

The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Chris & Beth Casale's 2015 Mustang GT



(Article by Melinda Morales)

This month we are pleased to spotlight Chris and Beth Casale and their 2015 Mustang GT Premium Convertible. Chris purchased this Mustang used in September of 2018. This 2015 Mustang GT is 6 speed manual, Roush Stage 2 Supercharged, and about 760 HP. Not only is it Supercharged, but it is also lowered with Brembo's Roush Active Exhaust. Later this year Chris plan on putting long tubes and a smaller Supercharged pulley on the car. Once these changes are made Chris looks forward to participating in local or national shows, and racing (of course).

Chris and Beth live in Town and Country, and have a daughter who is 26 years old. Chris works as an IT Manager but in his free time he enjoys playing bass guitar in two bands. Chris is also an avid bowler.

Chris has always loved Mustangs. Before purchasing his 2015 Mustang he was the previous owner of a 82 GT, an 85 GT, a 2004 V6, a 2011 V6, and a 2013 V6 Convertible.

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*Marshmallow Chicks ...
Sounds like a club I could qualify for!*



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(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

A Note from your Editor...

Happy April fellow MCT members!

I want to start by thanking Chris Casale for letting us spotlight him and his Mustang in our feature article. It's always nice to meet new members and to get to know their Mustangs.

There are also pictures from our recent MCT cruise, "The Great Ford Escape." These are proving to be very popular events, and a lot of the ladies like to come out and participate. I suspect it is because you don't have to get up too early, you don't have to clean a car, or sit around all day in the heat. Just cruise, enjoy the sights, and cap the afternoon off with lunch. Plenty of time for the ladies to hit the mall afterwards. Yep, I think we have a winning combination.

I ran across some interesting pictures. One is of a beautiful Mustang hidden in an egg. Anyone for that kind of Egg hunt? Then I found a vintage advertisement for the classic Mustang. It's advertising its early colors as Easter themed. I hope you enjoy these findings. If you have something you'd like to see in an upcoming newsletter, please contact me ... until next time, happy reading! - Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!



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3,078!

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

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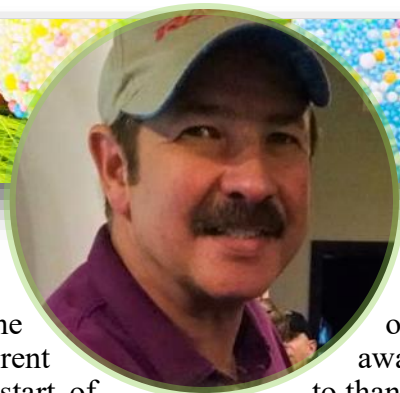
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Up Front

President's....Message



Hi MCT Members and Friends.

The month of April is a very busy one for most of us and it can mean different things to each. For some it's the start of Spring or Spring cleaning, for other it's Easter with the family. On the West Coast it's the start of the car show season. If you're in Accounting or a CPA, it's all about taxes and long hours. For some of us Mustang enthusiasts it's about celebrating the National Mustang Day (April 17), the birthdate of the Ford Mustang. For me, I'll be busy going to California to attend the Fabulous Ford Forever Car Show. This event is the biggest one-day Ford event on the West Coast and it's unbelievable. I will be representing Mustang Club of America.

As I have previously mentioned, our 2019 Board of Directors has made it a commitment to host an activity on a monthly basis for 2019. Well on Saturday, March 23rd we had the Great Escape Cruise to Ford's Garage in Wesley Chapel. It was a lot of fun to mingle with Club members and see the variety of Mustangs gathering to go on the cruise. We met at Dunkin' Donuts and cruised in a caravan to Streetside Classics in Lutz where they were having a car show. Streetside Classics had plenty of cars and car show to drool over. We saw some very impressive cars at the show and for sale. This is Heaven for a car enthusiast like me. From Streetside Classics we went to Ford's Garage in Wesley Chapel. Once we arrived at Ford's Garage it was time for a photo-op and a good lunch. Robbie Polo made reservations and coordinated the event. The staff, service and food were impressive for a large group. We all had a lot of fun and a great time. This was a successful event for MCT as we had 46 members and friends pre-register. The longest distance award went to Kevin Riley our ex Treasurer and Past President as he came all the way from Nevada to attend the event. We were all happy to see Kevin as he has been very supportive and has dedicated years to the success of MCT. Thanks for joining MCT for this event. I also want to thank Robbie for coordinating an awesome event. Good job Buddy!

As for past events, Suncoast Mustang Club hosted the 32nd Annual Mustang, Shelby, Ford Car Show at Pi-

nellas Park Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 16th. We had several of our members participating and winning awards. Congratulations to all. I also want to thank Darlene Esposito for stepping up to help by selling 50/50 tickets. Also, on Saturday, March 16th Tom Jankowski and Club members participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ybor City. Thanks to the members for representing the Club and Tom for taking the lead in organizing this event for MCT. On Saturday, March 24th was the Medical Center of Trinity 5th Annual Start Your Engines Car Show. Congratulations to MCT award winners; Frank Cossota, Harry DePeppe, Lou McCarty and Wayne Timmerman. Good job in representing MCT at this event.

Now for upcoming events. We have scheduled a Club picnic at Phillippe Park for Sunday, April 6th. This will be an old fashion style picnic with games and BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs. I have sent the flyer to all with information and requested to register as soon as possible so we have an accurate count for food. As of today, we have almost 60 members and friends registered for the picnic. Looks like we'll have a good turn-out and a lot of fun. Next, on Saturday, May 4, 2019 we have the 6th Annual Pony Party Car Show at Bill Currie Ford. We hope that all of you can come out and support this show's good cause, the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Therefore, I'm call on all Mustang and Ford enthusiasts to participate and help make a difference. Thank you and I hope you can support your club. Also, on Saturday, May 18 MCT is supporting Cruising for Critters Car Show to be held at Streetside Classics. Proceeds from this car show will benefit Pasco Count's Retired K-9's. This is a good cause and I hope we can make a difference in helping our Law Enforcement K-9 Heroes.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next general meeting as we will start to take nominations for the Board of Directors. Again, thank you all for your support.

Best regards,
Frank Morales, MCT President
president@mustangcluboftampa.com

Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Steven Eyring '00 Shelby Convertible
Wayne & Susie Timmerman '72 Mach 1
Michael & Elaine Martino '65 Mustang Coupe
Chasity Byrd '19 Mustang Coupe
Sara Wercinski '16 Mustang Convertible
Joe Higgins '07 GT Mustang Coupe

Scott Vidd & Shelby Fowler '12 Mustang Coupe
Cody Martinez '16 Mustang Fastback
Paul & Cheryl Gardner '01 GT Convertible
Ira Fogg '17 GT Coupe
Jeanette & Gilbert Irizarry-Gonzalez
'66 Fastback &
'19 GT Premium



Our total membership is **192 families, 325 total members!**
Welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to having you join us at our next club meeting or event!

Hope your Eggs are all filled with happiness!



Almost real? Lego bricks promise a never-ending world of creation. One builder has used only his creativity and Legos to build the 2020 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500.

That's correct, this car was not built from a kit with instructions or anything official from Lego. This one represents a builder's creativity, talent, and dedication to bringing a car to life in scale. To put it bluntly, it's really well done. The build is part of Lego's "Celebrate Your Favorite Mustang in a Beautiful Scenery" contest, which coincides with the release of the official 1967 Ford Mustang Fastback Lego kit.



Buy, Sell and Trade

For Sale— I have a complete Grill kit for a 67 Mustang GT. Includes all trim, horse and corral, etc. \$125 for all. Call Mark @ 813-205-2953

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For Sale— Raxiom Navigation & Touch Screen Upgrade For OE Radio (15-17 All). 8" HD Touch-Screen LCD, Navigation System with iGO NextGen Software, US and Canada Maps Included, Retains Sync and Factory Functions, HDMI Connectivity / USB Charging / OBD2 Reader, Input for Factory Reverse Camera, Factory Style Dash Bezel Included, Not Compatible with SYNC® 3, Fits 2015-2017 Mustangs Equipped with the Standard OE Radio with the 4 in. Screen. This is no longer available from American Muscle. This is for everyone with the little 4" screen that wants to upgrade to a 8" screen with gps. I have everything for installation. Asking \$275.00. Contact Doug @ 813-857-7959 or dkasr2@gmail.com



For Sale— American Muscle Speed Form side scoops in Performance White for Ford Mustang.

Came off of a 2012, will fit 2010-2014. Perfect condition at half price of new. \$100. Call Wayne Garriss at 727-215-6121.



For Sale— FS - Eaton Detroit Spring #349 or NPD # 5660-23 rear leaf springs - less

than 3000 miles on them. With hangers and U-bolts - FIRST \$150 takes them. Will fit a 65-69 Mustang - See the chart in the NPD catalog. Call Jerry 813-417-3037



For Sale— Set of 4 Pirelli All Season P235/50 18" 97W Tires – Approx 3000 miles driven. Set of 4 original '15 GT Factory rims \$600 obo. Contact MCT member Jayne Alford 813-928-2402



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Features

MCT's Great Ford Escape Cruise

On March 23rd, we met up for MCT's "The Great Ford Escape" Cruise. We started the morning with coffee and donuts, then we caravanned to Streetside Classics to enjoy looking at cars, cars, and a few more cars. Now we all know that looking at cars builds up an appetite, so after getting our fill of cars we caravanned to Ford's Garage in Wesley Chapel. There we took a moment for a nice group shot, then we filled up on a nice lunch. What a fun day! Thank you Robbie Polo, our Cruise Director, for leading and planning this event! - Sally Ride, Travelling Reporter



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MCT's Great Ford Escape Cruise (Cont'd)



Features



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 ...

Brian removed the outer cowl on the 1965 Mustang convertible before I took it to the sandblaster so it could be sandblasted. The lower cowl is still attached to help keep everything lined up and also so it can be sand blasted. (See picture #1)

We found a lot of rust holes in the floor once it came back from sandblasting and will replace with a one piece floor but Brian wanted to repair the cowl first. (See picture #2)

The outer cowl was sand blasted and will be reused. (See picture #3)

I epoxy primed both sides. (See picture #4)

The lower cowl was removed by drilling out a bunch of spot welds and did not find any major rust. (See picture #5)

The back side of the lower cowl was stripped down to bare metal and as you can see is in very good shape now after Brian repaired it in my last report. (See picture #6)

I epoxy primed the back side first and the next day the top was epoxy primed. (See picture #7)

Brian removed the surface rust by grinding and sanding followed by brushing epoxy since it is hard to get a spray gun in there and you will never see it once everything is assembled. (See picture #8)

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The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Lower cowl clamped in place ready for plug welding. (See picture #9)

Brian ground the welds and is ready to install the outer cowl. (See picture #10)

Brian is using a mig welder to fill in all the holes that he had to drill when he removed the cowl using plug welds. (See picture #11)

Outer cowl welded in place and plug welds ground down now ready to start on the floor. (See picture #12)

The one piece floor was sanded on both sides and I already epoxy primed the other side. (See picture #13)

The next day I epoxy primed this side. (See picture #14)

Brian first had to drill out the spot welds on the one piece seat riser that attached to the floor and inner rockers. He is taking the floor apart a little at a time to give him a place to stand that while cutting out the floor. (See picture #15)

Floor pan removed. Brian still has to remove the remaining floor under the rocker panels. (See picture #16)



(Rusty's story continues next month) ...



Features

Area Cruise-Ins

Events are subject to change so always check with organizers.

✓ 3rd Saturday - Tabellas Cruise-In on the Causeway. Noon to sunset. 5818 Causeway Blvd, Tampa, FL 33619. No entry fee. All makes and models. Food trucks, DJ music, Craft beers & cigars. Sponsored by Garage One.

✓ 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.

✓ 1st Saturday - Dairy Queen, Lutz, 6-8:30pm. 23671 FL-54, Lutz. All makes and models welcome. Food, ice cream, DJ music, raffles and face

painting. Fun for whole family. Info: 813-949-8900, or email Dawn.c@inspiringservice.com.

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

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

✓ 2nd Saturday - Insty Tune & Lube offers free coffee and breakfast. 7am-10am. Free event, open to all. 14783 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618. 813-960-3908. Get your car questions (or problems) answered for free while showing off your car.

✓ 1st Saturday - Garage One Cars & Coffee. 8am-11am. 9222 Anderson Road, Tampa, FL 33634. Free coffee and doughnuts, product demos hosted by the Garage One Pro Shop. Music provided by DJ John

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Car Shows & Other Events

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

Car Shows -

✓ **April 6th— MCT Picnic.** This year's club picnic will be held at John Chestnut Sr. Park in Palm Harbor. We have a pavilion on the lake and food will be pot luck style. There will be games and lots of fun for everyone. Watch for the flier to be out soon.

✓ **April 13th— Start Your Engines** (Trinity Medical Center), 9330 State Road 54, Trinity, FL 34655. 7:30am — 4pm. Organized by Suncoast MOPAR and the Christian Hot Rod Association. Profits benefit AAU Basketball. 105 trophies to be awarded. Registration 7:30— 10:30am. Open to the public. No pre-registration.

✓ **April 14th — Car, Truck, Jeep, Bike Show & Swap Meet.** Southern Speedway 865t Piper Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33917. 10am—2:30pm. Proceeds to benefit Lacey Burlew's (track owners daughter) fight against cancer. This is a judged show. The cars will be parked on the track.

✓ **April 20th — 55th Mustang Birthday Cruise In.** 10am-2pm. 1800 Boy Scout Dr., Fort Myers, F 33907. Hosted by the Gulf Shore Mustang Club. 55th birthday celebration cruise-in for the Mustang. Door prizes, birthday cake, and 50/50 raffle.

✓ **April 27th — 13th Annual Cruisin' The Park Charity Car Show & Festival.** 9am—3pm. John Chesnut Sr., Park. 2200

East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34685. Presented by the Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise in conjunction with the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.

✓ **May 4th— MCT's 6th Annual Pony Party "Caring for Kids"** car show at Bill Currie Ford. This years car show benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children. This show is open to all years of Mustang and Ford products. Food will be provided by Tijuana Flats. The show flier is being finalized now and will be available soon.

✓ **May 18th— Cruising for Critters**, a 501c(3) Fundraising Organization, will be hosting a car show at Streetside Classics in Lutz, FL. This show is open to all years of cars, trucks, and motorcycles. All proceeds from this show will benefit Pasco County's Retired K-9's. Come on out and support this great cause and meet some of Pasco County's K-9s and Deputies.

✓ **June 8th— MCT Bay Area Bridge Cruise.** Flier to follow.

✓ **July 13th— MCT Bowling & Cruise to Ford's Garage.** Flier to follow.

✓ **August 10th— MCT Hot Shots and Mustangs.** Flier to follow.

✓ **October 5th— MCT Cruise to Ford's Garage.** Flier to follow.

✓ **November 2th— MCT's Car Show at Tampa Joe's.** Flier to follow.

✓ **December 8th— MCT Christmas Party.** Flier to follow.

Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ **April 23rd — MCT General Meeting.** Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.

✓ **May 14th — MCT Board Meeting.** Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm.

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The Rust Bucket... by Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic





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General Manager,

Sean Sullivan

Snapshots



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“Yes, I like Mustangs,” Chris tells us with a laugh, “The fact that it is a Mustang...an American Icon and it’s somewhat rare (not too many supercharged convertibles around).”

Chris got hooked on the Mustang when his older brother had a ’73. After purchasing this latest Mustang Chris Googled Mustang Clubs and found MCT. He joined last year.

Welcome to the club Chris and Beth!



The spring came suddenly, bursting upon the world
as a child bursts into a room, with a laugh and a shout and
hands full of flowers.