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Editor's Desk

The Cougar Club of America, like the nation, chooses a new president every four years, and now is the time to decide who will lead the club beginning next January.

President Scott Ferguson's term ends this year and, as you'll see elsewhere in this issue, an election is on for the club's top spot. Scott is running for re-election and Mike Brown, president of the Southern California Cougar Club, also has thrown his hat in the ring.

Don't miss your opportunity to make your voice heard in this important election. Review the candidates' statements on **page 15** and use the ballot on **page 16**, or e-mail, to register your vote for the CCOA's next president.

The CCOA, historically, has had low turnout for elections and other decisions that require a membership vote. Let's change that pattern this year. This club is nothing without the active involvement of members and, if you can't volunteer for a hands-on role in running the CCOA, you still can play an important part by participating in important decisions, such as this election. Don't pass up this opportunity to make a difference in the CCOA's future.

Last Call for Nats

The 2003 CCOA National Show is just around the corner, June 27 to 29, in Mount Laurel, N.J. So, if you haven't registered yet, turn to the registration form, **page 17**, fill it out and mail it!

This year's show, hosted by the Cougar Club of New Jersey, promises to be top-notch. A national, all-Cougar show is something special, so don't miss your opportunity this year. For more information, visit the CCNJ Web site, at www.ccnjonline.com.

TCCN Archive Available

A terrific resource for owners of classic Cougars is now available through the Cascade Cougar Club (CCC) Web site.

The Classic Cougar Network (TCCN) archive—five years' worth of content from the popular "e-zine" that closed at the end of 2002—is now available, free of charge, through the CCC site, at www.cascadecougarclub.com.

Visitors to the archive will find a wealth of restoration information, technical and historical articles, member car profiles and other hallmark TCCN features. Still operating at the original TCCN site, www.theclassiccougarnetwork.com, are three specialized registry sites focusing on the Cougar GT-E, XR7-G and Eliminator. All have been and continue to be open to the public, free of charge.



Carl Graziano

President's Report



Scott Ferguson

I hope everyone is enjoying spring, so far. With all the tension in the world, I would like to emphasize the importance of participating in one's hobbies. A hobby can be a great way to take your mind off tension and worry, and what better way to take your mind off life's troubles than to work on your Cougar or drive it to a local or distant event?

This year has not started off that great for me and the Fordnutz club. We lost Brad Whitaker, a longtime and core member, to cancer in February after a short and brutal battle. Not long after that, we found out that my mother, Vera, another dedicated core member, also has cancer.

There is nothing like being told that you need to help to get a loved one's affairs in order, as the

doctors are measuring their remaining lifetime in months. If there is any advantage to knowing that time with a loved one is limited, it is that you can leave nothing unsaid and try to do the things that they have wanted to do, but haven't as yet done. You never know how long any of us has, so give your loved ones a hug at every opportunity.

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers! You keep hearing me ask for more volunteers to step up for the CCOA. Well, it's not just the CCOA that needs more member participation. Many local clubs can use help, too. So, please consider giving something back to the CCOA and your local club. It doesn't have to take a lot of your time, and we could really use the help.

Take care.

CCOA Merchandise

The Cougar Club of America has the following pictured items and others merchandise for sale at special discounts. Available quantities on these items are limited, so order soon. Send orders to CCOA Region 3 North Director **Randy Goodling, 2046 Mill Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-9401**. You can call Randy at (717) 367-6700. Please include a check or money order with your order and \$3.50 for shipping. Allow two to four weeks for delivery. **Please include your CCOA member number on your check.**

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1992 Regional Show—\$1



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Hey, Cougar owner:

Are you a Cougar Club of America member?

If not, you're missing out on the best way to hook up with fellow enthusiasts for shows, parts sources and other information about your classic cat. For information, contact CCOA Membership Director Ron Crouch at (757) 587-5498 or at membership@cougarclub.org.



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Local Club Reports

Carolina Cougar Club

The Carolina Cougar Club joined the International Mercury Owners Association at the Lowe's (Motor Speedway) Auto Fair April 4 and 5.

Robin Jacques drove his new '69 Eliminator, which is a nice shade of blue. Bruce Habel brought his 5.0-liter resto-mod '69, a real nice job of modification and also a great blue color. Our newest members, Steven and Candice Helms, brought their newly done, blue '67 390 police interceptor. The dual Flowmasters sound like a roaring cat. They're a very nice, enthusiastic couple and a pleasure to meet and know. Several new prospects also stopped by.

We had fun at our show and poking around the approximately 7,000 vendors set up in the infield and outside the track. Also, there was a 2,400-car sales corral, SVT exhibits and an auction.

Steve and Candace found me out on the street and followed me because they probably thought I knew how to get to our show spot. Little did they know that I led them on a mile long tour through thousands of spectators to eventually find where we belonged. Anyway, we got a pretty good preview of the show.

—Marvin Wyant

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Cascade Cougar Club

The Cascade Cougar Club is putting an active start to the year.

First, for those needing to keep track of our activities, our Web address just changed. We are now **www.cascadecougarclub.com**. The new address will allow us to do much more, including transact business, eventually. Steve Eitzen has agreed to be our new Webmaster and is improving the site as time permits. Steve also is moving the incredible volume of Cougar data from his old "The Classic Cougar Network" site to our site. Now, you know that the information will not be lost and where to find it, but it may take awhile to get it set up the way Steve wants it.

Show preparations are underway for our annual Prowl on July 27. We are looking at rearranging the show's layout due to construction of a swimming pool where we had our Show Central area. We'll still be at Cedar River Park, but the exact spots for parking show cars will be

radically different. We're also planning a Saturday cruise after the show area gets striped for parking and before the barbecue at Eric and Judy Anders' home.

Other shows are getting us information on dates, places, and arrangements. These shows include the North Olympic Mustang Club's annual show in Port Angeles, April 19; the Pacific Northwest Mustang Club's annual Spring Show in Richland, May 25; and the annual All-Ford Show in Hillsboro, Ore., on June 7.

Jim Hall arranged a bowling afternoon for Jan. 25. About 20 members bowled, while several other CCC members watched and cheered. Chris Farmer had the best game (179), but good games were also had by Mike Hainsworth, Larry Purviance and Bill Herbert. Sam Bingaman, Kevin Hainsworth and Brittany Hainsworth had the best games of the kids in attendance. Bill Herbert also reported that, "We saw several 'unique' styles and approaches, a few strikes, and a lot of splits, including a rather dramatic one by a member who will not be named who tried to follow her ball down the lane."

In February, Eric Anders put on a demonstration he calls "Carburetor 101," where he took the 4-V carburetor off his 1969 Ranchero GT, took it mostly apart, cleaned it, and put it all back on. Yes, the car started again afterward. He also brought along several other carburetors of various brands and sizes to show us what to seek and what to avoid when searching for a replacement carb at swap meets. He also discussed gasolines, air intake and several other subjects in a highly entertaining two hours.

For March, we arranged to have a Meguiar's representative come to give us another Cat Grooming session. Thirty-one CCC members showed up; the Meguiar's guy did not. Marc Ogren saved the day by racing home to bring back a buffer and some cleaning supplies. George Blomberg supplied a '67 XR-7 to use as the test vehicle. Several members, led by Jeff Bingaman and Ted Both, took turns working on George's car and giving tips based on experience and other forms of knowledge.

Both the February and March meetings were held in the service bay at Cascade Lincoln-Mercury, in Renton. This dealership has graciously let us use its conference room for meetings, as well. We really appreciate having a consistent (and good) meeting location and a reliable indoor facility to use for practical demonstrations. Check with one of your nearby dealers to see if your club may do something similar.

Have a great spring. Get your Cougars ready, then get them out on the road (even if trailered) for you and others to enjoy.

—Jim Compton

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Cougar Club of New Jersey

Greetings from the Garden State! The Cougar Club of New Jersey is hard at work prepping for the June 27-29 CCOA National Show, which we'll host in Mount Laurel, N.J.

Thanks for such a great cover last issue. When Don Wussler and I created the club in 1998, hosting a national convention was our main goal. The CCNJ has some extraordinary, hard-working members and it will be a pleasure to recognize them during our special weekend.

For those who thinks hosting a convention is like hosting "a big car show," think again. We've learned a lot, such as: Ask other clubs for input and suggestions! Each convention makes the CCOA stronger and helps bond regional clubs. We've had great help from the Delmarva Cougar Club, a fine bunch of people. It's these relationships, after all, that make sense of any of this!

We think you'll be impressed with the Nats site. The Wyndam hotel received a multi-million-dollar facelift recently, and the staff and grounds are second to none. We also think you'll like our give-aways and goodie bags, a source of CCNJ pride. Most of all, just participate in the fun of Cougar ownership—it's a unique automobile that always turns heads on the highway. CCNJ reminds you to register soon. As the last cover so rightly stated: "It's closer than you think."

On a local level, CCNJ will once again host a show in September, in Fanwood, N.J. We're also planning club outings and hope to organize a trip to a minor league baseball game over the late summer. The National Show has occupied a lot of our free time, we sure hope to see you all there. Until then, remember: The biggest trophy you have has an engine under the hood!

—Tom (TJ) Jedic

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Delmarva Cougar Club

The club got off to a great start with our April 13 picnic in Newport News, Va. Arranged by

Membership Director Ron Crouch and his wife, Sally, the outing was held in Newport News Park, near a reservoir.

With plenty of sun and temperatures in the mid-60s, we had an excellent turnout, with about two dozen Cougars on hand, and close to 50 picnickers! It was the first club meeting for several new people. A caravan from the Washington, D.C., northern contingent made an impressive sight as 10 Cougars paraded along the Colonial Parkway past several historic plantations, en route to the park.

In other news, two DCC members, Wayne Wachter and Ken Compher, have been invited to display their cars at Ford Motor Co.'s "The Road Is Ours" 100th Anniversary celebration, June 12 to 16, on the grounds of the Henry Ford II World Center in Dearborn, Mich. The event will feature displays of vehicles that best represent Ford products of the past 100 years. Wayne's beautiful 1968 XR7-G and Ken's '69 CJ428 Sports Special will represent Cougars well at the event. Ken's car also has been chosen as a display vehicle at this year's All-Ford Nationals, in Carlisle, Pa. Wayne's car was featured at that show in 2001.

The club Web site, at www.dconline.org, has seen a cosmetic overhaul and some new additions, thanks to the efforts of club Web Editor Carl Graziano. Additions and changes have been made to the club's online store, where members and non-members can purchase "DCC Gear." Also a recent addition: a full-length technical article on replacing '67-'68 door hinges from DCC Technical Adviser Bruce Habel. Bruce earlier this year assumed tech duties for the DCC and holds a similar title with the Carolina Cougar Club, of which he's also a member. Bruce recently finished a stint as Technical Editor for The Classic Cougar Network, a popular Cougar Web magazine that closed its doors in December. Bruce also is well-known within the Cougar community for his frequent comments on the CLASSIC-COUGARS list service.

—Barry Reichenbaugh

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FordNutz Cougar Club

Well, according to the calendar, it's officially spring. But the Lower Mainland area has been in a constant state of autumn, with cold, rainy, blustery days—definitely not convertible weather, unless the heater can be cranked up to turn the car into a giant hot tub.

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Anyway, the show season is just beginning, with The annual Mustangs and Cougars at the Courthouse, which took place in Port Angeles, Wash., April 19 and success has already been achieved by those few brave members who embarked on the road trip for their first taste of the social circuit.

Scott Ferguson took first in the '74 and Newer Cougar class with his recent acquisition, a red 1989 S/C XR-7. This is a departure from his familiar green '68, and he will no doubt have tough decisions to make regarding which vehicle to take to future shows. Jeff Bingaman took first in his class, too ('67-'68 Cougar). Way to go guys! Other members in attendance but not showing their cats were Alan Haaland, navigator for Scott, Noel Bingaman, navigator for Jeff, and the Gehlhaars. Not much else to report at this time. . .but the season is just beginning. . . .

—Heather Whitaker

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Great Lakes Cougar Club

Is it safe to go outside yet? It's been a long and cold one, here in the "banana belt" of Ontario. No, I don't mean the beer in your fridge—I was talking winter. I think it is nearly over, but keep in mind it is still only March as I sit at the keyboard trying to think of something to write about. With the spring and summer season almost here, it is time to dust off the Cougar and go for a ride.

I am already thinking of a trip to New Jersey for the June 27 to 29 CCOA Cougar Nationals. This year, I would like to get a convoy together starting from here in Southern Ontario and going down through New York state on I-390 to Route 17, in the southern tier.

This year, for our second year in a row, the Great Lakes Cougar Club will co-host the all-Ford Show at the Lamm Post on Wehrle Drive in Williamsville, N.Y. (Buffalo). Last June, we had a gathering of about 125 cars. This show is sponsored by us at the GLCC and the good folks of the Western N.Y. Shelby club, and any help you can give on show day or to donate a door prize or goodie bag items, please contact me or any officer of the GLCC. If I have not mentioned it yet, the date is Sunday, June 8. I hope to see a better showing of our members than we had last year.

The nice weather and cruising season is almost here, I hope it is a good one and safe for you. Feel free to contact me with any information as to events where our Cougars are welcome, or to help

in any way with our show in June. Maybe I will run into you at some event this season.

—Jim Megannety

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Lone Star Cougar Club

The club had six cars on display at the 43rd Annual O'Reilly Dallas Autorama show in February. As previously reported, Sonny Morgan's '70 Boss 302 Eliminator was a featured car, and he received an Excellence in Class award. Other winners were Doug Bodensteiner, 1987 Pro Street "Wild Cat," Best in Class; Ray Bodensteiner, 1967 Rest-Mod, Class Award; Barry Rowe, 1967 GT, Class Award; and Kendall Spears, 1967 standard coupe, Excellence in Class.

The 2003 season of racing in the Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge began in March. After four races, the LSCC is off to a good start. Doug Bodensteiner is leading the Pro Muscle class and also has the top spot in overall driver competition. Bob Arnold is third in Stock Muscle, and Ray and Mike Bodensteiner are doing well in King and Street Muscle classes, respectively. Two more races remain in the spring meet before we take a summer heat break. Racing resumes in October.

On April 19, a contingent from the LSCC traveled to Shreveport, La., to help launch the inaugural Lincoln-Mercury Prowl, hosted by the Southern Classic Cougar Club. Lucky for us, the terrible Dallas-Fort Worth weather stopped just short of Shreveport. Our thanks to Dennis Austin and his club for being wonderful hosts and letting the visitors take home some trophies! Barry Rowe's 1967 GT was a standout, getting two awards, including Best in Show.

As of this writing, the LSCC Spring Charity Car Show was on track for May 18, in Dallas, as scheduled. We hope to break last year's record of 60 cars.

—Bob Arnold

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Southern California Cougar Club

Well, this is reunion time of the year. Many of us will be seeing old classmates from high school or college. Some of us may actually go in the car

we owned back then (or wish we owned): a classy Cougar.

This is also show season. It's a time to be reunited with old car friends, to make new acquaintances and see what has been created over the cooler months. In So Cal, the big event for gathering will be the annual Fabulous Fords Forever event at Knott's Berry Farm at the end of April. This brings together nearly 2,000 Fords of all types and vintages for a show-only event to celebrate all the Ford products. It is also a good spectator draw and always includes celebrities there by request and others there just to look. We usually have 75 or more Cougars present. Considering some of the high prices realized at the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale, Ariz., auction this year, I expect there will be even more interest in the Cats. The exciting part of attending is that other clubs outside of the area have a tradition of bringing a group in just for this. It is always great to see friends from Northern California, Arizona and a big group from San Diego. But I really honor those newbies who come in on their own from some far away stations.

This year, the trip can be even more interesting as SVT Owners Association (Western Region) is sponsoring events the prior two days in Bakersfield, Calif., for both the older cars and the newer SVTs. They were scheduled to caravan down the morning of April 27. Ford always shows up with some interesting stuff. Last year it was the new Cobra. This year they will be celebrating their 100th birthday at this event. SCCC will have a club booth along with the other local Ford clubs, but we will be raffling off a nice set of wheels.

After a successful 2002, the SCCC entered 2003 with more than 125 members and now nearly 10 years behind it. This year, we are confident to hit 50 in attendance at the monthly lunch meeting! We already had a joint event with the Cougar Club of San Diego, meeting them for a lunch event cruise in Laguna Beach. With the growth of the swap meet and drag races at the Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, we may be spending more time down there.

Some of us want to go to Sacramento and "talk" to some of our elected officials who are, again, attacking our car hobby. Now they want to repeal one of the few good things they did when they exempted 30-year-old vehicles from our ultra-strict emission standards. Like with the car crushing initiative, the only winners will be the big polluting companies who can buy the credits created by these dumb laws and continue to violate the rules.

Unimpressed by left-wing politicians elected by vacant-minded Hollywood stars driving electric Chevys, we have a fun schedule of events planned for this year and beyond. May means a

cruise to the coast and a picnic on the beach. July is Cat Scratch Fever month! This is the comprehensive show we hold every year when the Nationals aren't being hosted here. July also means a trip to the beautiful Northwest for the Cascade Club Prowl. The caravan will start in San Diego and pick up attendees along the way.

This summer will also mark the long-awaited advent of the first annual golf event. (This one has been harder than 30 year old rubber gaskets.) September is the San Diego Deer Park show at the vineyard/ museum, and October is barbeque time at the Pikes' home in Apple Valley. In between all these set events are Mustang shows, Poker runs and other events where we get to drive our cars, the purpose for which they were intended. Also in the works is a 2004 calendar and, of course, the big event in July 2004: the SCCC will again host the CCOA Nationals. We are already working on topping the restoration and raffling of Tiffany in 2002, but it is still under wraps, so don't tell if you know.

We wish everyone a fun car season and, as always, invite you to visit us, our part of the country and our Cougars, anytime.

—Rich Ladd

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Sunshine State Cougar Club

The curse of the outdoor event—rain—struck the SSCC's Sixth Annual All-Cougar Show for the first time in the event's history! And rain it did—most of the day Friday and all day Sunday. But while it dampened the ground, it had no effect on the spirits of those attending, and the weekend stayed right on schedule!

The monsoon began early Friday morning, making it difficult to set up the show area, and forcing most of the vendors to cover their wares with tarps. But by mid-afternoon, the rain stopped, and Friday evening, the skies were clear for the outdoor Welcome Party among a couple dozen Cougars at the hotel. While we ate pizza, we did some final Cougar clean-up, completed our show registrations and renewed friendships.

Early Saturday morning, under clear skies, the Cougar convoy left the hotel for the Speedway. The show field was relatively dry and Cougars filled every available spot. The vendors were in full operation, and executive chefs Cynthia Vanderwilt and Bill, along with chef Ken Cruci, made sure the grill was hot and there were plenty of burgers, hot dogs and cold drinks.

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At the Annual SSCC Meeting, Emily Pipas from Lincoln-Mercury spoke to the membership, pledging their support of the SSCC in the future. She selected the Lincoln-Mercury Sponsor's Choice award, and Mike Kelly of Cruise News fame also selected his choice for the Cruise News Award.

Sunday morning, we were treated to the same liquid sunshine that we battled on Friday. A decision was made to hold the awards presentation and raffle and 50/50 drawings at the hotel.

Bruce Wallace hosted the Cougar-related game again this year: 20 questions relating to a 1970 Cougar. Five contestants were selected; four of them are 1970 owners. The fifth, a 1969 convertible owner, 16-year-old Jason Broady, only missed two questions and won easily!

Nancy Elder, the SSCC's Newsletter Editor, was awarded Member of the Year; Kitty and Tim Willis' 1969 XR-7 received the Members' Choice Award; Phil and Nancy Elder's 1970 Eliminator received Mike Kelly's Cruise News Award; and Michael Kantorowski's 1967 bench seat GT received the Lincoln-Mercury Sponsor's Award.

A special thanks to Lincoln-Mercury, who has sponsored the show for the past five years, to the Speedway for always making the SSCC feel at home, to the Jameson Inn for their incredible hospitality and to all the members who attended, and gave unselfishly of their time and effort to ensure the show was a success...and it was!

'Mustangs and Mustangs'

The Imperial Mustangs of Polk County hosted their Sixth Annual Mustangs and Mustangs All-Ford Show at the Fantasy of Flight Museum in Polk City March 28. As promised, there was a Cougar class for judging by popular vote, and by entering at the same time, the SSCC Cougars were able to park together. There were about a dozen Cougars in attendance.

Attending an out-of-town event means never knowing what to expect, and this event was no exception! As we waited to have our Cats

photographed with classic aircraft, the starter solenoid on my 1970 froze and the engine would not turn off. It wouldn't have been so bad had it not also engaged the starter, which ran grinding against the flywheel for about a minute or more! Starters and solenoids can be fixed in the field, but that's not a good place to replace a flywheel!

Once parked, the only way to stop the engine was to pull the coil wire. Then, of course, trying to start it again (no luck there!) only proved that serious damage had been done.

We had to drive to Lakeland, about 20 minutes away, to find an auto parts store. We returned about 45 minutes later and, thanks to Phil Elder's assistance, finished the repairs quickly. We would have made any NASCAR pit crew jealous!

Now it was time to take a look at what we missed while playing mechanic. In addition to more than 400 Ford vehicles, there was the Fantasy of Flight museum (the world's largest) to tour, including a walk-through of a B-17 and up-close inspection of some P-51 Mustangs. As for the show results, when all the ballots had been tallied, my 1970 XR-7 convertible received the First Place Cougar award (how many sympathy votes did I receive?) and Cecil Weippert's 1968 standard received Second Place.

But the day was just half over, and Old Town, about 20 miles east, was next on the list! Bruce Wallace and I stopped by with our Cats, as did Phil and Nancy Elder. Old Town was extremely busy, and was about 10 cars shy of capacity when we arrived—the count was close to 500 classics! That translated to an hour and a half parade.

So ended my day, which was well into its 15th hour, and I was ready for some rest before beginning the 200-plus mile trip back to South Florida early in the morning!

—Barry Margolis

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Historian's Report

It's been awhile since the last time I had anything in this newsletter. To start off I would like to say thanks to the Southern California Cougar Club and Earl Pike for sending me a T-shirt, license plate frame, dash plaque, antenna banner, pin and program from the 2002 West Nationals for the club archives. Also a big thanks goes out to the Georgia Cougar Club and Joy Guiney for sending me a T-shirt, dash plaque and a nice photo album with all the info on the show,

photos from the show and awards banquet from the 2002 East Nationals for the club archives.

Looking at these items from both National shows made me wish I could have been there. It also made me think how much time and work went into making these shows such a success. Anyone who has ever put on a show sure knows what I am talking about. So a big thanks goes out to all of you.

—Scott Dyke

Restoring Brake Valves

By Dick Hertzler

In 1967, Ford began using federally mandated dual braking systems in all its vehicles. A major safety improvement, dual braking systems replaced single-reservoir master cylinders with units that used separate reservoirs for the front and rear brakes. So, a leak and failure of one circuit wouldn't affect the performance of the other.

All Cougars with dual braking systems were fitted with a "pressure differential valve," which alerted the driver, by way of a dash warning light, to a loss of pressure in either the front or rear brake circuit. To accomplish this, the valve incorporated a spool in a chamber between the paths of fluid to the front and rear brakes. Loss of pressure on one side caused the spool to move to that side and trip a switch, which illuminated the dash light.

Further, cars with front disc brakes and rear drums included a "proportioning valve" in the braking system to ensure a greater share of braking power to the front brakes and guard against rear wheel lock-up during hard stops.

This article deals with cleaning and centering the pressure differential valve, which sometimes gets stuck in an off-center position (illuminating the brake warning light) when no actual pressure problem exists, and cleaning the proportioning valve on disc brake cars. The pressure differential valve on all-drum cars cannot be disassembled and, therefore, will not be covered in this article.

A build-up of dried, crystallized brake fluid over 35 years or more generally is to blame for a stuck differential valve. So, you need to remove, clean and reinstall the valve. But that first step—removal—can be tricky, given tight quarters under the hood. Getting a tubing wrench in to loosen lines is nearly impossible. The new "gear wrenches" might be easier. I suggest removing the brake booster, steering column and front seat and accessing the valve fittings from inside the car, through the hole in the firewall.

Things were easier on my project car, which was undergoing a total restoration, including replacement of brake lines, meaning I had plenty of room to maneuver in the engine bay. Rather than rebuild the existing valve, I obtained another from a parts car and worked on that, then simply replaced the original when the new lines were installed. The photo shows the brake and proportioning valves disassembled. For greater detail, consult your shop manual, which includes good cut-away views of the valves.

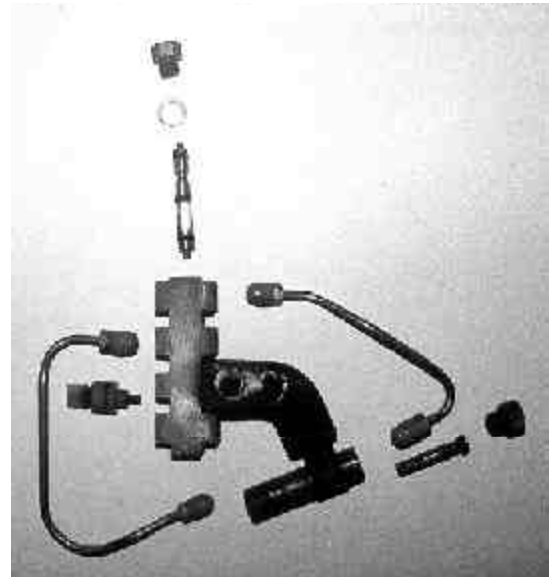
After removal, soak the entire valve assembly in penetrating oil. Note that you are dealing with soft brass. You should be able to disassemble the two lines to the proportioning valve, and remove the end caps from each valve. Soak the assembly again to allow the penetrating oil to get inside the valves.

Then, use a very small diameter, non-taper drift punch through the tiny hole in the flared end (where the left front brake line connects) of the pressure differential valve and tap the valve spool out the other end. This might take several fairly heavy taps if the spool is stuck tight. Be careful not to damage the two O-ring seals on this spool—these are a tight fit, as they must seal off brake fluid under high pressure. Likewise, remove the spool from the proportioning valve. Use needle nose pliers and gently pull it out through the larger opening.

Now everything can be cleaned with alcohol, cotton swabs, tiny brushes, compressed air and anything else you think might work. Lubricate all parts before assembling with brake fluid. The pressure differential valve O-ring spool seals must compress to pass over two gaps in the brass valve as it is inserted. Once installed, you can "snap" the spool back and forth using the drift punch in one end and a wooden dowel in the other to observe the action. When centered, with the brake warning switch off (refer to the cutaway illustration in your shop manual), you should be able to pass a fine wire through the rear brake outlet and the proportioning valve outlet—the wire will clear the spool.

With everything installed, carefully bleed the brake system. If you press the pedal gently, the spool might stay centered. Even better, if you have the time, is the simple drip bleed approach—just open the bleeder at the wheel cylinder, install a length of vinyl tubing on it and allow fluid to drip into a jar for about a half-hour per wheel. Be sure the master cylinder stays full.

If the spool goes off-center during bleeding (check the status of the dash warning light), follow the shop manual procedure for resetting it. That is, open the opposite system from the one serviced, which should work as when the car was new. If you bleed the rear brakes first, then the front, and the light is lit, then it should be the rear system you need to open to re-center the valve. If the brake valve spool is moving freely, then a hard tap on the pedal should move the spool to center it and extinguish the light.



Tech Center: Q & A with Dick Hertzler

Q: I saw a few photos of different '67-'68 Cougars that had some type of insignia or marking on the vinyl top, behind the left and right small windows, about 4 inches above the painted fender. There also were some chrome markings on the left and right front fenders behind the wheel and in front of the door. Any idea what these were and can they be replaced?

A: The insignia you saw probably was the "XR-7" badge that went on the rear roof pillar for these years. The chrome badges on the fenders could be any of several markings, including "6.5 Litre" or "GT" emblems for cars equipped with the 390 ci engine or GT performance group, or "7.0-litre GT-E" emblems. All are tough to come by as new old stock, but many are available as reproductions and often show up at swap meets in used condition.

Q: The inner hinge pivot of my passenger seat just broke. I remember reading something about a recall regarding Cougar seats that involved a reinforcement plate for the seat back hinges. What can I do to repair my seat?

A: Ford did recall early Cougars for a problem with the seat back bracket. It could break and cause the seat to fall backward without warning. In your case, there's a problem: The recall bracket, D7AA-69618C46A, fits the driver's seat and, to my knowledge, won't reverse to fit the passenger's side. Your only recourse is to get a replacement hinge from another seat. This, by the way, is the first I have heard of a passenger seat breaking.

Q: I'm considering replacing all the lines on my '69 convertible with stainless steel. But a vendor, to fill my order, needs to know if my car has 8-inch or 9-inch rear end with 28 splines or a 9-inch rear end with 31 splines. My door tag says the rear is "2," or 2.75:1. How do I find size and spline information? Also, are the rear brake hoses available from parts stores?

A: All '69 Cougars have 9-inch rear ends and your car, unless it has a 428 engine, has a 28-spline axle. As you've found, replacement line kits, in regular and stainless steel, are available from various vendors, including Classic Tube (800-882-3711),

Right Stuff Detailing (800-405-2000) and Kanter Auto Products (800-526-1096). Make sure you specify "Cougar" when you order. When replacing the lines, inspect all major brake system components and replace any that look suspect. Everything you need, including hoses, is available locally or via mail order from brake and Cougar parts vendors; check the CCOA Web site (www.cougarclub.org) for vendor contact information.

Q: I'm trying to put the finishing touches on my '69 Cougar convertible. I'm in need of any information I can get on the size and placement of the double pinstripe as it came from the factory.

A: The pinstriping on a '69 is as follows: Top stripe is 1/16-inch wide, bottom stripe is 1/8-inch. Separation is 1/8-inch. The striping is placed about a half-inch from the top line of the fender. The stripes should extend a couple of inches into the front fender extension and into the rear quarter cap and be trimmed at a 45-degree downward angle. Cut the striping at the door openings, and wrap around just a little. Striping tape is available from most auto paint and body supply stores. Use white or black, depending on color of the car. **Be absolutely sure you work from front to back on one side, then back to front on the other to get the wider stripe on the bottom!** I can't tell you how many shops get this backward. Also: If you are clear-coating the car, it's a good idea to put the stripes on over the new paint, but under the clear coat. That way, they'll be protected.

Q: The headlight covers on my '70 Cougar open and close properly with the engine running, but won't stay closed after I turn off the engine. They open slowly on their own. Should I replace the vacuum motor centered between the headlight covers, in the front grille area?

A: No, not necessarily. More than likely, you have a rust leak in the vacuum reservoir tank under the driver's side fender or a leak at the manifold "tee" behind the carburetor. Check these first. The fact that the lights will open and close when the engine is running means the vacuum motor itself is good. Remember that vacuum holds the lights closed and the reservoir provides that closing vacuum when the engine's not running. So, a leak there or elsewhere will let the covers open.



Dick Hertzler

Question?

CCOA Technical Adviser Dick Hertzler will accept questions for his Q&A column by e-mail (preferred) or standard postal mail. E-mail submissions will be answered by e-mail and, possibly, in *ATSOTC*. E-mail messages **must** use **CCOA Tech Question** as the subject line. Questions sent via standard postal mail will be answered either in the newsletter or directly if members include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Send questions to dickiemag@aol.com or to Dick Hertzler, 69 Village Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32174-2651.

Special Notice: CCOA Elections

The following CCOA positions are up for election:

President (four-year term)	Vice President (four-year term)
Membership director (four-year term)	Treasurer (four year-term)
At Large 1 (two-year term)	At Large 2 (two year-term)

These positions will start Jan. 1, 2004.

Nominees are:

President: **Mike Brown, Scott Ferguson (incumbent)**
Treasurer: **Michael Hoehn (incumbent)**
At Large 1: **Bob Goff (incumbent)**
At Large 2: **Wayne Wachter (incumbent)**

There were no candidates for the positions of Vice President and Membership Director, so the CCOA Board of Directors will appoint volunteers to take on these positions, as directed by CCOA bylaws, when the terms of the current office holders expire.

As there was only one nominee for each of the positions of Treasurer, At Large 1 and At Large 2, they are hereby appointed to serve by acclamation. Therefore, CCOA President, the only contested position, will be the only office for which members may cast votes. All CCOA members in good standing (current on dues) are eligible to vote.

How to vote: Send ballot (page 16) to: **2004 CCOA Elections, C/O Ron and Sally Crouch, 1637 Skyline Drive, Norfolk, VA 23518.** Votes also may be cast via e-mail by sending a message to: **membership@cougarclub.org.** When voting by e-mail, please include your **name** and **CCOA member number** to confirm your eligibility and **clearly state your candidate** of choice for CCOA President.

**All votes must be postmarked or received electronically
on or before July 18, 2003.**



CCOA Elections: Candidate Statements

Scott Ferguson

Richmond, BC, Canada

President, Cougar Club of America

President, Fordnutz Cougar Club

I have been honored to serve the Cougar Club of America for the past number of years as both a Regional Director, and, since Jan. 1, 2000, as your club President. In these past three and a half years, we have seen a number of benefits come to the membership of the club through the work of the CCOA Board Of Directors, including some of the following:

■ The CCOA leadership started to do a lot more of its business online by holding votes by e-mail, thereby cutting down on the time it takes to make a decision. The time for votes to be returned from the time a Board of Directors letter goes out is 14 days, which is down significantly from the four to six weeks it took using standard mail. There are no postage costs associated with an e-mail Board letter, either.

■ The CCOA has a very informative Web site, with a great deal of technical and general information to help members and non-members, alike. The site continues to grow and will have a “members only” password-protected area that will include back issues of *At The Sign Of The Cat*, among other things, available for members to view and research.

■ The club also has been able to get a few merchandise projects off the ground, such as T-shirts and a high-quality calendar featuring members’ cars.

■ We made improvements to the club bylaws that have helped the CCOA Board to run the club just a bit better. However, one of my main focuses over the next few years will be to completely revamp the bylaws so they can better serve the club and you, the member. Of course, these changes will need to be approved by the membership. I am confident that all of you will agree that these changes will benefit us all.

I hope that you have enjoyed the club over the past three and a half years during my Presidency and that you will take the time to vote for me during this election.

Mike Brown

North Hollywood, Calif.

President, Southern California Cougar Club

I’m Mike Brown and I’m running for President of the Cougar Club of America. I am the founder and president of The Southern California Cougar Club, a 10-year-old club.

Under my leadership, the So Cal Cougar Club has successfully hosted the West Nationals in 1998, 2000 and 2002. We will be hosting the 2004 show, as well. We are the only Cougar club that has raffled off a restored 1967 Cougar at the 2002 Nationals as a fund-raiser for both the club and local charities.

I feel the CCOA needs new leadership with proactive ways and ideas. It also needs to rebuild the lost relationship with Lincoln Mercury. I want to make the club more effective in meeting the needs of the Cougar Community.

Cougars are important classic cars. Their popularity and value have grown over the years. When elected, I will continue to grow this well-established organization. Remember, this is your club. Change doesn’t happen overnight and it will take everyone’s involvement and commitment to see this through. Our passion for these cars is what built this club. Let’s keep the fire burning. I know that I will only strive for the best.

Purrr. . . .



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CCOA Election Ballot

I vote for (check one):

- Scott Ferguson
- Mike Brown



as **Cougar Club of America** president, to take office Jan. 1, 2004.

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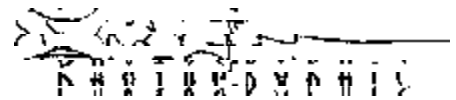
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May 30-31	10th Annual Mustang & Ford-Powered Car Show, Wichita, Kan.	(316) 263-1644
June 1	24th Annual Mustang & Ford Show, Des Moines, Kent.	(641) 752-2458
June 6-8	24th Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Products Show, Biloxi, Miss.	(228) 872-5622; darebl@bellsouth.net
June 8	All-Ford Show, Williamsville, N.Y. (Great Lakes Cougar Club/Western N.Y. Shelby Club)	(905) 358-5967
June 8	Annual Toronto All-Ford show, Etobicoke, Ontario (Toronto)	(905) 439-6560
June 8	Annual Owen Sound Peninsula Ford Classic show, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada	(800) 265-3715
June 21	All Ford Extravaganza, Coronation Park, Oakville, Ontario, Canada	(905) 337-8428
June 21	11th Annual All Ford Show & Mustang Roundup, Puyallup, Wash.	(253) 476-9033
June 22	5th Annual All Ford Powered Show, Pittsburgh, Pa.	(412) 366-4240; fitr24@cs.com
June 27-29	CCOA Nationals, Mount Laurel, N.J., Cougar Club of New Jersey	(973) 366-8341, ccnjonline.com
June 28	19th Annual Mustang & Ford Show, Overland Park, Kan.	(913) 897-2950; rgillum1@compuserve.com
July 18-19	Cougarfest 2003 ('99-'03 primarily), Virginia Beach, Va.	www.cougarfest.com
July 19	26th Annual SIMA Mustang and All Ford Show and Swap Meet, Alton, Ill.	(618) 585-3081
July 20	12th Annual Mercury-Edsel-Lincoln Meet, Mustangs Unlimited, Manchester, Conn.	(860) 647-1965
July 25-27	Summer Carlisle, Carlisle, Pa.	(717) 243-7855; carlisleproductions.com
July 26	C.A.T.S. (Cougar Association of the Tri-States) Regional Car Show, Holland, MI	(616) 396-0390
July 26-27	Cascade Cougar Club Prowl, Renton, Wash.	www.cascadecougarclub.com
Aug. 3	16th Annual Summer Mustang and Ford Show, Lithia Springs, Ga.	(770) 578-1354; her96stng@aol.com
Aug. 9-10	Fordnutz Cougar Claw In, Surrey, B.C., Canada	(604) 786-3673, fordnutz@bigfoot.com
Aug. 14-17	Intermountain Mustang & All Ford Stampede, Heber City, Utah	(801) 269-1364
Aug. 17	Annual All Ford Reunion, Oakville, Ontario, Canada	(905) 358-5967
Aug. 23	Weston Ford blast, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	(416) 249-0691
Aug. 24	Mid-Maryland Ford Club All-Ford Show, Hagerstown, Md.	(301) 694-7093; (301) 570-2077
Aug. 28-31	All-Ford Southern Centennial Celebration (Cougar classes), Charlotte, N.C.	(704) 643-6430
Sept. 6	Cougars & All-Ford Show, Kentuckiana Classic Cougars	(502) 445-3993
Sept. 7	All-Ford show, Mustangs Unlimited, Manchester, Conn. (Conn. Cougar Club, co-host)	(860) 647-1965
Sept. 7	Fun Ford Sunday All-Ford Car Show, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, Calif.	(905) 358-5967
Sept. 13	19th Annual Mustang & Ford Show, Richmond, Va.	(804) 282-0592; svt95cobrava@aol.com
Sept. 14	Fordnutz Indian Summer Fun Run	(604) 786-3673, fordnutz@bigfoot.com
Sept. 14	Annual Summit Ford all-Ford show, Toronto, Ontario (Rexdale)	(416) 741-6221
Sept. 14	Annual all Ford show, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada	
Sept. 20	National Capital Region Mustang Club Fall Show, Chantilly, Va.	Rex.Turner@wcom.com
Oct. 1-5	Fall Carlisle, Carlisle, Pa.	(717) 243-7855; carlisleproductions.com
Oct. 18	Mustang & Ford Club of Virginia All-Ford Car Show, Norfolk, Va.	(757) 588-0632

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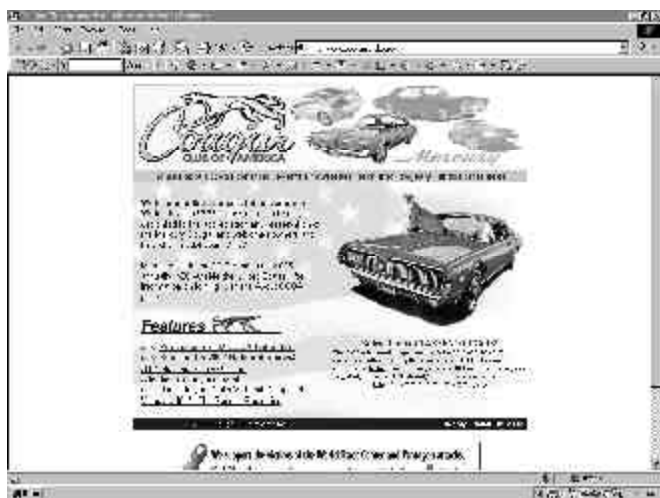
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CCOA Financial Statement

Revenues

	03/31/02	06/30/02	09/30/02	12/31/02	'02-YTD	03/31/03
Dues	8,118.41	3,163.30	5,477.00	7,185.00	23,943.71	6,669.00
Ads	0.00	87.40	471.45	65.00	623.85	35.40
Merchandise	164.45	843.50	1,003.63	1,087.00	3,098.58	273.00
Calendars	1,273.00	217.00	125.00	618.00	2,233.00	557.00
Nat/Reg Shows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	9,555.86	4,311.20	7,077.08	8,955.00	29,899.14	7,534.40

Expenses

Postage	1,879.66	1,758.54	1,131.11	2,334.24	7,103.55	226.72
Copies	27.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.59	0.00
ATSOTC	3,148.95	3,630.90	3,601.50	3,503.85	13,885.20	4,734.14
Supplies	172.40	140.79	26.63	87.18	427.00	111.53
Calendars	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.00 (d)	22.00	2,661.40
Merchandise	3,521.29 (i)	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,521.29	0.00
Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nat/Reg Shows	1,200.00 (h)	30.00 (a)	0.00	0.00	1,230.00	900.00
Operating	118.72 (g)	1,420.22 (b)	45.21 (c)	171.52 (e)	1,755.67	201.11 (f)
Total Expenses	10,068.61	6,980.45	4,804.45	6,118.79	27,972.30	8,834.90
Net Income/(Loss)	(512.75)	(2,669.25)	2,272.63	2,836.21	1,926.84	(1,300)
Beg. Bank Balance	18,823.44 (A)	18,310.89	15,641.44	17,914.07	18,823.44	20,750.28
End. Bank Balance	18,310.69	15,641.44	17,914.07	20,750.28	20,750.28	19,449.78
Petty Cash Balance	-	200.00	200.00	233.37	200.04	200.04

Notes: (a) Table Rental at Carlisle = 30.00 (b) Insurance = 1,150.00, Bank Fees = 171.00, PayPal Fees = 73.29, Domain Fee = 25.93; (c) Returned Check = 6.00, PayPal Fees = 39.21; (d) Calendar Refunds (e) Bank Fees = 38.80, PayPal fees = 132.72; (f) Addition to Insurance Policy = 153.75, PayPal Fees = 47.36; (g) Bank Charge = 10.00, PayPal Fees = 73.77, Net Nation = 34.95; (h) GCC E. Nats. = 500.00, SCCC W. Nats. = 500.00, FordNutz Reg. = 200.00; (i) CCOA T-shirt project. New categories added for direct operating expenses and merchandise. Ads, Advances and Rebates categories merged into Operating. Net Nation, Egroups, Bank and Insurance charges reclassified as Operating. (A) bank balance adjustment due to PayPal test deposit in 12/01. Reserves: ATSOTC = 9,000.00, '02 Shows = 3,300.00, Total reserves = 12,300.00; Working capital = 20,750.28 - 12,300.00 = 8,450.28. Petty Cash is held by the Membership Director.

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