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Letter from the Editor

By Rob Merritt (#8323)
Temporary Editor



I hope I'm not just being overly optimistic, but it seems like the CCOA – and the larger Cougar community – has been building some momentum lately. Gavin Schlesinger (#9090) deserves a lot of credit. He joined the CCOA Board of Directors, filling the long vacant spot for Club Relations. He's also the President of the Mercury Stray Cats Club, which has been reinvigorated by Gavin's enthusiasm. Similarly, John Rotella, who *Loves Fords* but doesn't even own a Cougar (**yet!**), has spent a tremendous amount of time redesigning, programming, updating and everything else with the Club's web site. If you haven't visited recently, take a look at www.CougarClub.org. John's not finished yet, and welcomes ideas, content or other materials for the site. Still more, the Cascade Cougar Club – always one of the most active – continues to shine. Don Skinner, editor of the *Prowler* provides an article on a seldom seen – practically unknown – interior option available for the 1969 Cougar. Don, as you might recall, has been the driving force behind the annual 40th Anniversary Cougar magazines, which are filled with vintage ads, specifications and informative articles for each year of the Classic Cougars. If you don't have these already, do yourself a favor and get them at the Cascade Cougar Club's merchandise page on the website at www.CascadeCougarClub.com.



As seen in the Regional Reports and Events, the FordNutz Club from Vancouver, Sunshine State Cougar Club in Florida, and others are keeping up with the Stray Cats and Cascade clubs.

Of course, the World Wide Web offers many outlets for Cougar enthusiasts. Internet forums have a fairly constant stream of information sharing by Cat Fans, including many who are CCOA members. Check out the the awesome articles and forums at www.classiccougarcommunity.com and www.MercuryCougar.net. The forums, in particular, are great places to get quick answers to questions. Although these forums are not owned or managed by the CCOA, members are welcome to participate and hopefully are able to represent the Club well by sharing your stories and advice.

Don't forget the new CCOA Facebook page. If you're reading this on your computer, just click on the logo to visit the page. Keep the activity fresh by adding your comments and photos.



It's great to see all the Cougar-related activity. Let's hope the momentum continues and grows.



On a side note, I met a CCOA member at a local Ford-Powered Auto Show, up in the northwest corner of Wisconsin. What are the odds?! We had a friendly chat and he complimented me on my job as *Temporary* editor. I could tell that the

emphasis on *temporary* was the point of the comment – a little gentle teasing as I hit the 5 year mark, but the feedback was nice nevertheless. As I explained, I mostly enjoy getting to be the first to read the articles submitted by members, and then arranging everything into the newsletter. It's the weeks leading up to my self-imposed deadlines that are the worst, I explained, as procrastination often gets in the way and I start to feel guilty as members are watching their mail, and the volunteer writers' articles start to get out-of-date. I always say – "next time I won't delay." Well... maybe next time.

I sent another member, who joined recently, some of the back issues of the newsletter. He commented that it was great to have a publication dedicated exclusively to the Cougar, but felt that the later year cars were a bit under-represented. I confessed that his observation is mostly accurate, but the editor has to choose from what the writers send in. If there's a topic you'd like to see, the best way to make that happen is to put pen to paper (or keyboard to computer). A lot of us, of course, focus on the classic years. For myself, and I suspect others, however, I notice that my interest in *all* Cougars has grown over the years. While the design went through various changes, they're all Cougars and each has its special attributes and nods to the preceding models. I saw a '78 XR7 at a local show not too long ago, and even though it shares little with my '69 at first glance, I found myself studying and appreciating the '78 for all it was.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter. The best way to make it better is for *you* to send in your contribution.



I try not to write about myself too much in this column, but I need to fill up some more space. Part of editing the newsletter is making sure the total number of pages is divisible by four, for printing the paper version. So that's my excuse, and I'm sticking to it. Not bragging or anything like that.

As mentioned in the Fall 2012 issue, my car experienced engine problems as last year's driving season came to a close. I spent a good part of the winter pulling the engine (busting the heater core inlet tube in the process), and tearing it

down to see how bad it was. With the help of internet forums, I learned that an earlier rebuilder of the engine put the cam plug in backwards. Whether that was the cause of the problem, or just a coincidence that brought larger issues to light, may never be known. Nonetheless, the engine needed to be rebuilt, including line boring the crank saddles, grinding the crank journals, and boring the cylinders. This hobby can be hard on the wallet.

In any event, it's all back together (including the new heater core, which is almost as tough as getting the 428CJ into the barely large enough engine compartment). And, it was all done in time for the first local FoMoCo show of the season (mentioned above), where the car placed first in the Lincoln-Mercury division. And, I wasn't even the only car in the class!



As I write this, there's still time to get the newsletter finalized, printed and mailed before Collector Car Appreciation Day. The SEMA Action Network (the nationwide partnership between car clubs, enthusiasts and the Specialty Equipment Market Association) has announced that Friday, July 12, 2013 will be the fourth "Collector Car Appreciation Day." As in past years, SAN is working to secure Congressional recognition of the day's significance. Many U.S. state legislatures and assemblies also have adopted resolutions proclaiming the significance of our hobby. Other great nations have joined in the effort including New South Wales, Australia as well as the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Manitoba and New Brunswick. Check out SAN's website for more information and events near you. www.semasan.com.



Original Members

The following stories are the second installment in an ongoing series of stories from long-time members of the Cougar Club of America. If you have a story to share of the early days of the Club, write it up, send it in and get a year's free membership as a token of our appreciation.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE WEST COAST

By: Dennis Pierachini (#54)

San Francisco, California

What a pleasant surprise it was to receive the letter asking for reminiscences from long-time CCOA members.

I purchased my first car at 16, when I bought a 10-year old Lime Frost (what else?) 1967 standard in 1977. It was in great shape and I really enjoyed it as I made it even better. I was always looking for a club to join. There were none anywhere in Northern California where I lived, and I had never heard of another until I read a small ad in Hemmings Motor News in 1980, advertising the formation of the Cougar Club of America.

I responded to the ad and soon enough, I was a member. It was great to learn how many other people out there appreciated our cars, and that they were all over the USA. The early newsletters were pretty basic, typed and copied, but to me they contained a great deal of information about our cars - how to fix common problems, rare models, Kevin Marti building a '67 convertible (!), and much more.

A few years later, I sold my (now red) '67 and had a light blue '73 XR-7 convertible, which I really liked and put quite a few miles on during my period of ownership. During the early and mid-1980's, I continued to enjoy the CCOA newsletter, but was unable to attend any shows. As I recall, they were not located anywhere near where I lived while going to college, but I did attend local Cougar shows and other car shows, sometimes showing the '73.

It was not until July 1995 that I was able to attend and show my car at a national CCOA show, the one hosted by the Mercury Stray Cats in Concord, CA. At that time I had (and still have) a mostly original Augusta Green '68 standard, which took first place in its class. Thereafter, if there was a CCOA sponsored show in California, I made

it a point to attend and that car has placed well, as have a few other Cougars I have owned, like a Jamaican Yellow '67 standard, and a bench seat-equipped Lime Frost '68 standard.

I have also attended many Mercury Stray Cats shows and events, and am a past President of that club.

In 1997, we caravanned up to Seattle for the CCOA West Show which celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Cougar, where I had the great honor of meeting Gayle Warnock. Sitting with Gayle and his wife at dinner and learning a lot about the original marketing campaign was great experience.

I've also attended the Fun Ford Sunday and Fabulous Fords Forever shows over the past 15+ years. At these events, I have had the good fortune to meet people like Jim Pinkerton (#5909), John Benoit (#4062) and Don Rush (#6123), as well as a bunch of other people who enjoy our cars and don't take themselves too seriously.

To me, that has been the best thing about being a member of the CCOA - meeting great folks who enjoy their cars as much as I do, and can always teach me something new.

And, I've gotten my brother involved in the Cougar hobby as well: he's restored a Grecian Gold '68 XR-7 which now resides in Australia, and is now restoring a Lime Frost sunroof-equipped '68 XR7-G.

As an adjunct, since having my first Cougar, I have collected FoMoCo literature from the 1967-73 period, and am interested in just about anything else from this time period that relates to our cars.

At the Sign of the Cat

One of the things that have been a continuing challenge for the CCOA, in my opinion, is keeping the members consistently engaged. In the electronic age, I think it's very important to have a good online presence, and for those of us who are 40+, to remember that if we are to continue as a club and gain new members, we must engage all Cougarphiles. This means that we need better mentor new/younger members, keep our Facebook page interesting, the website fresh,

etc. Communication methods and information sharing options have changed quite a bit in the last few years and the club needs to be actively engaged on a consistent basis with the general public in a variety of ways. This is hard to do with a volunteer club, but will definitely benefit us all. And, honestly, I feel that anyone who accepts a club office position needs to clearly understand the amount of time and effort it will take, and honor the commitment they make to the CCOA and its membership.

LIFE WITH CATS

**By: Roger Wahl (#44)
Brocton, New York**

Back in the spring of 1968, I had a 1968 Cougar, a Dan Gurney Special, with a 3-speed manual, heavy duty shocks, power steering and brakes, and heavy-duty battery. I ordered it, and bought it new, after trying to decide between a Cougar and a Firebird. I had that Cougar for about five years and sold it to my brother. A couple years later, I wanted a car for my wife, so I bought it back. We had it for a couple years, then my wife sold it to the first guy that asked about it. She bought a used Corvette.

A while after that, I saw my old Cougar in a guy's driveway and stopped to see if he wanted to sell it. The interior, however, was trashed, and the body was rusty, so I opted out. So much for my pride and joy.

Still, I had a liking for Cougars, even if they had gotten bigger and bigger under the Ford Motor

Company presidency of Bunkie Knudsen.



**The One that started it - Black Cherry '68
with Parchment Interior**

In August of 1979, I was reading a copy of Auto Trader and saw an ad for a 1970 XR-7 convertible, blue with a white top. I did think the '70 Cougar was the prettiest of the lot. The ad had a very poor picture of the car. I called and told the woman who answered the phone I was going to Europe for a couple of weeks, and not to sell it until I got back. I

thought I'd never be able to dicker for it, now.

However, I'd always wanted a blue convertible since both my brother and my sister had blue convertibles, so I hoped to manage to get this car, if it was a good one. I returned from Europe and called her right away. She still had it. It was about 100 miles away, and I drove up to see it.

The seller was the original owner, and she had all kinds of receipts for the maintenance of it.

However, the floor was very rotted out. Other things looked about right for the odometer mileage, a little less than 35,000.

I told her it wasn't really what I expected and I was able to get the price down a little. Later, I called her on the phone and told her I'd take it.

When I arrived, I was told she'd now thrown all those receipts out and that they were gone. She said she threw them out, because we had a deal. Probably should have been a little suspicious of that, because the car had obviously been repainted and a little bodywork had been done. They might have contrived much of that impressive documentation.

I do have the factory invoice from the car. Thanks to CCOA, I bought it from Lois Eminger, who advertised in *At the Sign of the Cat*, and had purchased the documents from FoMoCo after she retired from the Blue Oval. They are now available from Marti Auto.

I did replace the floor, but have done very little on the car. I put a car alarm in it--two of them, actually. The first never worked. Anyway, I'll never really know whether the miles were 35,000 or 135,000. But, it's been a good car for me, quite trouble-free.

I've had the car since September of 1979, and now have about 46,000 on the odometer. The gas gauge doesn't work, the clock pretty much doesn't work. The factory 8-track just quit on me about a year ago. It has an AM/8-track radio. This car too has a three-speed manual transmission, just like my '68. It has power steering, but no



The black top is seldom seen on my 1970 XR-7 Convertible

power brakes. Big mistake, I'd say.

Within a month or so after getting the Cougar, I saw an ad in a car collecting magazine for the Cougar Club of America. I was already a member of the Convertible Club of America (a long-defunct club), but I still have the T-shirt.

I wanted to develop contacts with other Cougar owners and parts suppliers, so I immediately wrote a letter to Tom Jacobellis, the president of the club, asking to join the club, and anteing up the membership cost.

I mentioned to Tom that I had a sweat-shirt with a Cougar decoration by Ed "Rat Fink" Roth. (I think that he was called the Rat Fink. Maybe, that was just the character he often drew.)



Ed Roth Cougar Sweatshirt - circa 1968

Tom was very interested in that shirt. He wrote back and wanted to know where I got it. I'd had it since I had the '68 Cougar. I do still have the shirt, as well as some other T-shirts.

I bought a couple of CCOA T-shirts from that era which I still have. They are blue with one of the old decorations, showing the 1967-1973 theme we had then. I got some ballpoint pens, which I still have. Of course, I have an assortment of decals.

The newsletters were very simple back then, just Xeroxed sheets. But worth having and keeping

and I think I still have all of them.

I went to the first national meeting, near Richmond, VA, where I met Tom Jacobellis. I don't remember the year, but it was the first meeting.

Over the years, I've bought some advertising materials, a shop manual, and other things for my Cougar. I have a litter of Beanie Baby Cougars. I have a Cougar stein. I have several Hot Wheels- and Matchbox-sized Cougars.

I still remain a member, even though I don't actively participate. A few years ago, the national meeting was in Niagara Falls, but I lost track of the date and missed it. I'd have gone, otherwise.

The club seems to have struggled some, over the years, but it's really more sophisticated in its operation. I realize the internet is part of the reason. However, the base of active club members seems to be much better than in the early days. I still look forward to the e-newsletters.

At one time, I bought a parts car, another 1970 coupe, not an XR-7. After many years, our village zoning people objected to my having an unregistered vehicle, so I removed some easily accessible parts and sent it to the junkman. I did do some investigating to see if anyone wanted it. It was badly rusted so nobody missed much. It had a Windsor engine, whereas my Cougar has a 351 Cleveland. When the junk man loaded the car, we both crossed our fingers it would go on the truck in one piece.

The car I have has the original top, and I think it leaks. However, I wash it only once a year and otherwise it's never wet. In the 33 years I've had it, it's been rained on once and sprinkled on maybe fifteen times. I probably average about 600 miles a year. My wife loves the car. We go to local car shows and cruise-ins.

As far as the club is concerned, probably the most memorable thing was going to the national meeting and meeting Tom Jacobellis, face-to-face. It's kind of a shame I've never gotten to another one.

In 1989, I tried out a new red XR-7, with supercharger, four-speed manual, and CD player. I loved that car, but thought I should get it for \$500 less, so I walked. Whoops. Somebody else got it.

I do wish Cougars had stayed the size they were in 1967-68.

Lastly, a picture of my three "7"s. At one time, I owned a 1970 XR-7, a 1980 Zephyr Z-7, and a 1982 LN-7, all Mercurys.



THE NATIONAL COUGAR DATABASE NOW HAS OVER 50,000 COUGARS REGISTERED!

The National Database is attempting to register any and all possible 1967-2002 Cougars, living or dead, concours restorations, drivers, and even those that have been parted out. Is your car registered? You don't need to own the car to provide data to the Registry – just a VIN (and anything else you can provide). To learn more about the Database, and see a summary of the vast information it contains, check out the website at www.cougarclub.org/registry.htm

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New Members Too...

WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS...

BY: PAULA GRANT-HERMANSKY (#9139)
HARDWICK, MA

I have recently purchased a 1967 XR-7 Cougar, and it is a Dan Gurney Special. I joined the club, put the car in the registry, and look forward to learning more about the car that I purchased.

I always cruise thru Craigslist every morning to look for an original smog system for my husband's 1970 Boss 302 and saw an ad that was listed as "Cugar" for sale. I read the ad and that was the entire listing –no further details at all. So, out of curiosity, I sent the person an email. I received a call back, four days later from an elderly man who said that he has had the ad posted for three weeks and hasn't received a call. I didn't mention to him the spelling or lack of information in his ad. I couldn't get the pen fast enough to write down his address.

I was in Las Vegas at the time and he was forty five miles west. It took us less than thirty minutes to be at his door, [Ed. !!] -- and that included a stop at the Bank. [Ed. !!!]

There it sat on the edge of his dirt driveway, he stated that he recently started it and pulled it around from the lean-to it was parked in, in his backyard.



Upon closer inspection of the car, we noticed an outline of a sticker on the back seat glass window, old Ford blue paint, chipped and flaked off on spots on the air cleaner and valve covers, revealing what looked like chrome underneath. The older guy said that he had the car for a few years and got in to take me for a ride. He got in, revved

the gas, then revved it more and said "sounds good, huh?!"



Well from the overtaking smell of gas, we removed the air cleaner and noticed the gas leaking all over the intake. The dash pad was sun baked, along with all of the weatherstripping and rubber parts.



So I asked, "how much are you asking?" After a bit of haggling, I drove away, no plate on the car, a rag stuffed in the engine under the carb to catch the gas, and I was smiling the entire way back to Vegas.

The car is 100% rust free and still has the smog system, power steering, power disc brakes and factory AC which all work.

We pulled a Marti report on it, and the gut feeling was right that we had, a 1967 XR-7 Dan Gurney special is what I found.

The car now sits in Massachusetts, next to my husband's 70 Boss 302. I guess what happens in Vegas, doesn't always stay in Vegas....

CAT OF ANOTHER COLOR

BY: DON SKINNER (#9063)
EDITOR, CASCADE COUGAR CLUB
PROWLER

1969 *Mercury* Cougar Shelby Check Cloth and Vinyl Trim Option

For a short period of time, a little known trim option was offered on the 1969 Cougar. The Shelby Check Cloth and Vinyl Trim option came in two trim colors and was limited to the seats only. The January 13, 1969 Product Order Book does not list this option. The Cougar featured in this in this article has a build date of April 21, 1969. The 1969 Color and Trim book at West Coast Classic Cougar has a "peel and stick" addition for this trim, placed on the page after the book was printed. We were only able to get a price for this option from a window sticker.



Shelby Check Cloth and Vinyl Trim option \$19.50
Available on Standard and XR-7 Hardtops. We don't know if this option was available on Convertible and we don't know if there was a credit for the XR-7 because of the replacement of the more expensive standard leather trim. We assume, with the option price of \$19.50, the Décor Option is not mandatory for this option.

Trim Codes for Cougar

Standard Cougar	Dark Red	Light Nugget Gold
XR-7 Cougar	KD	KY
	SD	SY



Dark Red	Production numbers	
Nugget Gold	KD total of 270	SD total of 75
	KY total of 294	SY total of 74



A point of interest, most of the Cougars in the National Database with this option also have the Sports Special option.



This option was only available for some 1969-1970 Mercury and Ford products. For Mercury the line up is:
1969 Cougar in Nugget Gold and Dark Red
1969 Cyclone CJ in Nugget Gold
1969-1970 Montego MX in Nugget Gold and Dark Red

pictures courtesy of Tim and James Weza

Thanks James Weza, for letting us use your Cougar as our subject for the article.

Cougars in Miniature

Bill Quay #1515

This article will start a new type of Cougar toy. I will now start with the Plastic models that we were eager to build, customize, and then discard as we got older. Thank goodness someone had the forethought to save these for us to enjoy now.

The first set of models pictured are not of a Cougar as we have come to own and enjoy. These are of the "Ford" Cougar II as it is called. This car was a concept car that was built by Ford for the Auto Shows.

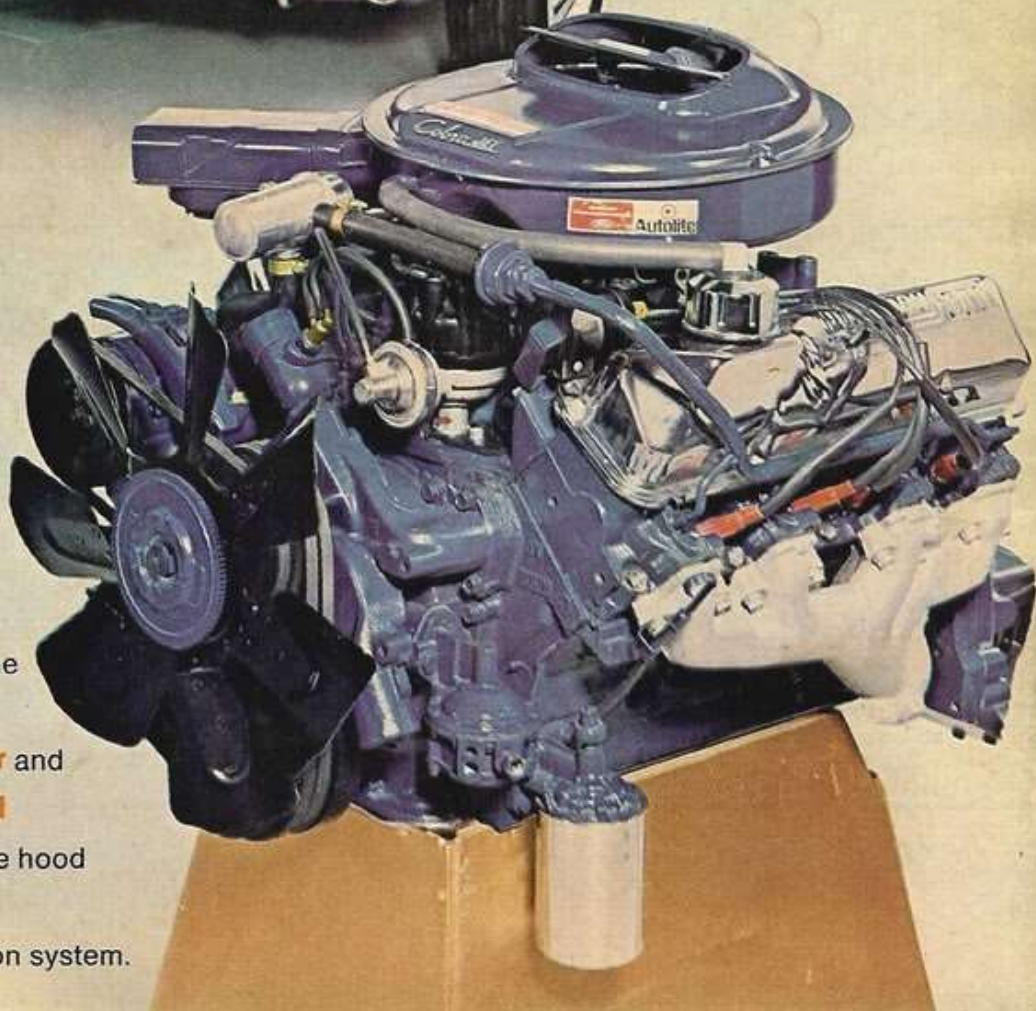
The Cougar II has been shown at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles as part of a Concept Car display in 1998. The Cougar II had a fiberglass body, a 260 High-Performance engine and a four-speed transmission. It was a GT two-passenger sports car that appeared to be a suitable contender for the Chevrolet Corvette String Ray. The car had a fastback roof, concealed 'pop-up' headlights, and full instrument interior.

The high-performance 260 cubic-inch V8 engine was capable of carrying the Cougar II to an estimated top speed of 170 miles per hour. When interior air pressure exceeded 15 pounds per square inch, a relief panel across the rear of the passenger compartment would automatically open. The purpose of this panel was to relieve the extreme pressure that would be caused at high speeds, which may have resulted in the rear window being blown out. Another feature to the car was a spring-loaded window-lift mechanism to the curved side windows..

On the Testers box, they add a Historical data section. It reads: "When the Cougar II was first shown in the Summer of 1964, it was touted by the press as FoMoCo's answer to the new Chevrolet Stingray Corvette. Actually, nothing could have been further from the truth. Cougar II was a teaser, to arouse the public interest so that when Ford's Lincoln Mercury division came out with the Cougar (based on the Mustang) they would be ready to buy. They were. Cougar II had no outward and little inside similarities to the production Cougar. It was however a bold and exciting design study which sold plenty of cars at the Sign of the Cat."



COUGAR Gets An Easier-To-Maintain ALL-OUT Street Engine



The new 428
Cobra Jet engine
is rated at
335 horsepower and
has a functional
air scoop on the hood
as part of its
ram air induction system.

Registry Update



1968 428 "R" Code Non-GTE Registry Bill Quay #1515

Since my last report, we have added six more 428CJ Cougars to this list. Of the 64 cars that we have accounted for, ten of them have been Parted and Scrapped. Five more have been verified, but their whereabouts are unknown, leaving only 49 of these rare Cougars still on the road today. Of the five unknown Cougars, two of these were reported from the Vehicle Identification number taken off the back of the original engine block.

If you happen to come across one of these "R" Code Cougars and are contemplating a purchase, or would just like to help us in our search to document these cars, please contact me so that I may verify that the car is truly a 428 "R" Code, and not something that someone has made up. Thanks. Bill Quay wquay@aol.com

Plant	Standard		XR-7		TOTAL	
	Production	Known	Production	Known	Production	Known
Dearborn	110	29	90	33	200	62
San Jose	3	0	4	2	7	2
TOTAL	113	29	94	35	207	64

Production numbers courtesy of Marti Autoworks, Phoenix, Az.
Lessee of the Ford Production Data Base.

Financial Director's Report

Greg Fritz #5269

finance@cougarclub.org



Income Statement		
	As of 12/31/2012	As of 03/31/13
Revenue		
Dues - Checks	680.00	3,445.00
Advertising	-	-
Calendars	-	-
Merchandise	-	-
Donations	-	-
PayPal - Dues	730.00	1,585.00
Total Revenue	1,410.00	5,030.00
Expenses		
Postage	-	480.63
Office Supplies	-	163.87
Bank Fees	4.00	10.31
Newsletter	990.26	939.64
Web Site Fee	-	314.95
PayPal Fees	31.43	68.33
Total Expenses	1,025.69	1,977.73
Net Income	384.31	3,052.27

Balance Sheet		
	As of 12/31/2012	As of 03/31/2013
Assets		
US Bank	14,506.36	16,041.96
PayPal	11,219.25	12,735.92
Total Cash	25,725.61	28,777.88
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Total Current Assets	25,725.61	28,777.88
Inventory Assets	877.00	877.00
Fixed Assets	-	-
Office Furniture/Eqmt	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	877.00	877.00
Total Assets	26,602.61	29,654.88
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	-	-
Long Term Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Equity	26,218.30	26,602.61
Current Earnings	384.31	3,052.27
Total Owners Equity	26,602.61	29,654.88
Total Liabilities & Equity	26,602.61	29,654.88

eBay Cats a sampling of recent auctions compiled by Kamran Waheed.

See an auction result that you think should be featured? Send the link to assistanteditor@cougarclub.org

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



Year/Model: 1969 Eliminator
VIN: 9F91R5xxxxx
Miles: Unknown
Condition: 1
Final bid: \$26,100
of Bids: 7 (reserve not met)
Comments: This Eliminator is 1 of only 206 with the 428CJ Ram Air and 4spd. This rust free Cat received a total nut and bolt restoration that was completed in 2012; it was at a 60-car invitational show in February and received the 1st place trophy. Fully documented with Marti report and copy of the original window sticker and dealer invoice.



Year/Model: 1968 XR-7
VIN: Not listed
Miles: 83,500
Condition: 3
Winning bid: \$4,927
Total # of Bids: 14
Comments: This XR-7 hasn't left New Mexico since new! Only has 4k on its rebuilt 302 2v/auto trans. Has minor surface rust, trunk area does have rust due to moisture. Power steering, AC (needs to be charged), drum brakes that stop very well!! New wheel bearings and U-joints, tires with magnum 500 wheels. Brand new headliner in box that has not been installed yet. Interior is good, but needs to be redone. A great project car or drive as is, runs great.



Year/Model: 1971 Convrt.
VIN: 1F92JXXXX
Miles: Unknown
Condition: 4
Winning bid: \$7,100
of Bids: 19 (reserve not met)
Comments: Std convert with rare 429CJ Ram Air with 4spd. Number matching engine that turns over, but the toploader is missing. It now has an automatic C6 in it, also has a Dixco tach on hood. Marti report: 1 of 18 429 CJ R/A 4spd Converts; 17 were painted Blue Metallic & 1 white. This Canada car is rusty and needs a total restoration, but seller sold a blue restored one for \$97,500 in 09 at Russo and Steele in Scottsdale, so this could be a worthy project.



Year/Model: 1973 XR-7 Convrt.
VIN: 3F94H5XXXXX
Miles: 98,000
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$9,201
Total # of Bids: 20
Comments: Runs & drives like new! The paint & interior are original and look great. New AC compressor and drier, rear springs, tires and dual exhaust. Interior is in excellent condition. All gauges work. The body and paint are far above driver quality. Floors and torque boxes are untouched and without patches. Windows roll up/down fine and the power top works properly. Reliable driver without problems.



Year/Model: 1970 Std
VIN: 0F91Hxxxx
Miles: 47,000
Condition: 1
Final Bid: \$20,320.99
Total # of bids: 26
Comments: One owner Cat until Nov '06. All original/number matching. NO RUST in/on any area of the car, No dents or scratches, body is perfect. All chrome shines and is in great condition. The interior is original and is perfect in like new condition. Runs & drives like new. New: tires, trunk mat/tire cover & trunk underlayment, rear leaf springs/shocks and much more. This Cat has been strictly a show car and has won awards.



Year/Model: 1976 XR-7
VIN: 6A93SXXXXX
Miles: 49,700
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$4,050
Total # of Bids: 6
Comments: This XR7 has 49k original miles on its 400 2v. Garage kept, like new both inside/out. Original paint. Runs and starts like it did 35 years ago. Has power seats & windows. Have original paper work & owner's manual for this Cat.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Rob Merritt (#8323)

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 *ATSOTC*, are the following new Members:

BARRY BEESTON	VICTORIA AUSTRALIA
DAVE DARNLEY	ONTARIO CANADA
MARK MOHAN	HONG KONG
GAVIN HIGGINS	TAUPO NEW ZEALAND
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RICK DIXON	NORTH FORK CA
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TIM RUTH	TALLAHASSEE FL

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STEPHEN TSICOLEAS	STANDISH ME
RONALD STEVENS	WESTLAND MI
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PHIL DOVE	MT LAUREL NJ
KEITH ASHMORE	FARMINGTON NM
EDWARD BORNSCHEIN	EAST ROCKAWAY NY
JOHN BAR	UTICA NY
GALEN COUPE	SUGARLAND TX
GLENN MAYER	SEATTLE WA

Welcome to the new members!

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

If you receive the newsletter by mail, keep an eye on the address label. If your renewal date is coming up, it will show that date on the label. No date – no worry, you're not coming due for a while. For email readers, the email sending the download link will notify you if it's time to renew. If your renewal is due, use the handy PayPal button at www.cougarclub.org/join.htm or use the form below or from the web site. Be sure to let me know if you change your postal or email address.

CCOA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues are: **\$20** for members who receive the newsletter by email (valid email address required). For members who want the newsletter by mail, the dues are **\$30** for **U.S. address** or **\$35** for **non-U.S. address** (payable in certified U.S. funds only)

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May we share your contact info with regional clubs and other event organizers? Yes _____ No _____

Tell us about your Cougar(s): _____

Classified Ads

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

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

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WANTED: Nice pair of '67 or '68 XR-7 DARK RED Map pockets for door panels. Contact: JOHN BAUMANN 616-396-0390, jc-cougars@egl.net

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WANTED: Carburetors part # on air horn C80F-AB & C80F-AA; FE distributors Part # on housing C80F-D, C80F-F, C80F-H. 1968 red dash pad. (314) 351-1789 Keith Litteken St. Louis MO or email: kslitteken@aol.com

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FOR SALE: PARTS. 1967 Cougar or Mustang: stainless steel front disc brake 6 piece line set. \$75. 1965 289 Hi Po short block: Vin # 5F09K725851,

cast # C5AE-6015 E, date 5E6. Rebuilt with forged pistons. \$5,000.00. 1965 289 Hi Po aluminum water pump: cast # C5AE-8505D, \$400. 1968 stroker 302: Eagle 347 rotating assy, ported & polished heads, roller rockers & stud girdles, Ultradine solid lifter cam, Edelbrock Victor Jr intake, Holley carb, MSD dist, ARP main & head studs, etc. \$4,800. 1967 GT 390 carb cast # C70F-9510-A, list 3793, date 784, good core \$250.00; 390 short block \$450.00; N.O.S. 87-88 Cougar red headliner part number E7WY-6651916-ABD, \$150.00; 1972 351C 4V intake, \$100.00; 351W heads, cast #E7TE, date codes 4B16 & 4B18, \$100 for pair. 1965 289: heads, date code 4L17, \$200; distributor, date code 4KB, \$150 (314)351-1789 Keith Litteken St. Louis MO or email kslitteken@aol.com

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Thomas Lawrance

The advertisement features a photograph of four classic cars (two yellow, one orange, one blue) parked in a row. The text is overlaid on the image.

Regional Reports & Events

Stray Cats Cougar Club Northern California

BY: GAVIN SCHLESINGER (CCOA #9090), PRES.
AND ERNIE CARDOZA, CLUB HISTORIAN

It is a memorable year. As of March 2013, the Stray Cats Cougar Club is celebrating its 20 year anniversary. A club is nothing without its membership, and we will focus this year on remembering all of the members who have made it possible for us to have survived this long. I am excited to be a part of such a great club and enjoy spending time with all of our members at the various events. This is my fourth year with the Mercury Stray Cats, but I have been involved in the Cougar community for over 25 years.



We need you!

A car club is about a group of people getting together, enjoying each other's company, and celebrating the cars! I enjoy attending as many events as possible, and I hope that in 2013, we have even more participation in the various shows and events in the area.

You do not have to physically own a Mercury Cougar to be a Stray Cats club member. You just have to be a Cougar enthusiast. Whether you are



a purist and want everything back to the factory

specifications, a fan of the Resto-mod and want to customize your Cougar, or somewhere in-between, you have a place in our club. It does not matter if you bring your cat out once a year, if it's a daily driver, or if you do not even have a Cougar on the road, your participation and interaction is greatly appreciated. Please reach out to me so that I can hear what you like, and what we may need to improve on to ensure the club continues to retain and expand our membership in 2013. I am here to help in any way I can. Thank you for all of your help and support! Gavin Schlesinger (904) 588-4670 or GavinSchlesinger@yahoo.com.



20 YEAR HISTORY OF THE MERCURY STRAY CATS COUGAR CLUB – 1993-2013

By Ernie Cardoza, Club Historian

1992-1993 - Before the Stray Cats was founded.

Before the Stray Cats were founded they were the Concord Chapter of the Nor-Cal Cougar Club. Their first meeting was held at Paisano's Pizza in Concord on August 12, 1992 with the purpose of a good core group to establish the guidelines of what was needed to serve the NCCC members who live outside the general Sunnyvale area, mainly in the North East Bay Area. 25 people showed up at that meeting to express their support.

The Concord Chapter of Nor-Cal Cougar Club was established and continued to operate until it was terminated by the group to form their own independent Cougar club. On March 12, 1993 the group formed the Mercury Stray Cats Cougar Club.

Significant Events & Facts

Mercury Stray Cats Cougar Club Founded March 12, 1993.

1993 - How 'Cat'istoga Came About.

On September 25, 1993 the Stray Cats made their first wine country outing to Calistoga and the Petrified Forest. This began an annual tour outing to the Calistoga and the Napa Valley wineries.

Over the years the 'Cat'istoga wine tour took them to different areas including Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley, Pope Valley, West Sonoma, Alexander Valley, Placerville, and Livermore Valley.

Many of the 'Cat'istoga outings included trips to the Petrified Forest (St. Helena), Geysers (Calistoga), 'Big Daddy's Car Show (Calistoga), Hub Cap Ranch (Angwin), Sacramento River Delta Cruise (Rio Vista), South Lake Tahoe Cruise (Nevada), Horizon Resort Casino-Hotel (Nevada), and the Infineon Raceway (Sonoma).

1995 - Stray Cats Host the 1995 CCOA Cougar Nationals West Car Show

On July 2nd the Stray Cats hosted the 1995 CCOA Cougar Nationals West at the Concord Hilton Hotel in Concord. Cougar enthusiasts from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, Texas and Tennessee attended this great event.

A video of a rare interview with Ed Leslie, former 1967 Factory Mercury Cougar Team Member Trans-Am Series, was shown at the awards banquet. Ed Leslie was made Honorary member #98 of the Stray Cats.

The primary organizer and sponsor of this event was Ron Johnson – Stang-it Cougar & Mustang

1996 to Present SC/NCCC Joint 'Classic Cougar' Car Show & Picnic

August 25, 1996 was the 1st SC/NCCC "Classic Cougar" Car Show/Picnic at Kennedy Grove Park in El Sobrante. This annual event is a day for Cougar enthusiasts, family and friends to get together to enjoy a day of games, BBQ lunch and a no judged 'Participant's Choice' car show. It is held at different parks in the San Francisco Bay area every year.

The parks have included Kennedy Grove Park in El Sobrante, Ed R. Levin Park in Milpitas, Lafayette Reservoir Park in Lafayette, McNear's Beach in San Rafael, and Lake Chabot Park in San Leandro.

Ernie Cardoza has been coordinating the joint club car show every year since the first show.



**STRAY CATS FOUNDER RON JOHNSON RECEIVES HONORARY MEMBER AWARD
CLUB SAN PABLO, SAN PABLO, CA. - 12-14-96**

From left to right: Charlie Jourdain, Ron Johnson, Dennis Pierachini, John Swanson Jr.

1997 - Celebrating '30 Years of the Mercury Cougar'

The Stray Cats participated in a year of celebration of Mercury Cougar's 30th Anniversary. We kicked off the celebration at 'Fabulous Fords Forever' All Ford Car Show at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park on April 20th.

Ron Johnson was instrumental in coordinating the August 6th thru 8th 'Border to Border Run' from San Diego, California to Seattle, Washington where

Cougar owners could join in any part or all of the drive to Washington to take part in the Cougar 30th Anniversary Celebration at the CCOA Cougar West Nationals & Cascade Cougar Club's Prowl '97 Car Show held on August 8th thru 10th. Their banquet was held at the General Petroleum Museum in downtown Seattle. This was a spectacular event.

We ended the celebration year on September 14th at the 1st Annual Fun Ford Sunday All Ford Car Show at the Great Mall of the Bay Area, formerly the San Jose Ford Assembly Plant, in Milpitas. They featured the '67 Cougar as one of the shows marquee cars.

1993 to 2005 – Other Car Shows Stray Cats Hosted

Swap Meet & Informal Car Show

In 1993 and 1994 the Stray Cats hosted two Swap Meet & Informal Car Shows in Concord.

'Cougars in Concord' Car Show

From 1999 to 2002 the Stray Cats hosted four annual car shows at Diablo Lincoln-Mercury in Concord. The first was held on May 8, 1999. This Spring event was held to kick off the car show season.

'Cougar Classics' Car Show

From 2003 to 2005 the Stray Cats hosted three annual car shows at Winters Lincoln-Mercury in Sacramento. The first was held on May 17, 2003. This Spring event was to bring a Cougar car show to the Sacramento area for the clubs growing membership from that area.

2001 - SC/TCCN 'Planes, Trains & Automobiles' Event

On July 14th the Stray Cats and The Classic Cougar Network (TCCN) teamed up to co-host the 'Planes, Trains & Automobiles' Transportation Extravaganza and Classic Cougar Rallye in Sacramento. It included a stop at the Town Auto Museum, browsing historic Old Sacramento, a ride on the Southern Sacramento Railroad, a Classic Cougar Rallye, a tour of the air controller's tower at the Sacramento Municipal Field, and a buffet at the Aviator's Restaurant.

The guest speaker was Pat Dardy who played an unusual role in classic Cougar history as trainer and handler of 'Chauncey' & 'Christopher', the Mercury spokes cats.

Organizers of this great event were Lee Schenck & Steve Eitzen.

A 'True' Classic Cougar Car Club

The Stray Cats Cougar Club remains one of two west coast Cougar clubs to maintain the '67-'73 classic Cougar only membership status. Most clubs have expanded to all Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, etc.



The Stray Cats Facebook page currently has 180 users and increases weekly. Our page is used to display not only photos of our events, and the events we attend, but also we use the calendar feature as reminders for club meetings, outings, and shows. Once you "like" the page you are instantly able to upload photos. Once you either join an event as "going" or "maybe" you can invite your friends to also attend the event. Visit our page and let us know what you think.

Look for us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/MercuryStrayCats>

For more information on the Stray Cats, visit our web site at <http://classiccougar.com>. Also, if you're in the area, check out our club picnic and car show, jointly hosted with the NorCal Cougar Club, set for July 27 at El Sobrante, California. More information and a registration form for this event appears later in this newsletter.





Ford Nutz Cougar Club - Vancouver BC

BY: HEATHER WHITAKER
(#7477)

EVENTS DIRECTOR

In an effort to maintain club enthusiasm over the winter months, Fordnutz members plan various group activities (it also helps us recognize each other once the show season begins). So on April 28th we gathered in Abbotsford at 2pm then drove the short distance to Dave's Garage & Memorabilia.



Cats Cruise in April

Our host Dave Gill was featured recently on TV's *Canadian Pickers* and Dave shared some interesting information regarding that experience. While we snacked on coffee and doughnuts, Dave told us a little about the process, such as filming taking over nine hours to produce a fifteen-minute segment on the popular show. Considering Dave has only been collecting since 2006, it's positively staggering how much really cool stuff fills his two buildings and fifty-foot commercial trailer. Much of the stuff he buys needs a lot of TLC so Dave takes on the additional challenge of doing full restorations to bring things back to original or like new condition. All in all, it was a great garage tour but the day wasn't over just yet. After thanking Dave and saying goodbye we retraced our route back to the home of our treasurer where we feasted on a delicious dinner of hot dogs and chili. As everyone settled in, the noise level dropped and compliments were heaped on our hosts for a welcome meal. After coffee and some of Cindy's legendary baking, the crowd slowly dispersed with the knowledge that it was a day well spent with good friends.



Cougars at the Beautiful Port Angeles Venue

The first road trip of the year was on May 4th to Port Angeles, WA for Mustangs and Cougars which fell on an absolutely spectacular weekend. There wasn't a cloud anywhere to be seen and our spot on the waterfront kept things at a reasonable 76 degrees (23 Celsius). Our Cougars didn't participate in the Saturday cruise, but we did get together for a great dinner. On Sunday it was an early breakfast, then a short trip down the street to primp for the show. Despite the perfect conditions, overall turnout was disappointing. Five classes had no entries at all and fully five more had only one vehicle. Hardly what one would expect for the first major car show of the year. That being said though, the event was a "yowling" success from the standpoint of us big cat owners as all Fordnutz members finished first in their classes.



A small part of the Johnson Collection

On May 16th, a group of us toured a private car collection in Langley. Although it was a weekday evening, there was a good turnout for this really cool Fordnutz event. We began with dinner at a local restaurant then three Cougars and a bunch of daily drivers headed off to our destination. Once through the door, it was apparent that this was a big change from the cramped warehouse space in Port Coquitlam that used to house the collection. The new building was bright and spacious, affording us plenty of room to walk around every vehicle and inspect to our heart's content.

An awesome collection of hundred-year-old radiator caps was tastefully displayed in two giant frames alongside artwork of every description. Vehicle-wise, muscle cars from the sixties shared floor space with a Hudson, a fire truck and Ford F500 deck truck. It's an eclectic collection that literally had something to pique the interest of any automotive buff.



Oh... Diana

Off to one side was the Diana Room named for the three cars housed inside. The room was decorated in true Victorian style complete with artwork and sculptures of Diana herself. Further into the building was a fully-outfitted diner complete with washrooms that were truly a car lover's dream lending new meaning to the term "recycling".

Vanities housing the sinks and faucets were re-purposed tool chests, towel racks were old steering wheels and the toilet paper rolls rested on lengthy old floor shifters out of some vehicle from years gone by. What great imagination! Kinda makes you want to redecorate, doesn't it?



Lots of Drawers in this Bathroom Vanity

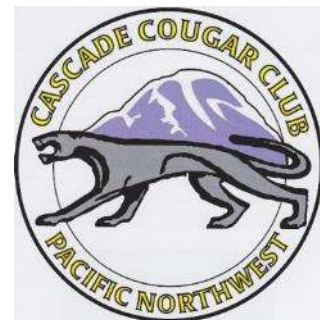
I'm sure that all who joined us for this event truly enjoyed the experience and look forward to what's in store down the road.



Cascade Cougar Club

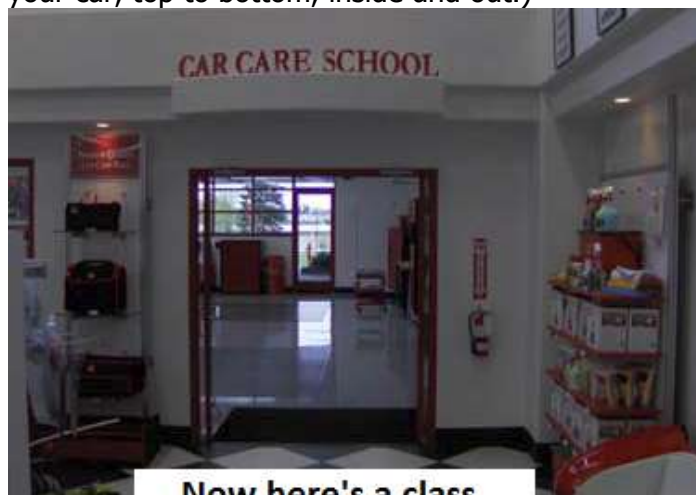
BY: HEATHER WHITAKER (#7477)

ACTIVITIES



Sadly, the weather didn't co-operate on April 20th for the Griot's tech session as evidenced by the lack of Cougars in the parking lot. However, twenty people came out to watch the paint on

Chris Benis' black cat spring to life. Although the car looked clean and shiny when he pulled it into the work bay, our "teacher", Heidi, worked her magic to demonstrate what can be accomplished with the right products and a little elbow grease. (For those of you unfamiliar with the name, Griot's is a company that manufactures and sells every car care product you'll ever need to clean and protect your car, top to bottom, inside and out.)



Now here's a class we don't mind attending

Over the next hour, we learned the value of using superior products to enhance and protect the paint on our vehicles. Heidi explained what a clay bar is, why microfiber cloths are best and how to work small sections using straight lines. We learned how to use various products to achieve desired results and not to be afraid of power buffers. Questions were asked and answered and everyone in attendance seemed to gain valuable knowledge. Following the demonstration, there was even renewed enthusiasm – wallets appeared and products flew off the shelves (to the satisfaction of Griot's employees, I'm sure). After cruising the aisles with our newfound knowledge, we retired to the in-store diner to visit and enjoy a pizza

lunch...and I fully expect to see our club's Cougars shinier than ever this summer.

On May 4-5, a small group of Cascade Cougars headed off to Port Angeles for the first show of the season in our area.



Our Cats shining in the sun at Port Angeles

It was a beautiful weekend, sunny and warm, perfect for a cruise and car show but the turnout was disappointing. Several classes were devoid of entries which is never a good thing either for participants or organizers. One Cascade couple drove all the way from Spokane, participated in the Saturday cruise then met up with the rest of our gang for a delicious Saturday dinner at the Crab House. After a good night's sleep, it was an early breakfast then a short trip down the street to primp for the show. As we lounged in the shade, a few other members (without their cats) dropped by for a visit, after which we gathered for final draws and awards.

It was a wonderful, relaxing weekend and got us in the mood for the months ahead. Speaking of which, the Cascade Cougar Club Prowl is coming up on July 28th at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in in Issaquah, WA, so mark the date, fuel up your cat and come join us. Check our web site for all the details.

Visit our website at www.cascadecougarclub.com



OHIO

BY: BEN BRACE (#2796)



Registration is open for the 2013 Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In benefiting the Arthritis Foundation. The dates are July 11, 12 & 13, 2013. Again this year the Cougars will have their own show-within-a-show and their own reserved parking area. What started out 31 years ago as just a Saturday afternoon show now covers 3 days with a Friday night Cruise-In where over 100 six foot trophies are handed out.

This will be the second year for the "Rolling Legends Tour". This year the "Rolling Legends Tour" is heading for the Mid-Ohio race course in Lexington, Ohio where we will have a couple turns on the race track with our cars before heading south to Westerville, Ohio to the "Right Stuff" Warehouse for a cook-out.

Come on out to Dublin, Ohio (NW Columbus) on July 11, 12, 13 for a great car show! Check out the Autoshow at www.arthritisautoshow.com where it's now all up to date with last year's winners (check the Cougar winners out!) and a new photo gallery.

For Cougar show information contact Ben Brace-benbrace@benbrace.com or 614-795-6627.

M60 Cougars

By Barrie Dixon
(#156)



June 4, 2013, as I write this report, is exactly 40-years since I bought my first Cougar.

OK, so that's not quite a "club report" but I thought you might like to share that time-line with me before I tell you what's happening here in the UK.

In the past few months it's been announced that the Government have upped the cut-off date for zero road tax to include all cars manufactured before January 1, 1974. That means that all six-years of the "classic" Cougar finally fall under the "Historic" category. It's not clear if this date will

continue to roll forward, as it did before Gordon Brown's tenure in Downing Street, but it is a step in the right direction and something that George Osborne promised would happen once the climate was right to do so.

There have also been changes to the MOT for older cars. Most of these changes won't affect us, but we do need to make sure that our cars are of a "roadworthy standard" before we take them along for their annual test. We always do that anyway. Right?

What about my Cougar? Did the work I did earlier in the year cure my dead battery situation? Well, the windows respond better, now that I did a rewire and I still have a reasonable voltage after a week rather than a dead battery after 3-days, but there is still a problem somewhere. I had been looking for a horrific short circuit. It turns out that it was no such thing. It was an *open* circuit that was causing the problem. I'm not too sure if it's the 10-year old central locking system that's the cause of the problem or if it's the swing steering and its 46-year old components. I do know that since I disconnected them both, I have a full charge in the battery and I'm happy about that: I can live with leaning across to lock/unlock the passenger door and the swing steering hasn't worked that good since I've had the car (30-years in September), therefore neither one is a major loss. I still have a few issues with the spare battery in the trunk, which I won't get into, but it's there if I need that extra bit of power to get me started.

Now, if I can figure out why the alternator keeps tripping the circuit breaker, maybe I can drive the car at night without fear the lights will drain the power before I get home. Oh, wait! I have a spare battery in the trunk, so that should help.

Sunshine State Cougar Club

BY: STEVE HARVEY

16th Annual Daytona Cougar Show

One by one the Cats started arriving at the Belmont Inn (formerly the Jamison Inn) on Friday afternoon. We each checked in and parked in our reserved club parking out back. It was great



getting caught up with each other and the progress we had each made on restoring and/or keeping our Cats running. Friday evening consisted of our usual pizza dinner and a lot of comradery, celebration, looking under the hoods, joking around and teasing each other.



Additionally, this year we had several presentations. The Club presented Cynthia Vanderwilt with a new SSCC shirt with our logo and her name embroidered on it and Bill Hartman a Tervis Coffee mug with his name and our logo for their outstanding work every year providing our dinners on Friday and Saturday night as well as our Saturday noon cookouts.



And right on time, Nancy Elder brought out her famous cookies. This year since she was recovering from a cold, she only brought about 5 varieties. (We can only wonder how fat we would have gotten had she been feeling well.) As always Nancy, they were delicious. John Carmody and Wayne Settlemyer were presented a \$20.00 gift certificates donated by West Coast Classic Cougars for correctly guessing the correct cookie for the first annual Nancy Elder Cookie Trivia Game. Keith

Hammersley was presented a special gift by Jim Broady.

Several years back, Keith coveted one of our door prizes that had been won by someone else...a nut polisher. So Jim presented Keith his very own Nut Polisher....you just had to be there to enjoy the rest of the conversation for a while.



The remainder of the evening was spent comparing notes, more looking under the hoods and just getting to know each other a little better. Jim Stickley brought out his "What's It" scooter. We enjoyed talking with him about his conversion and seeing him ride it. Another highlight of the evening was when Greg Taylor arrived with his "racing cougar" from Tallahassee.



After a few "pit stops" he made it to Daytona. It was great seeing a few new faces and lots of familiar faces.

We got up early Saturday morning and enjoyed the usual free breakfast at the Belmont. Weather forecasts didn't offer a very promising day. Rain was predicted with storms for the afternoon. But we weren't deterred.

Promptly at 7:45, "some" of us lined up for our motorcade to the speedway. Arriving at our usual club parking space, we each staked our territories and began getting our cars ready for the show. When all had arrived, we had 18-20 Cougars. Everyone sat about enjoying the show. We actually saw about 5 Cougars that were not part of our club in the Car Corral and the show cars. We sat up our canopies and enjoyed the rest of the day which included lunch provided by Cynthia and Bill and our business meeting at 3:00. As promised, later in the day, the weather gave us a little sun, clouds, wind and rain; but all in all it was a good day.

As we left the show around 4:00 the big question was whether to gamble on the weather and have our dinner and raffle outside on the lawn of the Belmont or to give in and have it at the Cracker Barrel next door. Cynthia and Bill made the wise choice of going inside. The Cracker Barrel provided us a nice area in the back of the restaurant for our dinner, 50/50, and raffle. Our hosts for the evening were Keith Hammersley and Bob Latimer. Keith played his role as the Hawaiian Swammie (swammie hat and Hawaiian shirt) and Bob as his Jester donned his 3 legged hat.



We were having so much fun, that the manager found a few props and joined us. We thank the Cracker Barrel for being so flexible and accommodating in meeting our needs. The remainder of the evening we enjoyed the entertainment provided by our hosts, the numerous raffle prizes, and each other. Sunday promised to be another day of inclement weather so many of us decided it was time to take our Cats home to a nice warm garage. Looking forward to next year.

Pictures courtesy of Nancy Elder.

18TH ANNUAL 'CLASSIC COUGAR' CAR SHOW & PICNIC

Sponsored jointly by **Mercury Stray Cats Cougar Club** & the Northern California Cougar Club and

Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area

6531 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante, CA - Hitching Post Picnic Area

**** SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2013 ** 10 AM to 6 PM**



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JOIN THE FUN! PARTICIPANT'S CHOICE CAR SHOW - NO JUDGING!

Dash Plaque and Door Prize ticket to participants. Raffle Items - Games – Contests - BBQ Lunch.

Trophies for 'Class Entry' and a 'Wounded Cat' Award for 'Restoration in Progress'.

* Park opens at 8 am - \$5 Park Entrance Fee plus \$2 Animal Fee (if you bring one) – Pay at Gate.

* Dog/Pets allowed in designated area and must be on leash (6 feet or less) at all times.

* **No reserved parking for this event. We ask that you arrive early so that we can park together.**

* Only one parking space per car – Do not park in street or block traffic. * No alcoholic beverages.

* **Registration from 10 am to 12 am (Cars must be in place by 12 noon).**

* BBQ Lunch at 1 pm. * Door Prize Drawing and Raffle at 3 pm. * Trophy & Award Presentation at 3 pm.

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

Class 1 1967 Coupe

Class 4 1969-73 Convertible

Class 2 1968 Coupe

Class 5 Specialty (XR7G, GT, GTE, Eliminator, & All Big-Blocks)

Class 3 1969-73 Coupe

Class 6 Non-Cougar & Display (No trophy or award)

Additional Information: Contact: [Gavin Schlesinger \(925\) 596-0870](tel:9255960870) or e-mail: GavinSchlesinger@yahoo.com

Directions:

From the Richmond area: From northbound I-80, take the San Pablo Dam Road exit and turn right. Proceed through El Sobrante on San Pablo Dam Road to the Kennedy Grove entrance (on the left), about 0.25 mile south of the intersection with Castro Ranch Road. [Approximately 3.5 miles from I-80]

From southbound I-80, take the San Pablo Dam Road exit and turn left. Proceed through El Sobrante on San Pablo Dam Road to the Kennedy Grove entrance (on the left), about 0.25 mile south of the intersection with Castro Ranch Road. [Approximately 3.5 miles from I-80]

From the Oakland/Orinda/Walnut Creek area: take Hwy. 24 to the Orinda exit and turn north on Camino Pablo, which becomes San Pablo Dam Road. Proceed north on San Pablo Dam Road past the San Pablo Dam Recreational Area entrance for about one mile to Kennedy Grove Park entrance (on the right). [Approximately 8 miles from Hwy. 24]

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

Name: _____

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

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Car Year: _____ Make/Body Style: _____ Entry Class # (see above): _____

Club Affiliation: Stray Cats _____ NCCC _____ Other (specify) _____

BBQ LUNCH IS INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE AND COVERS ALL PERSONS IN YOUR VEHICLE.

All necessary utensils, napkins, plates, etc. are provided. Enter number of people for the BBQ _____ Fill in.

ENTRY FEE: Stray Cats or Nor-Cal Cougar Club members: \$20 pre-registration or \$25 day of show.

Non-members: \$25 pre-registration or \$30 day of show. *Join either Club and get Club rates.*

REGISTRATION FEE: Make your NON-REFUNDABLE entry fee check or money order payable to: "Stray Cats".

Pre-Registered entries must be postmarked on or before July 19, 2013. After that date, Day of Event rate applies.

Mail Registration Form to: "Classic Cougar Show"; c/o John Swanson, P.O. Box 41, Fairfield, CA 94533

Disclaimer: The Mercury Stray Cats Cougar Club, Northern California Cougar Club, Kennedy Grove Park or any affiliate shall not be held responsible for any property loss, property damage or personal injury during this event.

Cascade Cougar Club



Prowl 2013



XXX Root Beer Drive-In Issaquah, Washington
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Cascade Cougar Club PROWL 2013

July 28, 2013

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PROWL 2013 REGISTRATION FORM
CLASS DESIGNATIONS

COUGAR

C1 67 STANDARD
C2 67 XR7
C3 68 STANDARD
C4 68 XR7
C5 69 HDTP, XR-7 & STANDARD
C6 70 HDTP, XR-7 & STANDARD
C7 71-73 COUGAR ALL
C8 69-70 COUGAR CONV
C9 MODIFIED COUGAR HDTP
C10 MODIFIED COUGAR CONV
C11 GTE, XR7-G, ELIMINATOR
C12 74-2002 COUGAR

FORD MERCURY / EDSEL / LINCOLN

F1 FORD ALL
F2 THUNDERBIRD ALL
MU1 MUSTANG 1964 - 1978
MU2 MUSTANG 1979 - 2013
MC1 1970 - 80 MAVERICK - COMET
M1 MERCURY ALL
M2 1960 - 69 COMET, CYCLONE, METEOR, FALCON
EL EDSEL - LINCOLN ALL

SPECIAL

Y1 YOUNG ADULT (25 & UNDER)
OM&M OTHER MAKES & MODELS
D1 DISPLAY ONLY

Awards for Long Distance and Hard Luck Story

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

Registration is also available through our website at www.cascadecougarclub.com

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

YEAR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____ COLOR _____

CHECK THE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CAR

ORIGINAL RESTORED MOSTLY STOCK CUSTOM HEAVILY MODIFIED

ENTER CLASS DESIGNATION # FROM ABOVE LIST _____

Registration Fee: BEFORE JULY 12 - \$15 ___ AFTER JULY 12 - \$20 ___

Pre-order t-shirts.

All shirt pre-orders must be made and received by the club no later than Friday July 12th!

S to XL are \$15.00 each. Size(s) _____ Amount included \$ _____

XXL and up are \$17.00 each. Size(s) _____ Amount included \$ _____

We are only ordering a limited number of non pre-order shirts.

Sizes above XL will only be available through pre-order.

TOTAL INCLUDED \$ _____

I hereby release the Cascade Cougar Club, XXX Root Beer Drive-In, Virginia Mason, the City of Issaquah, and all other sponsors, their employees, and/or volunteers, from any and all responsibility for damages that may occur to my vehicle or personal property.

Signature _____ Date _____

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



Mercuryville

2013

September 27-29
Springfield, Illinois

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Name _____

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Day Phone _____ Eve Phone _____

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Vehicle 1 Judged: Yes ___ No ___ Year _____ Model _____ Style _____

Vehicle 2 Judged: Yes ___ No ___ Year _____ Model _____ Style _____

Vehicle 3 Judged: Yes ___ No ___ Year _____ Model _____ Style _____

Definitions: Model=Custom, Monterey, Montclair, Park Lane, Comet, Cougar, Marauder, Montego, Marquis, Sable, etc.
Style = convertible, coupe, 2-door, 4-door, hardtop, hatchback, pickup, sedan, station wagon, etc.

Please indicate **any** modifications that have made your vehicle different from the factory stock version it represents:

Vehicle 1_(1 car included with registration fee) _____

Vehicle 2_(\$25 additional for @ add'l vehicle(s)) _____

Vehicle 3_(\$25 additional for @ add'l vehicle(s)) _____

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Fees	Price Each	Extension
<p>Early registration Fee (discounted price prior to 8/15/13) (All prices include (2) people, (1) goody bag, (1) T-shirt with or without a car)</p> <p>After August 15th, 2013 show registration fee will be \$50</p> <p>Indicate T-shirt Size: L () XL () XXL () XXXL ()</p>	\$40	\$40
<p>Additional Guests Specify quantity: _____ Additional Cars Specify quantity: _____</p>	\$10/ea. \$25/ea	\$ _____
<p>Banquet/Award Sit Down Dinner-Saturday Eve 9/28/13</p> <p>Specify # Individuals Attending _____</p> <p>Chicken _____ Beef _____ Casual Attire</p>	\$35	\$ _____
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	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

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Signature _____

We are pleased to accept ___ American Express ___ Discover ___ MasterCard ___ Visa
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