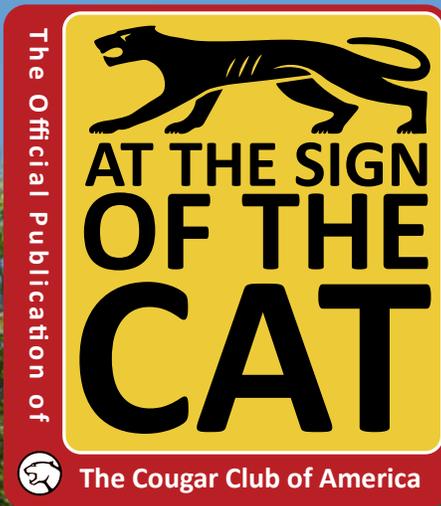


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I hope all of you are doing well and have been enjoying the many car shows that have been going on throughout the country and around the world. I know it has been awhile since you all have heard from me and I thought it was about time. I'm doing well although I'm not around "Cougar" people like I was in Dallas, TX and rarely see a Cougar of any year here in Jacksonville, FL, my love for Cougars still remains strong and always will.

I'm happy to say that we have a permanent editor for ATSOTC. Actually we had two members step up and willing to take the reins as editors of ATSOTC. I would like to welcome Thierry Frisch from Luxembourg as the new and permanent editor of ATSOTC. Pam Stafford from Pennsylvania will be proofreading the newsletter and getting it ready for printing and mailing. I look forward to working with both of you and know you do a great job as editor, Thierry. Thank you both!!! I would also like to thank Rob Merritt for filling in as temporary editor; you did a great job and your time and effort was appreciated and I enjoyed working with you as assistant editor. Thank you Rob!!!

I hope each of you enjoy the rest of the car show season for 2015 and enjoy your Cat(s) as much as possible and never take that for granted. Until next time, keep those Cougars safe and running strong.

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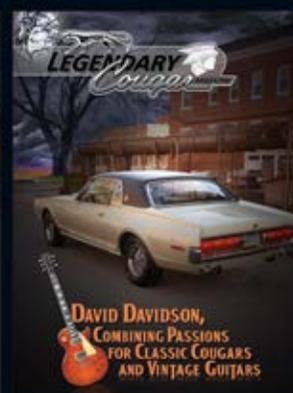
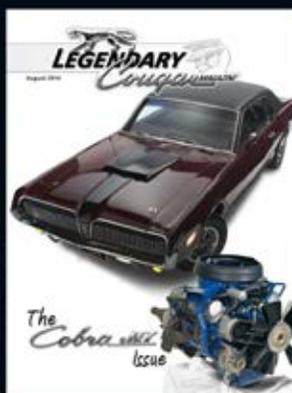
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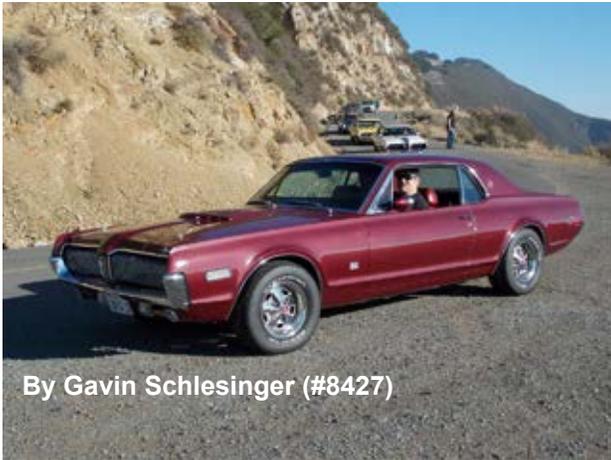
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VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



2015 is the 35th Anniversary of the Cougar Club of America.

"We are dedicated to the appreciation and preservation of the Mercury Cougar."

What an amazing year this has been so far. The CCOA Western National this past June was a successful event thanks to the sponsors, people who attended, the Mercury Stray Cats host club, the many volunteers, the Blackhawk Museum, and of course, the photographers. If you missed the Western National Event, you're in luck as this issue will feature coverage from the event and you still have time to register and attend CCOA Eastern National Event (October 9th - 11th 2015 www.necougarclub.com). Like many of our members that cannot attend both events, I am looking forward to seeing coverage of both events in ATSOCT.

I appreciate all of the efforts put forth to commemorate the 35th Anniversary for the Cougar Club of America with having two epic events, an amazing anniversary logo, the logo transformed into key chains, decals, hats, and t-shirts. Key chains and decals were mailed out to members, and lots of cool merchandise is available on www.cougarclub.org. The CCOA surviving 35 years certainly

thanking the past BODs, volunteers, registrars, and most definitely all of the club members. I am looking forward to the next major milestone in our club's history.

For the 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Mercury Cougar, we are a little ahead of our planning and as the 2015 events are being finalized, I want to start having dialogue about 2016/2017 events and begin to plan the 50th Anniversary of the Cougar. In addition to the events and all of the components needed, the people willing to step up as volunteers and coordinators to put together events that our fellow Cougar enthusiasts will want to be a part of.

There are lots of possible locations that come to mind; Carlisle, Fabulous Fords Forever. It would be ideal to start with Michigan at Ford, and California as the Dearborn and San Jose plants are the birthplaces for everyone's Cougars. We will need to continue event planning and coordinating with the regional clubs



across the country. I want to recognize CCOA photographers and recruit representatives to submit photos and give all of our members a look at the Cats around the world. This is an exciting time and I want to start planning now to ensure we honor these important dates.

If you are interested in hosting a CCOA 50th Anniversary Event and willing to be on the planning committee for the National Club, please email me directly chair@cougarclub.org

Thank you for giving me the chance to lead the club in such an exciting time!

Gavin Schlesinger
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2017 50th Anniversary Event Needs?

Who has been thinking about what the perfect way is to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Mercury Cougar? What are your dream components of a memorable event? I want to hear from you as to what you can think of that the volunteer planning committee needs to consider for the event.

Below are a few of my initial thoughts:

Club or People willing to host

- Sponsor club or person for each event
- Person to secure locations for each event
- Multi-day events will need a lead person for each event
 - Each day meal planning to include, after event dinner location

Locations identified

- East Coast
 - Middle America
 - West Coast
- Locations to accommodate 200+ cars, booths, power on site, restrooms, etc.

Sponsoring club will need:

- Insurance
- Event hotel
- Dinner location, meal planning for each day of the event
- People to volunteer to staff the event, day of type needs
- PA system for announcements
- ..

Marketing Committee

- Person to create the flyers, registration forms, and event agendas
- Facebook
- Newsletters
- Websites
- Forums
 - Development of the registration form
 - Development of the flyers, and marketing materials

Special Planning Committee

- Develop an itinerary for a multi-day event
- Seek out guest speakers
- Seek out feature display vehicles

- Coordinate cruise location, or poker run with photo spots
- Find something unique for people of all ages
 - Swap meet area
 - Burn out area would be neat
 - Auto cross course
 - Etc.

Sponsorship / Raffle Prize Committee

- Person to create a list of potential sponsors and companies to donate goods
 - Levels of sponsorship or class sponsorship
 - Event sponsors
 - Class sponsors
 - Raffle prizes donated
- Dash plaques
- T-shirts
- Goody bags
- Trophies
- Judged, or participants choice
- Lunch at the event, either provided or offered for sale

General Day / Event Weekend Volunteer roles:

- Set up
- Registration
- Parking
- Workshops
- Photographers
- Selling raffle tickets
- Selling t-shirts and merchandise
- Judging
- Talley ballots
- Announcing raffle winners
- Managing the winners' board or handing out prizes
- Awards
- Clean up

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

By Thierry Frisch (# 9342)

After long hours of blood and sweat in front of my computer, here it finally is... my first edition of At the Sign of the Cat. As you might have noticed, color is back. You will also notice more photos, some at a larger size, and often photos of people. I know this is a newsletter about the Cougar, but behind every Cougar there is a person. But don't be afraid, the Cougar will always be the main feature of this newsletter.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped me with the creation of this newsletter. **Gavin, Rob, Kamran**, who you already know, and **Pam Stafford**, proofreader and prepress specialist, the other new person involved in this process.

You will get to know Pam and me better in the next newsletter which is due the beginning of December.

I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to this newsletter by sending publishable content. Please continue to send those great articles and photos as we do need more of them for the upcoming newsletters. Keep sending them to editor@cougarclub.org or assistanteditor@cougarclub.org

Many of the photos used in this newsletter come from:

- West Coast Classic Cougar's **Andrew Chenovick** (if anyone is interested in prints / full-resolution files, they can be purchased through his website: <http://www.flyingaphoto.com/ccowest2015>)
- and also **Luigi Dionisio** whose photos can be viewed on his website: <http://www.luigid.com>

Our next issue is planned for the beginning of December.

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And now, lean back, and enjoy the Fall edition of At the Sign of the Cat!



**JOIN THE LONE STAR COUGAR
CLUB AT THE
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SEPTEMBER 25, 2015**

Every year the Lone Star Cougar Club is invited to be the host club in the Classic Car Corral for the opening day of the State Fair of Texas. All members bringing and showing their Cougars will be allowed free entry into the fair for all persons in the vehicle. You can bring all the food and drink onto the fairgrounds as long as it stays in the Classic Car Corral. Vehicles will need to be there at 8:45am just before the opening of the fair and gates will not be unlocked to leave until 6pm in the evening, with no exceptions. This is one of our most popular events for the year and we look forward to seeing everyone there! Please contact Gene Mullenberg for more details at tamudad@sbcglobal.net or find us on Facebook.

Lone Star Cougar Club: www.mercurycougars.com

State Fair of Texas: <http://bigtex.com/info/>

BAD DOPE YET AGAIN!

By Jim Pinkerton (# 5909)

When a publication gets things wrong, it not only hurts its reputation, it causes confusion for the readers, leads to potential bad decisions, and causes consternation for those who know what is right. That's what happened recently when the *Portland Press Herald* published a story about a rare Cougar GT-E sold at auction in Maine in August of this year.

What's worse, at least for me, is that they not only misunderstood the information I gave them, or totally ignored it, but they claim that I'm the source of the bad information.

I'm not necessarily blaming Matt Byrne, the staff writer who conducted a telephone interview with me while he was traveling up to see the car and to meet with the sellers. I've done enough interviews of this kind to be wary and careful in what I say, and even in how I say it. Matt's material for the story may have been "altered" by his editor – stranger things have happened.

The link to the offending article is here for those of you who haven't seen it yet. But I'd like to set the record straight on the content issues.



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Under the picture of Win and Judi with the GT-E it states that "the car is one of only two like it in the country." Now this may or may not be the case since three such GT-Es were made, but only two have been located so far. Will the missing 3rd one ever be found? Personally, I doubt it. Last known observation of it was in New York in 1970 for sale by a used car dealer. If it was still alive and well, I would think that we would know about it.

Later on the article states that "the Rittalls' (GT-E) is one of only two known to exist with a particular set of trim and options." Most of you are familiar with how easy it is to misread a Marti report, and I'm of the mind that this is where this erroneous statement came from, although since I don't have a copy, I can't say for sure. In any event, it is not clear how this conclusion was reached.

Then there's an unforgivable typo where they state that the "upgrade package included an automatic transmission mated to a 327-cubic inch V8 .." (the Freudian slip of a Chevrolet fan, no doubt). Next they claim that I "maintain the definitive

registry of classic Cougars", which I know will tickle Phil Parcels, who truly does that. They'd have been okay if they'd said the registry of GT-Es; but no, their flair for fluff overrode their care for facts.

Still later it sites total production of Cougars for 1968, and then goes totally off the trolley tracks. For the record they were told that there were a total of only 394 GT-Es produced in 1968. 357 of those came with the 427-4V side-oiler engine and C6 automatic transmission. 37 came with the 428-4v CobraJet engine – 34 of those with the C6 automatic transmission, and only 3 with manual 4 speed transmission. Despite going over these figures multiple times in the telephone interview, somehow they got it wrong.

Subsequent to this interview we were able to document that 1 of the 357 recorded as a 427 GT-E is NOT in fact a GT-E, and is the only know non-GT-E to have a factory installed 427-4V side-oiler engine. So as of now, the numbers are 393 GT-Es total, 356 came with the 427 and 37 with the 428. 3 of the 428s came with the 4 speed manual transmission. Then they indicate that I'm the owner of the "other" known 4 speed GT-E. Now in their defense, I didn't tell them that I had sold that car years ago – but I did say that I used to own it.

Now we move to the truly "nit-picking" type of mistake. It didn't take me "years of convincing" Gene Rittall to let me come and meet him and see his GT-E. It did however take a few months. So, the old adage "don't believe everything you read" seems appropriate, maybe even for this piece.

<http://www.pressherald.com/2015/08/26/auction-of-maine-couples-rare-sports-car-brings-big-payoff-and-emotional-farewell/>

REGIONAL REPORTS AND EVENTS

Cougars on Prowl at 2015 Carlisle Ford Nationals

By Carl Graziano (# 6158)

Nearly 45 Cougars, most from the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast United States, joined thousands of other vintage and new Ford Motor Co. products June 5 to 7, 2015, at the Carlisle, PA, fairgrounds for the annual Carlisle Ford Nationals.

Heavily represented at the event were members of the **Delmarva Cougar Club and Cougar Club of New Jersey/Pennsylvania**, which have co-hosted an annual Cougar gathering at the Carlisle Ford show since 2000. The two clubs also arranged lodging in nearby Mechanicsburg, PA, and hosted a cookout for all Cougar owners at the hotel Saturday evening, June 6.



The Carlisle show featured a display building full of Ford GT and vintage GT-40 automobiles. Show participants also saw special Mustang GT350, Thunderbird and Merkur displays, and a sea of early- and late-model Mustangs, including the new Shelby GT350R.





Eye candy in the Cougar section included Robin Jaques' 1968 convertible conversion and a 1970 Competition Blue Cobra Jet 4-speed car beautifully restored by Kurt Lawrance, of Kurt's Restoration and Collision, in Danville, VA. Also, a special "Ford Nationals Select" display building at Carlisle housed a Cougar XR7 GT-E 427 car meticulously restored by Craig Keith.

Cougar winners in the People's Choice voting are listed on the Carlisle Events website, at http://www.carlisleevents.com/pdf/2015_Ford_Winners.pdf

Mid America Classic Cougars

By Randy Christian (#9216)



Well, we are taking baby steps before we run but the new regional club Mid America Classic Cougars is officially a club.

Since our first official meeting late last year we have had a couple of BBQs, attended a few car shows, and met and saw some really cool “CATS” and their owners. We are concentrating on a current four state region of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. We are based in Tulsa, OK but welcome all Cougar owners and enthusiasts from all the surrounding Mid America states to join. Let’s have a lot of fun showing off our “CATS”. We currently have 11 members and growing.

in getting our club up and running. Being a new club we were honored to sponsor one of the classes at the CCOA Western National Show and see our logo on on all the merchandise from the show.

Any Cougar owners out there in Mid America, we urge you to contact our club at midamericacougars@gmail.com or through our Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/MidAmericaClassicCougars>)

We would like to thank Gavin Schlesinger and all the board members at CCOA for the help and guidance they have given us



BBQ Cookout

We had a great cookout on Saturday, August 15 at Bill and Linda Timmerman's house. They were great hosts. The food was exceptional, especially the BBQ bologna that Mrs. Linda prepared.

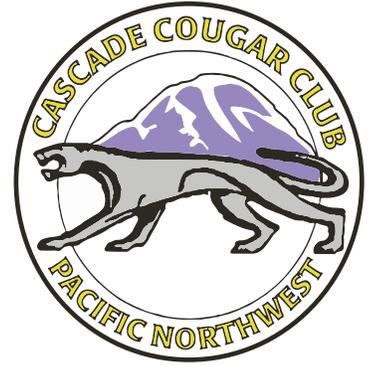
We were also extremely honored to have Matt Slay and several members from The Lone Star Cougar Club make the drive up from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. They brought two great Cougars for everyone to enjoy and admire.

We are really excited because the two clubs have decided to work together on hosting a National Cougar Show in Tulsa, OK in 2017 for the 50th Anniversary of the Cougar. It should be a lot of fun and the two clubs plan to do other things together going forward.



A MESSAGE FROM CASCADE COUGAR CLUB, PACIFIC NORTHWEST

By Heather Whitaker (#7477)



Although the bulk of our membership is based in the Seattle area, many in our ranks live in eastern Washington, Idaho, Oregon and British Columbia, Canada. As Cascade's Chairman, I have been encouraging these members to share their experiences as they attend shows in their areas. Not only does this provide information to members everywhere, but my hope is to stimulate a spirit of adventure through road trips and generate interest to appreciate the efforts of fellow Cougar lovers in other parts of the country.

Many of us plan vacations around car shows in places away from home, sometimes co-ordinating these trips with fellow members in order to enjoy tourist destinations together and form long-lasting friendships.

Such was the case regarding the CCOA/Stray Cats show in Danville, California at the end of June. Scott Ferguson and I left our Delta, BC home in mid-June to wend our way down the Pacific Coast, stopping at a few tourist spots in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California.

The Gouldings likewise left their Spokane, WA home to attend a family gathering a week before the show so we co-ordinated our plans to meet in Novato, just outside San Francisco. From there, we made the short drive to take photos of our Cougars beneath a fog-capped Golden Gate Bridge, then headed off to tour Yosemite National Park together for a few days. It was a wonderful, fun-filled few days seeing the sights and getting to know our eastern Washington friends.

Putting the park behind us, we all met up with the Bingamans (from Federal Way, WA) in Danville and began our car show weekend. Although none of us participated in the wine tour this year, we DID take advantage of Rob and Julie Crowder's generosity by meeting a sizeable group at their Oakley home. Having spent the past several days in triple-digit heat, it was with no small sigh of relief that we immediately plunged into their gigantic pool. Remaining chest-deep in the refreshing water, we struck up conversations with Don Rush of West Coast Classic Cougar and several Stray Cats members, catching up on the latest news. With body temperatures sufficiently lowered, we emerged from the water to dry off and enjoy a veritable banquet of.....pizzas – dozens of them, in so many flavour combinations it was impossible to try everything.

On show day at the Blackhawk Museum, we became part of the 100-car field and thankfully the temperature was a much more reasonable 80-ish. Because the venue was at one end of a shopping mall, we had plenty of interest from passers-by who stopped to talk to car owners and express their admiration.

When the ballots were tallied, Steve Goulding's 69 XR 7 convertible was first in its class, the Bingamans' 70 standard sunroof was first in its class and Scott's 68 XR7-G was first in "Specialty Cougar G". Scott was also pleasantly surprised to win Best of Show (of course, I claimed the trophy as the Chief Detailer). All in all, it was a good show and everyone had a great time.

The following information I gleaned from other members who attended shows closer to home. June 6th was the All-Ford





show in Hillsboro, OR where over three hundred cars posed in the 90-degree heat. Cascade was well represented with the Skinners in their white 67 modified GT, the Viertels in their blue modified 68 and the Hogenkamps in their black cherry 67 XR 7. On the convertible side there were Mark Carroll's white 71 XR 7, the Hassons white 69 and Jim Compton's maroon 69. First place trophies went to the Viertels and Hassons and second place to the Skinners and Mark Carroll. Besides having plenty of trophies, this show boasts terrific prizes for their \$2/ticket raffle – like a couple of weekend getaway packages, a 40-inch HDTV and a tablet computer (a pretty good investment, I'd say).

The Gouldings attended the Early Ford V8 show in Spokane on July 11th (in the rain, apparently). The sixty cars were not parked in any classes so a committee just wandered the show field, choosing cars for certain categories. Steve and Zana were pleasantly surprised to be awarded the first place trophy in the "Restored" class for Steve's 69 XR 7 convertible (top up this time).

The following weekend, July 18th, Zana took her "Barn Cat" (68 XR 7) to a show in Hayden, ID where there were around 150 cars at an autobody shop. This show breaks away from the norm when it comes to awards categories. A couple of the more interesting ones were "most likely to get a ticket" and "most likely to cause a divorce". Great idea – what fun!

On July 19th, back on the west coast, several Cascade members attended the All-Ford Show in Bellevue, WA. Despite the incredibly hot day, there were hundreds of cars and before everyone melted, awards were handed out with Jeff Bingaman taking first place, Roman Benoit second place, and Cameron Benoit third place in the Cougar class.

The first weekend of August was our annual Prowl event beginning on Saturday (the 1st) with a BBQ at the Edgewood, WA home of the Benoit family. There was a great crowd on hand to enjoy the pulled pork main course, bowls and bowls of salads, and so many desserts that a "sugar rush" was inevitable. The back yard and driveway were filled with Cougars of every classic year and color and we grazed until nearly twilight but alas, with the show set-up crew needing to be on

site the following day at 6am, we were forced to shut down at a reasonable time.

As the sun rose on Sunday, it was all hands on deck at our new venue, Griot's Garage in Tacoma, WA (a car care business with enough products to boggle the mind). Over fifty Cougars, including Cougar One, attended as well as a smattering of other mainly Ford vehicles, and show shirt sales were brisk with the club selling nearly 70. There were four tables full of raffle prizes which prompted near record ticket sales and our awards were different from anything I'd ever seen before: tin license plates sporting the club logo with the "running cat" in gold, silver or bronze and special awards were of a parking sign design – very cool. By all accounts, everyone had a great time and our corps of volunteers was so efficient that we were done, packed up and gone before 3pm, AND we made a little money – great job everyone! Check out our web site at <http://www.cascadecougarclub.com> for a full report and pictures of this event. If they aren't up right now, they will be soon, so log in from time to time and see what we've been up to.

Well, that's enough rambling for this issue. There likely won't be quite as much news next time, but there's still a little summer left and a few more shows to attend so you'll be hearing from me again soon. 'Bye for now.



M60 Cougars

By **Barrie Dixon (#0156)**

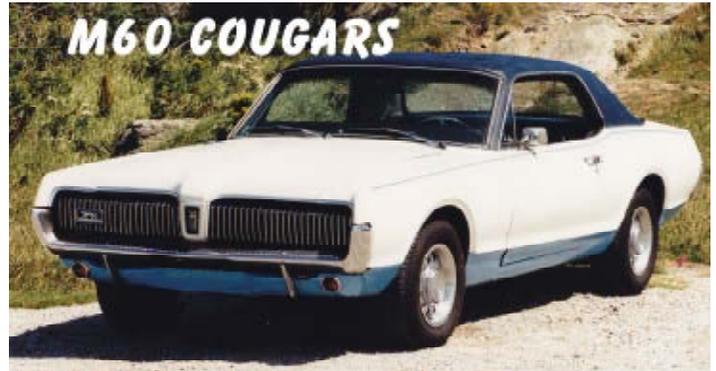
It seems Tim and I crossed paths a little in the last issue, so let me just say that at Stars and Stripes this past July, four Cougars were at this show. Tim was there with his car on Saturday along with the M60 VP, Steve with his orange '68 and the right hand drive yellow '67 that originated from Hong Kong via Dearborn. I can't do the Saturday because of other commitments, but I did get there with my '67 on Sunday.

What is it about this show? Well, it's the only American car show of any size in the Northwest of England and it attracts hundreds of owners with cars from the 1920s and way up to 20-teens. I've been a regular at the show forever. Well, ever since it began, anyway, and it's a good chance to meet with people you only get to see at this venue. I've known a load of them for years, but our paths seldom cross anywhere except here. So why not go? It's free to enter.

There's been a load of stuff happening on the legislation front over the past month or so. These things get put on hold during Election campaigns because effectively we do not have a Parliament during the campaign which means bills can't be voted on. However, it seems to be a busy time down in Westminster with all kinds of things going before "the House". Not all this concerns us in the automotive hobby, but a couple of things that may be of concern have been forwarded to me via the FBHVC newsletter.

Legislation has been tightened up concerning "original registrations". This doesn't really bother us because Ford never sold the Cougar from new in the UK, so none of us have an "original" registration. However, it might affect any members who have a UK built Ford that they are restoring. Check out the DVLA website for details of V765 if you're in that position.

Having been forced to wear reflective license plates for the past 40-years, it seems the Government/DVLA have made a bit of U-turn. If your car was built before January 1, 1975, you can have the older style white on black non reflective plates. Oh, wow! Should I jump for joy? I can dig deep into my piggy bank and shell out for a new set of plates to compliment the lack of a Tax disc in the left corner of my windshield. Ooh, I'm



so excited about that! Ha! Kidding! I'll just stick with the white front and yellow rear plate, thanks. For those that don't realize it, the plates on our cars here in the UK and I believe the rest of Europe, belong to the car and not the current owner. The number DVLA gives us, in my case ONU511J, stay with the car for life. We can apply for an "age related" plate, to reflect the year of manufacture, but there is a load of evidence required to get one of these. It used to be that a car club could verify the data, but part of the new legislation tightens this up to include written proof. I guess, in our case, a Marti report would be acceptable, if this was backed up by a report from CCOA.

The FBHVC are in discussion with DVLA about incorrect make and model on V5Cs (read "pink slip"). So often it's possible for the V5C to read Ford Mercury ad make and model. That's a bit like listing "GM Chevrolet" against a split window Vette! Again, it may need a bit of club intervention with backed up evidence to get the make and model amended to "Mercury Cougar", but negotiations are ongoing and I can't confirm that you could argue with DVLA at this stage.

And finally, if you have to have DVLA come along and issue a VIN that follows a complete rebuild, they will issue a new 17-digit VIN regardless of whether you can prove the number was issued by Ford or not. They argue that they and only they are authorized to issue VINs. Who are DVLA, I hear those west of Ireland ask? Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. And FBHVC? The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs.

Arthritis Classic Autoshow, Dublin, Ohio

By Ben Brace (#2796)

The Cougar show within a show at the 33rd annual Arthritis Classic Autoshow in Dublin, Ohio (NW suburb of Columbus) was held on the weekend of July 9-11 (ok it started on a Thursday) with the judged show on Saturday (July 11th). This year we had eight Cougars (the electric Cougar (red) was in the Hybrid Class) and the Best in Show was the yellow Eliminator, Mike Besecker, from Springfield, Ohio.

The Classic Autoshow had nearly 1200 cars on Saturday and over 800 for the Friday evening cruise-in (it rained Thursday and Friday, but Saturday was great weather). Over \$230K was raised at the show for the Arthritis Foundation mission.



A MESSAGE FROM FORDNUTZ COUGAR CLUB, VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA

By Heather Whitaker (#7477)



In my position with Fordnutz, I take the same approach with members as I do with the Cascade group in that I ask members to give me information on some of the events they attend throughout BC, Washington and elsewhere. So, get out your maps and see where we've been.

LIONS SOCKEYE RUN, STEVESTON, BC, JUNE 14TH :

Fil Spasojevic took 2nd place honours with his beautiful blue 67 Cougar in the Best Ford class this year.

OLD CAR SUNDAY IN THE PARK, MISSION, BC, JUNE 21ST :

Heritage Park is the site of this annual Fathers' Day event (which I affectionately call "Old Farts in the Park"). Newcomers to this event are often blown away by the sheer volume and variety of vehicles, not to mention the vendors. There truly is something to pique the interest at every turn and the grassy hillside venue is beautiful, overlooking the Fraser River. We had a few members on hand to take in the festivities but I did not hear of any awards won.

PEACH CITY BEACH CRUISE, PENTICTON, BC, JUNE 26TH - 28TH :

If you've never been to this show, you should attend at least once, the location is fantastic. Cars park all along the eastern shore of Okanagan Lake, a short walk from an air-conditioned casino. Bill Ronalds (69 Cougar convertible), Dean & Liane Henschke (68 Cougar), Mel Snow and Brad Carson (69 and 70 Mustangs respectively), and Fil Spasojevic (67 Cougar) represented Fordnutz this year. Talking with our members, I discovered that a hundred or so extra law officers were hired from other jurisdictions this year and were overly aggressive for no good reason. This only served to dampen participants' spirits. Having attended this event in years past, I remember a party-like atmosphere not unlike that of a country fair with people wandering the show site and setting up chairs and coolers in every available nook and cranny. Let's hope that this year's experience hasn't soured show-goers to the point that they won't come back.

CANADA DAY CRUISE AND POT LUCK BBQ, ABBOTSFORD, BC, JULY 1ST :

It was uncomfortably warm (understatement for blistering hot) in Abbotsford for the start of our ninth annual cruise. There was a fantastic turnout with dozens of members, most in their classic cars, as we departed the Friesen home for parts unknown. Of special note, Glenn and Arlene Duncan

drove their '69 Cougar all the way from Mount Currie (north of Squamish) to arrive in time for our noon departure. Also, former member Alan Haaland and wife Sheri made the annual trek from Kansas to be part of the action, driving Kim Friesen's newly-finished '69 428 CJ.

As promised, we departed at noon and headed southeast, following Boundary Road (a scant few feet from the U.S. border) to our first stop, the Birchwood Dairy. With fifty flavours of ice cream to choose from, it was a delicious, and welcome, stop.



Under way once again, we moved further into farm country to the home of Paul and Ginger Moore who have two giant shops filled with cars, trucks and automobilia. Somehow along the way we managed to lose a couple of people but discovered later that due to the heat, they had simply opted out of the long drive and headed home. After viewing the Moores' treasures, it was time for the return trip to Abbotsford and the much-anticipated barbecue.

As everyone filed into the shady back yard, chairs were set up on the lush, green grass and body temperatures began to diminish. Snacks and fruit appeared on the deck and there was plenty of water and soft drinks to rehydrate us as the noise level rose to compete with the music coming from Canada Day celebrations nearby. Before long, Chef Kim fired up two grills and began serving cheeseburgers and farmer sausage which naturally quieted everything down. As always no one left hungry and we all expressed our appreciation for the work Kim and Cindy did planning the cruise route, setting



show this year and Robin Miller's G Force was home with some malady but Robin came by to say hello. It was great catching up with dozens of old friends once again until awards time when Malcolm took 2nd place in the Cougar class with his '67 GT convertible and Scott received the Hallmark Award for his '68 XR7-G.

NORTH DELTA SHOW 'N' SHINE, DELTA, BC AUGUST 8TH :

The Unruhs and Steve O'Connell were the only two Fordnutz members among the nearly one hundred vehicles at this year's show. Steve's newly-completed '70 Cougar finished first in the "Best 70s" class and also won the Mayor's award, but unfortunately Harry's '69 Eliminator came away with nothing. Following the show, a few members joined Scott and Heather at their home for the annual Fordnutz BBQ. With Heather's

up the garage tour, and most of all, for the food preparation which made this another fantastically memorable Canada Day.

FOURTH OF JULY SHOW, BLAINE, WA :

Harry Unruh took his 69 Eliminator on a trip across the border (well, just barely) from his White Rock home to this "small town" show in Blaine. He reported that organizers appeared to keep things very much local with probably about 200 cars "parked anywhere". There was very little organization and no prizes with excitement coming from local traffic driving through the display cars. (I'll bet there were a few anxious moments there!)



MILL LAKE SHOW, ABBOTSFORD, BC, JULY 11TH :

Bill Ronalds was the sole Cougar amid 500 or so cars at this year's show. There was apparently live entertainment, food trucks and plenty of door prizes and awards.

Cougar suffering electrical problems, the boys spent some time testing (blowing half a dozen fuses in the process), and eliminating possible causes before narrowing it down to a couple. Just as the BBQ was fired up, it began to rain a little, so the buffet was moved into the shop but we chose to enjoy the favourable temperature by eating outdoors under the gazebo. As always, it was a fun afternoon with plenty of laughter and overfull stomachs but we all saved just enough room for a piece of Scott's birthday cake.

SHELBY CLUB (HALLMARK) SHOW, SURREY, BC, AUGUST 3RD :

It seems it's always a hot, sunny day for this annual show and the weather gods did not disappoint. Fordnutz was well-represented again by Dean & Liane Henschke, Jason Wiseman, the Malcolm McMillans (Jr. and Sr.) and Scott Ferguson. My Cougar developed a few "issues" on the drive back from Tacoma the day before so was out of commission for the day. Sheldon Potts was also having some brake problems with his cat so drove his daughter's Edsel to the

Heather Whitaker,
Events Director,
Fordnutz Cougar Club



Lone Star Cougar Club



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Horsepower Rod and Custom Show at Lone Star Park was held at the Lone Star Horse Track in nearby Grand Prairie on Fathers' Day. All entries had free admission into the horse track for a fun day at the races. The event area was in the parking area next to the track, and despite spotty rain showers, we were next to the horses as they raced by. It was the first year for this event that was put on by club member, Jimmy Austin. The Park has asked for the event to return next year, so look for another fun day at the races. Gene Mullenberg (72 Convertible), Dwain Barker (73 Convertible), Clay and Miranda Olmstead (68 Calypso Coupe), Matt, Alicia, and Sydney Slay (69 Convertible and 64 Comet), and Richard Bartow (75 Cougar XR7) all turned out for the event. Dwain Barker took best of class for his 1973 bright blue metallic convertible. The LSCC also took the award for best club at the show. Our youngest member, Sydney Slay, even won her first horserace and fun was had by all!

July LSCC Members Meeting

Due to summer travels, our July meeting is usually postponed but we had several cars beat the 102 degree temperatures. The focus of the meeting was to plan some informal get togethers for the remainder of the summer. Alan Easley unveiled the new logos for our shirts and the partnership with Land's End he and Gail have been working on. Additionally, Matt Slay was nominated for a board position for the CCOA with elections coming up in the Fall for the 2016 year. Upcoming events we are planning will be an additional BBQ event before our event at the opening day of the State Fair of Texas. We also have Warbirds at Lancaster and Cars on the Square in Denton coming up in September.

Mid America Classic Cougar BBQ was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They are a newer club with this being their second year BBQ and they are growing in leaps and bounds. Several of our members drove up to the event and trailered their Cougars. Alan Easley, Matt Slay, Ken Stovall, and Joe Valenti represented the LSCC with Ken Stovall's 1968 XR7 and Matt Slay's 1968 standard. The host club had lots of cars in a wonderful location at the Timmerman's lovely home. The MACC is looking to possibly hold a national event for our anniversary in 2017 with help from the LSCC and it was great to sit down at one of their meetings for discussion of what may unfold. We invited them down for one of our more popular events, the State Fair of Texas, where our club is the host club for the Classic Car Corral for opening day.

Upcoming Events for the LSCC

August 5th Warbirds at Lancaster
September 12th Classic the Square, Denton
September 25th LSCC State Fair of Texas





Official Ballot

2015 Election of Officers

Instructions:

Select your choice from the candidates for the CCOA Board of Directors positions indicated below. Vote Now! Your ballot must be *received* by **December 1, 2015**. Mail your ballot to the CCOA's Special Services Director at:

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1. For the Office of Vice-Chairperson

- Ray Bischoff
- Mike Brown
- Greg Fritz
- Matt Slay

2. For the Office of Financial Director

- Mike Brown

3. For the Office of Club Services Director

- Mike Brown
- Matt Slay
- Greg Taylor

4. For the Office of Community Relations Director

- Matt Slay
- Greg Taylor

Your Member Number or Name:

Note: Your vote will remain confidential, and known only by the **Special Services Director**. Ballots will be destroyed after counting. Your member number/name is requested only to prevent shenanigans, however unlikely that might be.

You must be a CCOA member to vote. If you would like to join or renew your membership along with your vote, use the form on the next page and save a postage stamp in the process.



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Use this form or the online registration form at www.cougarclub.org/join.htm today. Annual dues are **\$20** for members who receive the newsletter by email. For members who want a printed newsletter by mail, the dues are **\$30 for U.S. addresses** or **\$35 for non-U.S. addresses** (payable in U.S. funds only) Become a member of the club that is *exclusively* dedicated to the preservation of the Mercury Cougar.

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May we share your contact info with regional clubs and other event organizers?

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by Gavin Schlesinger (#8427)

Photos by Andrew Chenovick (#9358) / Luigi Dionisio (#9363) / Larry Quay (#9460)



June 26th kicked off the Western National Event. The event started with a cruise from the Blackhawk museum at 10am in the morning, to Wente Vineyards and Concannon Vineyard in Livermore California. Craig Eid of www.MuscleCarSwitch.com did all of the heavy lifting keeping in contact with both of the wineries, keeping Rob, Julie, and Steve Crowder in the loop about the Friday dinner, developing the driving directions map, and most importantly contacting all of the people registered for the event providing them the information and taking a head count as to who was planning to attend. We had 22 cars confirmed and several others arrived the morning of the event to join in on the day's activities.

Don Rush owner and founder of West Coast Classic Cougar (WCCC) flew in early Friday morning to accompany the group. Larry Quay, Bill Watkins, and Andrew Chenovick were at the ready with their cameras to capture the event with plenty of photographs (Luigi Dionisio of www.luigid.com joined the group on Saturday morning).

As for another day in California it was very hot, actually over 106 degrees. The heat did not bother all of the enthusiasts on the winery cruise, maybe it was all of the available wine and shade. The cars held

up very well and in fact John & Rochelle Schneider were out in their 1968 427 XR7 GTE, driving without A/C in a very performance built Cougar.

At 1:30 in the afternoon at what seemed like the heat of the day, everyone decided that lounging around the pool or going for a swim sounded like a great idea. We headed across the valley to Rob and Julie Crowder's home, which many people would recognize from last year's event coverage in the 1st event book produced by www.legendarycougar.com.

The day wrapped up with pizza by the pool and a relaxing afternoon and evening of swimming, tennis, horseshoes and lots of car talk at Rob & Julie Crowder's residence in Oakley California. There was an offer to clean up cars, but either the conversation, the heat, or the pool was keeping people occupied.



all photos on the top of this spread: Luigi Dioniso



The main car show began on Saturday with registration from 8:00AM to 9:30AM. We had 28 volunteers that included four Cougar Club of America volunteer Photographers (Larry, Bill, Luigi & Andrew), Greg Taylor, The CCOA Technical Advisor and Club Services Director, several club members and Cougar enthusiasts from across the country also put on a blue CCOA shirt to help make event history. We even had on site Ellsworth Amos and Craig Eid adding new member profiles to www.classiccougar.com.

102 cars pre-registered, and a few did not make the event due to varying reasons. I don't know if anyone did a physical car count on Saturday...but I think we maintained over the 90 car mark overall? John Swanson and I scratch our heads after every event as after working 12 plus hours we never seem to see every car.

all photos on the bottom of this spread: Andrew Chenovick



After the event the show was not over yet.... The day concludes with dinner at Alex's Shop (AKA Mongo Motors) 18120 Bollinger Canyon Road, Building 3, San Ramon, CA 94583, starting at approximately 5:30PM. Don and Andrew arrived in style driving Michael Kwok's unrestored 1970 Grabber Green convertible. The evening was pretty mellow. Everyone was able to meet and speak to some very interesting people,



which is the best part. The people who I spoke with didn't take any pics but did see Luigi with his camera and he has a gallery posted to www.luigid.com. A special thanks to Randy and Alcinda Wolff for helping to organize the shop earlier that day with Alex. Two 427 cars is a record for Alex's shop! About 9:30pm, people started to depart, which is always later than planned. The man cave is a happening place! Everyone easily could have spent more time talking cars and eating bbq. Alex has a great place and the Cougar club is a lot of fun!

It was an extremely successful event weekend. We need to call out and recognize all of the sponsors, participants, volunteers, as well as Timothy P. McGrane, the Executive Director of the Blackhawk Museum for his help and support of

the event www.BlackhawkMuseum.org, the entire Crowder family for all of their help and support all weekend, Alex Lobodovsky & Michael Kwok for hosting and organizing the Saturday night dinner and John Swanson for pulling everything together as the event registrar. We all agree it is a group effort, and it has to be; 28 volunteers, made the event possible.

This year we had a record 18 people sign-up for CCOA membership & 26 people signed up for membership in the Mercury Stray Cats! The Cougar enthusiasts that attended were amazing. No drama or conflicts, just new friends and old friends spending time together. The Mercury Stray Cats club members and volunteers made it all possible and certainly everyone wants to keep the momentum going as we march closer to 2017 and



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the 50th Anniversary of the Mercury Cougar Celebration.

I would like to thank Phillip Payne for his amazing design for the 35th Anniversary logo.

I would like to thank all of our class sponsors (which can be found in the winners' list on pages 30-33) and the people who contributed to the raffle prizes:

- Car Show Kit & 8 foot Banner – Summit Racing
- 100-Black Goody Bags, pens, magnets, brochures – Hagerty Insurance
- CCOA Mirror Hangers, Newsletters, & 35th Decals – Rob Merritt (CCOA)
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- Mini-Jumper Trampoline – Gavin

Volunteer	Name Assignments
Andrew Chenovick	Photographer
Gavin Schlesinger	Registration, Awards & Clean up
John Swanson	Registration, Awards & Clean up
Rob Crowder	Parking & Clean up
Alex Taylor	Parking & Clean up
Luigi Dionisio	Photographer www.luigid.com
Paul Beaton	Set up, Pass Out Lunch & Clean up
Brandon Crowder	Announcements
Greg Young	Parking
Elmer	Parking, Raffle & Clean up
DJ Lucas	Parking, Raffle & Clean up
Beth Swanson	Registration and Goody Bags
Steve Crowder	Parking & Clean up
Greg Taylor	Parking, Judging & Clean up
Eric Braverman	T-Shirts / Raffle Ticket sales
Tony Chrisanthis	T-Shirts / Raffle Ticket sales
Mike Sanders	Vote Talley
Craig Eid	WEBSITE *adding members
Kent	T-Shirts / Raffle Ticket sales
Rob Lucas	Parking, Raffle & Clean up
Juli Oatham	Set up, Pass Out Lunch & Clean up
Nathan Crowder	Parking & Clean up
Ellsworth Amos	WEBSITE *adding members
Larry Quay	Photographer
Bill Watkins	Photographer
Michael Dugan	Photographer
Mike Brown	Judging (Steve and Zana's 1969)
Gary Brown	Judging (Steve and Zana's 1969)



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Gavin Schlesinger, Steve Sutherland, Sue & Gordon Showers, Kim & Jim Custis; {67-Standard Coupe}



Gavin Schlesinger, Johnny Fish; {68-Standard - 1st Place}



Gavin Schlesinger, Mike Brown, Jeff Goldman, Juli Oatham; {69-Standard Convertible}



Gavin Schlesinger, Sonia & Steve Spatola (& grandson), Bryan Friend, Mike Hoffman; {67-XR7 Coupe}



Jeff Bingaman, Gavin Schlesinger; {69-70 Standard Coupe}



Gavin Schlesinger, Mike Brown, Eddie Ramirez, Alcinda Wolfe, Steve & Zana Goulding; {69-XR7 Convertible}



Gavin Schlesinger, Paul Beaton & daughters, Godfried Kesse; {68-Standard Coupe}



Gavin Schlesinger, Michael Kwok, Robert Walker, Paul Walker, Godfried Kesse; {70-Standard Convertible}



Gavin Schlesinger, Mike Anderson, Steve & Sonia Spatola (& grandson), Chris & Mike Sanders (& grandson); {68-XR7 Coupe}



Gavin Schlesinger, Rob Crowder, Ruben Cabral, Steve Crowder, Elmer Barlock; {69-70 XR7 Coupe}



Gavin Schlesinger, Eric Braverman, Mike & Angela Christiansen, John Wills, Johnnie Holland; {70-XR7 Convertible}

all photos on this spread: Luigi Dionisio

AND THE WINNERS ARE....

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
1A	1967 Standard Coupe	{ New England Cougar Club }
First Place:	James & Kimberly Custis; Dixon, CA	
Second Place:	Steve Sutherland; Hanford, CA	
Third Place:	Gordon & Sue Showers; Scotts Valley, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
1B	1967 XR-7 Coupe	{ Delmarva Cougar Club }
First Place:	Bryan Friend; Hollister, CA	
Second Place:	Mike Hoffman; Ben Lomond, CA	
Third Place:	Steve & Sonia Spatola; Stockton, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
2A	1968 Standard Coupe	{ Mid-America Cougar Club }
First Place:	Johnny Fish; Berkeley, CA	
Second Place:	Godfried Kesse; Newark, CA	
Third Place:	Paul Beaton; San Ramon, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
2B	1968 XR-7 Coupe	{ Capley Paint & Body }
First Place:	Mike & Chris Sanders; Santa Rosa, CA	
Second Place:	Mike Anderson; Burlingame, CA	
Third Place:	Steve & Sonia Spatola; Stockton, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
3A	1969-1970 Standard Coupe	{ Legendary Cougar Magazine }
First Place	Jeff & Carol Bingaman; Federal Way, WA - (1970)	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
3B	1969-1970 XR-7 Coupe	{ Rocketman's Classic Cougar Innovations }
First Place:	Rob & Steve Crowder; Oakley, CA - (1970 Houndstooth)	
Second Place:	Ruben Cabral; Pleasanton, CA - (1970)	
Third Place:	Rob Crowder; Oakley, CA - (1969 Maroon)	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
4A	1969 Standard Convertible	{ Mike Brown & SCCC }
First Place:	Jeff Goldman; San Ramon, CA	
Second Place:	Julie Oatham; San Jose, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
4B	1969 XR-7 Convertible	{ Mike Brown & SCCC }
First Place:	Steve & Zana Goulding; Spokane, WA	
Second Place:	Alcinda Wolff; Roseville, CA	
Third Place:	Nancy & Eddie Ramirez; San Bruno, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
5A	1970 Standard Convertible	{ Berkshire Transmissions }
First Place:	Michael Kwok; Danville, CA	
Second Place:	Robert Walker; Suisun, CA	
Third Place:	Paul & Tina Walker; El Sobrante, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
5B	1970 XR-7 Convertible	{ Sierra Workforce Solutions }
First Place:	Eric Braverman; San Francisco, CA	
Second Place:	Johnnie Holland; San Leandro, CA	
Third Place:	John Wills; Fairfield, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
6	1971-1973 Coupe / Convertible	{ Elyssa Lucas }
First Place:	Tony Chrisanthis; San Francisco, CA - (1972 XR-7 Coupe)	
Second Place:	Ray Sciaroni & Skip; Los Banos, CA - (1973 XR-7 Convertible)	
Third Place:	Maurice Stratton; San Leandro, CA - (1973 Coupe)	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
7	Specialty (GT, Big-Block)	{ Legendary Cougar Magazine }
First Place:	Robert Matheson; Pleasanton, CA - (1968-½ XR-7, 428CJ)	
Second Place:	Shelle McGee-Lucas; San Carlos, CA - (1968 XR-7 GT)	
Third Place:	Ashley & Lee Sanders; Cotati, CA - (1967 GT)	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
8A	Specialty (1968 XR7-G)	{ Lone Star Cougar Club }
First Place:	Scott Ferguson; Delta, British Columbia	
Second Place:	Chris Noyer; Campbell, CA	
Third Place:	Mike Brown; North Hollywood, CA	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
8B	Specialty (1968 GT-E)	{ Lone Star Cougar Club }
First Place:	John Schneider; California City, CA - (XR-7 427)	
Second Place:	John Swanson; American Canyon, CA - (XR-7 427)	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
9	Specialty (1969-1970 Eliminator)	{ Cascade Cougar Club }
First Place:	John Sutherland; Hanford, CA - (1969)	
Second Place:	Robert Matheson; Pleasanton, CA - (1969)	
Third Place:	Tony & Denise Sheakley; San Francisco, CA - (1969)	

Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
10	Modified / Resto-Mod	{ Wild West Paintworks }
First Place:	Bruce & Darby Sutherland; Lodi, CA - (1968 XR-7)	
Second Place:	Marty Beaulieu; Atherton, CA - (1968 Race Car)	
Third Place:	Mike Christiansen; Eldorado Hills, CA - (1969 XR-7 Convertible)	



Gavin Schlesinger, Ray Sciaroni, Tony Chisanthis, Elyssa Lucas, Pat Stratton, Maurice Stratton, Steve Stratton; {71-73 Coupes & Convertibles}



Gavin Schlesinger, Monica & David Morton; {64-73 Mustang}



Gavin Schlesinger, John Swanson, John Schneider; {Specialty - 68 GT-E}



Gavin Schlesinger, Ashley & Lee Sanders, Shelle McGee-Lucas, Robert & Nancy Matheson {Specialty - GT & Big-block}

Gavin Schlesinger, Renee & Jeremy Wiederspahn, Joel Chavez, Sue Calvert; {74-present Mustang}



Gavin Schlesinger, Bruce & Darby Sutherland, Marty Beaulieu, Mike Christiansen; {Modified & Resto-Mod}

Gavin Schlesinger, Mike Brown, Gary Brown, Chris Noyer, Scott Ferguson; {Specialty - 68 XR7-G}



Gavin Schlesinger, Marion Santos, Jeff Bulleri; {Other Ford Powered - all years}

Gavin Schlesinger, Jose Herrera; {Kid's Choice Award}



Gavin Schlesinger, Denise & Tony Sheakley, Matt Hardt, Robert Matheson, John Sutherland; {Specialty - 69-70 Eliminator}



Class #	Class Name	Sponsor's Name
11	Mustang (1964-½ - 1973)	Golden Hills Mustang Club }
First Place:	David & Monica Morton; Rocklin, CA - (1964-½)	
13	Mustang (1974 - 2015)	{ Serramonte Ford }
First Place:	Jeremy Wiederspahn; Suisun City, CA - (2014)	
Second Place:	Joel Chavez; Oakland, CA - (2015)	
Third Place:	Sue Calvert; Fairfield, CA - (2012)	
14	Other Ford Powered - all years	{ Automatic Controls Engineering }
First Place:	Marion Santos; Los Banos, CA - (1938 Ford Convertible)	
Second Place:	Jeff Bulleri; Santa Rosa, CA - (1963 Ford Fairlane)	
BEST OF SHOW (People's Choice)	{ Fordnutz Cougar Club }	
Winner:	Scott Ferguson - (1968 XR7-G) Delta, British Columbia	
At The Sign of the Cat Award (CCOA Officers Choice)	{ Lone Star Cougar Club }	
Winner:	Mark Bartolone - (1967 XR-7) San Ramon, CA	
Top Cat Award (Stray Cats Officers Choice)	{ Automatic Controls Engineering } – (Rob & Steve Crowder)	
Winner:	Lou & Carla Fishman - (1969 XR-7 Convertible) Carlsbad, CA	
Kid's Choice Award	{ Matt, Alicia, & Sydney Slay }	
Winner:	Jose Herrera - (1968 XR-7) Sacramento, CA	
Wounded Cat Award	{ Fast Fine Classics }	
Winner:	D. J. Lucas - (1968 Standard) San Carlos, CA	
Longest Distance Driven	{ West Coast Classic Cougar }	
Winner:	Maurice Stratton - (1973 Coupe) { 862-miles } Port Angeles, WA	



Gavin Schlesinger, Mark Bartolone, Greg Taylor; (CCOA - At the Sign of the Cat Award)



Gavin Schlesinger, Heather Whitaker, Scott Ferguson; {Best of Show - People's Choice award}



Gavin Schlesinger, Lou Fishman; (Stray Cats - Top Cat Award)



Gavin Schlesinger, Maurice Stratton, Don Rush; (Long Distance Award)



Gavin Schlesinger, D.J. Lucas, Greg & Alex Taylor; (Wounded Cat Award)

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CCOA OFFICER ELECTIONS

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

Each of the nominees was invited to submit a campaign statement for publication in this newsletter, and those submissions follow for your consideration. Voting instructions and **the official ballots are on page 21 of this newsletter.**

I extend my thanks to those willing to serve on the Board, but it isn't necessary to be a Board member in order to help run the Club. If you're interested in lending a hand, or have ideas you'd like to help the club pursue, contact any of the Board members listed on the contacts page and let us know.

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 '80s with a '68 Saxony Yellow, black Decore, F code, 3 speed Cat. 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 led 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



My name is **Mike Brown**, and I am very excited and honored to run for **Vice Chairperson or Treasurer** and to serve the CCOA and the Cougar community.



Guy". I met my future wife in '87 and she encouraged and supported the hobby. We were married in '90 and that Saxony Yellow Cat 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 Cats. 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.

Ray Bischoff

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 hay day. 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 fell 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 two sons, Gary and Jason. I am the founder and president of the Southern California Cougar Club. (www.facebook.com/socalcougarclub ; www.socalcougarclub.com)

I have a pack of Cougars. I have owned over 350 Cougars either I have restored, parted out, sold, traded, currently have or ??? You could say that I am addicted to Cougars. I

to have a CCOA website to be able to get to all this information instead of having to search all over the internet? This is an example of a project which I have the skills and passion to lead.



Lastly, I was contacted last Fall about the Mercury Cougar being the featured car in a local town fair and car show. I contacted our local CCOA members and other Cougar owners I know, and we had 14 Cougars attend. This isn't many compared to the other shows, but the car show organizer told me during the awards presentation, this was the most cars they have ever had in the feature car category in the 16 years they have been doing their shows (they had over 300 cars in the show). That's a step in the right direction! I look forward to your vote for me as Vice Chairman.

Greg Fritz

CCOA Member # 5269



Hello everyone, my name is **Matt Slay**, and I am very excited to be nominated for three roles (**Club Services Director, Community Relations Director & Vice-Chairperson**) and to potentially join the CCOA Board of Directors.

I would be honored to serve in any of the capacities and will help to further the CCOA and Cougar hobby.

It was the early eighties here in Dallas that I grew up with my father and his classic cars. He taught me to work on his Model T's and Model A's, and early T-Birds as his chief mechanic. It wasn't until I was fourteen that dad and his friend came home and mentioned one of the neighbors at the block party had her '69 Cougar STD convertible up for sale that had been sitting in her back yard for years. It had been covered, but had not been started in over a decade. It was love at first sight seeing the triple white convertible, it had a 351w and had ALL the

options; PW, speed control, bullet rockers, tilt-away, etc.. I was warned that if I wanted it for my first car that it would take a lot of work to get it ready for my license. Dad worked the deal and I gave him all the cash I had, it was the beginning of many creative payment plans my father had in store for me. Dad and his friend helped me tow it down the street. Fast forward, in the day before the internet and cell phones



I had chosen not the easiest of cars to find parts for. I spent many Saturdays salvaging through junk yards with my tool box just to keep my car as a driver and relished the weekends at the Pate swap meet once a year. What I did not realize was that I was building personal relationships with Cougar friends, vendors, and enthusiasts across the country that I would enjoy and benefit from for more than thirty years.

Despite time constraints and a very busy schedule, I still find time to do 90% 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. I now also enjoy it with my 10yr old daughter, Sydney. Sydney and I have been working on her '68 XR-7 onyx/parchment interior for her first car. It has been a slow process, but she does as much work as she is able to and we have fun time!



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 '66 Mustang that sits in the garage next to mine '69 STD convert. I currently own three '68s, one '67 GT 390 (project), my '69 STD convert and a 1970 (big project). Recently, I found and started restoration of 1 of 28 factory supported Calypso Coupes from Dallas Eagle Lincoln Mercury. I have an Augusta green '68 STD that I restored over the last several years.

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.

Matt S. Slay

Check us out on Facebook at Lone Star Cougar Club or www.mercurycougars.com



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 three grandchildren. I live in Crawfordville, FL, just outside of Tallahassee. I have been an auto enthusiast since my teenage years and became a diehard Cougar guy in the late 90s. 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 my first Cat, a '68 STD 428 CJ. I foolishly traded it away for three

fastback Mustangs! However, as luck would have it, I was able to get it back. After that I acquired several more Cougars over the years. Passing this passion to my boys has been most enjoyable. Two years ago my son Alex and I restored a '67 STD for him to drive. He is doing his second Cougar now because



someone rear ended him which totalled his first Cat. I few years ago I stumbled upon another '68 STD 428 CJ Cat. 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 advisor for the last few years and Club Services Director for the last year. As the Technical Advisor, 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,
Greg Taylor



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October 3rd 2015 8AM - 3PM

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NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED**

Class 1	1939 - 1948 Merc Open/Closed	Class 11	1968 XR7-G /GTE
Class 2	1949 - 1951 Merc Open/Closed	Class 12	1969 - 1970 Cougar Std/XR7
Class 3	1952 - 1956 Merc Open Closed	Class 13	1971 - 1973 Cougar Std/XR7
Class 4	1941 - 1956 Merc Woodies	Class 14	1969 - 1970 Convertibles Std/XR7
Class 5	1957 - 1974 Mercury All Models	Class 15	1971 - 1973 Convertibles Std/XR7
Class 6	All Year Merc Wagons No Woodies	Class 16	1969 - 1970 Eliminators
Class 7	All Year Comets	Class 17	Edsel
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

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

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Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

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Registration Fees: \$20.00 for entries postmarked on or before October 3, 2015/ second car \$15.00
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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, judgment 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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ORIGINAL MEMBERS



May we long continue...

By Barry Dixon (# 0156)

It all began back in late 1967 when, after touring all the European auto shows, a Cougar appeared in my local Ford dealership showroom window. It said "GTE" on the lower fender. It also said "6.5 Litre". As you probably already know, Ford never released a production GTE with that motor but two pre-production 390 cars were trimmed out for the European market, maybe to test the water, who knows. Let's be honest, back in middle 60s Europe, 3.0 litre was a big engine, so maybe we just weren't that ready for 427/428/7.0-litre motors. Anyway, this red Cougar, in my local dealership, really grabbed a chunk of the heart of this 20-year old.

Roll the clock on six years, and after an interlude with a 2.5-litre L6 UK Ford, a friend of mine convinced me, through his slant six Plymouth, that I should look to Detroit for my next vehicle. I didn't want a Mopar, like Dave, but I checked out several "Blue Ovals". I kind of had my mind set on a Mustang but nothing really jumped out at me. Either the car was right but the price wasn't or vice versa. Then, browsing through the pages of a major UK advertising weekly, an ad read something like 67 Mercury Cougar. Only 10 miles from Barrie's house. Come get me!" I remembered that GTE factory clone and went chasing across town to take a look.

This car had just about everything I was looking for: small block, stick shift and stuff I just can't remember was even on my list. I agreed a price with the seller, went home, sorted out finance,

and went back to collect my car. OK, so it took a total of four days before the car was mine and I could drive it home.

When I bought my six year old Cougar, it was pretty much okay to run red rear turn signals and I managed to get away with yellow running lights for a long while. But legislation eventually caught up with me and I had to add white running lights up front, abandon those fabulous sequential lights at the back, in favour of "add on" yellow turn signals, and make a couple of other concessions to comply with UK traffic law. I used this car as my "daily driver" for most of the 10 years I had it. Unfortunately, it got wrecked in a welding fire in 1983.

After my insurance company paid out on my car, I went in search of another Cougar. I found, again, just what I wanted. This time, my car had a 4V 289, C-4, power steering, power front discs and, as something of a bonus, tilt/swing steering. Somewhere in the preceding 16 years, the A/C had been ripped out but a steel sunroof had been added. I made a promise to Jeanette, my wife, that I wouldn't get as attached to this car. Ha! I still have it! I did say at one point I'd like to get something newer. "What?" She asked. "A 68", I answered. Hm, I think it's a keeper!

And here I am, 42 years later, with not only a 67 Mercury Cougar in our garage but a 2015 Ford Cougar parked right next to it. "But Ford doesn't make Cougars anymore" you're saying. Well, in Europe, the Ford Escape is branded "Kuga". No, we're not

dyslexic over here, it's just a whole load of folk can't pronounce c o u g a r just how it should be. You know what? That's their loss.

I'll bet you're thinking just how much does my Cougar differ now from when it left Dearborn, destined for export, in December 1966? The suspension has been upgraded with stiffer front springs, gas shocks and a fat sway bar. The steering is a Unisteer rack and pinion conversion. Although the motor is still the stock 289 4V, on its third set of crank bearings and second set of rings to complement the 148,000 miles on the clock, the carb is an Edelbrock, ignition is Pertronix backed up with fat plug wires and a larger distributor cap, the cast exhaust has been replaced with ceramic coated headers and backed up with a Magnaflow stainless system. Exterior lighting has been changed to halogen headlights and LEDs for everything else. Out back, the leaf springs were well past their "sell buy" date and have been replaced with a 4-link system and coil over shocks from R&C Motorsports attached to the 8" axle, the diff of which has been replaced with a slightly different ratio out of our redundant Mustang II. To say all this has made a difference to the handling of the car is an understatement and that 2.8 rear gear gives me a few more miles per gallon, even though the speedo is out by 5-mph or so. I just need to upgrade my rear brakes to disc and I'll be in the 21st century, for sure. Well, once I've added taller rims and lower tires, anyway. Trust me, trying to find quality 14" tires in the UK these days is getting very difficult!

As far as exterior paint and interior trim go, the paint isn't brilliant but it's functionally acceptable. The very shabby vinyl interior trim, on the other hand has been completely upgraded in leather, including a modified Mustang II centre console to house the power window switches. Carpets are stock replacements, ICE is courtesy of JVC and the factory dash housing has been adapted to suit. Just about everything else is as my car left Dearborn, except for the relocated battery, which sits along-side a second unit in the trunk. I have two Optima batteries? Oh, don't ask. And why do I tolerate a substandard paint job when I've done so much to the car? Well, it draws a little less attention in parking lots and if it had that Foose kind of paint and shine, I'd probably be a little bit, I don't know, conscious of where I park it, in case it might just get knocked or scratched.

Way back in 1980, I was a subscriber to Super Ford magazine and I read an ad that told me I had to join CCOA. I didn't hesitate. I wrote off to Tom Jacobellis and by Fall of that year I was member #156. I did make one big mistake, though. I told Tom that if he needed help, just shout. It wasn't too long after that, probably late in '82, that Tom wrote and said "we need an Overseas Director. You're it!"

I hung on to that post for its duration and the title changed to International Manager, which I took on until I felt it was time for

me to retire. It's an age thing! I'm still the Big Cheese at M60 Cougars though and that gives me a few perks. I get a small amount of "junk mail" and I get to hear from our Assistant Editor each quarter, reminding me I have a club report due. And I get to impart some useful, and occasionally useless, information to CCOA members everywhere, through ATSOTC. I'm also known to have a reasonable knowledge of early Cougars and I've been known to solve technical issues on the odd occasion. Or several!

I've got to meet lots of Cougar owners over the last 43-years, either by inviting myself around to their homes or at shows. The latter of which includes the first ever CCOA show in Virginia, in May 1982, and the Niagara Falls show in 1995. Jeanette and I really need to visit another Nationals someday soon and meet up again with some of the folks we've met at those shows. We still see Tom and Irene Jacobellis whenever we're in Florida and we were regular visitors with Dick Hertzler. Long time member Jim Dunn, also in Florida, has been a good friend since '82 and I drove his 69 428CJ convertible on more than one occasion. I don't know why it is but folks just seem to trust me with their Cougars! Jimmy's 428, Hertzler's 68 390 ex-Hertz rental, several 67s and 68s, a 69 or two and certainly one '70. There may be a 71-73 in the mix but I just can't recall.

I know we have a different mix of people in the CCOA today than those guys way back in 1980 and, obviously, some of us are hanging on in there. I know, also, that ideals change but we still have a group of people interested enough to share their enthusiasm for a car that always played second fiddle to "the" Pony car. I believe these changing ideals have always been natural changes and they have been made in the interests of the club. Some have been very welcome, natural changes, just as others have been less acceptable and short lived. But the club has survived, thanks to the enthusiasm of not just the Management team but those who feel the need to fuel their hobby/passion/obsession. We are now well into our 35th year. May we long continue.



EBAY CATS



Year/Model: 1977 Wagon
VIN: 7H96SXXXXX
Miles: 54,746
Condition: 3
Winning bid: \$1,500
Total # of Bids: 17

Comments: This wagon Cat is all original and has traveled only 54k miles. Has almost all options including rare cornering lights and the Brougham package. This Cat has a 400 2v which runs well, but has cracked exhaust manifold. The body is in fair condition with some rust on bottom of tailgate, has damage on left front (repairable) and minor dings on sides. The interior is complete with normal front driver seat wear (small separation) and rear cargo area shows use. It was a Hawaii car until shipped to CA and driven to CO, has been garaged for last ten years. Comes with factory repair manuals, rare brochures and XR7 wheels that need restoration.

window and right in the rear of the drivers side rear wheel well. Floor pans and trunk look real nice except for 2 small places. All electrical components work as they should; sequential taillights, vacuum headlights and interior lights.



Year/Model: 1975 XR7
VIN: 5A93H5XXXXX
Miles: 74,405
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$2,179
Total # of Bids: 33

Comments: All original/one owner XR7 with only 74k miles. Has been garage kept since new. Runs pretty well, needs a new exhaust system. This Cat is in very good shape with just a few rust spots. Believe to be never been wrecked. Comes with the original paperwork.

auctions end, if found it will be included in the sale. All the chrome on the motor is original to this Cougar, the hood blanket is new.



Year/Model: 1997 XR7
VIN: 1MELM62XXXXXX
Miles: 27,420
Condition: 1
Winning bid: \$5,300
Total # of Bids: 41

Comments: This 2nd issued color 30th anniversary edition Cat is all original and in pristine condition both in and out, you can still smell that new car smell. Has only 27k original miles on its V8, never missed an oil change at 3000 mile intervals. The only thing new on this Cat is the battery, still has its original "paws" (tires). Comes with all documentation since new including; window sticker, Cross pen and Mini mag flashlight.



Year/Model: 1967 STD coupe
VIN: 7F91C5XXXXXX
Miles: 47,249
Condition: 3
Winning bid: \$9,500
Total # of Bids: 13

Comments: Originally built and sold in California. This Cat is only showing 47k on the clock, could be original miles (no documentation to prove the miles) due to original ball joints and other suspension parts, tight door bushings and overall tightness when you drive the car. Recently a new dual exhaust system was put on as well as a total brake job with new wheel cylinders and shocks. The only rust issues is the bubbling at the bottom corner of the rear



Year/Model: 1968 STD DGS
VIN: 8F91S5XXXXXX
Miles: 129,675
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$24,601
Total # of Bids: 14

Comments: A very rare STD Cat with the Dan Gurney Special package, 1 of 50 non GT S code car with the DGS package. It has been repainted once in the original color (Sea Foam Green), the Ivy Gold interior is all original and looks new. Engine compartment has been detailed to look showroom new. This is a truly matching numbers Cat. The A/C compressor has been changed to a modern Sanden, but the original compressor and brackets are included with the sale of the car. The 4150 Holley carburetor on the car right now is non numbers matching but will try to locate the correct one in the shop before the



Year/Model: 1973 XR-7 convertible
VIN: 3F93H5XXXXXX
Miles: 67,282
Condition: 1
Winning bid: \$9,900
Total # of Bids: 12

Comments: Last year for the convertible Cat, this XR-7 is all original with only 67k miles on its 351C 2V/auto. Has AM/FM stereo, A/C (needs to be recharged), center sport console with clock, power front disc brakes, power steering, protective body side molding, dual racing mirrors and styled steel wheels. The top was changed in 1989. I am the third owner, bought this Cat in 1987.

PERSONAL ADS

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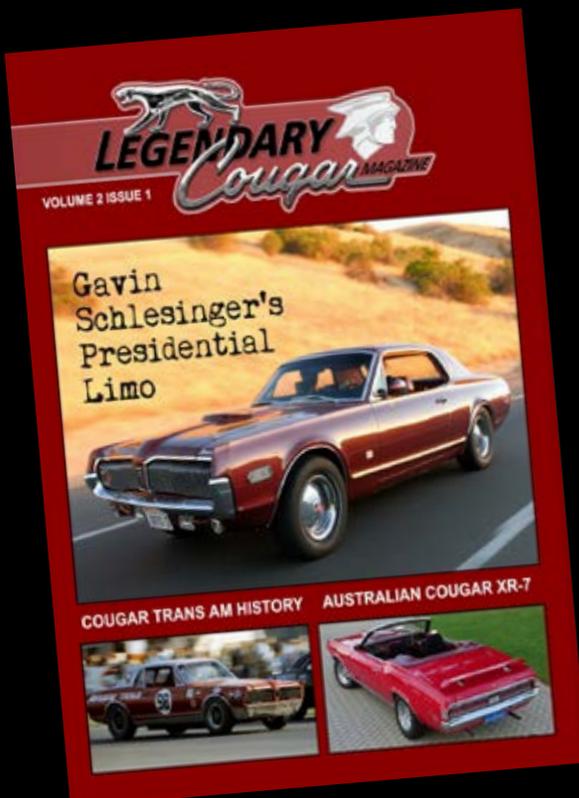
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COUGARS ABROAD

Greetings once again from us UK Cats.

By Chris and Sally Course (#9000)

Hope you are all fine and looking forward to the show season. Since we last wrote, we moved 300 miles to the north of England and it's wonderful here. This is a beautiful part of the UK. We are 300 yards from the sea with a lovely bay. This small town is steeped in mining history, but sadly, it is now all gone.

When we moved, the Cougar had to go into storage in a barn for 16 weeks. We simply could not drive it up here and we had two other cars to get here as well. We have a lot to do on this old house. It was built in 1912, but since the Cougar has been here after its holiday, we've taken it out a few times and jaws drop each place we've been in it.

Easter weekend here was a vintage weekend; a ball on Saturday night and a car parade downtown on Sunday. The Cat took part in the parade. The BBC was there to cover it, but sadly, we never saw us on the tv later that night. Can't win them all! The Cat seems to be running well after I've given it the gun a few times to get the cobwebs out of her.

I think we may not be doing as many shows this year as I have a lot to do on our home, and the house needs to come first this year.

We've been in touch with clubs up here, but it's like starting over again. I'm also hoping our Cat will pass its M.O.T. In July. If it fails, I may lay it up because we don't have the money to throw at it. We both quit our jobs to semi-retire in this wonderful place. So far, it's all working out fine. I have contacted Ford Motor Company UK. I worked

for them for 27 years, and they are going to feature our Cat in Ford News, hopefully in May.

We are also hoping to get the Cat in *Legendary Cougar Magazine*. I am waiting to hear back from them at this time. Being a Brit, I'd like to think they may use our Cat, as we haven't seen any yet in the magazine so far. L.C.M. is great, and I hope they will feature a small guy. We all have Cougars, and not all are perfect, but we have one thing in common, our cars. With that, I would like to ask all of the Cougar clubs out there for your help. Could you please send me your club decal, or any flyers to go with Cougar shows. We feel out in the cold over here, and I would be most grateful to everyone who would be kind enough to help me. Thank you. I would also like to thank Colorado Cougar Club. I have been the only European member since they were formed, and they feature our Cat in their calendar every year. So come on, all you other Cougar clubs, say hi to us, and help me build up my collection of Cougar club related stuff. I obviously can't join every club, so I hope you understand.

Well, that's it for now. Take care. Thanks also to Gavin, who since taking the chair has always gotten back to me, and shown an interest in us and our car. Thanks, mate!

We would love to hear from all of you US cats. Our email address is c.course@btinternet.com or look us up on Facebook, and see us and our Cat. Thanks again.

Chris and Sally Course, 68 standard, 302 UK



FINANCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Greg Fritz (#5269)
Financial Services Director

Income Statement		
	As of 03/31/15	As of 06/30/15
Revenue		
Dues - Checks	\$3,235.00	\$755.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calendars	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merchandise	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
PayPal - Dues	\$1,595.00	\$1,390.00
PayPal - Merchandise	\$376.95	\$387.55
Total Revenue	\$5,206.95	\$2,532.55
Expenses		
Postage	\$205.02	\$393.76
Office Supplies	\$30.19	\$265.76
Membership Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checkprint Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$1,770.03	\$2,906.34
Web Site Fee	\$249.25	\$0.00
PayPal Fees	\$84.65	\$74.89
Legal Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merchandise Cost	\$1,176.63	\$4,324.95
Merchandise Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shipping	\$20.00	\$0.00
Postal Express	\$29.51	\$51.05
Memorial	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nat'l Show Expense	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Web Site Pgm Exp	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$5,565.28	\$8,016.75
Net Income	-\$358.33	-\$5,484.20

Balance Sheet		
	As of 03/31/15	As of 6/30/15
Assets		
US Bank	\$5,920.19	\$2,784.38
PayPal	\$24,330.78	\$21,962.39
Total Cash	\$30,250.97	\$24,746.77
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$30,250.97	\$24,746.77
Inventory Assets	\$877.00	\$877.00
Fixed Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Furniture/Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$877.00	\$877.00
Other Non-Current Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$31,127.97	\$25,623.77
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Long Term Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equity	\$31,486.30	\$31,127.97
Current Earnings	-\$358.33	-\$5,484.20
Total Owners Equity	\$31,127.97	\$25,643.77
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$31,127.97	\$25,643.77



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

LIFETIME HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

The CCOA Board of Directors recently has been considering nominations for Lifetime Honorary Membership as part of our 35th Anniversary Celebration. We are pleased to announce the following honoree who joins a select few who have received this recognition.

Kevin Marti (#0153) El Mirage, AZ – Kevin is known to most Cougar enthusiasts as the man behind the team at Marti Auto Works – producer of the Marti Reports that are “must haves” for us all. Kevin’s contributions to the hobby go beyond the success of following his passions. Kevin was among the first CCOA Regional Directors and served for a decade. His article in the July/Aug/Sept 1982 issue of *At the Sign of the Cat - Rarest Breed Of Cat* – recounting his 1967 convertible conversion – remains one of the most requested articles. Kevin has graciously opened his museum of memorabilia to Cougar fans during recent auction weeks at Scottsdale, AZ. For his major contributions to the CCOA and beyond, the Board formally recognizes Kevin Marti.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN...

HELP CELEBRATE THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY

If you would like to nominate someone for Lifetime Honorary Membership, send their name and a short statement of the reasons to any of the Board members listed on the contacts page.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CLUB

If you are a dues-paying member of a regional Cougar Club listed on the CCOA's website, you are 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 on our website for others to find.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Joining the Club since the last At the Sign of the Cat, through Aug. 15, are the following new members:

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TROY & LAURA ALLEN	MELANCTHON ON CANADA
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TERRY SMITH	SUN CITY WEST AZ
FISH	BERKELEY CA
MARK & DIANE HOLTZE	BOULDER CREEK CA
ROBERT CAPLAN	BURBANK CA
MIKE GROENIGER	EAGLE CA
GREG LARSEN	ESCALON CA
RICHARD KEELINE	HEMET CA
RANDY GARCIA	HUGHSON CA
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RICK HUNWARDSEN	MERCED CA
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RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Post card reminders went out to members who's renewal expired with the last issue of the newsletter. If you received the post card, renew now so you don't miss any issues of the newsletter. If you got the card and think our records are mistaken.... You're probably right. Shoot me an email at membership@cougarclub.org.

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 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.

PROBLEMS WITH ON-LINE RENEWAL?



Note: Some members have reported problems using the on-line renewal form as well as the CCOA store at times. We getting close to completing the website upgrades.

If you get an error, try using a different internet browser (Google's Chrome or Firefox). Switching browsers has worked for everyone so far. If that fails, you can log into your PayPal account and "manually" send the payment to membership@cougarclub.org, or go totally old school with your checkbook and postage stamp. We're sorry for the inconvenience.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW MEMBERS!



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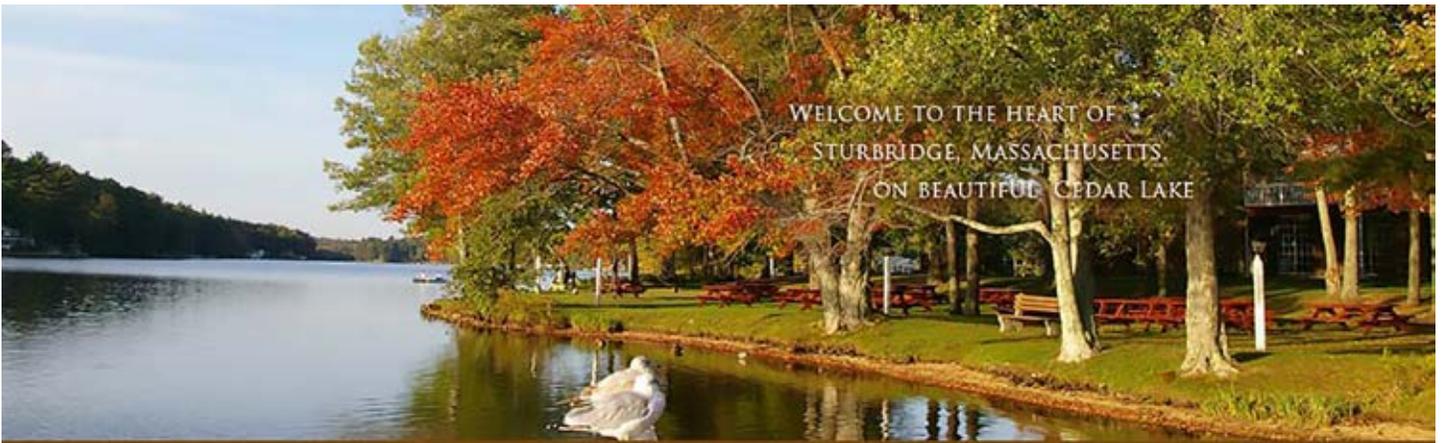
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