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Hi! I’m Jay Nutt and I’m your UFO Newsletter Editor. Please feel free to call, email ( nuttjay@yahoo.com ), or snail mail any comments, suggestions, etc. to the address below.

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The UFO Presidents Corner
By Terry Tippett

Hey everybody!
A big thank you to Mr. Jay Nutt for all the newsletters he has been doing all these years.
A big thank you to Mr. Kevin Dearth for always being the backbone for our club.

Our new meeting place is the Grand Prix Karting facility at 1300 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus Oh 43209, meetings start at 7PM. The meeting dates for 2015 are April 1 & 15, May 6 & 20, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 & 19, September 2 & 16, October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18, December 9; the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month except December with one meeting on the 9th.

UFO Awards Banquet will be Saturday, March 28th at The Berwick Party House, 3250 Refugee Rd. Doors open at 5PM, dinner at 6PM. Adults $10 children 4-12 $5. For more info call Susan in the evening at 614-282-5320. Hope to see you there.

At our January 21st meeting, Michael Fornataro and Roger Gustin from National Trail Raceway meet with us to talk about the Fall Ford Show at the race track. We spent the entire meeting on the fall show and bench racing. The Mustang Club here in Columbus will host the Mustang National Show this year in Columbus in September, the same weekend as the Ford Expo at Trails. I asked Bob Roush to contact them and ask if they would like to attend one of our meetings and let us know what we can do to help them. PS, the Mustang Club helps us every year with manpower at our Fall Super Swap. The Spring Swap will be April 4 & 5 with set up on Friday the 3rd, anyone wanting to help please call Terry at 740-607-1451. We will need help to set up, man the booth and tear down the booth.

Your officers for 2015 are President-Terry Tippet, Vice President-Todd Kitchen, Secretary-Frank Iezzi, Treasurer-Pat Harrington, Newsletter Editor-Jay Nutt, Webmaster-Bob Roush, Membership Director-Thomas Waibel, Cruise Director-Jim Hillman, Auto Cross Director-Todd Kitchen, Drag Race Director-John Rankin.

Would you like to see your car in your newsletter? Please send pictures and/or stories to your newsletter editor Jay Nutt and web wizard Bob Roush. Info for both is on the back of your newsletter.

Any questions, comments, suggestions please contact me at 740-607-1451 or e-mail at tbucket@columbus.rr.com
Thank you
Terry

2014 Swap Shirts Still Available

If you would like to purchase an official 2014 UFO Swap T-shirt or sweat shirt please contact Kevin Dearth before April 3th. He will be having additional Swap T-shirts and sweat shirts made up at the spring swap so if you would like any additional shirts, contact Kevin at 614-265-9095 or E mail at ufokd@yahoo.com
Points & Plugs

Submitted by UFO Member Chris Browning

As I type this, the temperature is around five degrees, and the wind chill is below zero. A co-worker asked me today if I was counting down the days to the first car show, and I emphatically said “yes, because that means that warmer weather is here”! Every year I get older and every year I despise cold weather even more. I don’t know if it’s the cold, the snow or the gray skies that make me wish for summer, or if it’s a combination of the three, but I can’t wait for spring!

Spring brings racing with it, and as a motorsports fan, I was saddened to hear the news that Dale Armstrong had passed away. If you were a drag racing fan in the late 80’s and early 90’s, you know of Dale. If not, here is the story. He was best known as the crew chief for Kenny Bernstein’s Mercury Topaz Funny Car and Budweiser Top Fuel dragster. He was an innovator and a great crew chief. When Bernstein broke the 300 mph barrier in a Top Fuel dragster at Gainesville, Florida, it was Dale spinning the wrenches and calling the tune-up shots. Dale was also a great driver in Pro-Comp back in the 70’s (he is a member of the 50 Greatest NHRA drivers list), and drove rails, funny cars and altereds. He won in all of them. I had the pleasure to talk to both Dale and Kenny on several occasions at National Trail Raceway, Indianapolis Raceway Park and at the Southern Nationals in Atlanta. He was very personable, and always was willing to talk to the fans in the pits.

I will fondly remember the times I spent at NHRA events back in the day, thanks to guys like Dale Armstrong. His accomplishments will not be forgotten!

United Ford Owners Cruise-Ins at Great Southern Shopping Center

Good news! Jim has the 2015 United Ford Owners Cruise-Ins all set up and ready to go. They will again be held at Great Southern shopping center on South High Street. This year we will be awarding trophies to the top 40 as determined by participant judging. Start time is 4 pm and last until around 8 pm. The dates for future Cruise-Ins are May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th and October 17th. “Fast Eddy” will supply the music and we will have a table set up if anyone has model vehicles to show. As always, teens and youths are welcome, we would like to see more young people get involved in the events.

If you have any questions please contact our Cruise Director Jim Hileman 614-503-0605

2015 UFO AUTOCROSS AT CMS

Calling all racers!... the 2015 UFO Autocross season is almost upon us. Our Autocross Director, Todd Kitchen has gotten everything set up with Columbus Motor Speedway for another great season. The dates for this season are May 31th, June 21th, July 26th, and September 6th. Registration is at 10:30AM, technical inspection at 11:00AM, drivers meeting at 11:45AM, and racing begins at noon. The rules are simple for what you can run, any make, model, car or truck as long as it is a motorized four wheeled vehicle. If you have any questions contact Todd Kitchen at 614-286-3026 or email kitchenenator@gmail.com
Classifieds: For Sale/Wanted/etc.

Attention: United Ford Owners Members!
These Ads are FREE to club members and friends or family. We will run your Ad for 2 consecutive months. You may then re-submit it if necessary. There will be a deadline for ads in future newsletters, usually the first of the month. Mail your classified Ad and any picture you may want to include to UFO Newsletter, C/O Jay Nutt, 6456 Old Church Way, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. (if you wish the picture returned please send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your ad).

Wanted

I am looking for my car I purchased new in 1976. I have traced the car to the Columbus area. I believe it's in Hebron, Ohio. I am from the Warren-Youngstown area 3 hours away. The car is a 1976 Mustang Cobra II. White with blue stripes. The vin is 6f03f115360. I was hoping one of your members might know who owns the car. Please contact me at jablonski01@roadrunner.com cell phone (330) 259-6705 or home phone (330) 448-4666

1964 1/2 Ford Mustang Convertible
For Sale

Red body and black interior and top. Frame-off restoration. 289 rebuilt engine / automatic transmission. four barrel, 600 Holley Carburetor. Price $22,000
Contact Kevmohio@columbus.rr.com Phone (614) 783-7692

Wanted

Need a good 9" 31 Spline 3:50 Traction Loc, Must be Nodular case and in good shape.
Call Terry Smith at (740) 503-6803

1977 Cobra II For Sale

T-Top 21,8XX original miles
One owner
302 Engine has slight modifications done in the late 80s- Cam, headers, 4V, etc.
C-4 has been rebuilt w/ shift kit
Only driven about 500 miles since 1989...about 300 miles last summer
Original paint/interior is very good condition
New aluminum cross flow radiator
New Am/FM 8 track installed last summer
Changed to 5 lug wheels in 1980
No rust ever and always stored inside!
Asking $15,000 OBO. Might work a trade/cash!
Any info wanted or interested parties my # is (740) 466-5566

Ford Parts for Sale

Ford 9 inch housing with axels - Price - $125
1969 Ford Fe 390 engine, ran when pulled. Price - $500
C6 transmission for Fe. - Price - $300
1971 Ford 429 engine needs rebuilt.- Price - $300

If interested
Contact Jay at (614) 861-0053 or email nuttjay@yahoo.com

Rear ends For Sale

These are just the 'pumpkins', not the whole housings.
Ford 9" 31 Spline 4:30 TractionLoc, Nodular case (C4AW- B). Very good shape.....$550
Ford 9" 31 Spline 3:00 TractionLoc, standard case (C7AW- E). Newly rebuilt.....$375
Ford 9" 28 Spline 3:25 Open standard case.....$100

If interested call Terry Smith at (740) 503-6803 or email- tdsmitc@columbus.rr.com
**FCA Nationals in Dearborn MI**

*Submitted by UFO Member Bryan Bowen*

Being the new Fairlane Club Store officer, for the past year, I was chomping at the bit to go to the FCA Nationals in Dearborn MI. That was the first Nationals I attended 5 years ago. Which was like going to heaven with all the Fairlanes, and Thunderbolts, and an elephant walking up the driveway Mary seen this not me, She said it was neat. The Henry Ford mansion "Fairlane" just across the road, the trip to the Ford test track and going to the Roush motor building plant the people really enjoyed all the area event. It was like going back to Heaven this year. As being the store keeper, I was held down, but when I did get a chance to go out in the show field, the sites were amazing. The FCA Nationals in 2014 was the largest one in the history of the Club. There were 23 original Thunderbolts celebrating the 50th anniversary as the fastest factory drag racing car from Ford. There were cars you may have only heard of, and now like the mythical unicorn they were in the parking lot of the Ford Headquarters! Sitting outside watching the line up at the front door of the hotel was like watching a film. So many cars and so little time, Ford’s everywhere. It was being in a dream. If you liked Fords before the show, you walked away really loving them. The award assembly the speech from John Clor the manager of the Ford Racing was very interesting, talking about how the Ford Company needs "us" car enthusiasts to keep the tradition of Ford alive and then came Lee Holman son of John Holman and owner of Holman & Moody. Wow the stories he told, the gushing of the history of Holman & Moody and Ford was again a reason to really love Ford’s. Being a part of that history is why I love Fords. I enjoy going to car shows and talking to other people that have my passions. Seeing the new young people looking at the "old" cars, hoping they would take an interest and find a car that talks to them and start the project to get that car running and out on the road. Show other people their car and learn everything about it and translate that to anyone that stops to look at it, that is the passion so many classic car people taken for granted. We of the UFO may like different cars other than the Fairlanes, but to go see the past of the Fords history and see them drive around a historic grounds of the Ford headquarters, the ones who didn’t go see all the history really missed out.

This year the Nationals will be in Kingsport TN. Just a trip down SR 23 to see again cars that you missed and see cars that may not had made it to Dearborn. There may be an opportunity to drive or ride in a Fairlane, Torino or Mercury on Bristol Raceway and have a thrill of a lifetime. That may be on some of your bucket list.

I come back to the word PASSION. This is a word that has been lost in car clubs and groups, that is a word that needs to be brought back in all of us. Going to a meeting or show up once in awhile to a club sponsored or church sponsored car show, the need to find that passion is a goal for all of us and one that needs to be expressed. There has been a lot of time and money put into your classic car, why not find that passion you had in the beginning.

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**Columbus Spring Swap**

**Workers Needed**

The club is again in need of volunteers to work the UFO booth during the Spring Swap. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday April 3 and man the booth during the show on Saturday April 4th and Sunday April 5th. The shifts are normally 9am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. If interested contact Terry at (740)-607-1451 or Kevin at (614)-265-9095.
Announcing the United Ford Owners Awards Banquet / Roast Of 2015

It is almost time for the annual United Ford Owners Awards Banquet & Roast. This year it will again be held at the Berwick Party House. We keep going back because of the great food. The date is Saturday, March 28, 2015. The times are: Cocktails at 5:00 pm with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. The members price for this years banquet is; adults $10.00, children ages 4-12 $ 5.00, children ages 3 and under are Free! Lifetime member John Rankin will be our Master of Ceremonies so if you have anything that you would like to place on the agenda such as awards or presentations please contact John (614-561-5496) or Terry (740-607-1451) to ensure time will be allocated.

The entertainment has not been finalized at this time but if you have a idea or suggestion please contact Pat Harrington (740-746-9021) or Banquet Committee Chairman Morgan Waddell (614-580-9248). Last year's slide show was great and we are hoping for something equally good this year. If you have any questions concerning the banquet please contact John Rankin at 614-561-5496 or Banquet Committee Chairman Morgan Waddell at 614-580-9248. Additional copies of the banquet registration form are available on the UFO website. www.unitedfordowners.com. Registration deadline is March 21.

Come on out and have some fun!

UFO Awards Banquet /Roast
Berwick Party House
March 28th 2015
5:00 PM - 9 PM

Gas Can Award

The club is looking for nominations for the Gas Can Award to be presented at the upcoming UFO banquet. So if you know of a member who has run out of gas during this last year and would like to see them receive the award then, Contact Terry at 740-607-1451 or e-mail at tbucket@columbus.rr.com

Two Wheeled Fords
Submitted by UFO Member Debbie Near

Motor company Ford has launched electric bicycles at Mobile World Congress, as part of its plans to extend its footprint beyond cars. Increasingly car manufacturers are looking to new ways to make money with many developing so-called smart transportation systems.

Ford’s e-bikes come in two flavors - one for use by commuters and one as a commercial bike for couriers. Both are linked to a smartphone app that provides step-by-step navigation.

The experiment with e-bikes is part of Ford’s smart mobility plan - it is keen to study how such bicycles integrate with cars and public transport.

“There are so many ways to get around a city, but what is really needed is a way to connect all of these transport options together,” said Ken Washington, vice president of Ford Research and Advanced Engineering.

“Being able to seamlessly move between cars, buses, trains and e-bikes and react to changing traffic situations can make a big difference both for commuters and for those delivering goods, services and healthcare.”

Traffic problems and overly long commutes have been proved to have a significant economic and social impact on cities. According to the European Commission, congestion within the European Union costs about 100bn euros each year. A study by the UK’s Office for National Statistics found that each minute added to a commute affects anxiety, happiness and general well-being among commuters.

Both Ford's e-bikes are equipped with a 200-watt motor with a 9-amp-hour battery that provides electric pedal assistance for speeds of up to 25km/h (15mph). Both can also be folded.

Rear-facing sensors offer riders an alert system that warns the cyclist when a vehicle is overtaking by vibrating both handlebars. Sensors also alert motorists to the presence of the e-bike by lighting up the handlebars.

An app - currently only available on the iPhone 6 - provides step-by-step navigation - it plans an entire route for commuters, from driving to a train station to taking a train and completing a journey via an e-bike. It also offers information about the routes - so if a train service in cancelled it may offer an alternative method of transport.

It also provides navigation for riders, via a Bluetooth headset that uses haptic touch technology to notify the rider of whether to turn left or right.

David Bailey, professor of industrial strategy at the Aston Business School believes that e-bikes are going to become popular in cities.

"A lot of city authorities are concerned about pollution so we will see more e-bikes around," he said. But he is less convinced that the e-bike revolution will be led by car manufacturers.

"There are a few companies already doing it. They are trying to show they are environmentally friendly but also, in some cities, it is no longer possible to drive to the center of town in a car."

MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM. FIRST MEETING EACH MONTH IS A PIZZA MEETING!

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