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May 2007 PCMC Club Minutes

President Dave Glidewell opened the monthly meeting on Friday, May 4th 2007 in the Kent Bowen Scarff Showroom at 8:06 p.m.

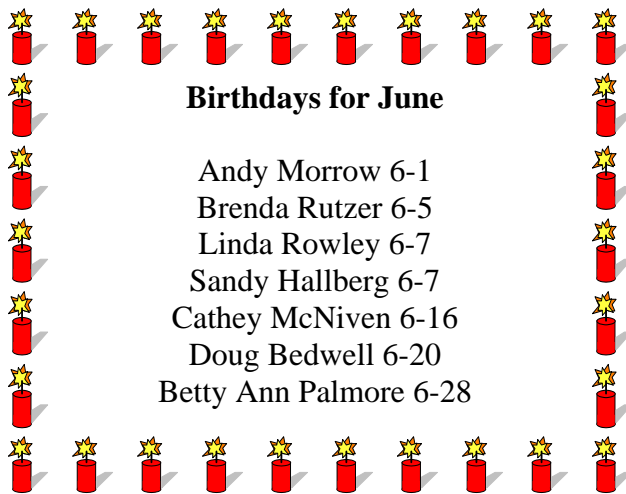
Secretary's Report: April minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Brad Hofman reported the club received its annual insurance bill. Brad is also collecting \$25.00 to enter your car into the 'car corral' at the Sovren event 4th of July weekend at Pacific Raceways. Preregister by June 15th (or \$40.00 for the whole weekend) Our club is participating on Sunday, July 1st. Parnelli Jones will be the guest at that event.

Vice President: Kirk Charboneau is coming up with a theme for next year's banquet.

Pegasus: Donna Kercher welcomes any contributions. Be sure to let Donna know if you send her something, that you want it published.

New Business: Dave Glidewell reminded us of the Boise trip (4-5 day event). Some are leaving Thursday June 28th, for the BoonDockers/go-cart track. There's a long cruise Friday, then a Sock Hop Friday evening. Saturday car show, then evening cruise. Sunday car show, then head home Monday July 2nd. Mark Palmore reminded us of our annual car show Saturday August 18th. A sign up sheet is being passed around for volunteers to help with show details. Remember to start collecting door prizes for the raffle, and stuff for our goodie bags, too! Mark is looking for a white-board for raffle drawing numbers. This year's trophy will be a Ford clock.



Birthdays for June

Andy Morrow 6-1
Brenda Rutzer 6-5
Linda Rowley 6-7
Sandy Hallberg 6-7
Cathey McNiven 6-16
Doug Bedwell 6-20
Betty Ann Palmore 6-28

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(May minutes, cont'd)

Mark mentioned Jim Selvan who specializes in restoring Mustangs. His number is 206-979-9519; mention Mark's name/PCMC member for a possible discount?

Tours & Events : Margaret Petersen discussed their trip to the Tulip festival which they attended with new members Joshua & Melissa (they ended up at XXX) and had a great trip.

This Saturday Chris Johnson is planning a cruise/poker run to Vashon Island. They will meet at The Mustang Shop at 10 a.m. Please sign up to let Chris know if you're planning on attending. He also needs 3-5 volunteers to hand out playing cards for the poker run. They plan on ending at Rock Island Pizza.

Bellevue picnic is Sunday June 3rd. Margaret brought lots of fliers with tons of events coming up.

June 13th dinner night out TBA

Sunday June 24th at XXX Jr. Cadillac performs.

Father's Day show in Burien.

Pony Trails is Friday July 13th (we plan on combining our monthly meeting with dinner night out together, as there will not be a meeting on Friday July 6th)

Rod Run at Ocean Park Sept. 8-9 (7th is slow-drags)

Dave Glidewell would still like to plan a trip from Enumclaw over to Yakima this summer.

Sunday July 29th is Port Orchard show.

Membership: Linda Hallberg introduced old member Lori Swanson (back from CA) with guest Kyle. She also introduced new member Paul Candella who owns a 68 coupe.

We had approximately 35 members attend tonight's meeting.

Website: Skip Echert mentioned he'll put directions to our monthly meeting on the website. He also wants new pictures for our website gallery.

Tech. Session: Chris Johnson reported on the last tech session at Brad Hofman's house where they

pulled a motor and transmission out of Brad's convertible. Approximately 4-5 people attended (Tom Rowley lost a hood bolt). Cecil Paoletti loaned out his engine stand. Brad is still cleaning up the engine to get it ready to put back in.

Lotteries: Split the Pot was won by President Dave Glidewell. Member in Attendance was won by Tom Rowley. Door prizes donated by Bowen Scarff were posters won by newest member Paul Candella and by Stan Vanderford. Valve stem caps won by Ken Charboneau, and numerous t-shirts won by Joshua Hake, Ric Tucker and Malinda Dagan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Julie Thompson, Secretary

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Cruise Control & Hydroplaning
NEVER KNEW THIS BEFORE...I wonder how many people know about this?

A 36 year old female had an accident several weeks ago and totaled her car. A resident of Oakville, Ontario she was traveling between Oakville and Hamilton. It was raining, though not excessively, when her car suddenly began to hydro-plane and literally flew through the air. She was not seriously injured but very stunned at the sudden occurrence. When she explained to the highway patrolman what had happened he told her something that every driver should know -

NEVER DRIVE IN THE RAIN WITH YOUR CRUISE CONTROL ON.

She had thought she was being cautious by setting the cruise control and maintaining a safe consistent speed in the rain. But the highway patrolman told her that if the cruise control is on

and your car begins to hydro-plane when your tires lose contact with the pavement, your car will accelerate to a higher rate of speed, and you takeoff like an airplane. She told the patrolman that was exactly what had occurred.

The patrolman said this warning should be listed, on the driver's seat sun-visor - **NEVER USE THE CRUISE CONTROL WHEN THE PAVEMENT IS WET OR ICY**, along with the airbag warning. We tell our teenagers to set the cruise control and drive a safe speed - but we don't tell them to use the cruise control only when the pavement is dry.

The only person the accident victim found, who knew this (besides the patrolman), was a man who had had a similar accident, totaled his car and sustained severe injuries.

Be careful out there!

(Email Urban Legend verified as true at <http://www.snopes.com/autos/techno/wetroad.asp>)

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Siping

Siping is a process of cutting thin slits across a [rubber](#) surface to improve [traction](#) in wet or icy conditions.

Siping was invented and patented by [John Sipe](#) in the [1920s](#). Sipe worked in a [slaughterhouse](#) and grew tired of slipping on the wet floors. He found that cutting slits in the tread on the bottoms of his [shoes](#) provided better traction than the uncut tread.

The process was not applied to vehicle tires on a large scale until the [1950s](#), when superior tread compounds were developed that could stand up to the siping process. On roads covered with snow, ice, mud, and water, sipes usually increase traction. A US patent to Goodyear claimed sipes improve tire traction as well, and tend to close completely in the tire "footprint" on the road. A [1978](#) study by the US National Safety Council found siping improved stopping distances by 22 percent, breakaway traction by 65 percent, and rolling traction by 28 percent *on glare ice*.

Tire tread block shapes, groove configurations, and sipes affect tire noise pattern and traction characteristics. Typically, wide, straight grooves have a low noise level and good water removal. More lateral grooves usually increase traction. Sipes are small grooves that are cut across larger tread elements. Up to a point, more sipes give more traction in snow or mud.

As is often the case, there are compromises. Winter tires, and "mud and snow" tires, may have thousands of sipes and give good traction. But, they may feel "squirmy" on a warm, dry road. Treadless racing "slicks" on dry roads give maximum traction. These have

no sipes, no grooves, and no tread blocks. They also have very poor traction on wet surfaces. Tire manufacturers use different tread rubber compounds and tread designs for different tires' usages.

Large sipes are usually built into the tread during manufacturing. Sipes may also be cut into the tread at a later date, called "microsiping". Bandag developed a machine for microsiping which places a curved knife blade at a slight angle on a rotating drum. The drum is placed so when it is pressed against the tread the tire is pressed into an exaggerated hollow, as if driving down a rail. The drum is lubricated and rotated and the knife makes a series of diagonal cuts across the tread. For improved traction, the tire may be siped twice, leaving diamond-shaped blocks. A significant problem with field siping is that the tread picks up rocks, glass, and other hard road debris in use, and even with thorough cleaning the knife service life is often poor.

Microsiping can dramatically improve tire traction in rain and snow. However, microsiped tires may also have increased road noise and tire wear when operated on dry surfaces.

In Massachusetts in the 1970's, it was legal to operate a school bus with bald tires, provided they were double microsiped.

Both [Bridgestone](#) and [Michelin](#) sell [snow tires](#) that are siped at the factory, while [Saf-Tee Siping and Grooving](#) sells machines that can sipe most standard vehicle tires. Siping can also be done by hand. Be aware that siping the tires can void the manufacturer's warranty.

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SECURITY IDEAS:

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone.

Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.

Q & A & Tips

Q: It seems like more people are running red lights today. How can I protect myself from them?

A: By never assuming a green light means okay. There's little consolation in knowing an accident isn't your fault just because you had the right of way. Your car is still damaged, and someone may be hurt. Even though you were in the right, perhaps you could have actually avoided the collision simply by looking before you leap. If your light is green, look both ways and drive defensively. Have a safe holiday season.

Q: I know that anger and driving don't mix and behind the wheel is no place for aggression. So can you give me some ideas on how to avoid road rage?

A: Here are some suggestions:

1. Be courteous behind the wheel.
 2. Don't honk your horn excessively.
 3. Don't block the passing lane.
 4. Don't switch lanes without signaling first.
 5. Don't take up more than one parking spot.
 6. Don't let your door hit the car parked next to you.
 7. Don't tail gate.
 8. Avoid unnecessary use of high beam headlights.
 9. Don't inflict your loud music on nearby cars.
- Allow plenty of time for every trip.

TIP FOR THE DAY. Any time you see or hear a motorcyclist near you, be especially cautious. Motorcyclists are difficult to see because they are smaller than most vehicles. And often hide easily in blind spots. Statistics show that motorcyclists are about 16 times as likely as automobile occupants to die in a traffic accident. Drive defensively and be aware of your surroundings.

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June 2007

- 6-1, PCMC Meeting 7:30 PM
 - 6-3, All Ford Picnic, Mustangs NW
 - 6-13, Dinner, 6:30PM, Elliott Bay Brewery Pub, Burien
 - 6-16, Hot Rod Car Show Snohomish 9AM-3PM
 - 6-17, Planters Day Cruise Woodland 12PM
 - 6-29, 30, Sovren Pacific NW Historic Race
- July 2007**
- 7-1, Sovren Pacific NW Historic Race (cont'd)
 - 7-5, Travel day to Boise Idaho NW Motorfest
 - 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, NW Motorfest
 - 7-6, NO PCMC Meeting
 - 7-13, PCMC Meeting location TBA

- 7-13, Pony Trails/Mustangs NW day trip TBA
- 7-14, 7-15, Mustangs NW Roundup
- 7-28, Alki Show
- 7-29, Pt Orchard Car Show

August 2007

- 8-4, PCMC Meeting, 7:30PM
- 8-11, Lucky Eagle Hot Rod Show, Rochester
- 8-13, Dinner, 6:30PM, TBA
- 8-18, Our Mustang Roundup, 9AM-3PM
- 8-25, LeMay Show 9AM-5PM, Marymount and LeMay Estate

Membership Qualifications

1. Attend two functions; one of which must be a Membership meeting.
2. Be a currently licensed driver with Insurance.
3. Own a Ford powered vehicle.
4. Have a desire to enjoy companionship and interests of other Mustang and Ford enthusiasts.
5. Pay Annual Dues: \$25 per year per household.

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