



# The UFO Newsletter

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## *EDITOR NOTE:*

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 President's Corner* *By Jay Nutt*

Hello everyone!

I hope everyone had a great time at the Banquet, I know I did. I want to specifically thank Pat Harrington for reserving the venue and selecting the menu, Frank and Opal Iezzi, for checking everyone in, John and Susan Rankin for being the MCs, and Denise Nutt for handling the registration mailing. I also want to thank Terry Tippett, John Rankin, Frank Iezzi, and Morgan Waddell for buying all of those great door prizes.

The officers have been busy planning the different events for the upcoming year. Chris Browning the Cruise Director has already found a great spot at 6959 E. Broad street to hold our cruise-ins.

Drag Race Director John Rankin has scheduled two drag races, one on July 30th, and one for September 24 at Pacemakers. Autocross Director Arron Batey has found a new place to hold our autocross events near Circleville since CMS is no more.

I would like to invite all the members to attend our membership meetings which are held at Grand Prix Karting at 1300 Alum Creek Drive, Columbus. The club meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month with the next meeting April 5th.

## *Columbus Spring Swap* *Workers Needed*

The club is once again is seeking volunteers to work the UFO booth during the Spring Swap. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Friday March 31 and man the booth during the show on Saturday April 1st and Sunday April 2nd. The shifts are normally 9am to 2pm and 2pm to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. If interested contact **Terry** at (740) 607-1451 or Jay at (614) 861-0053

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## *Cruise Control*

*By Cruise-In Director Chris Browning*

The 2017 UFO Banquet is in the books, which means that the cruise in season isn't far off. I have been working on our upcoming events, and I am happy to announce that Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich's has been added as the host restaurant for our cruise in's. They will be donating gift cards for door prizes at each event. Management at JJ's are excited to be involved, and I am going to pursue some ideas with both JJ's and Discount Tire that could take our events to another level. Unfortunately, I didn't receive much feedback at the UFO Banquet, and only a couple of phone calls, on the cruise in questionnaire that was sent in the newsletter. Therefore, I'm going to go ahead with the schedule (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, starting May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm). Awards will be Top 20, and the DJ will be Rockin' Ron. That's all for now, hope to see you at a show!

## 2017 UFO Banquet/Roast

The annual UFO Banquet/Roast was held on Saturday evening March 11th, 2017 at the "Berwick Party House." The banquet was emceed by Susan and John Rankin. Around 115 members, family and friends attended, everyone seemed to enjoy the great food, door prizes galore and festivities. Many thanks to Frank and Opal Iezzi who helped with the registrations and check-ins at the door.!

One of the of the highlights of the banquet each year is always the awards and roasts presentation. This year one of the first awards of the night was presented to the club by the Earth Angels Foundation for the support given to their organization over the past year. During the presentation they also stated that the United Ford Owners has donated over \$50,000 over the years to the cause.

The '**Enthusiast of the Year**' was awarded to **Thomas Waibel** for all of his hard work this year.

The '**Lifetime Membership Award**' was presented to both **Sindy Waller** and **Dennis Sterling**.

The '**Presidents Award for Excellence**' was presented to both **Kevin Dearth** and **Terry Tippet** for their many years of tireless service to the club, planning and implementing our Fall SuperSwap.

The '**Agitator Award**' was presented by last years winner Todd Kitchen who was unable to narrow down his list of agitators from four to one so he asked the attendees to help out. **Tim Lang (Shaggy)** easily won the vote and is officially '**The Top Agitator**' for 2017.

**Tom Rice** was the lucky member who won the raffle for the custom-made leather UFO Club Jacket. **Rob L. Lutz** was the winner of the newsletter article submission drawing and will receive a blue light weight UFO Club Jacket.

If you took pictures at the event and would like to share them with your fellow club members please send them to our WebWiZard Bob Roush.

## Up - Coming UFO Drag Racing Events

Our Drag Racing Director, John Rankin has been very busy. He has already set up one of the two drag races at Pacemakers.

The first will be on Sunday, July 30th. We will be starting at 10:00 am and running until 4:00 pm. The second drag race will also be at Pacemakers on September 24th.

Sorry for the late posting of the following info: The winners for the September 25,2016 drag racing were;

Super pro Winner — Mike Imhoff,

Super Pro runner up — John Pribila.

Pro Winner — Robbie Thomas,

Pro runner up — Chris Mack.

Street/Sportsman winner — Jace Cree,

Street/Sportsman runner up — Brian Flannigan,

Street/Sportsman third place — June Swain.

Further information concerning the drag race can be found on the UFO website and on UFO Facebook page.

If you have any question concerning either event please contact: **John Rankin at 614-561-5496, or email [mustangjohn04@hotmail.com](mailto:mustangjohn04@hotmail.com).**

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## Going to Ford Show in Carlisle, Pa ?

The club is trying to find out who is going to the up-coming Ford Show in Carlisle, Pa. In the past, the club had been renting/providing a tent for the use of our members attending the show that weekend. What we would like to know is how many members are planning to attend the event this year, and if you think renting the tent is a good idea.

Please contact **Jay at (614) 861-0053 or e-mail at [nuttjay@yahoo.com](mailto:nuttjay@yahoo.com) or Thomas Waibel at (614) 444-1504 or e-mail at [t.waibel@yahoo.com](mailto:t.waibel@yahoo.com),**

and let them know if you will be attending and what you think about the tent.

## **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).

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### **Ford Parts For Sale**

I have a 200 CI engine removed from a 65 Mustang. Engine was being professionally rebuilt when the car was sold. It is mostly disassembled.

Includes new bearings, rings, gaskets, etc. Complete from fan to bellhousing including starter and carburetor. Exhaust manifold is broken - \$125.

Need it out of my shop.

Also have 3 speed heavy duty floor shift transmission -\$150

Email Doug at [dkcarmean@gmail.com](mailto:dkcarmean@gmail.com)  
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### **Ford Parts for Sale**

C6 transmission for Fe. - Price - \$300  
Ford 460 engine, has low oil pressure  
Price - \$300

If interested

Contact Jay at (614) 861-0053 or email  
[nuttjay@yahoo.com](mailto:nuttjay@yahoo.com)

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### **Tires For Sale**

Pirelli P Zero 255 x 40 ZR 19 tires, taken off a 2016 Mustang GT. Tires have approx. 150 miles, set of 4, \$800

If interested

Call Dave @ 614-312-1503 Hilliard OH  
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## **Wanted Parts for 1978 Ford Truck**

I am looking for a bed for a 1978 Ford truck straight side or step bed.

I'm not sure what years will fit but I believe 1973-79. I'm interested in most any condition. Also looking for a 2 barrel carb for same truck I believe it is a 351 Winsor but it could be a 351 modified.

If you have anything that might work please contact me .

Call Thomas Waibel at (614) 444-1504  
Or email at [t.waibel@yahoo.com](mailto:t.waibel@yahoo.com)

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## **2017 UFO AUTOCROSS**

Calling all racers!. The 2017 UFO Autocross season is almost upon us! Our Autocross Director, Aaron Batey has everything set up for another great season. The dates for this season are **June 11th, July 30th, and September 3rd.**

All autocross events will be held at the Circleville GO-Cart track. Registration is at 08:00AM, technical inspection at 08:00AM to 09:00AM, drivers meeting at 09:00AM, and racing begins at 09:30AM. 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:

**UFO Autocross Director - Aaron Batey**  
at (614) 563-1848 or  
email [batey.10@gmail.com](mailto:batey.10@gmail.com)

## **My 1967 Cougar – Bob Roush**

### **Continued from an earlier issue**

headliner and reinstalling the glass and trim. Since the headliner was torn at the shop on the west side of



Columbus I mistakenly assumed they could do the work, they couldn't and the car had to be taken to an upholstery shop in Westerville to have the headliner replaced.



When I got the car back from the painter a dead short took out the engine wiring harness, the power drum brake booster had quit working, the trunk lid would not stay open by itself, the sequential taillights did not work and the seats were jammed forward and I could not adjust their position. I had the power brake booster rebuilt, the shop reported that the inside rubber had "turned to dust". Finding the short and fixing the wiring harness proved to be a major project. The short was caused because the wires to one of the brand new front parking lights were stretched too tight when the light was replaced and this led to the insulation being rubbed through and shorting the wiring against the light housing. Finding a replacement engine wiring harness involved about five months of searching for something that was compatible, no reproductions were available and used harnesses were in the \$6-800 range and these were 45-years old and would have been brittle wiring and connectors.

Finally, after involving Kevin at K.A.R., he found that a reproduction 1965 Mustang GT engine wiring harness had the same connectors as the 1967 Cougar with the addition of two connectors for driving lights, the price \$140. Once this was completed I tested the electrical system and there was still an intermittent short in the car, which on occasion would strengthen, draining the battery in a single day.



Again, after many weeks of frustration, I found that somehow the radio ground had been hooked to a power lead in the dash. I am not sure when this occurred since the radio worked before the repaint and didn't afterward. The radio and dash are out of the car waiting on me to decide what I want to do with them. Just recently I discovered the torsion bars that hold the trunk lid open are specific to the left and right side of the car and I think mine were installed backwards. I am going to reverse them and hopefully they will again hold the trunk lid open. I have always complained that this car was like trying to drive "a marshmallow", and that I didn't remember my old Cougar being like this. Now 5 years later I have finally



decided what I am going to do to finish the Cougar.

The motor, transmission, steering column, rear gears and most of the interior have been removed from the car. The engine bay has been cleaned and no cracks are to be found in the shock towers. I do not remember the bucket seats being uncomfortable when I owned my first 1967 Cougar but, I must say the seats in this Cougar are not comfortable at all. They have new foam padding and new vinyl upholstery but they do not provide the support I think they will need.

*To be continued in a future issue*



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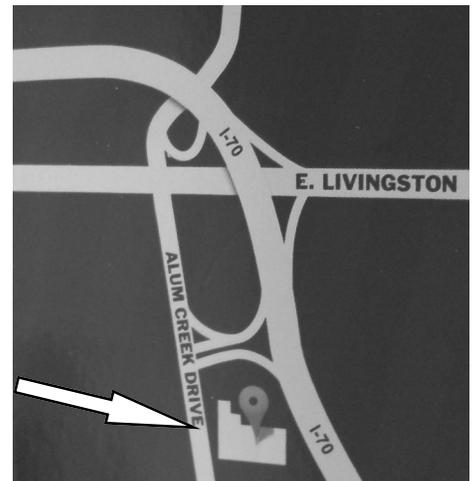
**MEETINGS START AT 7:00PM. FIRST MEETING EACH MONTH IS A PIZZA MEETING!**

**Upcoming Events . . .**

April	April	May	May
<b>05</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>17</b>
Meeting At Grand Prix	SuperSwap Meeting At Grand Prix	Meeting At Grand Prix	SuperSwap Meeting At Grand Prix

**NEW UFO MEETING LOCATION**

**Grand Prix  
 Karting**  
  
**1300  
 Alum Creek  
 Drive  
 Columbus**



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