



The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustangs of the Month: Marilu Gonzalez & Papo Martinez' 2013 and 2005 Mustang GT's



(Say hello to Sweetheart 'Stangs, Red Coyote [left] and CUJO [right])

(Article by Melinda Morales, cover picture by RM Studios) In honor of this month's Valentine's Day, our Mustangs of the Month are two sweetheart Mustangs that share the same stable. Owned by two other sweethearts, Maria (we call her Marilu) Gonzalez and her husband Ramon (we call him Papo) Martinez. Marilu and Papo, who were both born in Puerto Rico, now live in Valrico, Florida with their very sweet rides.

The first of our featured cars is named "Red Coyote." She is a red 2013 Mustang Premium GT, 5.0L automatic. She boasts Staggered Bullit style chrome wheels, flowmaster mufflers, X pipe, red carbon fiber dash kit, and a boss rear bumper diffuser. She is a beauty that loves to run around town with her sweetheart, which brings us to our other featured car, named "CUJO." CUJO is a black 2005 Mustang Premium GT, with Power House Turbo tuned by Horsepower by Herman. 495 RWHP, Best time at ¼ mile 11.78 @ 118MPH, ...

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The Valentine's Edition!

Yes, it's that time to reflect on what we love most ...

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The Pony Express

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(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

A Note from your Editor...

Happy February fellow MCT members! This month's newsletter is all about our love of Mustangs. Starting with our "Mustangs of the Month". When I saw this cover picture I had to have it for February's Newsletter. Now, let me just warn you that if you are already braced for all sorts of romantic musings (given the Valentine's theme this month) well, there are those, but there are also a few exceptions from the Staff.

First, I really must warn you about Ms. Rumer Mills. She takes her job very seriously so she is very alert to everything she hears ... as you'll see this month.

Then there is Ms. Lupe Minute, who tends to go a little overboard when trying to please her Mustang Man, but she is so well intentioned that we can almost forgive her anything. At least I hope so.

Then there is ... well ... me. This last month I traded in my daily driver for a new one. I obtained my new ride at Bill Currie Ford, which was very nice, but then I realized I was dealing with yet another *Intelligent Vehicle*. In telling my story I admit to going off the deep end a bit, but I feel much better now, thank you very much. So please forgive me, because I *really* needed to get that off my chest.

We also have some new members to meet and a nice followup on the Barrett-Jackson Action. So, as always, I hope you enjoy this month's edition and happy reading! - Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

1972!

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

Hi MCT Members! Well 2017 is certainly off to a great start. We have already supported several car shows this year. Phil and I attended the 23rd Annual Ford & Mustang RoundUp at Silver Springs State Park. Unfortunately it was a rainy day but several of us braved the bad weather and had a nice day (although cold and wet at times)!

Next up, we had a good showing of MCT members at the 3rd Annual Boggy Bottom Car Show. I wasn't able to attend (Phil and I were enjoying a cruise), but I was glad to hear that several of our members received awards. Congratulation to each of you!

MCT also held a special Saturday MCT General Meeting (which had a great turnout) followed by



our President

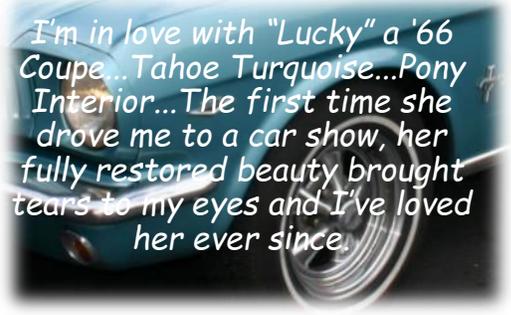
our first cruise of the year. Unfortunately I missed this activity because I was ill, but I want to thank Frank Cossota and Mark Morley for managing the General Meeting for me. I also want to thank Robbie Polo, our Cruise Coordinator, for coordinating this event. It was a beautiful day to be out and about, we had a great turnout, and everyone had a great time. Thanks Robbie!

There are many events and shows ahead of us this year so please check the listing in the newsletter and also visit our website for events and flyers. And speaking of our website, I hope you are all enjoying the new design, thanks to our webmaster Scott Englert. See you all at our next activity!

Joyce Bendishaw, MCT President
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A Sweetheart's Car...

(by Sally Ride, Traveling Reporter) In the Post-World War II economy, women had become a marketing source to be reckoned with. Working women had gained direct purchasing power and growing families suddenly had money for a second or third car. Stay-at-home moms and teenagers suddenly had a voice in the car buying decision, which could explain why ads of the time declared Mustang "The sweetheart of the supermarket set." Yes, in the first years of its existence, Ford continued to tell women how a Mustang was perfect for their lifestyle. A hilariously dated commercial from 1966 promised "single girls" that the car was not only "all you could ask for on a secretary's salary" but at the end implied that owning one would help women do the only important thing in life -- find a husband.



I'm in love with "Lucky" a '66 Coupe...Tahoe Turquoise...Pony Interior...The first time she drove me to a car show, her fully restored beauty brought tears to my eyes and I've loved her ever since.

Wear a Mustang to match your lipstick.



And the whole young, unattached girl and her trusty Mustang theme continued in their print ads. One ad seemed to promise women with young children that if they bought one, their husbands would be so thrilled that they would want to spend more time with them ... or the car (we're not sure which).

Soon, though, the ad campaigns changed and the Mustang went on to be known as a guy's car ... but we just want you to know it was marketed to women first!

(My, how times have changed! Although I wouldn't mind having a Mustang that matches my lipstick ... - Melinda, Editor)



Sweetheart of the Supermarket Set

It's hard to tell the difference between the two. With extra-convex performance, with the smooth, sophisticated appearance, Mustang has become the sweetheart of the Supermarket Set. They like the way it makes sense with you, they like the way it makes sense with the rest of it. They catch the way Mustang is marketed to women first. They like the way it makes sense with you, they like the way it makes sense with the rest of it. They catch the way Mustang is marketed to women first.



MUSTANG
Ford

Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total
membership
is 165 families!

Rick Nolan	'94 Mustang Cobra	Ed & Pat Collier	'66 Convertible
Wayne & Sandy Howery	'84 Convertible	Arlene & Travis Creighton	'92 GT Hatchback
Danny & Katherine Sutton	'07 GT Convertible	Donald Durr	'04 Convertible
Jack & Sabrina Westenbarger	'07 GT Convertible	Michael Logue & Tammi Rosen	'08 GT Convertible
William & Cindy Moline	'65 Convertible	Jerry & Lorraine May	'65 Convertible
Robert Daniels	'16 Fastback	Greg Dudley	'17 GT Coupe



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

*I love my blue 1970 Mustang just
because I look so darn good in it!
And she looks pretty darn good
too!! Best date I've ever had!!!*

Meet New Members ... Mark and Stephanie McGovern



Join me in welcoming Mark and Stephanie McGovern to the club! Mark and Stephanie have been married for 30 years and have two wonderful Golden Retrievers. Mark comes from New Jersey but Stephanie is a Florida gal. They live in the Trinity/New Port Richey area. Both have been involved in the IT field for many years. Mark has also worked as a mechanic, and still volunteers to help others with repairs (things he can still handle with the knees starting to act up). They both enjoy car shows, auctions and destination rides. Stephanie is quite the mechanic herself and together they do most of the maintenance and light repairs on her Mustang. They like to travel and see new places and meet new people. Mark loves photography and boating. They also own a Harley and ride with friends when they can.

They have a red 1967 289 GT convertible Mustang. The car has red and white Pony interior and white top. They have kept the car close to original specs, but have made several safety improvements. Mark had a Mustang in high school, but like everyone else's, it got sold. When he married Stephanie, in 1986, she told him that her dream was to own a red mustang convertible. So for their 30th wedding anniversary, Mark decided it was time to get her the car. It took a while but he

located their car in Kentucky. After working out the deal, he had it shipped to Florida to surprise her. Needless to say, she was happy, and so was Mark since he got a new car as well! With his lifelong love of classic cars, once he finally had that classic Mustang he searched the web for a local Mustang Club and found MCT. Mark reached out to the club and Mark Morley invited him to an event, and pointed him in the right direction about insurance and inspection. Mark Morley's guidance and advice were invaluable. Mark and Stephanie knew that we were the kind of people they wanted to hang out with! And so they joined MCT in April of 2016. So far they love the car shows and social events and do their best to attend everything they can. They like to make new friends and, when they can, help others out. They say they have been so impressed with the knowledge that is shared as well as just hanging out and learning about other member's "car journeys."

One of the first events they attended was the Bill Curry Ford Car Show. Stephanie kept wondering if they might win any award but as it turns out they had to leave early. Later Mark found out they had won a trophy. Stephanie didn't believe it until it was in her hands. Then the next thing Mark heard was hammering as she went right out and hung the plaque next to her car! - by *Paige Turner, Reporter at Large*

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 left)

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 Martyfolk@hotmail.com



For Sale (Pictured right)

Mustang Convertible My car is a 1966 200ci inline 6cyl Mustang Convertible. It is RWD with a 3 speed transmission. It is Burgundy with a white top. It has Black Leather Interior and as far as asking price, I will negotiate with interested buyers. Serious interest only, contact Mark thru: newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com



For Sale (not Pictured) Price Reduced! 2005 Mustang GT Premium Coupe - 45,066 miles \$11,000 Mineral Grey with dark Charcoal Leather Int. 5spd Manual; 4.6 L V8 Single Owner-No accidents, Rear spoiler, Shaker 500 Stereo-6 Way Power Seat; numerous options! Thomas Kelly Largo 727-539-7823.

*I love Valentine's Day ... so many ladies kissing frogs hoping to find their Prince Charming!
- Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

The Mustang Ladies Corner

Last year I celebrated Valentine's day by leaving my Mustang Man's favorite dark chocolate candy in his Mustang. I also left a note on the window saying, "sweets for my sweetie!" And then I waited for him to get home from work.

We were heading out to a cruise so I knew he would get his special surprise right away. When he arrived home he rushed up, handed me a card, planted a kiss, and rushed to the garage. And then the yelling started ...

Apparently he couldn't find it in his heart to appreciate the fact that I had very thoughtfully removed the wrapping from his candy. After all, I don't know how many times he has told me not to leave candy wrappers in his car. Really, I wish he would just make up his mind.

Needless to say our evening started out on a bad note, until he finally forgave me, saying all I needed to give him in the future was a kiss ... So this year I'm simply going to give him what he requested. I've picked up a fresh tube of my favorite lipstick and I'm going to leave "kisses" all over his car ... along with his Valentine's Day card, of course. I do so want him to know how much I love him. Oh, I can't wait to see his surprise ... kisses from his sweetheart, just as requested!

If you Mustang Ladies also want to keep it simple this Valentine's Day all you need is your favorite tube of lipstick and you can join me in showing our Mustang Men how much they are loved. A kiss here, a kiss there, and his Pony will be ready for cruisin'! I love Valentine's Day ... don't you? - Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... Boggie Bottom Car Show

When I'm at work, I'm a professional. But when I'm in my red 2016 Mustang I'm able to let go of everything else and just let my bad boy side take over.



My love, a Honey Gold 1965 Fastback, is a time machine of sorts. It conjures up great memories and has a way of taking me back in time.



You just have to love a Car Show that goes by the name of "Boggie Bottom" ... yes, something about that name just puts a smile on my face!



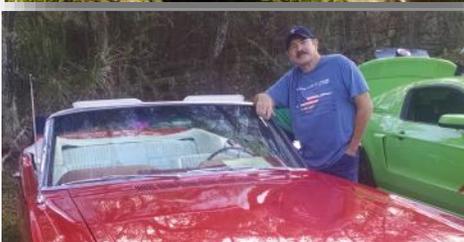
So on Saturday, January 14, 2017, MCT members caravanned to Plant City to participate in the 3rd Annual Boggie Bottom Car Show & Buffet at Lupton's Ranch. This show benefits the Black Dagger Military Hunt Club and is organized by MCT members Jessica & Jeremy Cianfrocca.



If you are not familiar with this venue, Lupton's Boggie Bottom Event Ranch is a 200-acre paradise located along the Alafia River in Plant City. The facility makes a great location for a car show and has plenty to offer including all-you-can-eat Lupton's BBQ. If you registered a car you also got a ticket for lunch and could purchase additional tickets for guests and companions. As always, the lunch was delicious.



Congratulations to all MCT members who participated and also to those who received awards. We want to congratulate Jessica and Jeremy on their hard work putting on this event. It was a great day for all in attendance! — *Melinda, Editor*



Out & About

Mustang Memories ... MCT's January Cruise and Lunch!



What do MCT members do on a winter day that dawns clear, blue, and beautiful? Well, we get in our Mustangs and cruise, of course! On Saturday, January 21, 2017, MCT held a January Cruise that took us across several beautiful bridges to end up at Bahama

Breeze for lunch. We had a huge turnout and everyone had a blast. Thanks to our Cruise Coordinator, Robbie Polo, for making the arrangements and leading the pack. It was a perfect day to be out with fellow MCT friends. — *Melinda, Editor*



I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.
- *Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... MCT's January Cruise and Lunch! (Continued)



Lunch at Bahama Breeze, Yum!



Have you Heard?

By Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

Did you know that one of our members (initials are LM) calls her Mustang Thelma? And when she is out with Thelma she refers to herself as Louise. Thelma and Louise. Kind of makes you think you should keep an eye on this MCT member, doesn't it?

Highlights

I Think It ... So I Must Say It ...

(and let me just apologize in advance)

By
Melinda Morales,
Editor

Once upon a time there was a Ford Designer who thought he was doing us all a favor when he came up with the idea of giving our Ford's "intelligence." In fact, I'm sure this unknown Designer thought he was making life easier on Ford customers but, let me tell you ... *not so much*. I mean, really, did this mysterious Designer not stop to think that if he gave cars "intelligence" they might use it to their satisfaction rather than ours? Did this naive Designer not stop to think that these "intelligent" cars might ... think?

Since I'm now on my second little "smarty pants" let me tell you about my experience so far. In fairness, I'll admit that some amount of "intelligence" was nice to get. With "Smarty Pants 1" I no longer needed to fuss with the radio controls to find the right station. I just told her what I wanted and she'd kindly set the station for me. She was really helpful that way. It was great not to have to dig in my purse to find my keys as I approached her. In the spirit of cooperation, she would unlock the doors as I reached for her handle. But just as I got used to this feature her competitive nature took over (a result of all that pesky "intelligence" I'm sure) and the "game" began. Suddenly we had a point system going. If my "intelligent" little car unlocked herself before I could touch the handle, she got a point. But if I sneaked up on her and touched her handle before she could unlock the door, I got a point.

Then I decided I needed to prove, once and for all, that no car was more "intelligent" than me. Okay, maybe I needed to prove something because she was up a few points at the time. I was loading groceries into her backend one day, when I realized that I could really outsmart her if I slid into the driv-

er's seat by crawling through the liftgate and over the seats without ever needing *her* help with the door. Obviously, I won that point. The second time I tried this I realized I was getting a workout too, so I awarded myself five bonus points in our little game. Yep, I said, who was the "intelligent" one now?

Apparently, while my relationship with "Smarty Pants 1" was developing, that annoying Ford designer was busy coming up with more ways to *make my life better*. Last week I traded in "Smarty Pants 1" for "Smarty Pants 2" ... and what do you think I discovered? Apparently the new and improved "intelligent" car not only opens her doors for me, but she also opens the back liftgate if I just make the effort to *kick her in the butt*. Really? Apparently, I'm supposed to wave a leg under her butt and she'll be so happy she will automatically do exactly what I want. (I have to tell you, over the years I've attempted to kick a Mustang Man [or two] in the rear but it never resulted in him doing what I wanted.)

But okay, I'll trust that hair-brained Ford Designer ... I'll go along with the idea that I'm supposed to kick her in the butt and she will *thank me* for it by gladly opening her tailgate. Well I'm already sporting bruises on my leg for my efforts, and although she has opened her tailgate in response, I have noted that when I *hobble* around to the driver's seat on my sore leg, she makes me pull the handle three times before she lets me in (I think I've even heard giggling) ... Obviously, a new game has begun ...

But before I start racking up new points, if I might pass along a word to the ludicrous little man at Ford who calls himself a "Designer" ... thanks for the creativity ... but *please don't help me any more!*

Speaking of Ford ... Check out the Ford Performance website at: <http://performance.ford.com/home.html> (you can click on the logo here) then scroll down to the January 18, 2017 article by John Clor titled, "Quick Look—Exclusive Gallery: Mustang & Ford Roundup in Tampa."

John Clor states, "Ford Performance attended the "35th Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup" which attracted well over 150 jaw-dropping Fords. Congratulations to those MCT members who have their jaw-dropping Fords featured on this website!"



Highlights

An MCA and Barrett-Jackson Weekend

By MCT member
Frank Morales

As in past years, on January 20th through 22nd the Mustang Club of America (MCA) held its first Board Meeting of the year in Phoenix, Arizona. This allows MCA to tie this meeting in with the Barrett-Jackson Auction that is going on at the same time in Scottsdale, AZ. As a MCA National Director, I attended the Board Meeting and also received tickets for the Auction. We had a VIP speaker at the MCA Board Meeting, Henry Ford III, who talked to us about the latest and greatest developments with the Ford Brand.

Then on Saturday I spent the day at the Auction. For many years the Barrett-Jackson Auction has been the barometer for Mustang enthusiasts, and car collectors everywhere, to evaluate current marketplace pricing. I have attended the Barrett-Jackson Auction since 1989 and this Auction has evolved over the years, not only to be a huge success but to have the most sought after, unique and valuable cars in the world.

The celebrities and the vast variety of vendors in the display area known as the "Exhibitor Marketplace" is something to experience. Celebrities like Burt Reynolds, Steven Tyler and Michael Phelps were among some of the celebrities mingling with car enthusiasts. This year Mustang and Ford had a good presence at the auction, with world record pricing for six of Dennis Collins' Fox Body Mustangs. I also watched a 1965 Shelby GT350 sell for \$445,500.

I saw a number of stock Mustangs, Bosses, Shelby's, Mach's, Saleen's and Roush's, all in pristine shape and with unbelievable paint jobs, go through the auction this year. In addition to the cars, I stopped by the Shelby America display where I was able to catch up with Gary Patterson, who is now the new president of Shelby America. Gary and I established a friendship when I was Chairman of the Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show in California. That show hosted over 2,000 Fords, and Gary would always request a Shelby display area at the show. I also met up with Lance Stander, the owner of Superformance. His products are officially licensed by Shelby and I became friends with Lance when he built my current AC Cobra. He is currently doing recreations of the Cobra and the Daytona Coupe. Lance shared his new product, a Sebring edition Cobra, that he was unveiling at the Auction. He also shared the news that he is opening a facility here in Florida.

It was cold and chilly this year but the amount of people was incredible. Between the hot cars and the variety of food, no car enthusiast starved at this show!



Henry Ford III
speaking at the MCA
Board Meeting



Gary Patterson with Frank next
to Shelby's 2017 Supersnake.



1965 Shelby GT350 Fastback



1969 Mustang Boss 429



2005 Ford GT

I seriously love driving my 1967 Mustang. I feel like some kind of action movie hero when I drive it. I see myself walking through the garage in slow motion as a camera pans from left to right. The garage door opens in slow motion too. When I grip the door handle the car illuminates as to tell me you've just awakened the beast. Sit down, start it up and it whistles and roars.

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 ...

We have been busy getting Steve Osborne's 1969 Mach 1 ready for paint. But before we paint anything we need to test fit all the door hardware and glass in the new aftermarket doors. We have found out the hard way that aftermarket parts don't always fit.

Brian installed the outside door handle on the right side with no problem but it would not fit on the left side, it hit the inner structure. The left side now fits after he did a lot of grinding on the inside of the door that was made wrong. You also want to fit the door lock and if you have a new clip it probably won't fit unless you flatten it out a little with a hammer. (See picture #1.)

I tried to talk Steve out of the quarter emblems but he won out. The new quarter panels do not have the studs welded in place so you have to drill holes and install screws that are made like studs. Luckily we had another 1969 in the shop that had original quarter panels that Brian could use to make a template so he knew where to drill the holes. He made sure they were level but they were not on the original 1969. The left side was level but not the right side. (See picture #2.)

The new emblem is in place but it did not fit without a little sanding to get it to fit the studs. (See picture #3.) You also want to make sure the door glass fits. We have found, on earlier models, that the vent windows won't fit without cutting and welding because the opening at the top of the door is not large enough for the vent window to fit. Brian did not have too much trouble lining up the door glass. (See picture #4.)

We have sanded misc. parts and are ready for epoxy primer. (See picture #5.) I sprayed two coats of SPI gray epoxy. (See picture #6.) After wet sanding with 600 grit paper all these parts will be ready for paint. By the time you read this they should be painted Acapulco blue. (See picture #7.)

The Ford Mustang is an absolute legend in its own right, and with my 1965 Mustang I'm a part of the story.



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Features

Area Cruise-Ins

- ✓ 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.

Events are subject to change so always check with organizers.

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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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.

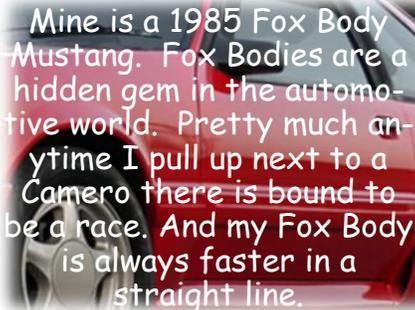
<http://www.mustang.org/content.php/274-X-Plan-Pricing-for-MCA-Members>

Features

Car Shows & Other Events

Events are subject to change.
Always check with organizers.

* = Car Shows with Mustang classes.



Mine is a 1985 Fox Body Mustang. Fox Bodies are a hidden gem in the automotive world. Pretty much anytime I pull up next to a Camaro there is bound to be a race. And my Fox Body is always faster in a straight line.

Car Shows -

✓ Feb 11 — The 13th Annual "Cars for the Cure" Car Show hosted by the American Lung Association in Florida. 11am-4pm at Colonial Town Park, 950 Market Promenade Ave, Lake Mary, FL 32746.

✓ Feb 12 — Satellite Beach Lions Club hosts their 6th Annual Car Sunday, February 12th at the DRS Community Center, 1089 S. Patrick Dr., Satellite Beach, FL 32937. 100% of all proceeds benefit local charities. \$20 pre-registration fee. Registration 9am to 11am. Awards at 1pm. Contact Lancy Smith at 321-403-3971 for information.

✓ Feb 19 — The Shops at Wiregrass Car & Truck Show in Wesley Chapel, FL. \$15 pre-registration or \$20 day of show. 10am to 4pm. Registration from 10am to 1pm. Visit www.premiumcarshows.com or call 727-321-1211.

✓ *Feb 25 — 30th Annual Mustang & Ford Roundup. Mid-Florida Mustang Club presents 30th Annual Mustang & Ford Roundup, at Historic Downtown Longwood Fl. in Long-

wood, Florida. Event hours are 7:30am- 3pm. Registration is open 7:30am- 9:30am. Register by February 8, 2017 at \$25. Contact Joe Rodriguez at 407-325-4374 for more information, or visit the club website.

✓ *Feb 25 — Imperial Mustangs of Polk County present 20th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs...Legends Havin' Fun Show. At Sun N Fun Lakeland Linder Airport in Lakeland, Florida. Event hours are 8am-4pm. Registration is open 8am- 10am. The registration fee is \$50. Register by February 12, 2017 at \$40. Contact Mary Ann Blakely at 863-875-1961 for more information, or visit their club website.

✓ Mar 4 — 2nd Annual Spring Car & Truck Show at Streeside Classics in Lutz, FL. All makes and models welcome. Entry is \$15 Pre-register or \$20 day of show. Registration 8am to 12pm. Judged show. Awards around 3pm. For info call 727-321-1211, To register go to www.PremiumCarShows.com.

✓ *Mar 18 — 30th Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Show "Country in the Park". This show is hosted by Suncoast Mustang Club. Located at Pinellas Park Cultural Center located 4951 78th Avenue North, Pinellas Park. Only pre-registered cars will be judged. Registration is 8am to 10am. Awards at 3pm. Pre-registration is \$25. For show information: www.suncoastmustangclub.com.

✓ Mar 19th — Cars & Cannolis at the Mazzaro Italian Market located at 2909 22nd Ave N, St. Peters-

burg, FL. Vehicle registration \$15 online or \$20 at gate. Gates open at 9am. For info: www.carsandcouture.com.

✓ *Mar 24 — MCA's 38th Annual Gulf Coast National Mustang and All Ford Show at the Pensacola Interstate Fir Grounds in Pensacola, FL. Friday, March 24th through Sunday, Mar 26th. This show is hosted by Suncoast Mustang Club. Located at Pinellas Park Cultural Center. For information: www.gulfcoastmustangclub.org/2017show.html.

Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ Feb 11 — MCT's Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at 9:30am, in the room over the Bill Curie Ford showroom.

✓ Feb 28 — MCT General Meeting. Our next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th at 6:45pm, in the room over the Bill Curie Ford showroom.

The Rust Bucket...

By Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic



Rusty's Coffee Cup

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
Service: Tony Bastas (813) 554-5441
Parts: Joe Bates (813) USA-5555 ext 1433
Body Shop: Chad Dasher (813) 554-5390
Marketing: Christy Vannette (813) 357-6766
(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

Have you Heard?

By Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

You might be impressed to know that the men of MCT aren't the only ones who occasionally contribute to the city through the payment of tickets. Yes, one of our MCT ladies (initials are JB) ended her year by making her own contribution. It was the morning of December 31st and she was out cruising in her Mustang when she saw the bright lights of local law enforcement calling to her. The fellow Mustangers whom she had been

racing, *I mean following*, drove on not realizing what had happened. But her bad-boy husband (initials are PB), who was following in his Mustang, saw what happened and gave a congratulatory waive as he passed the scene.

As the police officer approached, she gave him a big smile, batted her eyes, and explained that she only thought she was keeping up with traffic, at which point the police officer smiled and said, "you mean the other Mustangs?" At that point she knew the gig was up, but she thanked him for his service as he handed over her ticket. So we say thank you, JB, for making your contribution to our city funds. Yes, she's a giver!

(Continued from Page 1) Ford Racing 4.11 differential gears, SR Performance differential cover, CHE tubular upper and lower Control Arms, Magnaflo mufflers, MGW shifter with Hurst Stick, Eibach Pro lowering Springs, Adjustable panhard bar, Shelby CS40 custom painted staggered wheels, CDC Shaker System, and TMI Mach I Upholstery.

Papo bought CUJO in October 2004. Back then they had to be pre-ordered with a substantial over sticker mark up, from \$2,500 to \$5,000. A good friend, who is a Ford mechanic, was moving to Tampa so Papo took him to all the Ford dealers in the area to apply for a job. At every location they would ask if that Dealership had a new 2005 on the lot, but the answer was usually no, except the last one, Bill Currie Ford. They had two Mustangs that were exactly the same, except one was a 5 speed and the other an automatic. As it turns out, they were pre-ordered by a customer as a his/her package and the deal fell through. Needless to say, Papo pulled the trigger on the 5 speed and didn't have to pay the mark up - and CUJO became part of their family.

Marilu loved to drive CUJO so much that a year later Ramon decided to buy her a new Mustang. One day, he surprised Marilu with a race red 2006 Convertible. When he showed up with it, she started crying (not out of happiness but because she was sad that she didn't have the chance to say goodbye to her 2004 F150, which was traded in. Yes, she gets very attached to their cars). Once she got over losing the F150, she was so happy with her new 'stang, which she named Mustang Sally. Eventually they traded Mustang Sally for her 2013 GT. This time she got to say goodbye to Mustang Sally as she welcomed Red Coyote to their family.

Marilu and Papo learned about MCT at a Bill Curry Car Show and joined the club in 2015. They are not only members of MCT but they are also members of Wild Stallions Mustang Team of Tampa Bay.

Every time they attend a car show they have a great time with their Mustang family. Over the years, they have received several awards at local car shows but to them, the trophies are just a bonus. They love the camaraderie among Mustang owners and have made some great, and lasting friendships. In fact, many of their friends are more than that, they are family.



Red Coyote and CUJO also share their stable with a 1992 Silver GT .

And Now, about Next Month ... Next month we will be featuring a "Hulk" of a car in honor of St. Patrick's Day. And let me just say that if you've never been "green" with envy, you just might be, once you see this member's ride ...
- Melinda, Editor

The love of Mustang's is a cult. Literally. Mustang owners will inherit the earth someday. The beauty of the pony club is that you don't have to fit the mold. Any model year or condition Mustang will do but I love my 2010 Mustang!