

# The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## Mustang of the Month: Lou McCarty's 2018 Convertible GT



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*(Article by Melinda Morales)* This month we are pleased to spotlight Lou McCarty and her brand new 2018 Mustang. Lou previously owned a 2017 4-cylinder turbo Mustang named Thelma. She also had a Mustang in the 80's but doesn't think she appreciated Mustang's like she does now. Lou traded Thelma in (yes, she feels like a bad mother!) for a 2018 8-cylinder, 5.0 GT, 460 HP, 10 speed automatic, performance package, convertible in Orange Fury. She named the GT "Wild Tang." "Wild..." because she looks and performs wild; "...Tang" because it's the last four letters of Mustang and the color reminds Lou of the drink Tang. Lou says the most interesting feature on the car is its active valve performance exhaust. She can tone down the exhaust sound, "but who wants to do that!"

Lou bought her new Mustang at Bill Currie Ford on June 5, 2018. We were all surprised when she traded in Thelma, but she decided she just wanted something a little beefier. Lou had Wild Tang built with the same seats as were in the 2017, ceramic leather trimmed. The seats normally featured with the color Orange Fury are black, but Lou didn't think all black seats, in a convertible, in Florida, was a good idea so the seats have white tops. She has already had hydraulic hood props installed, mud flaps, and calipers painted the same color as the car. Her future plans are to have an invisible bra installed and a graphic on the hood. She is still working out the graphic design. She looks forward to entering Wild Tang in shows.

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*Never underestimate the therapeutic power of driving really fast while listening to loud music.*

## The Pony Express

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Frank Morales, Harry DePeppe, Rusty Gillis  
Lou McCarty and Howie Taylor

(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

## A Note from your Editor...

Happy August fellow MCT members! Lou McCarty has a beautiful new Mustang in her stable so we are excited to feature it this month. Also, thanks to Howie Taylor for sharing a story with us about his Mustang. For those looking for good Mustang services and contacts, he has some recommendations for companies that are also offering MCT discounts.

Please take a close look at the upcoming schedule of events. MCT has changed the date of two upcoming events, our cruise to a car museum and our November car show. If you have already marked your calendar's for these events, please make sure you update them.

When the Board of Directors was planning activities for the year, they wanted to do some things that would keep us inside during the hottest part of the year. As a result we just had our recent Ponies and Pins cruise. I always say that you don't have to bowl well to enjoy it, and enjoy it we did. Everyone that participated has already requested that we do this again next year. Even the Newsletter Staff attended. I have a summary of that in my "Reflections" article, but before you get to that ... happy reading! - Melinda

## Thanks to our Club Leaders!

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PP = Past President

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**2,773!**

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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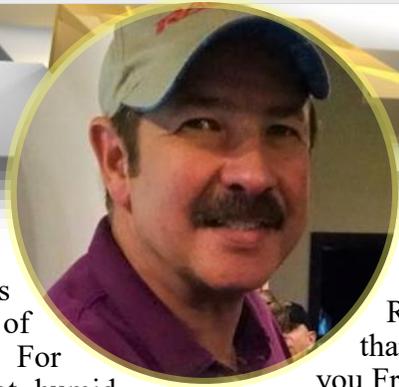
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# Up Front

## President's...

## ...Message



Hi MCT Members and Friends.

Hope you are surviving the heat, humidity and rain. As I'm writing this message I'm think about the month of August and what's special about it. For us that live in Florida, it's another hot, humid and rainy month – yippee! But that doesn't stop MCT from hosting a variety of fun activities for the membership.

As for our most recent past event, Robbie Polo and I would like to thank all our MCT members that attended Ponies & Pins on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 38 members and friends participating in a fun day of laughter and trash talking (the kind that can only be heard at bowling alleys). I'd also like to thank the members that drove their Mustang's in the rain. Pumpkin was not happy but took one for the team – LOL. Anyway, despite the weather we all had a blast.

When the games were over, we got in our Mustangs or daily drivers (due to rain) and cruised to Ford's Garage in Westchase. Yes, games, a cruise and lunch with fellow MCT members and friends – life is beautiful. This event was a total success. If you didn't attend you missed out on a great time. Members have already asked for a sequel for next year as it was a lot of fun, so don't miss out next year. Thanks Robbie for organizing another successful event for MCT and Melinda for doing the flyer and the special awards for the various winners.

Robbie has put together another awesome upcoming activity for MCT, Hot Shots & Mustangs scheduled for Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be another fun day of marksmanship, food and Mustangs for MCT members. We will begin with some shooting practice, then we will cruise in our Mustangs to the Wing House for lunch. If you do not want to take some shooting practice, you can join us for the lunch portion of our afternoon and have fun with friends. Last year we had a great turn out and a lot fun. This year, Robbie and Fred Flesche (MCT Member & Shooting Sports owner) have planned some exciting shooting activities for the participants. Please take a minute to

read the Hot Shot Rules and MCT Hot Shot Competition for details. If you are planning to participate, please RSVP to Robbie Polo as soon as possible. I want to thank Fred for his support of MCT. Thank you Fred.

If that isn't enough, Robbie Polo and Phil Collie are setting up a tour of the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum for Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a mid-morning tour of the museum followed by a cruise to a restaurant. The group rate is \$5 per person and we will have plenty of room for parking right in front of the Museum. Please stay tuned as we will email a flyer with additional information out soon.

Next, John & Darlene Esposito, supporters and MCT members, are hosting the Cruising for Critters Car Show on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater. This event is open to all years of cars, trucks and motorcycles. There will be a 50/50 drawing and silent auction with all the proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of Tampa. The Esposito's have asked MCT to support their event and asked for volunteers to help with parking and other car show duties. MCT has voted to support this event, so please mark your calendars and let us know if you can volunteer to help. I hope to see you there.

Please remember we are always looking for Guest Speakers for our MCT General Meetings. If you have a lead or suggestion, please let Frank Cossota, our VP, know so he can make the necessary arrangements.

In closing, I want to thank all of you that participated and helped to make the Ponies & Pins a total success and congratulations to MCT and Robbie for coordinating this event. Remember, it's hard to argue with success. I hope to see you all at our next activity or General meeting.

Best regards,  
Frank Morales, MCT President  
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Positive thinking mixed with positive action always results in success.  
— Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

## Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total membership is 199 families, 338 total members!

Russ Hostetler & Xiao Zhang '66 Convertible  
 John & Koki Nealy '06 Coupe GT  
 Sunthorn & Dawn Ingersoll '17 Fastback  
 Scott & Amanda Bowling '18 Fastback  
 Troy & Lori Gotschall '68 Coupe &  
 '15 GT Fastback  
 Scott & Mandy Michie '85 Hatchback T-Top  
 Harry & Brenda Henry '16 Coupe GT350  
 Reginald Osenton '13 Coupe  
 Theresa Gaschler '66 Convertible  
 Bobbie Corley '03 Coupe &  
 '18 Coupe

Alejandro Loureiro '18 Fastback  
 Scott & Amber Kurowski '16 Fastback GT350  
 Joe & Sharon Della Fave '14 CA Special Must.  
 Michael & Patricia Young '18 Mustang GT  
 '97 Mustang GT  
 Lawrence & Tammy Veague '02 Mustang GT  
 Mary Martinez-Drovie & '16 Mustang Coupe  
 Mike Drovie  
 Johnny & Tasha Wyatt '08 Mustang GT Conv.  
 Roger & Jenny Campeau '18 Mustang GT  
 Coupe  
 Karen & Frank Belajac '05 Mustang  
 Bob Pfeiffer '05 Mustang Conv.



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

(Continued from Page 1) When asked what Lou loves most about the car, she says she loves the power and the sound, of course! Lou had Wild Tang for a week when she won Overall Best of Show in Class at Quaker Steak and Lube. Thelma won eight in her career, so Wild Tang has a way to go, but she is off to a great start. Lou became interested in the Mustang hobby about two years ago when she woke up one day and just decided she wanted a Mustang. Her salesman at Bill Currie Ford told her about MCT, so Lou decided to go to a meeting and was hooked. She has been a member since 2016.

Lou has two grown children. Patrick, 50, lives in Detroit MI and currently works for GM as a project manager for the 2020 Silverado truck. He and his wife, Megan, have three children. Taylor, 20, who goes to Wayne State University on academic and athletic (football) scholarships. Hunter, 16, a sophomore who is on his high school varsity lacrosse team, and Claire, 12, who is a special needs child and has overcome many obstacles.

Lou's younger son, Brian, 49, lives in Austin, TX. He is in the film business as a special effects guy. He has worked on many movies, TV shows and commercials. If something blows up, he probably did it! He is also a welder and builds custom bicycles. He is not married, and Lou "doesn't think she has any grandkids from him!"

Lou and her husband moved to Tampa in 1998 from Cincinnati, OH. Her husband worked for Ford as an aftermarket accounts manager and was sent to Florida to "clean it up". He passed away in February of 2016. The McCarty family has been in the automotive industry for a long time. Lou's father-in-law worked for GM for forty years, having started when he was fourteen years old. Lou's husband worked for Ford for thirty-three years before he retired. Now their oldest son works for GM. Life comes full circle.



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# Highlights

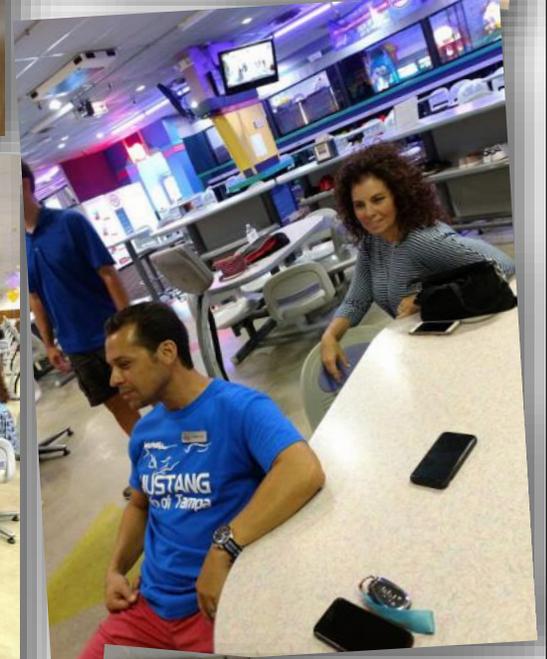
## MCT's Ponies & Pins Event

On July 21st, 2018 MCT held a 'Ponies & Pins' event. We met at Pin Chasers bowling alley in Tampa, and bowled for a couple of hours. After completing three fun-filled, and laughter full games, we gathered for a group picture and some fun awards. Then we caravanned to Ford's Garage-Westchase for lunch. There we met up with several more members and had a great lunch to cap off the event. This event was planned with the hot summer months in mind, and it proved to be a very successful (and cool) event, and one that we are looking forward to repeating again next year. Special thanks to Robbie Polo, MCT's Cruise Director, for a fantastic job in coordinating this event! And congratulations to the award winners! You are all good sports!!



# Highlights

## MCT's Ponies & Pins Event (Continued)



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## MCT's Ponies & Pins Event (Continued)



### Congratulations



| #  | Award Title   | Winner           |
|----|---|------------------|
| 1  | It's not bragging if you can back it up!                      | Cesar Colon      |
| 2  | Lean, Mean Bowling Machine                                    | Mike Weir        |
| 3  | Style to Spare  | "Turkie" Drovie  |
| 4  | Energizer Bunny Award, for keeping going no matter what       | Mike Drovie      |
| 5  | Gutter Ball Guru: For going 60MPH without hitting anything    | Darlene Esposito |
| 6  | Best Artistic Display in an Alley                             | Marge            |
| 7  | Bowling Babe  | Devon Polo       |
| 8  | It's not how you bowl, its How you Roll                       | Luke & Sara      |
| 9  | Let the Pins Fall where they may                              | Don              |
| 10 | What Happens at the Bowling Alley, Stays at the Bowling Alley | Fred             |
| 11 | Best Bowling Burnout  | Frank Morales    |
| 12 | I like Bowling, I suck at it, but I like it.                  | Scott Englert    |

### Award Winners!



# Highlights

## MCT's Ponies & Pins Event (Continued)



We sure built up an appetite with all that strenuous exercise ... thank goodness we ended up at Ford's Garage for lunch!



# Highlights

(Article provided by Howie Taylor)

We have all felt it. That apprehension about taking our babies out on the road. Taking it out of the security of our garages to drive to a car show, the grocery store or simply to a friend's house. That fear that something could happen to our pride and joy. I had that feeling a couple weeks ago when we decided to take the more gas efficient "Whoa!" to Daytona to visit a friend for the weekend instead of my wife's big old F-150 gas hog.



A Pony named "Whoa!"

Less than 20 miles into our trip down I-75, while driving in the center lane, I spotted a piece of 2x4 just ahead in the right lane. About the same time,

the truck I was passing spotted it too and swerved to straddle the wood. He misjudged and pinched a corner of the plank with his front left tire and shot it into my lane like a Tiddlywink. I took evasive actions to prevent the airborne missile from impaling my radiator, and caught the projectile with my front splitter and bumper. The impact dislodged the splitter from under the bumper and ripped the bumper cover from its mounting points leaving the bumper to flap in the wind.

Of course I was devastated. I've been convinced for some time that although I may be fortunate enough to accumulate nice things from time to time, I'm just not lucky enough to *have* nice things for long.

"Whoa!", my 2015 V6 convertible Mustang was never meant to be a show car. It is my daily driver with over 85,000 miles on the odometer. But I can be convinced to show it at local events from time to time, if for no other reason than to have a great excuse to avoid the dreaded "Honey Do List" and go hang with my Mustang family for a little bit.

With our MCT show coming up in a few short months, I feared that I wouldn't be able to participate due to the fact that "Whoa!" is my daily and I would be unable to part with it to get it repaired in time. Boy, was I wrong!

In a turn of luck, I was able to purchase the parts to replace what was broken on that fateful day and in my excitement, I posted on the MCT Facebook page that the part had arrived and asked for suggestions as to who would paint and install the parts. With a great many recommendations, Jesse Krumm of Truline Collisions was put on my radar as a great choice for the job.

A few weeks prior to all of this mess, I jumped on an opportunity to purchase some lowering springs with the intention of installing them this fall. I noticed that a lot of other Mustangs had also jumped at the great price and was having Josh Parker of Parker Performance install them. I spoke to Josh and he was so flexible and accommodating, offered to pick up my car, install the springs and bring the car back to me upon completion.

I had a trip to up north with my wife coming up and it was decided that this would be a great time to arrange to have the springs installed while I was away and not in need of my car for a few days. Josh, being the flexible and accommodating person I have learned he was, had offered to pick up my car, install the springs, grab my new bumper and take them both down to Truline to have the bumper prepped, painted and installed. It was a no-brainer decision to take them up on this once-in-a-lifetime alignment of the stars and left it to the professionals to take care of my precious "Whoa!" (Continued on page 10)

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Happy Trails ... (cont'd)

*(Article provided by Howie Taylor)*

*(Continued from page 9)* Josh and Jesse have worked together in the past apparently, because this whole plan came off like a delicately choreographed ballet with minimal input needed from me at all.

As I am now at the airport, preparing to return home, I have been told that Jesse would be willing to meet me at his shop after 10pm on a Sunday evening to reunite me with “Whoa!”. You can’t imagine what a relief it is to know that my car was in such great hands. And that these professionals really know how to make a customer feel like family with their unparalleled customer service.

I would definitely recommend Josh Parker of Parker Performance for customizing and parts installation. He is now offering MCT members free concierge services (pickup and delivery) for MCT Members. That’s usually a \$50 charge. Simply mention your membership status when making your appointment.

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Jesse comes to me as highly recommended and I in turn would vouch for his top notch service and quality of work. He is now offering MCT members a generous discount of 15%. Simply mention your membership status when making your appointment.

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## The Mustang Ladies Corner

*By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter*

Last weekend I decided to do something for my Mustang Man that was not only nice and thoughtful, but practical. So Friday morning, after waving goodbye as my Mustang Man headed to work, I headed out to his garage to give it a good cleaning. After cleaning the floor and dusting all the countertops I took a peak in his tool chest. After opening several drawers I saw that he had items sorted quite nicely. Screwdrivers were in a drawer by themselves, hammers in another. I thought and thought about this, trying to figure out how I could surprise him and make it just a little bit better. And then it hit me. Before I knew it he still had a drawer full of screwdrivers, but when I was done, they were now encased in a silverware tray, just like the one I have in the kitchen to separate the spoons from the forks. I was so proud of myself that I organized the rest of the drawers using stuff from my kitchen. Oh, I couldn’t wait until he opened up his drawers and saw the improvements I’d made. I thought I was finished until I opened another drawer and, imagine my surprise when I saw he had a drawer full of old ratty rags. Honestly, why would he try and hide old stuff like this rather than just throw them away? Well, “wife to the rescue” I always say. And now he has an empty drawer to use for something useful. When my Mustang Man came home that evening, I took him out to the garage and showed him what I had done. “See,” I said, “Now your garage looks as nice as my kitchen!” He was very quite, but I did see a glimmer of a tear as he asked if it was happy hour yet. And, pleased as punch, I knew he wanted to celebrate his Mustang Lady ...

# Highlights

## Buy, Sell, and Trade

**For Sale**— 1968 Mustang Coupe, 289, 2bl., auto trans, not running. 2 engines, 2 trans, lots of extra parts. Some rust on hood and under vinyl top. \$4,000 takes all. Call Frank C. at 813-376-8979 for info.

**For Sale**— One of the Cadillacs of MC trailers (Retail \$2500-\$2700) without any extras. This comes with a full size brand new spare, re-trackable tire downs, all 4 sides and the a tongue jack with

two attachments (wheel and flat stand). Set up for a 2 inch ball. Tow's nice an straight. You don't even know its behind you. Stands up when not in use - Always garaged! Priced at \$1850.00. Jerry May. For more information visit the DropTail Web site. Note: Bike in the picture not included in this sale!



**For Sale**— 2 Tires (used).Pirelli P-Zero Corsa 285/35ZR-19. They have approximately 4,000 miles on them and have approximately half of their original tread left. \$100 for the pair! Contact club member Daryl Waterman at (cell) 714-434-2801.

**For Sale**— FOMOCO 4 barrel manifold for sale for a 289. Asking \$85. Anyone interested can contact John Goyack at 727-726-5701.

**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



**For Sale**— For Sale - Tail light off my 2011 Mustang (right only). I have replaced my lights with Raxiom units; it is time to say farewell to the remaining 2011 unit. Exact replacements for 2010-2011- and 2012. \$75.00. If inter-

ested contact Jon Eshleman at: phone 616-540-6210 or e-mail at [jon.eshleman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jon.eshleman@sbcglobal.net). Can deliver within 50 miles of Spring Hill.

**For Sale**— Set of four Hankook tires wheels and skins size 235/55/17 like new, only 6K on them. Asking \$475 OBO. Call John at 727-385-4583 or email him at [jce497fl@aol.com](mailto:jce497fl@aol.com). (See pictures below).



*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](mailto:newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com)*

**August is like the Sunday of Summer. — Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher**

# 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 ...

My 1969 428 Cobra Jet Mustang has been apart a long time and I'm getting it ready to race next year in Stock Eliminator. It can race in A/SA, B/SA or C/SA depending on how much it weighs.

The class is figured on shipping weight divided by horse power supplied by Ford. It fits in B/SA but you are allowed to add or remove 250 lbs. to move up or down a class. I removed the Mach 1 interior and installed a standard dash, door panels and lightweight race seats. I want to get it as light as I can and add weight as needed in the back to help with weight transfer and traction.



#2

I have been asked to bring my 428 Cobra Mustang to the 50<sup>th</sup> Cobra Jet Reunion in Norwalk Ohio to be in a tent with other historic Cobra Jets. This photo was taken at Pomona in 1972 after winning SS/GA class and yes that is me. (See picture #1).

I filled the holes in the bottom of the doors where the Mach 1 door panels attached and getting it ready to be painted black. (See picture #2).



#3

I removed the doors for paint. A lot of people never noticed that it is red with gold letters on the left side and blue with silver letters on the right side. (See picture #3).



#4

The roll bar was spray painted white back in the 90's and had a lot of scratches. (See picture #4).

*(Rusty's story continues on page 11) ...*

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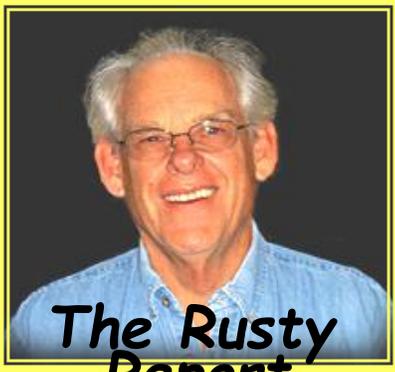
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# Features

(Rusty's Story, continued from Page 10)



## The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

This shows the lightweight aluminum race seat and removable steering wheel. (See picture #5).

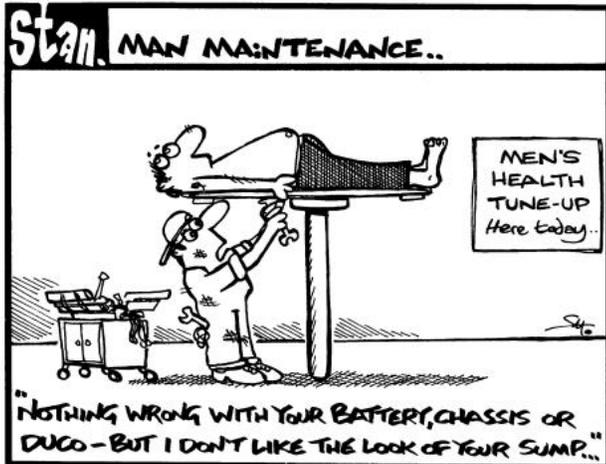
I brush painted the roll bar with Rustoleum Hammered paint and replaced the roof rail weather-strip. (See picture #6).

All the factory wiring has been removed and a Ron Frances harness and switch panel installed along with Autometer gauges and Turbo Action reverse pattern shifter. It is an automatic but it has a manual valve body and I have to shift it. You pull the shifter back to change the gears. It is a lot safer than pushing forward and having a chance of going into reverse. (See picture #7).

Seat covers and steering wheel installed. (See picture #8).

Armrests would hit the roll bar so I installed door straps and standard door panels. (See picture #9).

(Rusty's 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 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, old-

ies, 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 Pro Shop. 5136 W. Idlewild Ave., Tampa, FL 33634. 877-396-8895. Free coffee and doughnuts, product demos, store specials and \$50 cash raffle. Music provided by DJ John Paul Gasca. Open to all years, makes and models of cars, trucks and bikes. Dirty vehicles are welcome. Free event.

## Member Businesses and Services



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# Features

## Car Shows & Other Events

Events are subject to change.  
Always check with organizers.

### Car Shows -

✓ **August 11** — *MCT's Hot Shots and Mustangs shooting at the range and lunch.*

✓ **August 25th—2018 Series Car & Truck Show.** Located at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street No., Pinellas Park. 10% discount on all food & drink orders for participants. Registration \$15/\$20. Go to [www.premiumcarshows.com](http://www.premiumcarshows.com) for more info.

✓ **September 8** — *MCT's Tampa Bay Automotive Museum tour. Join us for a tour of this museum and then lunch afterwards.*

✓ **September 9—2018 Series Car & Truck Show.** Located at the Shops at Wiregrass, 2811 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL. Registration \$20/\$25. 10am to 4pm. Open show with 60 classes, 2 Best of Show awards. For more information go to [www.premiumcarshows.com](http://www.premiumcarshows.com).

✓ **September 15** — *Cruising for Critters Car Show.* Hosted by Cruising for Critters, Inc., a 501c(3) fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. Open to all years of cars, trucks & Motorcycles. Show will be located at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762. Show Hours: 10am to 3pm. Registration 10am to 12pm. Registration: \$20/pre and \$25/day-of-show. Donated Pet Supplies will be accepted. Best in Show Trophies, by popular vote, to top

30. Plus trophies for Shelter Choice, Managers Choice and Club Participation Awards. Live D.J. For more information visit them at <https://cruisingforcritters.org/> or email at [cruising4critters@gmail.com](mailto:cruising4critters@gmail.com).

✓ **September 22** — *Quaker Steak & Lube 2018 Series Car & Truck Show.* 10400 49th Street N., Pinellas Park, FL. 12pm-5pm. Registration \$15 Pre / \$20 Gate. Presented by Premium Productions. Open show with 70 Best of Show awards & 21 overall Best of Shows. Music, vendors plus 10% off food and beverage. Email: [premiumcarshows@verizon.net](mailto:premiumcarshows@verizon.net).

✓ **October 6** — *MCT Cruise to Ford's Garage-Brandon.*

✓ **October 13—9th Annual Nature Coast Mustang Club All Ford Powered Car & Truck Show.** Located at Nick Nicholas Ford, 2901 Hwy 44 West Inverness, FL. Pre-reg is \$20 or \$25 day of show. Registration from 8am—10am. Awards at 2pm. Proceeds to benefit Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association. They are also collecting donations for local charities, if you bring 3 non-perishable food or toiletry items you'll receive 1 raffle ticket. For more info contact them at [NatureCoastMustangs.com](http://NatureCoastMustangs.com).

✓ **November 3** — *MCT Car Show at Tampa Joe's (flier available soon).*

✓ **November 10—Bay Life Car Show & Craft Fair.** 10am-3pm. Located at 1017 Kingsway Rd., Brandon, FL 33510. Open to all years and makes. Huge craft fair.

Live Music. Registration is free, but they request a voluntary \$10 donation from car show entrants. Website: <http://baylife.org/carshow>.

✓ **December 9** — *MCT's Annual Christmas Party.*

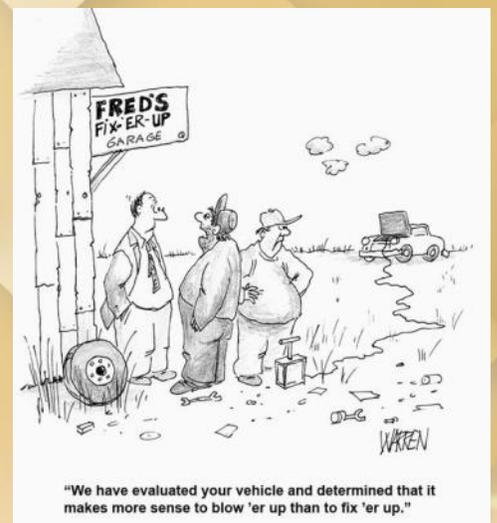
### Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ **August 14th** — *MCT Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.*

✓ **August 28th** — *MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.*

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

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



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Dealership Contact for MCT Members:

Jim Carson, 813-872-5555, Ext. 1335

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**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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While in Cincinnati, OH Lou worked for a competitive swim company, Kast-a-Way Swimwear, for twenty three years doing everything from data entry to shipping. After moving to Florida, she worked at the Florida Aquarium in the gift shop. It was a “retirement” job that lasted



eighteen years until she finally retired last August. For quite a few years Lou also had a “cottage business” making handbags, diaper bags, aprons, fabric bowls, etc. Anything out of fabric – except clothing. She doesn’t care to make clothing. Anything that could be embroidered she did. She even embroidered on toilet paper! She had customers from as far away as Telluride, Co. Jet Blue was also one of her customers. She made bags for them to carry the safety demo equipment. Lou was also a vendor at craft shows doing four shows during the season, over a period of five years. If you went to last year’s Christmas party, she made the elf shoes used for centerpieces.



Lou thoroughly enjoys the Mustang Club of Tampa. She says it’s a fun group of people and she has learned a lot about her Mustang from other members. In fact, she thinks she is turning into a gear head! Lou also serves as Club Secretary on the MCT board. Lou also loves road trips, so she is looking into taking Wild Tang on several. Maybe to Ohio, Key West, and Panama City and, of course, Wild Tang will be joining us for MCT cruises and shows. Next time you are at an MCT event you’ll need to check out Lou’s new baby. But watch out, we think mother and daughter are both a little on the “wild” side!

**Never let life impede on your ability to manifest your dreams.**  
— Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

**Reflections** ... I don’t know if anyone noticed, but as a little perk for my staff I gave them time off to participate in the Ponies and Pins Event. Yes, they were there with their own lane. Six players and about 34 balls. I should have know, right there, that this might not have been a good idea. I started to worry when Rusty Sparks thanked me. He said that bowling was the “Ideal sport,” ... “an hour of drinking beer occasionally interrupted by six seconds of exercise.” Turns out he is on four bowling leagues. But the afternoon wasn’t about skill, it was about having a little bit of fun. And boy did they. Sally Ride kept telling Rusty, “That’s not how it is done in Wii Bowling!” (although I think she just kept saying this because she knew it annoyed Rusty). Ada Sage was in her element. Every time she threw a gutter ball she sat down and told everyone a really bad bowling pun, and then grinned and said, “Sorry, I should have spared you that!” As usual, Lupe Minute was all over the place. I hate to say it, but she was like the alley pizza we had for lunch. A little off, but there when we needed her. Not that the scores matter, but Rusty was so unnerved by Sally’s Wii bowling tips that he was off his game, allowing Paige Turner to take the high score for the team. In accepting her prize she proudly announced that, “Getting strikes is like lining up a great date, you need a smooth approach and terrific follow through.” I think the attention went to her head. Luckily, we didn’t make a big deal about the lowest bowling score, which was earned by Rumer Mills, who is still walking around saying, “Bowling is my Superpower.” Yes, good sportsmanship is what it is all about. - Melinda, Editor