



Giddy Up

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SGMFC Year In Review Wow! What a Year, Again!

Special points of interest:

- Route 66
- Galena
- Holmstad
- Model Car Show
- Vegas
- Costume Party
- Wounded Warriors



2011 again started where 2010 left off. Our first \$25 gas cards were raffled off in January. For \$5 you get six chances to win 2 gas gift cards raffled off at each meeting. This has grown to be a favorite of attending members, right Mark.

February again featured our Chili Cook Off. This years winning recipe was brought to us by Gary Granzin.

March began with a roll of the dice. Our first Fly & Drive event to Las Vegas. Sixteen members enjoyed a drive in the dessert to a gold mine, the Hoover Dam. We watched the Hauler Parade which is done on Friday night when the Race teams come to town, 40 semi trucks with more lights than a big city cruise down the closed Las Vegas Blvd. The street was closed and people gathered just like they do for the Macy's Parade in New York. We were treated to a tour of the Shelby factory and then went to watch the first Mustangs race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. We even had time to roll a few dice. Our also held our second annual Model & Die-cast show.

April again was bowling and pizza at the Arlington Lanes. Thanks to Sharon Holman for setting this up again this year.

May was our first meeting to

honor our grandmothers, mothers, daughters and granddaughters meeting. Later in May we had our second Spring overnigher road trip. Thanks to the good planning by John Lacko we all had a very relaxing weekend.

In June we honored our grandfathers, fathers, sons and grandsons at our meeting.

July was busy again this year with 12 entries in the Palatine parade and a cruise after the parade to the new Super Dawgs for lunch. We picked up a few additional people along the way to Super Dawgs good job setting this up Geo. Our Route 66 tour started out much dryer this year. Gary Grazin again did a great job setting this outing up. We enjoyed a great weather day of fun but we still were not able to complete the entire route.

August started out strong with the Rookies of Elgin Show which we have used the past three years to raise money for the our charity. With cooperation from the owners of Rookies and Double K Productions we again raised a lot of money. There was a larger turn out this year again this year with again many cars having to be turned away. Eight cars made a scenic trip to join our sister club Rock Valley Mustang Club at their show in Loves Park. We were

lucky enough to bring home 6 trophies including my Best of Show Mustang award. Now before you take that next drink we also attended the Milk Pail show before the end of the month was up. We also held our first Shop Class Meeting at Mustang Restorations. Chris was kind enough to host our meeting. As a thank you to our members the club paid for pizza for the largest attended meeting we have had yet. We also enjoyed a great tour and narration of the total operation at Mustang Restorations. A complete service is hard to find but Chris certainly offers it all. Thanks Chris and a special thanks to our own Milt Hirsch for setting this up.

September was a month to regroup with a causal meeting held at a new location for us. Jersey Mike's fit the bill for that. We also did our first Show N Shine at the Holmstad in Batavia. We had 16 cars presented for the enjoyment of the residents there and the club earned \$300 for our efforts. It was a fun event with a horse drawn hay ride, face painting and an ice social. The staff was so impressed with our turn out and our cars we have already been booked again for next year. A personal thanks to everyone you showed up to make this a big success.



October found the club traveling to Galena this year again. Some things just never change as the picture to the left shows. Just an editorial note no one was injured in the taking of this photo. We again enjoyed our second annual Halloween Costume Party Meeting. Thanks to Ken & Debbie for setting this up again and providing all of the goodie bags full of candy and things to eat.

November proved to be a cruise in country for our members. We went to the Jun's farm in rural Hampshire for our meeting. It was pot luck dinner with loads of food. Thanks to Bill & Lori Juns for hosting this unique trip to the country for our members.

The December annual Christmas and Holiday Party and meeting was again held at the Ram. Thanks to Cindy's persistence we were able to again have separate checks and order from the regular menu. This proved to be the largest meeting we had this year with 44 members in attendance. We raised money all year long with our gas gift card sales and the with money from the club treasury we raffled off \$500 of various gift cards. The proceeds of the sale of these raffle tickets went to the Wounded Warrior Project. We can all be proud of the donations we have made this year to charity.



Wow, what a year if you didn't take part in something this year, look to next years events calendar for something you'd like to do and join us. We have many of the same events planned again plus we are adding a few new events including our first ever over night Rout 66 tour. Watch your emails and the web site for updates. Sharon Holman stepped down as Vice President to tend to personal and family health issues. Thanks Sharon for your service as an officer you were a big help to me as President and to the club. Even though you still attend regular meetings you will be missed on the Board.

As your President I want to thank everyone who stepped up to help in some way. There are so many of you I can't begin to thank you all. It is you guys and gals that made this year the best year this club has ever seen and I know it is only the beginning of better things to come.

Your President

Jeff Swanson

