



MAY NEWSLETTER

This will be a short new-letter. Linda and I are flying to Florida for a much needed vacation.

The drive to the Castle on April 30 was beautiful! Barring the broken U-joint on Ron Jr's car, the day's Cruise was just GORGEOUS! The Gods were with us.

Just a reminder. JUNE 11 is the Greater Pgh Mu-tang ANNUAL PICNIC at Roosevelt Grove North Park. The Club will purchase a Ham and will also supply the Beer, Pop, Potato Chips & Pretzels. Two gracious members have already offered to bring Cake and Ice Cream. And as in the past, all members are asked to bring a covered dish to share with everyone. Bring the kids, bring the Cars and bring your appetite. There's plenty of parking and as History will attest; a GREAT TIME will be had by ALL! Remember.....JUNE 11...ROOSEVELT GROVE...NORTH PARK.....

(Hint: Directions to the Grove are in the April New-letter)

See all of you on June 11.

Your Secretary,

Bill Miller

P.S. We're going to start up the Want Ads again. If you got some car or a pile of parts that you want get rid of just call me with the info or leave a message on the answering machine and I'll print it in the newsletters.

## PONY EXPRESS

What a beautiful day and good turn out we had for our first outside event, April 30th. A big hand of applause for Ron and Pat Kaminski on such a wonderful job in planning the tour of Nemaocolin Castle. We had 16 tour the home and 18 people sit down to dinner at Southwest Marina Restaurant. The Ice Cream Parlor, Gift and Antique buildings were also an added extra enjoyment. It was good to see Ray & Diane Vinson, Andy & Audrey Schrauder, who we missed for several months. John brought his wife Marcia Bowman Stringert whom we all met for the first time. Coincidentally the family that owned the Castle were also Bowman's, Marcia has a strange curiosity to learn more about her family tree.

We were glad that Ron and Ronnie made it home before the U-joint came completely apart on their Mustang, to add a little adventure to the days trip. They exchanged Mustangs and although they missed the tour arrived back in plenty of time to join the rest of us for dinner. It's always nice to have a few spare Mustangs handy when these little mishaps pop up, right Ron? We all miss the Storer family and the Hagerty's, Hope to see all of you real SOON....

We were all shocked to hear of Billy Kolder's auto accident the night before, causing the whole family to miss the event. We're glad to learn Billy is not badly hurt, but the car is history, hope you'll be feeling as good as new real quickly, Bill.

Speaking of Kolders, Chuck and Bonnie are planning our next event. May 21st. We are all meeting at King's Rest. Area in the Cranberry Mall, located on Rt. 19 north. <sup>1:30 PM.</sup> We will then caravan to Bethel Golf course on Rt. 228, later to follow for a light dinner at "Good Old Uncle Bob's Rest. Bar" also on Rt. 228. We are going to have another beautiful warm Sunday, so bring out those Mustangs and enjoy yourself.

No scheduled meeting on June 7th, But our Annual Picnic is June 11th at the Roosevelt Grove. Don't Forget the Date June 11th.....

Bill

# The American Pony Drive

European Mustangers plan to join the birthday party.

The Mustang's 25th Anniversary celebration will know no national boundaries.

by Mike Mueller

John Manners saw his first Mustang in England 24 years ago and was hooked. The attraction was instant, although the Baar, Switzerland, native admits that, at the time, the little American ponycars were "far ahead of anything in this world a 'handworking' man like me could afford." But that situation soon changed. Manners bought his first Mustang in 1969, a '65 GT he still drives. Many others followed; today, counting the GT, he owns five Mustangs and loves each one. Though he lives halfway around the world, his devotion to the Mustang hobby is no less intense than enthusiasts' in this country.

Maybe that's why John Manners came up with the idea three years ago for the American Pony Drive—to show that Europeans love Mustangs, too. If you haven't heard, the American Pony Drive is a caravan of European Mustangers from various countries scheduled to set out March 23 from Jacksonville, Florida, on a seven-week tour of America to celebrate the Mustang's 25th Anniversary. The group will travel west through Pensacola, Florida; New Orleans; Dallas; Oklahoma City; Albuquerque and Las Vegas. Along the way they will be joined by American participants as the entourage stops to take part in shows and events sponsored by local clubs. One particular highlight will be the grand birthday celebration April 16 at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California. To coincide with the Southern California stop, Steve Saleen has invited the group to tour his Saleen Autosport facilities in Anaheim.

The caravan will leave the L.A. area April 21, and head east through southern Arizona. An initial plan to pass through Phoenix has been changed with a shift to Tucson for a tour sponsored by the Southern Arizona Mustang Club. Next, it's on to stops in Texas and Arkansas, before arriving in Nashville April 29 to participate in the Music City Mustang Club's annual show. (For information on other stops and host clubs, see the accompanying itinerary.) After Nashville they'll see the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; and then drive to Detroit for a May 4 tour of the Dearborn Assembly Plant. After a visit in Pittsburgh, the seven-week American Pony Drive will come to a close in Baltimore; the European Mustangs will be loaded on ships May 9 for their trip home.

Early reports claimed as many as 150 Mustangs would be making the trip across the Atlantic, but Manners admits that figure has since dropped below 100. The reason for the drop is cost. According to Manners, the cost for a European Mustang to be an American Pony Drive participant will run in excess of \$10,000 per vehicle for the seven-week

caravan. If that sounds a bit steep to you, it should. But don't think for a minute that economics have dimmed the enthusiasm of our European hobbyist friends. Manners is aware of a couple men who've taken out second mortgages on their homes to fund their participation. "This means a lot to all of us," said Manners, "and some won't let anything get in the way of being there." At least two participants will ride in each car, and some plan to ease expenses by splitting into "teams," whereby two drivers will travel the westward leg while a different duo will fly into Los Angeles and make the return trip east.



Registered Pony Drive participants will receive the patch on the bottom. The supporter patch (above) is available to any Mustang fan for \$10. Ordering information is given in the box on page 29. By the time you read this, other commemorative paraphernalia — shirts, jackets, etc. — should be available as well.

Luckily, the price for American participants is not quite as steep. In fact it's downright cheap. Mustang fans may join or leave the European caravan at any point; the fee is the same no matter how many miles you travel. For \$30, American Mustangers can participate in all activities, take advantage of special hotel rates and otherwise share in the celebration. Overnight security and service backups will also be provided, and all registered participants will receive a special embroidered patch commemorating the event. For those who can't participate but would like to assist the non-profit group, supporter patches are available for \$10. To order your patches, or to register for the American Pony Drive, see our accompanying information box.

According to domestic coordinator Terry Hawthorne, more than 100 American Mustangers have registered to take part in the American Pony Drive. "At present, it seems like most feel it's too far in advance to make plans," said Hawthorne, "but the thing is starting to take off." Hawthorne predicts interest to pick up considerably as the kickoff date nears. "We've had tons of calls from interested parties," he said, with a large number signing up for the Las Vegas to L.A. run, by far the most popular leg of the American Pony Drive. A special commemorative certificate will go to participants who complete this leg and Hawthorne hopes to have a high Ford official (perhaps Donald Petersen himself) lead the caravan into L.A. All registered entrants arriving in L.A. will also be allowed to enter the Knott's Berry Farm celebration free of charge. Admission for the general public is \$10.

Those who can't join the caravan are still more than welcome to attend the various shows and receptions at sites along the route. Any support for the group or the host clubs will be welcomed. Extending our European counterparts a little camaraderie—in the form of service, maintenance or repair assistance, donations, or just plain smiles and hospitality—will only help strengthen the already solid image of the Mustang hobby.

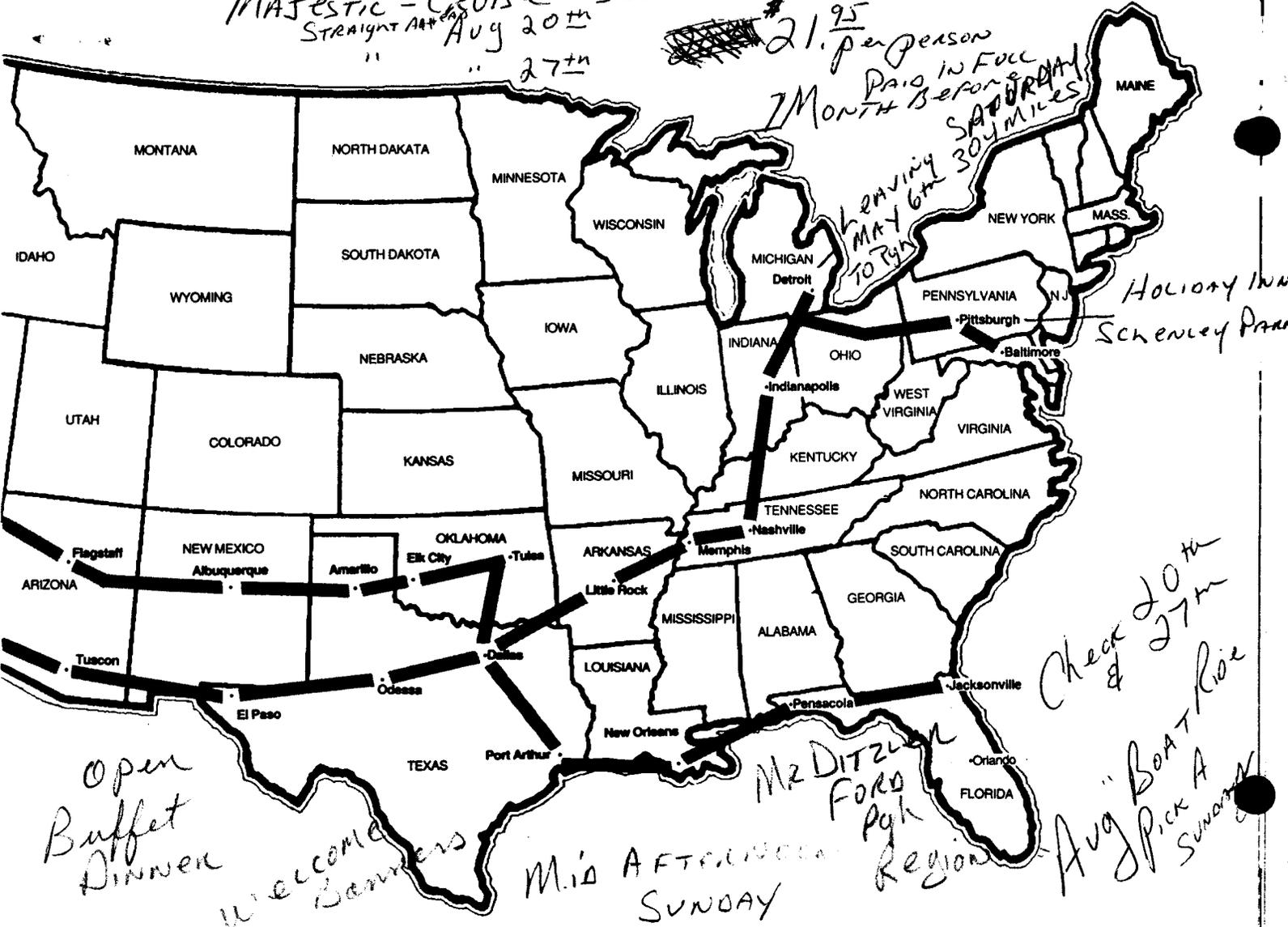
Manners, Hawthorne and fellow American organizer Scott McNair plan to have all bases covered should unforeseen mishaps or breakdowns occur, but extra helping hands undoubtedly will be appreciated. Expected sponsorship from Ford Motor Company will help in some areas, but that support has yet to materialize. Obviously, Ford is more than willing to take some role in assisting the American Pony Drive, as it has with other 25th Anniversary celebrations. According to Dave Krupp, of Ford Public Affairs, support is definitely available but decisions as to what forms it will take have yet to be made.

A 25th Anniversary only comes once and Manners and his group didn't want to miss this. "We're all in this together," he said, but more importantly, "we're all in this for fun." As for Mustangers in this country, don't hesitate. Welcome our visitors, show your cars, and join the fun before it passes you by.



MAJESTIC - Cruise 355-7980  
 STRAIGHT A++  
 Aug 20th  
 " " 27th

#21.95 per person  
 PAID IN FULL  
 2 MONTH BEFORE  
 LEAVING MAY 6th  
 304 MILES



Open Buffet Dinner

Welcome Banners

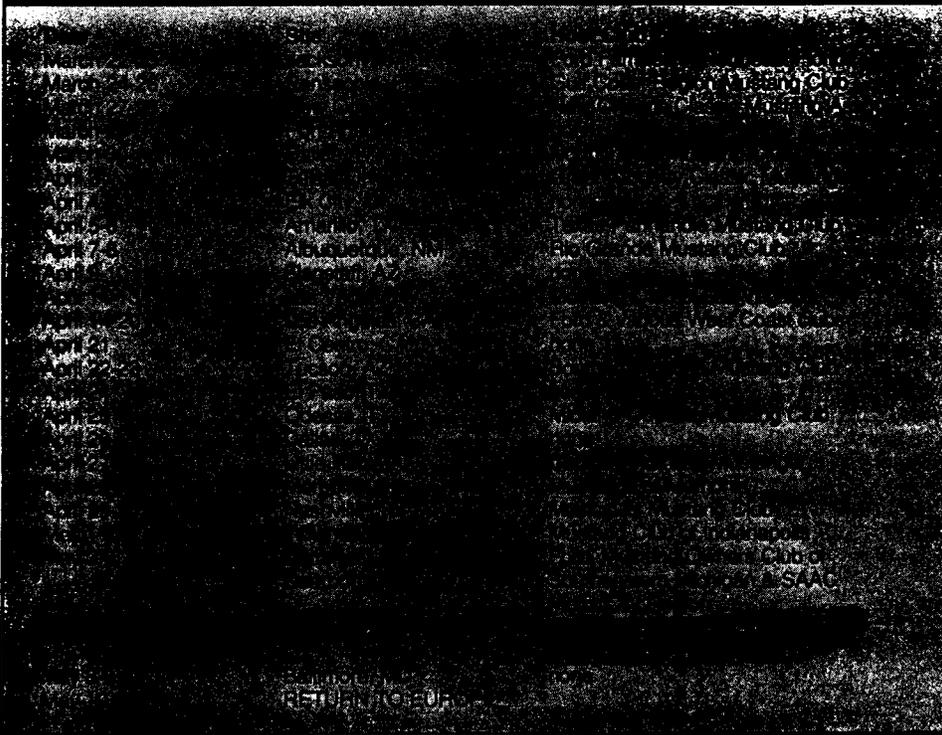
Mid Afternoon SUNDAY

M2 DITZL Ford Pkg Region

Check 20th & 27th  
 Aug Boat Ride  
 Pick A Sunday

Holiday Inn Schenley Park

American Pony Drive Itinerary



Information Sources

For a periodic...  
 addressed to...  
 Boone...  
 215...  
 Sweet...  
 Make your...  
 in...  
 American...  
 2020...  
 America...  
 1822

Bob & Donna Wilcox - Verona Pa 795-4495