

The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Joe & Sharon Della Fave's 2014 GT California Special



(Article by Joe Della Fave) Sharon and I live in Wyndham Lakes, Odessa Florida. We have two daughters. Lauren, along with her husband Corey, and our two grandchildren, Colton and Cassidy. Lauren and her family live near us in Odessa, Florida. You may have met my son-in-law, Corey, as he often accompanies me on some of our outings. Our youngest daughter, Christina, is married and still living in New Jersey, Montclair.

Sharon and I met while working at Delta Air Lines reservations in New York City. As our careers advanced, we found ourselves living in Jacksonville and then Miami, Florida; Cleveland, Ohio; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and then back to New York City, where our careers originally began. After thirty-one years with this great company we elected to retire in 2005. I was Delta's General Manager of Corporate Sales for the North East Region and Sharon was our trainer, recruiter and H.R. supervisor. I then went on to work at a Total Marine in Tuckerton, New Jersey turning my hobby, of fishing and boating, into a career of selling boats. I then went on to run a Livery Service located in Princeton, New Jersey which was near our home in Bordentown, New Jersey.

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On Valentine's Day I like to whisper something sexy into my Mustang Man's ear, so I usually say, "Let's drive the Mustang."

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Frank Morales, Harry DePeppe, Joe Della Fave
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A Note from your Editor...

Happy February fellow MCT members!

I love the themes available for the first part of the year. As you can see, the February theme for this edition honors Valentine's Day, and everyone's thoughts are on love and loved ones. Okay, so some of you are thinking ... "that's okay, it's only one month." But let me warn you, I think of all the hearts as just a precursor for what comes next. That's right boys, Spring! And how do we celebrate the theme of Spring? Right again, flowers. Okay, consider yourselves warned.

Anyway, I want to thank Joe Della Fave for sharing his Mustang and his story with us. Don't you feel like you get to know fellow enthusiasts better when you get some insight to their love of the Mustang? It makes it so much easier to start up a conversation next time you see them at a club event. So introduce yourselves, you have a lot in common once you get past the "hellos."

This month we are also sharing pics of our charitable giving (which was done at our January General Meeting.) And we are also proud to welcome a new edition to the Pacifica family. So enjoy this month's edition and ... until next time, happy reading! - Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

3,057!

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.



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

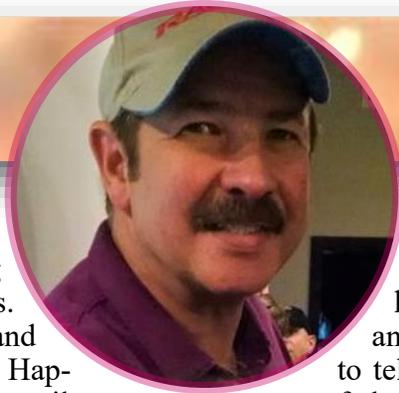
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President's...

...Message



Hi MCT Members and Friends.

Happy Valentine's to all Mustang Club of Tampa members and friends. I want to wish all of the love birds, and want-to-be love birds of Mustangs a Happy Valentine's Day. Hope you all spoil your honey's (Mustangs LOL) in a special way.

As I mentioned in my last President's message, our 2019 Board of Directors are working and planning our activities for the year. We have scheduled our Spring Car Show at Bill Currie Ford for Saturday, May 4th. Robbie Polo is planning a couple of cruises that will be announced at a later date. Also, we are planning a Club Picnic, Christmas Party, Bowling and the Hot Shots activities. Our goal is to have a monthly fun activity for MCT members. So, I hope that most of you can support us by attending these events, and if you have any suggestions please let the MCT Board or myself know as soon as possible. We want to hear from our members.

Speaking of activities, Robbie has planned an event for this Saturday, February 9th at 9:30 am called Dyno Day at Vortex Motorsport. Please refer to our flier for additional info. This event is coming up quick so please reply to Robbie Polo as soon as possible, especially if you are interested in doing a Dyno pull. We will start the morning with coffee and donuts – Yip-pee! Then make sure you shine your Mustang for the awards; Sponsor's Choice, Best Early Mustang, Best Late Model Mustang and Best Convertible Mustang. I want to thank Robbie Polo and Tom Jankowski for coordinating this event for MCT.

January was a busy month for me with my travel to Kissimmee for my annual Mustang Club of America National Board of Directors meeting and Mecum Auction. Normally MCA attends the Barrett-Jackson Auction and we do the MCA meeting in Phoenix, AZ. But this year, since Mecum Auction is a new sponsor, we decided to have our annual MCA meeting in Kissimmee, FL to support them. This was good news for me. I tell you, it was rough having to attend the Mecum Auction looking at all the beautiful Mustangs and not being allowed to buy one. I think my wife is holding me back from me reaching my full potential.

Anyway, I have been attending the Barrett-Jackson Auction since the late 80's. I have bought and sold cars at the auction and it's an exciting experience. But I have to tell you I was very impressed with the layout of the Mecum Auction, the number of quality cars and the thousands of automobile enthusiasts attending. I'm sure that some of you watched the auction on TV and were as surprised as I was, with the prices these cars were being sold for. I did see some Mustangs and other classic cars that sold early in the week at a reasonable price. There is something for everyone's budget. As for the MCA meeting, on Friday we had a banquet and installation meeting for the 2019 Board of Directors. Our guest speaker was our newly elected MCA President Steve Prewitt. I'm also happy to report that Harold Champion, MCT Regional Director, and his wife Bette, and also my son-in-law, Cesar Colon, attended the meeting. It was great having them there.

As for upcoming events we have: Mustangs & Mustangs on Saturday, February 23rd at Sun N Fun, Lakeland Linder Airport in Lakeland hosted by the Imperial Mustangs of Polk County Club. Registrations must be received before February 10th. They will have a P-51 Mustang airplane at the show for pictures. For additional info. On the Carlisle Winter Fest go to www.carlisleevents.com. For show information contact Terry Blakely at jtblakely@verizon.net. Also, the 32nd Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Car Show at Country in the Park scheduled for Saturday, March 16th at the Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center. Pre-registration ends on March 12th. If that isn't enough, the 25th Annual NMRA Spring Break Shootout Car Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3. For additional info. Visit NMRAdigital.com/car show.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our next general meeting or activity. This year promises to be an exciting and fun year for MCT!

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

Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Rocco Costa '16 Mustang GT Fastback
Larry Levine '09 Mustang GT Convertible
Nicholas & Helle Mellitas '17 Mustang GT Conv.
Ben Sudduth '16 Mustang Fastback

Lloyd & Patti Luke '07 Mustang Coupe
Scott & Pierangela Gerke '68 Mustang Coupe
Steven Eyring '00 Shelby Convertible
Wayne & Susie Timmerman '72 Mach 1
Michael & Elaine Martino '65 Mustang Coupe



Our total membership is **186 families, 317 total members!**
Welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to having you join us at our next club meeting or event!

Mustang Ladies Corner ...

By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

what I'd like to have for Valentine's Day. Still looking in the mirror (and, truthfully, not paying that much attention) I said, "I'd like to be six again."

You never know what's in store on Valentine's Day. Last year my Mustang Man walked in the bedroom while I was looking in the mirror and getting ready for work. He suddenly asked me

On Valentine's Day morning my Mustang Man woke me up with a bowl of Lucky Charms. Then he took me to the local Six Flags theme park. He put me on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster. Everything. Five hours later I staggered out of the theme park with my head reeling and my stomach upside down. He then took me to a McDonald's where he ordered me a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then he dragged me off to a Disney movie. He bought me popcorn, a soda, and my favorite candy. Finally, I was allowed to wobble into the house and collapse on the couch. I was exhausted, sick, and hoping the day was over. But no, with a big old sloppy grin my Mustang Man leaned over and asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again??"

Slowly I opened my eyes and with my last breath said, "I meant my dress size, you big dummy!" The moral of my Valentine's story is this: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

The Complexity of Man and Woman ...

by Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic

With mechanical expertise like mine, I like to share what I know with the next generation of engineers and mechanics. So I volunteer at my local High School giving seminars. For my February seminar (and since the young men in my class are looking for Valentine's dates) I built this box to provide a simple demonstration of man vs. woman. After all, it's never to early to learn a valuable lesson.



Buy, Sell, and Trade

For Sale— Ford 1G Alternator. \$35. Early OE Look - 75 Amp - 55 Idle - 1V - OE Only - Externally Regulated - Natural Powermaster - Alternator P/N 7078. Features: Early OEM/ Retro Look 75 Plus Amps At Top End/55 Plus Amps At Idle Externally Regulated Great Upgrade To Replace Lower Amp Units. Re-wired my 1965 Mustang and went to a single wire 3G alternator - this one came out of the car—no charging issues with this one. If interested contact Jerry at jmay12550@verizon.net.



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— Have four Stock GT wheels for sale. Came off my 14 California Special. Had P245\R19 tires mounted on them. All for do have a little curb rash. Also have TPMS sensor for tires as well. Selling for 150.00 each OBO. Selling as set only. Contact Joe Della Fave at joe.dellafave@gmail.com or call 609-850-1887.



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

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 dksr2@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 Garris at 727-215-6121.



For Sale— For Sale, 1950 Ford 4 Door Sedan with Chevy 350, 5 speed manual trans. Car has air conditioning, and 4 new tires. Except for engine and transmission, the car is original and is a good daily driver. Engine has about 200 miles since rebuild and runs good and strong. Clean Florida Title. \$10,500 Please call Fred Flesche if interested.



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

Features

Charitable Giving ... MCT Style!

I'm pleased to let all MCT members know that at January General Meeting, MCT donated \$1,000 each to two charities: Special Olympics Florida and Big Brothers Big Sisters. We had two Guest Speakers in attendance from these charities: Page and Julie Brescher from Special Olympics and Deb Kristol-Irwin from Big Brothers Big Sisters. The representatives of both charities gave a heartfelt talk about their experience with the charities to the members in attendance and were both presented with checks. The Board, on behalf of MCT membership, voted to give \$1,000 to each of these charities at our last board meeting, based on the proceeds from the MCT / Tampa Joe's Car Show. I am very proud of MCT for giving back to the community via our hobby. I want to thank Lucy Carroll for making the arrangements with Special Olympics Florida and Howie Taylor for making the arrangement with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Your support and contribution to these charities is very much appreciated by all MCT members. - by Frank Morales



Congratulations!



It makes my heart smile to know I have the backing of community individuals such as yourselves.

My first car at the age of 16 was a candy apple red mustang who happened to have been previously owned by Richard Petty. (Yes, I am from North Carolina ... so I loved listening to your group talk)

It have an amazing club full of people who have a heart for more than just there cars and it shows.

Please feel free to let all of your members know that I really did mean what I said I would love to share a private orientation for those who would like to learn more about Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Howie could be my side kick and share his stories about how this program has not only changed his Little's life for the best but his as well.

I know there has to be more people in your club that would love sharing time with one of our Little's and teaching them about their Mustang's.. Reach out to me anytime

*Deb Kristol-Irwin
Partnership Director – Serving Pasco County*

Features

Around the Mustang World ...

1967 Shelby GT500 Super Snake sells for \$2.2M, making it world's most expensive Mustang



(From the Internet) Here's one for the record books. A Mustang went under the hammer at Mecum's annual auction in Kissimmee, Florida, on Sunday and sold for \$2.2 million, which makes it the most expensive Mustang in the world. That in itself is impressive but we'll remind you that the car was last sold in 2013 for \$1.3 million, meaning it's been appreciating at almost \$200,000 per year since then.

Naturally, this Mustang is very special. In fact, it's the only one of its kind. If you haven't figured it out already, the car is the 1967 Ford Shelby GT500 Super Snake that Shelby American originally built as a demonstrator for Goodyear and its Thunderbolt tires. As the story goes, Shelby founder and namesake Carroll Shelby and dealer Don McCain saw a potential market for cars even higher in performance than the existing Shelby GT500. Since Shelby had been in charge of Ford's GT40 racing efforts, McCain convinced Shelby to stuff the 427-cubic inch race engine from a GT40 into the GT500 reserved for tire testing.

Shelby engineer Fred Goodell was happy to comply, equipping the car with the same engine used to win the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans in the GT40 Mk II. The end result was a Mustang with some 520 horsepower and a top speed of 170 mph. McCain later came up with the Super Snake moniker. The Goodyear tire test was a success, despite the fact that the whitewall Thunderbolt tires were the narrowest ever fitted to a Shelby GT500. After Shelby himself ran the car to 170 mph, Goodell averaged a speed of 142 mph for some 500 miles, proving the durability of the tires.

The public was less than thrilled with the cost of the GT500 Super Snake, which at \$8,000, cost more than a 427 Cobra. In the end, only the test car was built, which makes it among the most desirable for any serious Mustang collector.

Have you Heard?

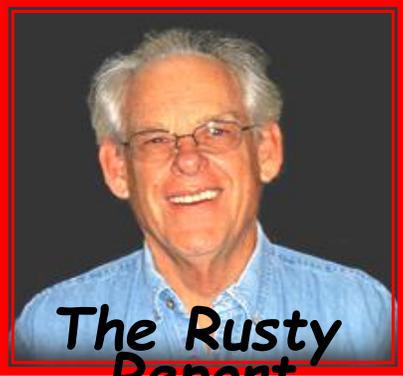
By Rumer Mills,
Investigative Reporter

I am pleased to announce our newest edition to the club, Ms. Hannah Margaret Pacifica (who's parents are Brandon and Sarah Pacifica. Bandon is a member of our Board of Directors, our Facebook Lead and Sergeant at Arms). Little Hannah was so excited to join MCT that she gave her mom and dad quite a fright when she came into the world a few weeks earlier than expected. Hannah was born on 12/21/18 at 4:07pm, weighing in at 7.4lbs. As fellow Mustang enthusiasts, we completely understand little Hannah's need for speed.



At our January General Meeting the club surprised new daddy, Brandon, with a gift card and some baby outfits. Hannah is featured here in one of them. Join me in welcoming little Hannah to the club!

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 ...

When restoring a Classic Mustang you have to do a lot of work to get the gaps right on the fenders, doors, deck lid and sometimes even the hood. I thought I would show you how the door gaps were modified on the 1969 Grande we are restoring. This Mustang was getting new fenders and doors so the first thing you do is line up the sheet metal the best you can.



Now decide if you need to add metal to the doors, fenders or both to get good gaps. Brian couldn't get this fender to line up with the cowl and door. He figured out it was made wrong and he had to modify the inner structure to get the outer shape right. He cut it apart. (See picture #1)



After getting the proper fit the inner structure was welded back together. In this photo you can also see where he welded on the edge of the fender since the gap was too wide. (See picture #2)

Test fitting the fender. Brian has notes showing where he added metal. He will weld and grind on the fender until he is satisfied with the gap. (See picture #3)



The edge of door by the quarter panel required the same work to get it to match the quarter panel. It is better to add or take away metal from the door than the quarter panel. (See picture #4)

The gap is better on the right door but still needs a little more work. (See picture #5) The back edge of the left door was welded and ground. (See picture #6)



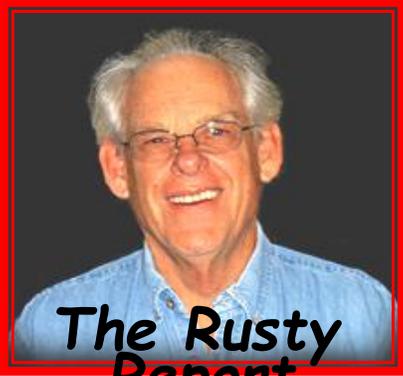
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The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Looks like the front edge of the left door has a pretty good gap. (See picture #7) The doors and fenders were sanded to bare metal. (See picture #8)

The doors and fenders were sprayed with two coats of SPI red oxide epoxy primer to seal the bare metal before any bodywork. (See picture #9) Major bodywork was finished using 80 grit sand paper and now ready for another two coats of SPI epoxy. (See picture #10) Epoxy primed. (See picture #11)

Doors were block sanded with 180 grit to find any small imperfections and remove the 80 grit sand scratches. The doors are now ready for more epoxy. (See picture #12)

(Rusty's story continues next month)



#7



#8



#12



#11



#10



#9

Mustang of the Month Article (continued from page 1) ... In July of 2015, as empty nesters, we sold our home in New Jersey and relocated to Tampa, Florida to be near our grandchildren. Sharon loves gardening, cooking and boating. You can often find her out in our yard maintaining our home's landscape. I also love cooking and boating, as well as golf and fishing. We love nothing better than creating wonderful dinners in the kitchen while sharing a bottle of wine, and yes there are some creative differences from time to time...however nothing the wine can't overcome. This is our first Mustang. Living in New Jersey and working in New York City, owning a Mustang didn't seem practical, especially with work requirements and as our family grew. My love for the vehicle was renewed while I worked in car sales at a local Ford dealership. Now that it's just Sharon and I, it was time to pull the trigger and get my dream toy.

My Mustang is a 2014 GT California Special, Convertible, Oxford White, 5.0 Coyote, 6 speed automatic. "Lola" (as she is named) and I hope that I do not offend anyone with the reason why she got her name. You see, I have always been a fan of music, especially the British Invasion groups of the 60s. The Beatles, Stones, Gerry and the Pacemakers and Kinks.
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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 Paul Gasca. Door prizes and \$50 cash giveaway. Open to all cars, trucks and bikes. Free event.

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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>

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Car Shows & Other Events

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

Car Shows -

✓ February 9—Celebrity Auto Festival. Big Top Flea Market, 9250 E. Fowler Ave., Thonotosassa, FL 33592. Registration is free. Hosted by Ed's Project Car Swap Meet. The Celebrity Auto Fest features tribute movie and TV cars on display. This is your opportunity to see dozens of unique cars all in one location. Best of all, you can do a little shopping and get some eats with a beer at Big Top Flea Market. For more info: <https://celebrityautofest.com>.

✓ February 17— The Shops at Wiregrass 2019 Series Car & Truck Shows. 2811 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. 10am to 4pm. \$20 Pre / \$25 Gate. Hosted by Premium Productions. This is an open show with 60 classes. 2 Best of Shows for each class and 24 overall Best of Show trophies by division. Club participation award is \$100 (10 member minimum), \$150 (20 mem min), \$200 (30 mem min). Music, vendors and food & drink available. Registration 10am-12pm, judging at 12:15pm, awards around 4pm. No cars are allowed to leave until after the awards ceremony is over. This is a Wiregrass safety rule. Violators will be banned from participating in future Wiregrass shows. Rain or shine.

✓ March 9th— MCT's Cruise to Ford Garage-Wesley Chapel. Flier to follow.

✓ March 9th— Streetside Classics 4th Annual Spring Car & Truck Show. 4610 Pet Lane, Lutz, FL 33559. 8am to 3pm. \$20 Pre / \$25 gate. Presented by the Premium Productions. This is an open show. 2 Best of Shows in 53 classes and 28 overall Best of Shows in division. Club participation award plus \$200 (20 member min). Vendors, music, vendors, and food & drink available. Registration 8am-12pm, judging noon, awards around 3pm. Rain or shine.

✓ March 16th— 32nd Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Show at Country in the Park, hosted by Suncoast Mustang Club. This show is for any Mustang, Shelby or Shelby Cobra, Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, or Ford Powered Car or Truck. All show vehicles must be Ford powered. 8am—3pm. Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center, 4951 78th Avenue North, Pinellas Park, FL 33781. Only pre-registered cars will be judged. Register online or mail before March 12th.

✓ March 31st— 21st Annual Chasco Fiesta Car, Truck & Bike Show. Orange Circle, New Port Richey. 8am-12pm. For info: 727-236-0959.

✓ April 6th— MCT Picnic. Flier to follow.

✓ May 4th— MCT's Bill Currie Ford Car Show. Flier to follow.

✓ 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 -

✓ February 26th — MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.

✓ March 12th — MCT Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm.

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

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





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PERFORMANCE CENTER

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Closed Sunday

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Referral Program



FEATURES

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 Mustang enthusiast at Bill Currie is assigned to assist you.

Dealership Contact for MCT Members:

Sean Sullivan, 813-872-5555 x1752

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 the club President, Frank Morales, at President@MustangClubofTampa.com or the phone number listed above. Please give Bill Currie a try and refer your friends!



IF PURCHASING A VEHICLE, PRESENT THIS VOUCHER BELOW WITH MEMEBERSHIP 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 & FINANCE TEAM – PLEASE AD THIS VOUCHER TO DEAL PACKET

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA

(Please reference Club member/purchaser name for records)

General Manager,

Sean Sullivan

Snapshots

(Continued from Page 9) Ray Davies, of the Kinks, claimed that he was inspired to write "Lola" after Kinks manager Robert Wace spent a night in Paris dancing with a transvestite. While I find this lovely little parody both entertaining and amusing, when I look at my Mustang I think of this song. Lola is stylishly elegant to look at, yet can be devilishly deceptive under the hood. You know what I mean Vern? Gosh I hope you all are laughing at this point. The most interesting features are the Shaker Sound System and the body design of the 2014. It was the last model year for this style and is one I always desired. While the Shaker System can be found in most Mustangs, my love of music and blasting it (to wake my neighbors) is often a topic for discussion with them. My response is usually, "You think that's loud wait until I upgrade the pipes and exhaust..."



Lola was pre-owned when I purchased her in 2016. While I was employed with a Ford Dealer, I tried to buy this vehicle when it was taken in on trade. Unfortunately, we couldn't come to terms on the price and it was sent to auction. I waited, and it later turned up at a dealership in Ft. Meade. Sharon and I jumped in our 2011 Honda Accord, drove to Ft. Meade, agreed on a term, and went home with her that day. We have taken Lola down to Sarasota to visit friends and up to Cedar Key and Mt. Dora, using back roads where ever possible. Future plans call for a road trip to New Orleans and maybe Charleston. SC. My first modifications were to replace the wheels, which showed they had been abused ... terrible curb rash. I replaced these with a similar wheel - Boss 302's. I also upgraded the front brakes installing Brembo's, with a 14-inch rotor. Just recently I replaced the stock Cold Air intake with a Corsa Performance Intake. I stayed with a closed intake due to the heat extractors in the hood. With our frequent afternoon showers in Florida, I wanted to ensure there would be no water intrusion into the motor. I had no idea what it took to put a car into show condition. Needless to say, I learned quick after my first showing. I have to give a shout out to Harold Champion and Harry DePeppe for taking me under their wing to show me the ins and outs and how-tos on cleaning Lola up and making her presentable for viewing. All together it took me about a week, working a few hours each day, to spruce and clean up the engine compartment and detail the exterior and interior. I am taking my time with future mods as I am conflicted. I can't decide if my next additions will be to change the upper and lower grilles to the Boss 302 with Fog lamp addition. This grille features a honeycomb design as well as the Pony with the Red, White and Blue bars. This emblem is currently on Lola as it came with the California Special design. I am also considering the addition of a yellow fog lamp in lieu of the standard white. Other changes I'm thinking about are changing the Exhaust system, replacing it with the Roush Axle-Back or BBK Varitune Axle-Back Exhaust (maybe my fellow club members can chime in and help me decide next time you see me at an event).

I've always been interested in the Mustang hobby because of my love for the vehicle and its history. After Lola joined the family, I learned about MCT when I did a Google search for Mustang Clubs in the Tampa area, and I joined the club in the middle of 2018. If you were to ask me what I love most about my Mustang, I'd have to say, "What's not to love?!" I love the styling, the power of the 5.0, the wind blowing thru what little hair I have when the top is down, the sound when she starts up, the giddy-up when I hit the gas and, let's not forget, her fun name ... Lola.

Reflections ... It's the month of Valentine's so to show my love for my entire staff, I've decided that on Valentine's Day I'm going to call an emergency staff meeting right after lunch. I've already bought enough marshmallows to fill up the conference room table. When the staff arrives I'm going to instigate a marshmallow fight. That's right, I've given up on maintaining any discipline on the holidays, and food fights are the staff's favorite form of recreational activity. So I'm going to give it to 'em.

Oh, did I also mention I've hired a little actor who's specialty is playing cupid on Valentine's Day? Naturally he only uses toy darts. I really am looking forward to it. Bet the staff is going to love me! Hehehe -
Melinda, Editor