



# Cougar COUNTRY

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## Upcoming Events:

- March 18-22 DFW Auto Show—Kay Baily Hutchinson Convention Center, Dallas, TX
- April 4 The Heights Car Show—The Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, TX
- April 25 The PCHPS Classic & Antique Car Show—Burlison Park, University Park, TX
- May 2 The 30th Dallas Spring Nationals — Sam Pack Museum in Carrollton, TX

## Message from the President

Writing was never my strongest subject in school; honestly I'm not sure I ever really had a strong subject. I spent my time daydreaming about the days when I wouldn't have to write three page essays on what I did over summer break or spend 2 hours trying to solve for "X." But here I am 15 years out of high school and I find myself doing just that, trying to write a three page essay about where I see this club going and how to get it there and trying to solve for "X", X of course being the location of my missing 10mm socket. So bear with me on these editorials, they may be a rocky road.

Welcome Lone Star Cougar Club members to the year



2020, the world of tomorrow! (Insert best mad scientist impression here)

2019 was a great year for the club and for me personally.

2019 saw the birth of my first child, Alan Ray Easley, named after his grandfather and former LSCC President who passed away in 2017. The club also saw an 18% increase in new or returning members! I'm very excited that many of these new members are father's joining the club with their kids, it's great to see that the love of classic cars is still alive and well with kids today. It warms my heart to see father and son duos working on Cougars together just as I did with my father and plan to do with my son.

But now that 2019 is behind us, it's time to turn our eyes to 2020. This year is the 50th anniversary of the 1970 cougar; I would like to try to feature the clubs 70's in shows and newsletters this year. The first club fixture show of the year will be the Park Cities Car Show in April, run by our very own Dan McKeithen. Followed by the Yellow Rose Car show in July, this has historically been a heavily attended show by our club but has had varying levels of attendance lately. I would like to see us hit this show with full force and really show all those Mustang guys what's what.

In the fall we will have our LSCC Picnic; last year was just incredible — lots of good food, great cars and great friends. In September we will participate once more in what I feel is our marquee show. Opening day of the State Fair of Texas we will occupy the Classic Car Corral. For anyone that has never attended this, I

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## Club Events for 2020

Following are the club endorsed events for 2020:

- **Dallas Auto Show** (Dallas) - 3/18-22
- **Heights Car Show** (Richardson) - 4/4
- **PCHPS Car Show** - (SMU) - 4/25
- **Sam Pack/Spring Nationals** - (Carrollton) 5/2
- **NTMC Cruise on the Square** - (Flower Mound) 6/13
- **Irving, TX 4th Parade** - 7/4
- **Yellow Rose Car Show** - (Arlington) 7/25-26
- **Warbirds on Parade** (Lancaster) - 8/29
- **Texas State Fair Opening Day** - (Fair Park) 9/25
- **LSCC Picnic** - October date & location TBD
- **SSG Alex Viola Car Show** - (Keller) 11/8
- **Irving, TX Christmas Parade** - 12/5

Put these events on your calendar and plan to attend with the LSCC!!

## Message from the President

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highly recommend it. If you bring a car you and EVERYONE you can fit *in* the car get free admittance to the Fair.

Finally, in November we will close out the major shows with the Alex Viola memorial Car Show in Keller. This is a huge show filled with incredible cars as well as some awesome fly overs from historic aircraft. Let's make this another great year filled with laughs and good times.

Lastly I'd like to thank you for

this opportunity and say I am very proud to be the new president of our little club and to follow in my Father's footsteps. Like my Father, I was also tricked into taking this position by Gene Mullenberg and our most recent fearless leader Dan McKeithen. But even with that being the case I will proudly carry the mantel in 2020. I along with the new board of 2020 will do our best to preserve the interests of the club, grow the club to new heights and foster the love for

our cantankerous yet beautiful machines.

I will leave you with the words of the great Mike Rhyner of Sports Radio 1310 The Ticket who retired on January 6th.

"Until next time, stay hard, keep jamming and we'll see you."

Mike Easley

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## The Votes Are In!

Let's congratulate our newly elected LSCC board members for 2020.

President:

Mike Easley

Vice President:

Gloria Farabaugh

Secretary:

Barry Rowe

Treasurer:

Dwain Barker

Activities Chair:

Dan McKeithen

Please reach out to any of these folks if you have questions, comments, or concerns related to club activities.

## Who Knew?

Contributed by Dan McKeithen

Earlier this year I came across a Hemmings.com story from 2013 about the death of Dean Jeffries. Jeffries was a California customizer who had a varied career that was documented by Tom Cotter (of the web series *Barn Find Hunter*) in his book *Dean Jeffries: 50 Fabulous Years in Hot Rods, Racing & Film*. I was fortunate to spend the better part of a day with Tom on a recent trip to NC, so the story caught my eye.

Among his other accomplishments, Jeffries painted the very first Shelby Cobra and

built the Monkeemobile. He was George Barris' in-house pinstriper, striped James Dean's infamous Porsche 550 Spyder with the nick-



name "Li'l Bastard," and built Chili Catalo's 1932 Ford 3-window coupe, the one that the **Beach Boys** used on the Cover of their *Little Deuce*

*Coupe* album.

He also built a number of concept cars for Ford, including a gullwing-door show car called the Cougar.

The 1962 **Ford Cougar 406 Concept** had pop-up headlights and a fuel injected 6.7 liter V8. Although Ford never put this Cougar into production, it appeared with Jack Lemmon behind the wheel in the film *Under the Yum Yum Tree*.

Who knew?

(Editors Note: If you have an interesting or little known fact about the Mercury Cougar, its variants or its production that can be published, please send a note to Editor Kamram Waheed at [the70man@msn.com](mailto:the70man@msn.com))

## From the Editor's Desk

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and are having a great new year so far!! There will be many shows throughout the year and some will be showcasing the 50th anniversary of the '70 Cougar. So, I encourage those of you who own a '70 to get them out to as many shows as possible to help celebrate the 50th anniversary or just get them out for some "exercise" for all to see!!

Meanwhile I want to also ask



members to get involved in other aspects of our club. **Cougar Country** can only be successful with the support of all of you, the LSCC members.

I encourage you to send me any articles and/or pictures of interest. These might be related to shows you've attended, restoration projects you have underway, interesting stories or facts related to the Mercury Cougar, or just anything you think may be of interest to club members or

other enthusiasts. Remember, the newsletter is made available to the general public as well as to our club membership. The more information we are able to put out there, the more interest we can generate.

Please send all submissions by the deadline dates as this will help me get the newsletter out on time. Thanks, I appreciate it!!

Until next time, keep those Cougars safe, running strong ,and on the prowl for all to see!!

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*If you have a restoration tip, project idea, or performance upgrade you want to share with the club, send an email to the Newsletter Editor at the70man@msn.com*

*Newsletter submission deadlines:  
February 15th  
May 15th  
August 15th  
November 15th*

## Cougar Classified

**1967 Standard Cougar**, 1 owner and numbers matching 289 2bbl/auto. Showing 17k, but more likely 117k on ODO. It has been sitting for 17yrs, but motor is not frozen and fluids still look good. Some body damage and minor body rust, more rust under vinyl top. All original with



owners manual, owners card and other paperwork. Car was repainted at some point; close match to the original Nordic Blue. White vinyl top, light blue interior. Car is located in Dallas, TX. Contact Pat at 501-993-1783

and leave VM if no answer.

**Wanted to Buy**, 69/70 upper

dash pad, black (or other color paintable), good condition, no cracks. Also looking for early 1970's Motor Wheel Spyders, two 15x7 with 4.5" bolt pattern & two 15x8 with 4.5"

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bolt pattern, good condition. Contact Dan at 214-418-0602.

## Ray Bodensteiner 9/25/39 — 11/23/19

Long time LSCC member Ray Bodensteiner of Lowry Crossing, Texas, passed away on November 23, 2019 at the age of 80. Ray was an active LSCC member for several years and held office as LSCC President for several terms in the early/mid '90s. Ray had a great love for Cougars and had many in his collection. Ray was also a member of the Ford Muscle Race Team where he earned



the Dan Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019. Unfortunately Ray's wife of 60 years, Connie, passed away also on January 1, 2020. Ray and Connie will be greatly missed as we keep Doug and their large extended family in our thoughts and prayers. The LSCC made a donation to the Annual AER Toy Drive in Ray's honor.

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The Lone Star Cougar Club is a North Texas based organization dedicated to promoting interest in the Mercury Cougar and other Ford/Mercury/Lincoln automobiles. Our members are actively involved in preserving, restoring, modifying and, most of all, driving our cars.

*Mercury Cougar...  
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## Member Rides

### Gene Mullenberg's '73 XR-7 convertible CJ

I purchased this '73 XR-7 convertible from the original owners in October of 2010. The owners were retiring and moving, so the car had to go. It had a little over 91k original miles on it and had been sitting in a garage for 27 years due to a timing chain issue. The Cat was complete with the exception of wheels and



air cleaner.

This wasn't just any XR-7 convertible, it had the optional 351CJ with a C6 and was a special order paint car (dark brown). Other options included PS, PDB, PW, AC and AM/FM stereo.

A mechanical restoration began in January of 2011 and completed the following June. The convertible top was cleaned and the paint was buffed. The Cat was driven occasionally for several years, then in the spring of 2019 a cosmetic restoration was done including new top, complete paint color change (dark

green) and interior repair. A hood scoop and factory Ram Air system were added. Everything was completed in late June. The Cat made its first showing at the 2019 Yellow Rose.

#### Cat Specs:

351CJ (did not need to be bored), C6 with shift kit, 3.25 Traction Lok, double roller timing chain, 519/270/110 cam, Eddiebrock intake, Holly 600, Pertronix EI, 1969 stock Cleveland distributor, 2.5" exhaust, Series 40 Flowmasters.

### Gloria Farabaugh's '69 Standard Convertible

I bought this '69 STD convertible from the original owner, a Dallas Police officer, in '78. He purchased the Cat on July 5, 1969 at Eagle Lincoln Mercury on Lemmon Ave in Dallas. The car was built on June 18, 1969 at the Dearborn, Michigan plant.

My father (Raul Ramirez) was working as an upholsterer at the dealership when the police officer traded in the car in '78. My dad is a big fan of Cougars

and thought it would be a good car for me. I drove the car throughout college and several years afterward. I don't know how many miles it had when I bought it, but I do know that I put plenty of miles on it driving back and forth to East Texas! Unfortu-



nately, cost of repairs was more than I could deal with and I really didn't want to sell the car, so the family stored it for me. Then, in '97 it was decided it was time to get this beautiful car back in shape and on the road again. Although it took twice as long and cost twice as much as planned, it was well worth it! The original color was light ivy yellow, but was changed to a dark green. The interior was

light ivy gold and was restored in the original color.

The Cat has won several awards including the 2019 Yellow Rose and was recently featured in a video shoot for Fossil Group Inc., an Amer-

ican fashion designer and manufacturer.

**Cat Specs:** 351W 2V, FMX Auto, AC, PDB, PS, Power Top w/Glass Backlite, Rim Blow Steering Wheel.

