

The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Randy & Patsy Dwyer's 2015 Roush Mustang



(Article by Melinda Morales) Randy and Patsy Dwyer are the proud owners of a 2015 black Mustang Convertible automatic Roush Stage 3 with a Phase 2 Tune. The motor is a Coyote GT 500 Supercharged that has Dyne'd out with 740 HP/610 torque. Randy calls his car, "The Black Pearl." As a fan of the "Pirates of the Caribbean", Randy noted that Captain Jack Sparrow made a deal with Davy Jones that he would serve him if he granted him thirteen years in the world to set the matters of his life straight. Davy granted that request and made Captain Jack's ship, The Black Pearl, the fastest ship on the Caribbean. Even faster than his ship, The Flying Dutchman, which sailed into the wind. Since that was fast and Randy's Roush 3 is fast and both are black, he themed his car the "Black Pearl" for fun. Since purchasing his car from Elder Ford in November of 2015, Randy has added Phase 2 Roush tune, Ford Performance Hood Struts, and a Mishimoto over flow radiator. (Continued on page 16)...



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Spring is in the air and we are celebrating the official Birthday of the Mustang! If this isn't a reason to celebrate, we don't know what is!

Up Front

The Pony Express

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Joyce Bendishaw, Harry DePeppe, Rusty Gillis,
Randy & Patsy Dwyer, Paul Strausbaugh, Erika
Beck, Frank Morales, and John Esposito
(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

A Note from your Editor...

Happy April everyone! Unfortunately, this will be my last Newsletter as your Editor. Okay, April Fools! Boy I'm glad I got that little joke out of me (as though you'd get rid of me that easily!) Sorry, but April Fools is my favorite holiday ... Right along with my birthday, on April 4th. Imagine, a whole week of celebrating me! For those of you who wondered how I was going to tie the Mustang in with Spring (as mentioned last month) I think we did it with our Mustang Birthday article, another great April celebration!

On another front, I was down with a bad cold this last month so I want to thank the Staff (and their helpers out there) for picking up the slack and getting plenty of pictures from the car shows. It's also nice when someone captures the names of the MCT winners at shows, so I can mention them here.

This month I'm happy to spotlight "Picture of the Month." This month's winner is Phil Bendishaw. Go figure that a MCT Bad Boy would end up being featured because of his crazy pictures... Speaking of spotlighting people, thanks to Randy and Patsy Dwyer and Erika Beck for contributing feature articles this month.

Getting to know my fellow MCT members really is one of the perks of my job! So happy reading! -
Melinda



Thanks to our
Club Leaders!

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

2041!

Make sure you check us out on Facebook! Many thanks to Paul Strausbaugh for keeping the club's Facebook page up to date and interesting.



Not a member? Thinking of applying for membership? Ownership of a Mustang is not required, just an enthusiasm for the model.

Go to <http://www.mustangcluboftampa.com/membership/>

Or e-mail the Membership Director
membership@mustangcluboftampa.com

A Word from

our President

Hi MCT Members!

Each summer the DeBartolo Family Foundation organizes a Back-to-School Supply Giveaway, assisting teachers that are forced to reach into their own pockets to help children whose families cannot afford necessary school supplies. As a community, we can show local teachers how much we appreciate them and their sacrifice by helping to provide the essential classroom items such as crayons, markers, pencils, notebooks, paper, hand sanitizer, and much more.

How can you help? MCT is hosting a free car show at Bill Currie Ford on May 13th to raise funds for this cause. For every person who drives a new vehi-



cle around the building, various sponsors will donate \$\$\$ to the charity. There is absolutely no sales pressure, this is designed only for raising funds to benefit the charity. In addition, any individual who drives a vehicle for the cause, will receive an entry for a drawing to win \$500 at the end of the show. Although the show is free, we request that you register online at the following website: www.mustangcluboftampa.com to help us better prepare for the show.

This is always a fun event and I look forward to seeing everyone!

Joyce Bendishaw, MCT President
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Meet MCT Member ... Erika Beck!



Erika Beck lives in the East Lake area. She loves Mustangs, beaches, traveling, pinup modeling, and paranormal exploration. She owns Rosie, a Race Red 2016 Mustang GT with a black accent package. Her interest in Mustang's has been a lifelong love. Growing up, she was a tomboy who had Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars. Nineteen years ago her father purchased a 1970 Torino GT and started showing it. She always enjoyed the car shows, meeting new people, enjoying the music, and getting to see some beautiful rides. She says that although Torino's are nice, she always wanted a brand new Mustang.

The idea of Rosie was three years in the making. Erika started her Graduate studies in the fall of 2012 and she wanted to have something to show for all the hard work and effort. Along with her

MBA degree, she wanted a brand new Mustang. Her program was online and she had a picture of a 2015 race red Mustang hanging above her desk as her motivation.

Her degree was conferred on April 15, 2015 and she custom ordered Rosie at Karl Flammer Ford on June 15, 2015. Erika had to wait until October for her Rosie to come, but it was well worth it! Rosie is now her daily driver and her show car. On Feb 9, 2017 Erika was featured in a Ford Performance article. She had reached out to Mr. John Clor, at Ford Performance, about an idea that she had and he surprised her by writing an article about her love of her Mustang, sharing some family photos of the family's "Ford Fleet."

Erika has just started a new job as a Recruiting Manager for Home Instead Senior Care of Pinellas County, but in her free time she loves attending the NMRA's every year with her father. Erika heard about MCT at a Quaker Steak Jeep vs. Mustang Show. There were several members of the MCT there and she started talking with them. She wanted to join a group of individuals who share a love and passion for the Mustang and she considers MCT to be a very professional and organized club, so she joined in the Spring of 2016.—by Melinda Morales

Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total
membership
is 177 families!

Gaston Garces & Ashley Bass '10 Mustang
Trevor Coggins '10 Mustang
Dorothy & Sherman Eagles '07 Shelby GTH
Larry & Lisa Davis '13 Mustang Coupe
Joe Haynes '14 Mustang Coupe
Heather Randal & Kevin Albury '12 Mustang Coupe
George & Julie Lindsay '16 Mustang Fastback
Cor Fahringer '73 Mustang Grande

Vincent Harwood '67 Convertible
Rob Ryan '17 Fastback
Anthony & Dale Barrios '03 Convertible
Edward Schmidt & '14 Convertible
Judi Pelker
Rick Nolan '94 Mustang Cobra
Wayne & Sandy Howery '84 Convertible
Danny & Katherine Sutton '07 GT Convertible



Welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to having you join us at our next club meeting or event!

FOR MCT MEMBERS Buy, Sell, Trade ... Here!

MCT members looking to Buy, Sell, or Trade can post items here. Our newsletter reaches all our members, sponsors and several other Mustang Clubs. E-mail your photo & info to: newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com



For Sale (pictured above)

Price Reduced! 1994 Mustang GT Convertible - 5.0 V8 motor. Auto. 86k original miles. Newer Bullitt wheels, Cobra gauges, and headlights. New tires. Perfect top and white leather interior. Original paint. Really nice car. Been in my family since almost new. A steal at \$6,500. For more info contact Marty-folk@hotmail.com

Have you Heard?

By Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

This month one of our Mustang Men (Howie Taylor) was kind enough to share one of his recent, and quite brilliant deductions. It has to do with shampoo warnings. That's right. For those of you who use shampoo to wash your hair in the shower, and then let the shampoo run down your whole body, beware of the clearly printed warning, "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY." If you've been doing this, well no wonder you guys have been gaining weight! Our Mustang Man of the month recommends that you start showering with Dawn dish soap instead. Its label reads, "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE." Problem solved!

Mustang Memories ... NMRA Spring Break Shootout

Article by
Frank Morales



This is my second year living in Florida and the second year I have attended NMRA in Bradenton. I used to attend NMRA in California. In fact, for a couple of years the Orange County Mustang Club (of which I was President) organized the car show portion of the event. But I must tell you it is a totally different event in the East coast. The first time I attended I was like a little kid in a chocolate factory candy store. I couldn't believe all of the Mustangs racing, Mustang vendors, Mustang memorabilia and Mustangs participating in the car show. I was amazed. It was like I died and went to Mustang heaven.

This year the weather was picture perfect; cool with a little breeze, perfect for an awesome day of racing. As I was walking around I saw Joyce and Phil Bendishaw and got to spend some quality time with Robbie and Devon Polo. Little did I know that Devon loves racing and knows her stuff until we were making bets on each race. I also met a friend and past member of the Orange County Mustang Club in California. He's now a Sale Representative for EXEDY and had a vendor booth at the NMRA. It was very nice to see an old friend from the West Coast in Florida. Talking about vendor booths, it was just an incredible sight to see all of the vendor booths on display with hard-to-find performance parts for your Mustang or Ford, parts to personalize your Mustang, or to go all out in making it a performance supercharged Mustang or race car. And if that wasn't enough, they also had a swap meet with hard-to-find used parts; cars and truck offering the car enthusiast super deals.

This year, I again attended the event with my son-in-law. My daughter says I've been a bad influence and I've ruined him because he's become a hard core Mustang enthusiast and even purchased a new Mustang GT with the performance package. I guess my job is done here.

Anyway, back to NMRA held on March 2-5 2017 at Bradenton Motorsports Park in Bradenton. The event also had an All Ford Car Show with over 300 cars. It's awesome to see the baddest of the baddest Mustang's racing or on display. NMRA has a little bit of everything for the racing fan, from the True Street Muscle Mustang class to the hard core Street Outlaws class with celebrities like Bobby Ducote. They have burnouts completion, bracket racing, Cobra jet class and a True Street Class.

Speaking of the True Street Class, I can't tell you how impressed I am with the True Street Class. This year it was bigger than last year with over 130 Mustangs competing in what's become one of the most popular drag racing classes. This event begins on Saturday with a 30 mile escorted cruise with other True Street Racers to prove the street worthiness of all cars in the class. After successfully completing the street driven requirement everyone hits the track for three back to back passes. The winner gets cash and awards.

In my option, NMRA at the Bradenton Motorsports Park is a happening. If you love Mustangs, this is a must and I will definitely be attending next year.

Out & About

Mustang Memories ...

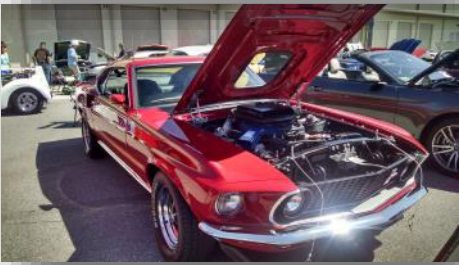
2nd Annual Spring Car & Truck Car Show at Streetside Classics



On March 4, 2017 Streetside Classics held their 2nd Annual Spring Car & Truck Show at their facility in Lutz, FL. All makes and models were present, and it turned out to be a great day for a car show!



Congratulations to all the MCT winners! - *Melinda, Editor*



Out & About

Mustang Memories ... Everyday Blessing Benefit Car Show at Wiregrass Mall



On March 5, 2017 the Everyday Blessing Benefit Open Car & Truck Show was held at The Shops at Wiregrass, in Wesley Chapel, FL. This charity car show benefitted Everyday Blessing, Inc. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving sibling foster care children of Hillsborough County. Their goal is to make sure that siblings needing to be placed in foster care, can be placed together. They have done six car shows and raised over \$150,000 for this good cause.



Congratulations to all of those who participated in this show and contributed the success of this charity.—
Melinda, Editor.

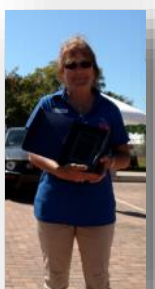


Out & About

Mustang Memories ... 30th Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Car Show



On March 18, 2017 the 30th Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Car Show, "Country in the Park" was held at Pinellas Park Cultural Center in Pinellas Park, FL. Congratulations to the show host, Suncoast Mustang Club, on another successful event and congratulations to all the show participants and winners: Bob Perry, Darlene Esposito, Heather Randal, John Esposito, Kevin Riley, Mark Morley, Paul Strausbaugh, Phil Bendishaw and Suzie and Wayne Timmerman! —Melinda, Editor. *Pics by Paul Strausbaugh and John Esposito*



Mustang Memories ... Cars and Cannolis



On March 19, 2017 the Cars & Cannolis Car Show was held at the Mazzaro Italian Market located in St. Petersburg, FL. It was a great turn out with beautiful classics on display. What a great way to spend another beautiful spring day!

—Melinda, Editor.

Pics by Paul Strausbaugh
and John Esposito



The Mustang Ladies Corner

By Lupe Minute

Mustang Men work so hard; their up early, out with the dawn. So I've been thinking that with spring in the air, there is a great way we ladies can start the day off right for our hard working Mustang Men. Every week for the month of April I'm going to pick up a small bouquet of spring flowers. Then, I'm going to pour some water into the cup holder of my Mustang Man's daily driver and place the spring flowers there. I might leave a loving note, but I'm sure that won't be necessary since, of course, my Mustang Man will know where all the thoughtfulness is coming from. And think about how nice the car will smell! Yes, another brilliant idea to celebrate spring ...

Highlights

Celebrating the Birthday of Mustang!

(below) Springtime Yellow



(left) Skylight Blue

(below) Poppy Red



Aren't we all glad that there was a day, once upon a time, when the Mustang was born? Well April 17th is that

day. So join us as we celebrate this official birthday of the Mustang. But I believe there is a hidden story behind this particular birthday. Is it no wonder that April, the traditional time when spring comes to the waiting world, delighted us with the birth of the Mustang? And in celebration of Spring, Ford produced a collection of colors that made one think of a garden in bloom.

Yes it's got sleek lines and a powerful engine, its name speaks of wild places and adventurous times. And for generations it was the car of choice for action heroes and spies alike. For some it was the very flavor of summer sunsets and nighttime drives while out on youthful misadventures. All over the country, on Ford Mustang Day festivals and celebrations are held that honor this vehicle. Fifty three years of different models of this line are brought out by enthusiasts, most maintained in impeccable shape, standing as an icon of their time.

As we celebrate Mustang Day you can go out and see the march of time and technology as it reshaped the overall appearance of the Mustang while leaving its underpinning sense of purpose untouched. Ford Mustang Day presents an opportunity to really appreciate what American Engineering can do, and how a car can change the face of the automotive industry, just like a fresh breeze on a spring day.—by Paige Turner, Reporter at Large



(above) Dynasty Green

Happy Birthday Mustang!



(above) Tahoe Turquoise

(left) Wimbledon White



Picture of the Month ...

If a picture can paint a thousand words, we wonder what these have to say? With that thought in mind, this month we recognize Phil "Bad Boy" Bendishaw for his original depiction of a true Mustang Man, excited to be out on the Car Show circuit.

Next time you are posing for pictures, see if you can top Phil for a pose that gives us something to think (or laugh) about!



Highlights

First hardtop Mustang, by serial number, to get its moment in the spotlight

Photo by David Newhardt,
Article courtesy Mecum Auctions



(It so happens that Bob Fria is a good friend of your Editor's, so I had to share this story—Melinda) Such indignity. Dispatched to remote Canada, passed over, and left to sit on a dealership showroom for a year before it sold, the first hardtop Mustang by serial number has rarely received the accolades its immediate predecessor, the very first pre-production Mustang, racked up over the years. That'll change this May when Mustang serial number 100002 heads to auction.

The stories of Mustangs 100001 and 100002 (specifically [5F07U100002](#)) couldn't have played out any more differently save for the fact that both rolled off the same assembly line and subsequently shipped off to Canada. The former – a convertible with the V-8 and automatic – went to St. Johns, Newfoundland, where it sold to an overzealous customer three days before the official introduction of the Mustang in April 1964. The latter – fitted with the 101-hp 170-cu.in. straight-six and a three-speed manual transmission – though intended to ship to a dealer in Vancouver, British Columbia, instead went a little farther north to Whitehorse Motors in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

As Bob Fria, author of *Mustang Genesis: The Creation of the Pony Car* and owner of 100002, noted, it was no coincidence that both cars wound up in the far extremes of Canada. Ford wanted to have Mustangs in every Ford showroom on April 17, 1964, the day Mustang sales were scheduled to begin, so logistically the company would have to send its first salable examples to its farthest-flung outposts.

That's not to say, however, that Mustangs 100001 and 100002 were the first Mustangs to roll off an assembly line. Indeed, that's not even to say that both – which, like 150 to 180 other pre-production Mustangs, carry a March 5, 1964, build date – were even built on March 5. According to Fria, the pre-production cars arrived in Dearborn on February 10, partially completed, from the Allen Park pilot plant and continued through final assembly there. No definitive record exists to say which pre-production Mustang was assembled first – 100005 is a likely candidate, but nobody really knows.

"All pre-production cars were assigned a March 5 dataplate build date code, regardless of which day or month they had actually been constructed," he wrote. "Likewise it is not known whether 100002... was built before or after the first pre-production convertible assigned VIN 100001."

The next dozen VINs Ford assigned to the 12 Mustangs destined for the World's Fair Magic Skyway. Mustang production officially started on March 9, 1964.

Back to 100002: With its base engine, 13-inch wheels, and little else, the Caspian Blue Mustang hardtop didn't exactly offer the mountain-climbing or snow-going prowess that sold cars in that corner of Canada. Even with a dealer-installed block heater, the Mustang sat around, occasionally used as a dealer demonstrator, until the spring of 1965, when it was sold as just another six-cylinder Mustang.

So while 100001 eventually made its way back to Dearborn for [The Henry Ford to pamper and care for it](#), 100002 bounced around among more than a dozen owners across the Canadian and American West for the next 30-plus years, until Fria bought it in 1997 and treated it to a two-year restoration.

After 20 years, Fria will now offer Mustang 100002 at Mecum's Indianapolis auction, scheduled for May 16-21. The coupe is expected to sell for \$450,000 to \$650,000. For more information about the auction, visit [Mecum.com](#).

*Beware the words you have with your wife,
lest she have some paragraphs for you.—Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

Highlights



The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Gillis Restorations builds every car as if it were Rusty's own. They are a one stop restoration shop. From rust repairs to turn key restorations, no job is too big or too small. Let's see what Rusty is up to this month ...

This month we have been busy painting some of the sheet metal on Steve's 1969 Mach 1.

I have the doors, hood and deck lid painted Acapulco Blue with SPI Universal Clear. After they cure for awhile they will be wet sanded and I will spray 3 more coats of

clear. The hood will also be painted black like a Mach 1. (See pictures #1 and #2.)

The other day a semi dropped of a huge box for Steve. When I opened the box I found a 9" Strange rear end with 31 spline axles, Eaton Truetrac 3.50 gear ready to install all we have to do is add oil. (See picture #3.)

We have been working on Chad's 1966 Restomod Coupe also during the month. The deck lid was painted Pepper Gray with SPI Clear. (See picture #4.)

Chad wanted the engine compartment body color instead of semi gloss black. The engine block was cleaned; epoxy primed and painted the same color as the stripes metallic black. In this photo old cylinder heads and oil pan were bolted on to keep the dirt out. The 347 engine will have aluminum heads, Canton oil pan and a few more surprises. (See picture #5.)

We have also been doing a lot of custom bodywork on this 1968 Fastback. Here is a sneak peek more details in upcoming newsletters. (See picture #6.) *(The story continues next month...)*



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Features

Area Cruise-Ins

*Events are subject to change so
always check with organizers.*

✓ Every 1st Monday - Mustang Mondays, Biff Burger & Buffy's BBQ, 6 to 9:30pm. 3939 49th St N. St Petersburg. Info: 727-522-0088. Free event. December meet is Toy Drive, bring a toy! More info on MCT facebook page.

✓ Every Tuesday Evening - WOW! 5:30-8:30pm. 10902 N. Dale Mabry, free, open-to-all, trophies, 50/50, music, Info: Jerry 813-780-1215.

✓ 2nd Friday - Sonic Drive-In - An informal, social get-together of MCT members & friends. 6:30pm on the 2nd Friday of each month at Sonic Drive-In. 2523 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, just south of Columbus. Bring your Mustang or not. Rain or Shine.

✓ Every Friday - Citrus Park DQ Grill & Chill 6-9pm 8410 Citrus Park Dr. Music, door prizes & 50/50. Free cone for the first 20 registered.

Space limited to 45 cars. Info: Paul Figoni 813468-027

✓ Every Friday - Pep Boys Speed Shop, 5-8pm 10124 N. Florida Ave, open-to-all, drivers receive a hot dog & soda, door prizes, 10% discount on store purchases, DJ Ed Cullins. Info: Joe 813-933-2424.

✓ 2nd Saturday - NorthPointe Village, 5-8pm. 16506 Pointe Village Dr, Lutz. Door prizes, oldies, music and 50/50. Info: Paul Figoni 813-468-0277

✓ 2nd Saturday - Breakfast & Coffee at Insty Tune. 7am to 9am. 14783 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618.

✓ Last Saturday - Cars & Coffee at Streetside Classics. 9am-12. 4610 Pet Lane, Lutz, FL. 150+ classic cars on display under one roof.

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your info to: newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com*

Mustang Club of America

Another great perk for
Mustang Club of Tampa members,
who also join the National Club

Mustang Club of America



MCA members can take advantage of
The Ford X-Plan

Purchase a Mustang with a deep pricing
discount, the process is both simple &
rewarding.

Don't forget to make the dealer aware of your
MCT membership for a \$150 loyalty bonus to
the Mustang Club of Tampa. See below for
details.

<http://www.mustang.org/content.php/274-X-Plan-Pricing-for-MCA-Members>

Car Shows & Other Events

*Events are subject to change.
Always check with organizers.*

** = Car Shows with Mustang classes.*

Car Shows -

✓ April 1st — S.A.L. 4th Annual "Spring Salute" Benefit Car & Truck Show at the Treasure Island Community Center, Treasure Island, FL. 8am to 5pm. For info: www.premiumcarshows.com.

✓ April 2nd — Oldsmar Days Car Show at 107 Shore Drive, West Oldsmar, FL. Show is brought to us by Upper Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce. Great venue on Old Tampa Bay. Arts and Crafts vendors, food vendors, and carnival. For info visit www.oldsmandays.com.

✓ April 8 — "Start your Engines" 4th Annual Car Show hosted by the Medical Center of Trinity. 8am—4pm. No pre-registrations, all Day of Show at \$15. For info call Don at 727-514-0500.

✓ April 8-9 — Sun n' Fun Car Show, International Fly-In & Expo. Located at the Sun n' Fun Complex at Lakeland Linder Airport, 4175 Medulla Road, Lakeland, FL. Registration: \$30. For information call 863-704-4002. The make and model of your vehicle must be 1984 or older. Registration is for one show car and two adults for Saturday &/or Sunday. Show cars must be parked by 9am and stay until 5pm.

✓ April 9 — Lake Mary Car Show Spring Series. Located at Central park, 100 N. Country Club Road, Lake Mary, FL. Registration is free. Call 407-

617-4201 for details. Hosted by City of Lake Mary. Enjoy the afternoon under the shade of mature oaks, visit the quaint boutique shops or have lunch at any of the several restaurants. Street and grass parking available. Music by DJ Don from Cruisin Orlando. Free for all years and models.

✓ April 15 — Mustang Charity Car Show for Special Olympics. Hosted by the Mustangs of Clermont. Located at the Texas Roadhouse, 2457 S. US Hwy 27, Clermont, FL. Registration \$15. 10am-2pm. For info contact Mustangs of Clermont.

✓ April 15 — Strawberry Classic Car Show. 4:00pm to 9:00pm. Registration is free. At McCall Park, 102 North Palmer Street, Plant City, FL. For info call 813-754-3707. Hosted by the Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce. 1985 and older cars and trucks (others with prior approval). Vendors, crafters, DJ, restaurants, and more.

✓ April 29 — The Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise's 11th Annual Community Festival and Charity Car Show. Located at the John Chesnut Sr. Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Shelter #10, Palm Harbor, FL. 8:30am—3pm. Registration \$20 (\$15 before 4/25). For info: www.eastlakerotary.org.

✓ May 6 — Car Shows for Charity 9th Annual Car Show for Breast Cancer. 8am-5pm. Downtown Tarpon Springs, 111 E. Tarpon Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL. Pre-registration is

\$20. Day of Show is \$25. For info: 727-458-9452 or www.cs4c.com.

✓ *May 13 — 4th Annual Pony Party—Car Shows n' Classrooms at Bill Curry Ford, 5815 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL. 8:30am—3pm. This is a Free Mustang and Ford Show! Open to all years. Pre-registration is not required but encouraged. This show benefits teachers.

Other Noteworthy Activities -

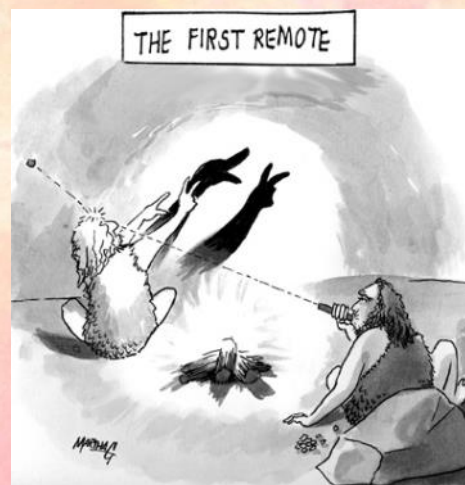
✓ Apr 25 — MCT General Meeting. Our next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th at 6:45pm, in the room over the Bill Curie Ford showroom.

✓ May 9 — MCT's regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 6:45pm, in the room over the Bill Curie Ford showroom.

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

The Rust Bucket...

By Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic



Features

Bill Currie Ford Referral Program

\$\$\$\$ Benefits to Members of
Mustang Club of Tampa provided
by Bill Currie Ford!

Club members, and the club, have special Loyalty Privileges at Bill Currie Ford. Earn \$\$\$, receive discounts, and work with a dedicated team to assist you. Here is what we get in return:

**** \$150 – Paid to the Club when a club member purchases a vehicle**

**** \$150 – Paid to any Member who refers a friend to purchase a vehicle**

**** 10% -- Discount for Parts and Service**

A dedicated team of Mustang enthusiasts at Bill Currie are assigned to assist you.

Sales: Mike Valdes (813) 672-1704
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(Dealership Club Contact)

To receive these benefits always introduce yourself as a member of Mustang Club of Tampa and present your membership card. If there are any questions contact club President Joyce Bendishaw at mailto:president@mustangcluboftampa.com or Christy Vannette listed above. Please give Bill Currie a try, and refer your friends. Let us know if you make a purchase.

If purchasing a vehicle - present the voucher below
with your membership card at the time of sale!

Mustang Club of Tampa Referral Program

In recognition of the partnership with Bill Currie Ford, Mustang Club members who purchase a vehicle from Bill Currie Ford will get \$150 donated back to the Mustang Club **This Voucher MUST be shown at time of Sale along with Membership Card**

Sales Team and Finance Team. - Please add this voucher to the deal packet

Accounts Payable,- Please make checks payable to the Mustang Club of Tampa.
(please reference Club member/purchaser name for records)

Thank you !



Snapshots

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After owning several Corvettes and driving a 2003 Vet for thirteen years, Randy attempted to purchase a Z06 Vet through five local dealers. None budged on their price nor did they even call Randy back when he requested he be on the call list. So, while online perusing fast cars, Randy saw a Roush Stage 3 Mustang at Elder Ford. Not knowing what it was, he went to look at it. Of course, he took the test drive. It turned out to be the best test drive Randy ever had, as the salesman said go ahead and get on it. Randy said, "Are you sure? You know what I pulled into



your drive with?" Well, after the salesman said yes and Randy reached 120, he shut it down. After some very significant price drops, Randy bought the car. Funny, Randy recalls that he went out to get a loaf of bread and came back with a 2015 Roush Stage 3 Mustang!

Randy says that Roush does not have a Phase 3 for the 2015 yet, but when they do, he will be adding that also. Randy would also like to get the underside of the hood painted with the Black Pearl Ship like his car show sign. I love my buddy, Wayne Brennan's Hulk hood (you'll remember the Hulk from as our March Mustang of the Month).

Randy and Patsy Dwyer have a "blended" family. She has three sons and he has one son and two daughters. Together they have thirteen grand kids; ten girls and three boys. Oh, and they also have one great grandson. Randy is a retired educator from Springfield, Illinois. After three years in the Marine Corps, Randy taught High School Science for sixteen years then he served as a High School Principal for fifteen years. Patsy is a retired RN. She worked 43 years as an RN and Orthopedic Floor Manager. Randy says his hobbies are golf, car shows, and procrastinating, in no particular order. Patsy loves her book club.

This is Randy's first Mustang, as he confesses to being a converted Corvette owner. Last year he went on the Hot Rod Power Tour. At the conclusion of that tour, he drove to Indianapolis to a dealership to get Jack Roush to sign his dash, which he did. He signed the motor compartment as well. While signing, Mr. Roush noticed Randy's Florida plate and asked where Randy was from in Florida. Randy told him Tampa and Mr. Roush asked how long it took Randy to get to Indianapolis. Randy proudly told him that most people took seventeen hours, but it only took Randy fifteen. Mr. Roush laughed and said "That a boy" with his thump up.

What Randy loves most about this Mustang is that every day he is out in the car, someone asks what it is or compliments him on a beautiful car. It also gets respect on the street from all car enthusiasts. Randy never had that with the Corvettes. He has numerous awards from first to farthest traveled, but Randy says it is not about the trophies, it's about the people. Randy and Patsy joined MCT to meet other Mustang owners.



And coming Next Month ...

Before I leave you for the month of April, I want to give a big shout out and a "Happy Birthday" to my new-found friend and "Birthday Buddy" Lou. Imagine our surprise when, sitting at a car show, we were chatting about all sorts of things when we discovered we shared the same birthday, April 4th! Now that is a great start to a MCT friendship! On another note, sorry to the Mustang Men out there, but the Spring edition of this Newsletter will be followed by the Mother's Day edition. More flowers, lady talk, and other such things. But don't worry, fellas, after that will be the Father's Day edition and you'll be able to fill up on all things man cave, garage, and gurr related ... till then! - Melinda, Editor