$9,250  
**Total # of Bids:** 44

**Comments:** One owner/all original XR-7 convertible. The top is original and is excellent condition. Original paint has some spidering, but is in good overall condition with only small scratches. Has original spare tire and jack. Dash is in excellent condition, seats are good driver's seat has some age cracks. Has A/C, Power windows/locks and AM/FM Stereo. This Cat has been always garaged and covered



**Year/Model:** 2002 Sport  
**VIN:** 1ZWFT61XXXXXX  
**Miles:** 54,065  
**Condition:** 1  
**Sold for:** \$2,750  
**Total # of Bids:** 23

**Comments:** Last year for the Cougar with only 54k original miles. Runs and drives great with no known problems. Body and interior are in great shape. This Cat has auto, air and power windows/locks. The tires are in great shape with lot of miles left on them. A great car in excellent shape.



**Year/Model:** 1989 XR-7  
**VIN:** iMEPM62XXXXX  
**Miles:** 61,000  
**Condition:** 1  
**Winning bid:** \$5,000  
**Total # of Bids:** 5

**Comments:** Rare supercharged V8 with only 61k original miles and has had only one owner. Very clean both inside and out!! Has power everything and all work including the power sunroof. This Cat runs and drives excellent. Not many supercharged Cats were produced and only available for 2 years. The original paint is in great shape for its age as well as the leather interior. All four "paws" on this Cat are very good. Has been babied all its life.

# Classified Ads

Send your "Wanted" and "For Sale" ads to [assistanteditor@cougarclub.org](mailto:assistanteditor@cougarclub.org) or [membership@cougarclub.org](mailto:membership@cougarclub.org). Please send them by **August 15** to ensure inclusion in the next *ATSOTC*. Ads run twice unless renewed. See more ads on the web site at: <http://www.cougarclub.org/classifieds.htm>

**FOR SALE: Body and Collision Parts catalog sheets.** 15 pages of parts identified for 1969 Mercury Cougar \$12.00 USA. Checks only. [panther@cougar-cats.com](mailto:panther@cougar-cats.com)

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**WANTED:** Carburetors part # on air horn C8AF-AD C8OF-AB & C8OF-AA; FE distributors Part # on housing C8OF-D, C8OF-F, C8OF-H C7OZ-12127-D, C7OF-12127-F C7OF-12127-F,-G , C8AF-12127-AD. 1968 red dash pad. (314) 480-2556 Keith Litteken St. Louis MO or email [kslitteken@aol.com](mailto:kslitteken@aol.com)

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**For Sale: Parts.** 1967 – 68 Cougar parts. For prices and available parts, contact Bob Helms, 918-227-3962 or [bhelms11@cox.net](mailto:bhelms11@cox.net) Sapulpa, OK

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**FOR SALE: PARTS.** 1971 Boss 302 block, cast # D1ZE-6015-BA, \$1,800; Boss 302 crank, \$700; Boss 302 rods, set of 5 \$150; 1968 302 short block, cast # C8OE 6015 A, cast date 8B3, machine date 8B13B, \$500; 1970 302 heads, cast # DOOE, dates 9L18 & 9J9 \$100.00; 1968 302 4V heads, ported & polished, big valves \$700; 1967 289 heads, cast # C6AE, date codes 7D18 & 7E2 \$100.00; NEW: AFR small block Ford 185cc aluminum street heads, stud mount, complete with valves, springs etc., CNC machined and ported by AFR, brand new pair \$1,450. AFR small block Ford 205cc aluminum race heads, stud mount, complete with valves, springs etc., CNC machined and ported by AFR, brand new pair \$1,850. 1967 Cougar or Mustang: stainless steel power front disc brake 6 piece line set. \$75. 1965 289 Hi Po aluminum water pump: cast # C5AE-8505D, \$400. 1968 stroker 302: Eagle 347 rotating assy, ported & polished heads, roller rockers & stud girdles, Ultradine solid lifter cam, Edelbrock Victor Jr intake, Holley carb, MSD dist, ARP main & head studs, etc. \$4,800. 1967 GT 390 carb cast # C7OF-9510-A, list 3793, date 784, good core \$250.00; 1966 428 short block \$2,500.00; N.O.S. 87-88 Cougar red headliner part number E7WY-6651916-ABD, \$150.00; 351W heads, cast #E7TE, date codes 5B15& 5B17 or 4B16 & 4B18, \$100 for the pair 1965 289: rods, cast # C3AE D,

matching set of 4, \$50; 1965 289 distributor, cast # C5AF 12127 M, date code 4KB, \$150; 1965 289V intake cast # C5AE 9425 D, dates 4K6 & 5A4 \$75 etc. much more inquire (314)480-2556 Keith Litteken St. Louis MO or email [kslitteken@aol.com](mailto:kslitteken@aol.com)

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**FOR SALE: PARTS.** 2 hubcaps for '69/'70 - One like new w/parts sticker on back; other good. Both for \$69. 1969-70 COUGAR XR-7 Dash Gauge Cluster w/Wood Grain Complete Good \$195 or TRADE for 1968 Gauges. 1967 & 1968 ORIGINAL Cougar Parts for Sale: NOS (NEW OLD STOCK) GRILL HEADLIGHT COVER - \$195; NOS FE 390 CRANKSHAFT (NEW IN BOX) -\$495; NOS CHROME LUGGAGE RACK (Clamps on – no holes)-\$395; NOS CHROME TRAILER HITCH - \$95; 1967 & 1968 GRILL PARTS – ASK; Sequential Turn signal 1967 or 1968 – complete and GOOD \$195; Vacuum Motors for Headlight Doors - \$75 used but good; F & R Rubber BUMPER Fillers Good \$19 each. QUARTER WINDOW \$29; XR-7 CONSOLE PAD = \$99 to 199 (Black or Saddle, One Good base \$195; FENDER EXTENSIONS = \$29; QUARTER EXTENSIONS= \$29; '69 DRIVERS WINDOW = \$49; Air Cleaners good ORIGINAL for 289, 302, 351, and 390 up – ASK; Fans with clutch or FLEX – ask; Trim and Emblems: \$10 and up.; 6.5 Litre Emblems – ask; 1967 Complete Wiring Harness \$95; Engine Blocks and heads –virgin 289 (1967 date); NEW 390 GT ENGINE NEVER RUN AND GOOD C-6 A.T. COMPLETE, FROM AIR CLEANER AND CARB TO OIL PAN \$2995; Tail Light Grill or Red Lens – good \$49; Original rear License Plate Hinged Bracket - \$39; XR-7 Overhead Console with Lights (Black, Saddle or Maroon) - \$149; Floor Shifter Complete with Good Chrome handle - \$99; Trunk hinge tension spring rods - \$29; Radiator good 3 row for 67- 70 Cougar/Mustang 390/428 or 302/351 with AC - \$149. MANY OTHER PARTS JUST EMAIL YOUR NEEDS & STATE YOUR PRICE: Ask for more details or make an offer. Buda, Texas - Alan Owens (512)523- 8730 or [aowens10@austin.rr.com](mailto:aowens10@austin.rr.com)

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# CCOA Merchandise



## T-Shirts

2015 CCOA 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirts

Sizes S, M, L, XL **\$25.00 Each**

Sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL **\$30.00 Each**

\*\*Shipping is **included** for US residents



## CCOA Hats

White or Black **\$25.00 per hat**

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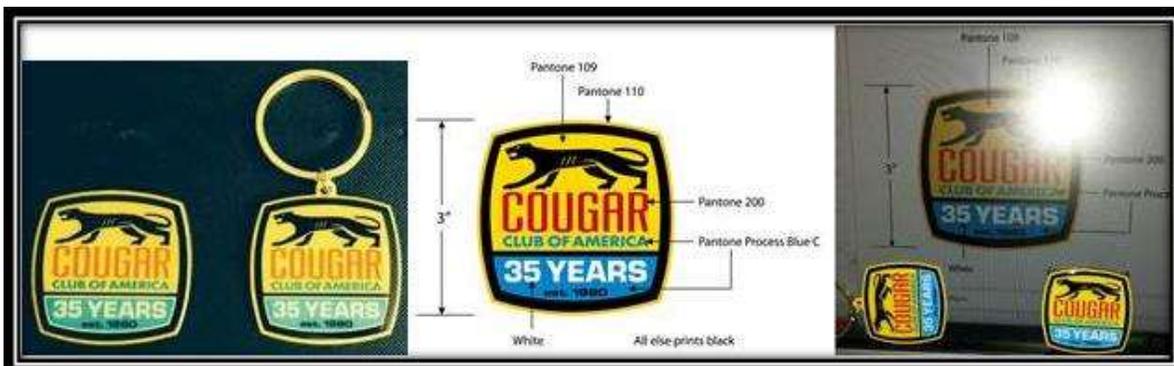


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Decals are **\$2.00 each**

Key Chains are **\$5.00 each**

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# Financial Director's Report

**Greg Fritz #5269**  
Financial Services Director



Income Statement		
	As of 12/31/14	As of 03/31/15
<b>Revenue</b>		
Dues - Checks	975.00	3,235.00
Advertising	-	-
Calendars	-	-
Merchandise	-	-
Donations	-	-
PayPal - Dues	965.00	1,595.00
PayPal - Merchandise	494.85	376.95
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>2,434.85</b>	<b>5,206.95</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Postage	357.25	205.02
Office Supplies	48.51	30.19
Membership Supplies	-	-
Advertising Refunds	-	-
Bank Fees	-	-
Checkprint Charges	-	-
Newsletter	669.68	1,770.03
Web Site Fee	10.24	249.25
PayPal Fees	59.31	84.65
Legal Fees	-	-
Merchandise Cost	218.25	1,176.63
Merchandise Refund	-	-
Shipping	-	20.00
Postal Express	16.45	29.51
Memorial	-	-
Nat'l Show Expense	-	2,000.00
Web Site Pgm Exp	2,845.00	-
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,224.69</b>	<b>5,565.28</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(1,789.84)</b>	<b>(358.33)</b>

Balance Sheet		
	As of 12/31/14	As of 03/31/15
<b>Assets</b>		
US Bank	8,136.31	5,920.19
PayPal	22,472.99	24,330.78
Total Cash	30,609.30	30,250.97
Accounts Receivable	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>30,609.30</b>	<b>30,250.97</b>
Inventory Assets	877.00	877.00
Fixed Assets	-	-
Office Furniture/Equipment	-	-
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>877.00</b>	<b>877.00</b>
<b>Other Non-Current Assets</b>	-	-
Computer Software	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>31,486.30</b>	<b>31,127.97</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	669.68	-
Long Term Liabilities	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>669.68</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>32,606.46</b>	<b>31,486.30</b>
Current Earnings	(1,789.84)	(358.33)
<b>Total Owners Equity</b>	<b>30,816.62</b>	<b>31,127.97</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b>31,486.30</b>	<b>31,127.97</b>

THE BOTTOM LINE IS.....

**COUGAR**

# CCOA Western National Show

## Hosted by the Mercury Stray Cats

June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it. There is day of show registration available. Every car entered will receive a commutative Mercury Stray Cats Key Chain. \*\*Additional will be available for sale at the event



**CCOA Western National Car Show**

Hosted By **MERCURY STRAY CATS**  
CLASSIC COUGAR AUTOMOBILE CLUB  
Established in 1993

Danville, CA  
June 26 & 27, 2015

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# 2015 CCOA June Western National AGENDA



## Friday 6/26/2015

(Please RSVP Craig [craig@musclecarswitch.com](mailto:craig@musclecarswitch.com)) **Please RSVP we need a head count for the wineries** If you are running late please call Rob Lucas @ (650) 863-5371

- ✓ **10:00am** Meet at the Blackhawk Museum [www.blackhawkmuseum.org/](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/) 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506 (925) 736-2277
- ✓ **11:00am - 1:00pm** Livermore California Location #1 **Wente Winery** 5050 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA 94550 (925) 456-2450 [www.wentevineyards.com](http://www.wentevineyards.com) \$15 per person tasting fee \$5 per person tour 15% discount on purchases
- ✓ **1:30pm - 3:30pm** Livermore California Location #2 **Concannon Winery** 4590 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550 (800) 258-9866 [www.concannonvineyard.com](http://www.concannonvineyard.com) \$15 per person tasting includes a flight of 5 of our reserve wines. We also offer a tour and tasting for \$20 per person, which includes a 45 minute historical tour of our property as well as the tasting.
- ✓ **4:30pm - 9:00pm** (\$12.00 per person collected when ordering dinner) Final destination The **Crowder's home** in Oakley California to relax Pizza by the pool Relaxing Afternoon / Evening of: **Swimming, Tennis, Horseshoes**, and **lots of car talk** 4790 Knarlwood Road, Oakley, CA 94561 [www.classiccougar.com](http://www.classiccougar.com) Contact: Rob Crowder [robcrowder@comcast.net](mailto:robcrowder@comcast.net)

**\*\*** Be sure to MapQuest if you do not have GPS. We will have someone assigned as lead car and break into two or three groups to ensure no one is separated.

**\*\*** There should be plenty of cars of people who drove a long way want to ride we can work out additional seats

**Saturday 6/27/2015 Show** Location Blackhawk Museum [www.blackhawkmuseum.org/](http://www.blackhawkmuseum.org/) 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Danville, CA 94506 (925) 736-2277

- ✓ **7:00 - 7:30am** Volunteer meeting (Photographers will also need to attend)
  - ✓ **8:00am** Registration until **9:30am**, **\*\*Cars need to be in place by 10:00am**
  - ✓ **10:30am** Announcements Meet by the Trophy and T-Shirt table
  - ✓ **\*\*\* Voting 8:00am - 12:30pm \*\*\* Raffle Prizes 10:00am - 1:00pm**
  - ✓ **12:30pm Lunch** (2 included with Pre-Registration only Postmarked on or before April 20<sup>th</sup>) your choice of a Turkey, Roast Beef or Veggie Sandwich with Chips, Cookie and a beverage) **\*\*ensure to mark on the registration form**
  - ✓ **12:30pm - 1:30pm Lunch**
  - ✓ **12:30pm** Participants Choice Ballots are due back to the registration table.
- \*\*\*Raffle Prizes** throughout the day with PA announcements and an hour to claim your prize before redraw
- \* 1 Ticket per registered car additional will be sold for 5/\$5, 12/\$10, 25/\$20
- ✓ **2:00pm** Awards Ceremony
  - ✓ **4:00pm** Show concludes
  - ✓ **5:00pm** - (TBD) Dinner in Blackhawk Plaza directly after the show clean up concludes. Location is: TBD

## General Notes for the event (This message will change as we get closer)

- **Wear your club gear! Friday & Saturday is a great day to show off your gear, if you have extra, I'm sure this is a great event to trade, or offer overruns for sale.**
- Be respectful of everyone's property and mindful of the other cars
- No burnouts or revving motor while in A PUBLIC or Residential area
- Please keep a watchful eye on small children.

- Low stress and maximum fun is the goal for all
- Friday evening we will arrange an area to clean cars after the winery cruise
- If you are not registered and wish to attend Without a Cougar, we can accommodate you, lunch will need to be ordered \$15.00 per person which we will need to be arranged with our catering company.
- If you are swimming don't forget to pack a suit and towel, it may be good to have them even if you are not planning on swimming in-case the weather is too warm....
- Essentials will be snacks as it is a long day, also sunscreen and a hat.
- (Two Meals) are included with Pre-Registration for Saturday \$15.00 per additional **\*\*pre-registration only**
- Volunteers will receive a discounted registration fee, please contact John Swanson or Rob Lucas if you are interested in working the event in a 2 or 4 hour shift. [John Swanson cougelim@att.net](mailto:John.Swanson@att.net) [Rob Lucas \(lordstraycat@comcast.net\)](mailto:Rob.Lucas@lordstraycat.comcast.net)
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**I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for your help and support.**

Best Regards

Gavin

*Gavin Schlesinger*

Mercury Stray Cats President #427

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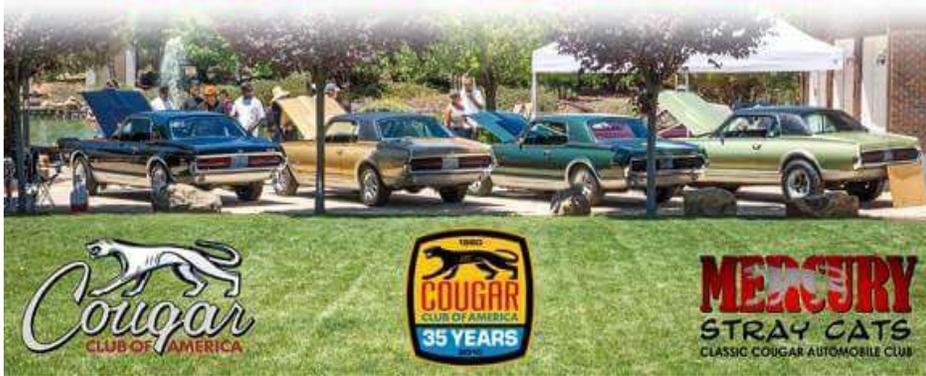
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# 2015 WESTERN NATIONALS

JUNE 26-27 • BAY AREA, CALIFORNIA



**\*\* FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2015**

**\*\* 10 AM to 7 PM \*\***

**Cruise and end up at the Crowder's Home for Pizza by the pool**

**Location: 4790 Knarlwood Road, Oakley, CA 94561**

**\*\* SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015 \*\* 9 AM to 4 PM \*\***

**Location: [www.BlackhawkMuseum.org](http://www.BlackhawkMuseum.org)**

**\* 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle Danville, California 94506**

**JOIN THE FUN IN THE WARM CALIFORNIA SUN!!!**

## **PARTICIPANT'S CHOICE AWARDS!**

**Dash Plaque for all cars entered. Lunch included with PRE-Registration ONLY.**

**1st - 3<sup>RD</sup> place Trophies for each class; Best-in-Show; ATSOTC; Top Cat Wounded Cat; & Long Distance Driven**

**\* Registration Check-In from 8:30 am to 10 am (Cars must be in place by 11AM).**

**Car Entry Class:** (Classes may be combined, expanded or dropped pending entries received)

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| <b>Class 1 1967</b> (A) STD; (B) XR7             | <b>Class 8 Specialty</b> (XR7G, GTE,)                   |
| <b>Class 2 1968</b> (A) STD; (B) XR7             | <b>Class 9 Specialty</b> (Eliminator)                   |
| <b>Class 3 1969-70 Coupe</b> (A) STD; (B) XR7    | <b>Class 10 Modified Cougar / Resto-Mod</b> (all years) |
| <b>Class 4 1969 Convertible</b> (A) STD; (B) XR7 | <b>Class 11 Mustang</b> 1964 ½ -1970                    |
| <b>Class 5 1970 Convertible</b> (A) STD; (B) XR7 | <b>Class 12 Mustang</b> 1971 - 1978                     |
| <b>Class 6 1971-73 Coupe / Convertible</b>       | <b>Class 13 Mustang</b> 1979 - 2015                     |
| <b>Class 7 Specialty</b> (GT, Big Block)         | <b>Class 14 Other Ford Powered</b>                      |

**Additional Information:** **Call: Gavin Schlesinger (904) 588-4670 or e-mail: John Swanson Jr. [cougelim@att.net](mailto:cougelim@att.net)**



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**REGISTRATION FORM** (Registration # \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Cash or [ ] Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make/Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate#: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Class # (see above): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: CCOA \_\_\_\_\_ Stray Cats \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Pre-Registration \$40 per car; (2) lunches included by April 20<sup>th</sup> \*\*After April 20<sup>th</sup> \$50 per car (Additional lunches are \$15 per person\*\* Two are included with Pre-registration)

**Additional Cars, as some members will bring more than one are only \$15 per additional car**

**FILL IN NUMBER FOR LUNCH:** Turkey  Roast Beef  Veggie

**NOTE: PRE-REGISTERED to have lunch included. \*\*\* Registrations post marked after 4/20/15 do not include lunch\*\*\* Pre-Registration must be postmarked on or before April 20, 2015.**

**Make your NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee check or money order payable to: "Stray Cats".**

**Mail Registration Form to:** John Swanson, P.O. Box 41, Fairfield, CA 94533

### Waiver of Liability

In consideration of acceptance of the right to participate, Members and Attendees, by the execution of this waiver, release and discharge the Mercury Stray Cats Classic Cougar Automobile Club, and its officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, and servants, and anyone else connected with management or presentation of any and all club meetings, shows, swap meets, events, outings, clinics, or functions from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims whatsoever that may be suffered by any club member, member's family, friends, guests, or acquaintances to his/her personal property. Further, each member or attendee expressly agrees to indemnify all of the foregoing entities, firms, persons, and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of a Club member, member's family, friends, guests or, acquaintances or participant assisting or cooperating with the Club member, member's family, friends, guests, or acquaintances and under the direction or control of a Club member, member's family, friends, guests, or acquaintances.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Shirts are available for pre-ordering.

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Sizes 2XL, 3XL, 4XL \$25.00 Each

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Day of the event there is not a (\$5) pre-order  
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availability.

Save the Shipping by picking up at the June



Back of the Shirt

Pre-Order

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_ (x\$15) (Small - XL) \_\_\_ quantity

Pre-Order

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_ (x\$20) (2XL - 4XL) \_\_\_ quantity

\*\*\* CCOA members receive \$3.00 discount per shirt on pre-order event shirts \*\*\* Shipping is \$4.00 per shirt for US

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[ ] Cash or [ ] Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Pick at Event \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to below \_\_\_\_\_

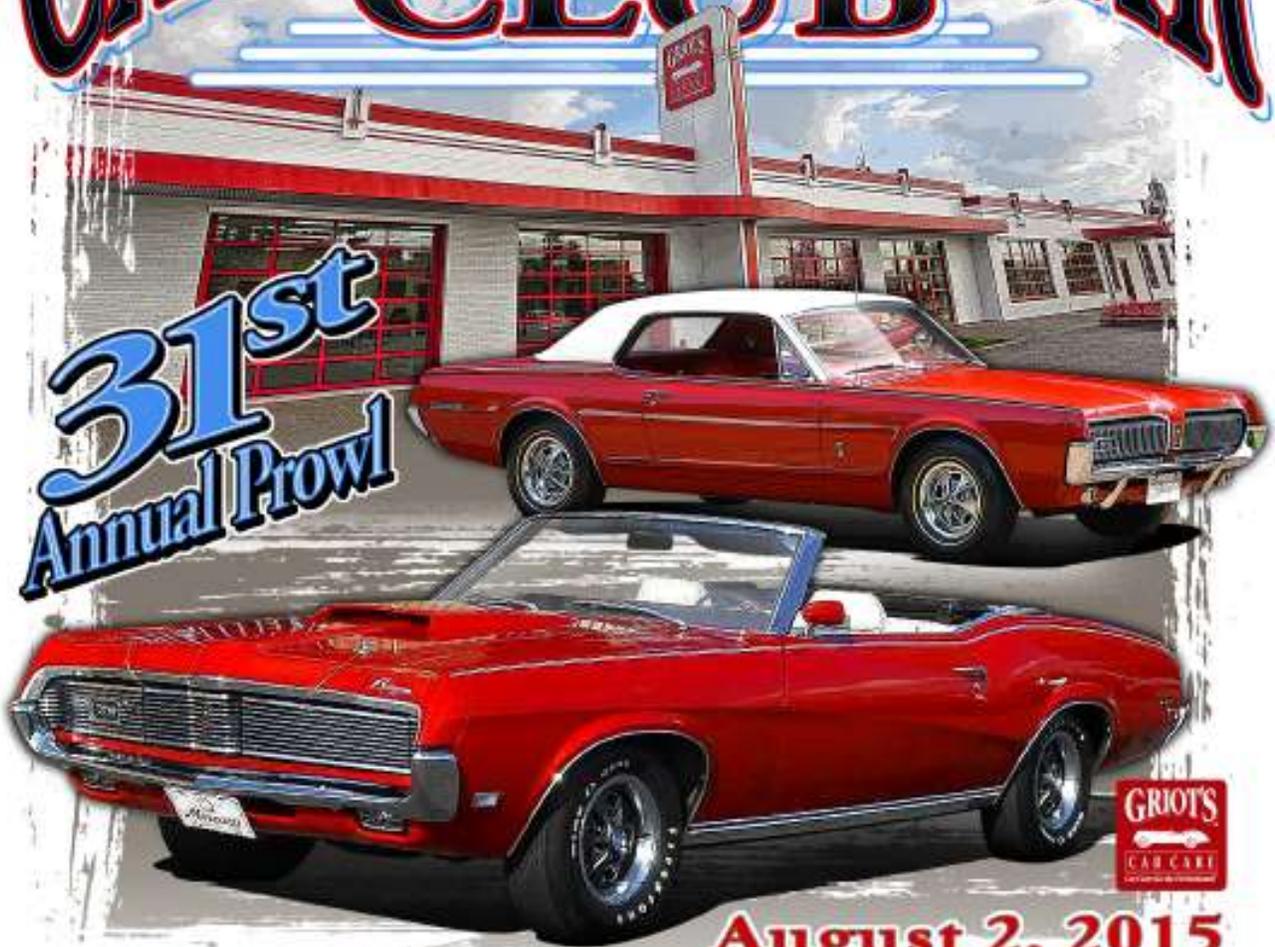
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**For reservations call (253) 272-7737**

**For more information on the show call**

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C2	67 XR7	F2	Thunderbird All
C3	68 Standard	MU1	64-78 Mustang
C4	68 XR7	MU2	79-Present Mustang
C5	69 Hardtop (Standard & XR7)	MC1	70-80 Maverick/Comet
C6	70 Hardtop (Standard & XR7)	M1	Mercury All
C7	71-73 All	M2	60-69 Comet/Cyclone/Meteor/Falcon
C8	69-70 Convertible (Standard & XR7)	EL	Edsel/Lincoln All
C9	Modified Hardtop*	<b>Special:</b>	
C10	Modified Convertible*	Y1	Young Adult (25 & Under)
C11	GTE/XR7-G/Eliminator	OM&M	Other Makes & Models
C12	74-02 All		

Long Distance

Best of Show

Hard Luck

\*A modified Cougar is defined as one that has a modified paint scheme, engine modifications or body panel modifications that significantly alter the original appearance of the vehicle. Cascade Cougar Club reserves the right to make final class placement.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
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S to XL:	\$15 each	Size(s) _____	Amount included \$ _____
XXL:	\$17 each	Size(s) _____	Amount included \$ _____
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We are only ordering a limited number of non pre-ordered shirts.

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check and entry form to Cascade Cougar Club, PO Box 1914, Renton, WA 98057



## **2015 Eastern Mercury Cougar Nationals**

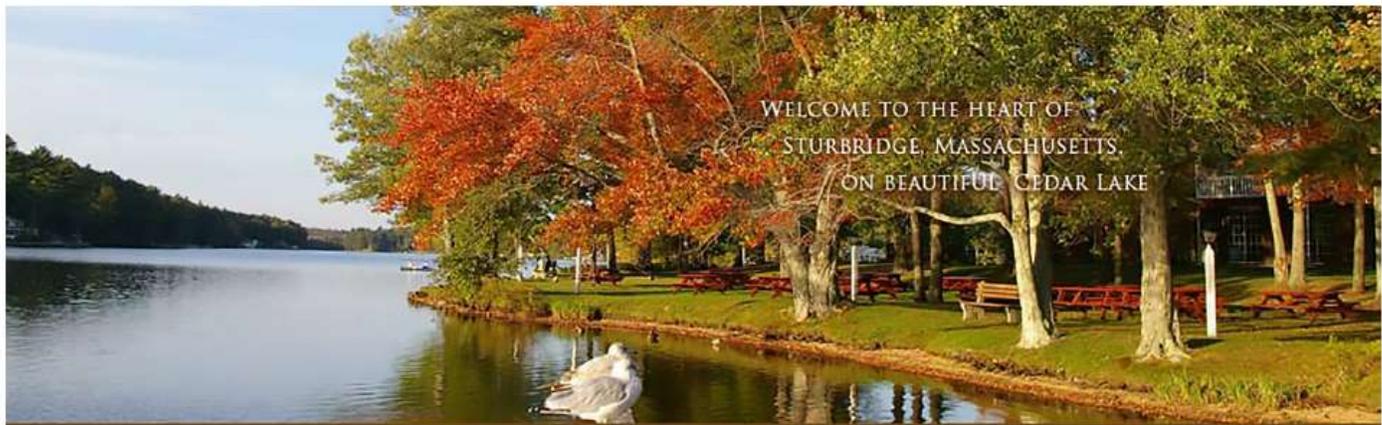
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Class 8	All Year Lincolns	Class 18	All year AMC (American Motors)
Class 9	All Year Customs (SLEDS)	Class 19	All Modified/Restomod Cars
Class 10	1967 - 1968 Cougar Std/XR7/GT	Class 20	Display Only

1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> Place and Best of Show Trophies//SCCC reserves the right to combine or change classes.

For information, please contact:

**Mike Brown 818-599-5741///mikeragtop@yahoo.com [www.socalcougarclub.com](http://www.socalcougarclub.com)**

**Skip Humphrey 951-830-7010**

**Michael Jackson 323-356-7069///jackson7889@sbcglobal.net**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_ - \_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Car: Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees:** \$20.00 for entries postmarked on or before October 3, 2015/ second car \$15.00  
\$25.00 for entries postmarked on or after Sept 25, 2015 / \$25.00 day of show \$10.00 Display Only

Complete and Mail to

Southern California Cougar Club C/O Mike Brown 5527 BlueBell Ave North Hollywood, Ca. 91607

Include your check for the appropriate amount payable to: **Southern California Cougar Club**

LIABILITY WAIVER: In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in All Mercury Day, entrants, by execution of this entry form release and discharge Southern California Cougar Club, it's officials and members, and the City of Anaheim, Ca. and anyone else connected with this event from any and all known damages, injuries, losses, judgement and/or claims from any case that may be suffered by any entrant to his person or property. Furthermore, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify for all of the aforementioned entities, persons, and bodies from any and all liability occasioned by or resulting from conduct of entrants or any participant cooperating with or under direct control of entrants.

I have read and agree to all conditions of the rules governing this event, including the prohibition of alcoholic beverages on the event grounds, and I agree to observe all rules and decisions of the event management. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I am at least 18 years of age.

**Signature of Entrant** \_\_\_\_\_



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## IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Jim Baubel. Mercury Stray Cats #414

Earlier this week I received an email from Jim's wife Charla, "I have terrible news to report. Jim died of a brain tumor last Wednesday".

The news came as a shock to many as Jim was a vibrant person whose smile and presence could light up a room. Jim and I 1st met last year when he and Charla both attended the CCOA Western Regional Event. There were well over 200 people at the event, and Jim made a point of speaking with many if not all of them. We spoke several times after the event and he made every attempt to join club members at the monthly Cars & Coffee events held at the Blackhawk museum, I doubt many people realized Jim had to leave his house by 4am to attend due to the fact he drove from Grass Valley California to Danville for the events.

To Jim's Wife Charla, "I am truly sorry for your loss, Jim will be missed, and his passion and kindness were a gift to all he met".



Charla while working on his obituary sent me an email that puts the facts into perspective:

"Jim was born in San Francisco, James F. Baubel, April 30, 1948 and died in Grass Valley May 20, 2015". "A life too short but a joy to all".

*Gavin Schlesinger*

Mercury Stray Cats President #427

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