



The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Roger & Carol Miller's 50th Anniversary 5.0 Coyote Mustang



**MUSTANG
Club of Tampa**



(by Roger Miller) It was 1965 and I was sitting at the filling station. The Temptations' "My Girl" filled the air when a flash of phoenician yellow caught my eye. In mere moments, the lines of the phoenician yellow Mustang flaunting a black top convertible had been seared into my mind. I HAD to have a Mustang. I went home that day and started a "Mustang Fund." Eighteen months later, in the fall of 1966, I had saved enough to be able to purchase a 1966 V-8 289 Arcadian Blue Mustang Coupe with the pony interior. The Mamas and the Papas' "California Dreamin" filled the speakers as I tooted down the road. I loved this car but the central Pennsylvania winters caught up with it. The fenders and rocker panels began to rust about the same time the kids came along. Hence, we had to say goodbye to my pride and joy blue Mustang and say hello to a 4-door sedan and ushering in the tunes of Kermit the Frogs "Green."

Fast forward 50 years.....a couple of years ago my neighbor invited me to go along with him to the Mecum Classic Car auction in Kissimmee, Florida... (Continued on page 14)

With the dawn of a new year, join me in opening a Newsletter that tells our story. While the pages of 2017 begin as clear as a blue sky, they patiently wait to tell our stories. Stories of rides, shows, charities, and the friendships we will nurture as we travel through 2017 together. So I begin this year with a sense of excitement as I think to myself, "You just have to love a club that ..." and so I begin our first chapter ... - Your Editor

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A Note from Your Editor

Hello January! Alas, we can hit the brakes on all the traveling, unwanted consuming and overwhelming family time! I hope you have all been left fulfilled (or at least full) by your holidays!

I'm sure that some of you thought I would make this month's newsletter all about New Year's resolutions, but I decided that would be vaguely depressing (the staggering number of failed commitments and unkept promises about good behavior all in the name of a better me ...)

Instead, I start the new year in anticipation of all the new adventures that await us, and my focus is on all the wonderful things that our club has to offer. Hence this month's theme, "You have to love a club that..." If you have been a member for a while, hopefully this topic will bring good memories with it. If you are a new member I hope you will look forward to all the possibilities that are in front of you.

And, in case you think this is one of the most uneventful months, I'm sharing some of my favorite January holidays that kick off 2017 ... and give us a kick in the process.

So, fellow MCT members, join me in making 2017 the

ride of our lives! And then, don't mind if I share our exploits right here in our very own Pony Express, for then my New Year's desires will have come true after all. - Melinda

This year I'm going to make a handful of people believe I'm normal before blindsiding them with my actual personality!
- Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

1946!

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



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

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

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

A Word from

our President



Hi MCT Members! Christmas is just a few days away and may be over by the time this newsletter is published. The New Year brings new goals and hopes!

This year, as we decorated for Christmas, I recalled several memories. While decorating outside, I was taken back to the days when Phil and I lived in Cleveland, OH. We built a giant snowman in our front yard every year at the first worthy snowfall. One year, Phil called his buddy to come over and give him a hand with something. His friend was not amused when the help needed, was to lift the snowman's head onto our stellar 7' tall snowman.

Another memory was our first Christmas and first fight as a married couple at 20 years old. Phil had a modern Lionel plastic train set to put around the

Christmas tree. I had an old cast iron engine train set and the engine would blow smoke when you put drops in the smoke stack. Phil called my train set a fire hazard because it would spark as it rode the tracks. I called his train set a plastic commercial piece of junk because the cat could swat it off the tracks with her paw. Neither train set was placed around the Christmas tree that year. I guess it was our first lesson in compromise..... To this day, we can't remember what happened to either train set.

I hope all of you are enjoying your time with family, sharing memories and the joys of making new memories! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joyce Bendishaw, MCT President

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Oh, those cozy Christmas memories!

Meet new MCT Members ... Cesar & Janet Colon!



(Left to Right: Leilani, Janet, and Cesar Colon ... and their Mustang!)

Join me in welcoming Cesar and Janet Colon (and their lovely daughter Leilani) to our club. While he has always enjoyed working on cars, Cesar has enjoyed Mustangs but never owned one until his father-in-law moved to town. His father-in-law, Frank Morales, is also a MCT member so they are keeping it in the family, so to speak.

Cesar has spent a lot of time doing Mustang things with Frank, and he says he has learned a lot from Frank's experience. As a result, he has become a Mustang enthusiast himself and last year he purchased his first Mustang, a Deep Impact Blue 2016 GT with performance package. Since then Cesar and Frank have spent plenty of time in the Man Cave upgrading their suspension, air flow and exhaust systems. I hear that the next items on their wish list are superchargers, but we'll see how good the boys are this year.

Cesar and Janet joined MCT in July of 2016 and look forward to sharing activities as a family. Cesar has worked for twenty seven years as a driver for UPS and Janet works in the accounting field. Cesar and Janet have been married for nineteen years. Their daughter, Leilani, is a Junior in high school and obtained her first drivers license this last year. So with Frank and Cesar as her grandpa and dad, will a Mustang be in her future too? We'll see ... - Melinda, Editor

You just have to love a club that ...

Celebrates friendships and family and brings them together for shared memories!

Clubs like MCT are wonderful places to enhance your family. It is a place where sons and fathers can restore cars together, handing off knowledge and how-to. It is a place where husbands and wives can have shared interests and friends.

If you like to volunteer, it is a great place to fulfill your creative side. For some of us we learn to admire and cherish our friendships until they feel like family. Family to laugh with, joke with, and to help in times of need.

Yes, you find all these real and intangible gifts when you look for them in clubs like ours. - Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher



Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total membership is up to **164 families!**

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
Ed & Pat Collier	'66 Convertible	Denise Shenberger & Rick Claxton	'15 GT Coupe

This year I'm going to consider apple martinis part of my "daily fruit intake." - Lupe Minute

Welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to having you join us at our next club meeting or event and bring a Mustang friend!

*You just have to love a club that....
Informs your knowledge through Work Shops!*

It's a Loopy Life!

By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

I'm going to start the new year by sharing with you a long held suspicion of mine...

It's about some of the cars being designed out there. About the back of those cars. The butt part. Several years ago I was one of the first to perk up and take note when manufacturers started making the rear end of the cars thicker ... vertically. I always suspected it was to make some people feel better when they stood next to those cars, but I, for one, was always insulted by it.

Just what kind of mind game do these car designers think they are playing on us? It's like putting a bra on the front of a car. A bra? Really? Another sicko concept from a car designer ... What's next? Heels on tires?

I just want all of them to know that I'm on to them. Been on to them for years but I've finally gotten up the nerve to share my observation. Aren't you glad to be getting such news worthy and informative information?

Well never fear, cause I'm on the watch. 'Cause there are some real freaks out there...

This Month's reasons to Celebrate ...

January 14th— Dress Up Your Pet Day

A real favorite of mine ... Dress Up Your Pet Day gives you the opportunity to you guessed it.....dress up your pet! Some pets like to get dressed up. It helps if you start dressing them as babies. Others want nothing to do with it, which is probably because you tried dressing them once and then laughed at them. They don't appreciate being laughed at.

This day is an opportunity to really dress up your pet(s). Make or buy something special for them to wear. Then take them out for a nice meal at a local restaurant. I know many of you who would love to join me for a "Dress Up Your Pet" Party! After all, to us MCT members, our fur-babies are MCT mini-members!



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)

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 \$7,295. 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.

*Never fear, the end of one thing is nothing more than the backside of a new beginning.
- Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

This Month's reasons to Celebrate ...

January 10th— Peculiar People Day

Peculiar People Day is in honor of uniquely different people. Un-ordinary, extraordinary, unusual, strange, odd, uncommon, intriguing, different, abnormal, and quirky.... These are all things that we think of to describe the word "peculiar". Most of these characteristics can be viewed as good, or not so good. Well, today is a day to look for the good in *all* your peculiar acquaintances. If you are the peculiar one, this is your day to be honored and appreciated. If you can't find anything peculiar about yourself (or just won't admit it), then give some recognition and appreciation to your quirky friends and family.

A favorite day for me... for obvious reasons! – Your Editor

The Mustang Ladies Corner

This year I think we Mustang Ladies need to put smiles on the faces of our Mustang Men by joining them in one of their favorite hobbies ... tooling. First of all we all need our own tool kit. I recommend a pink set to distinguish our tools from theirs. Mine has a pink case with pink handled tools. Trust me, my tools have never inadvertently ended up in his garage!

Now find something around the house that needs "doin'" and take a stab at it. My first project was assembling a chair. Oh sure, I had leftovers, *even though I read the instructions*, but as far as I'm concerned left over parts are just proof I made it better. Now if I could just get my *Proud Mustang Man* to sit in the chair ... - Melinda, Editor

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... Streetside Classics 2nd Annual Car Show



On Saturday, December 3, 2016, MCT members caravanned to Streetside Classics for their 2nd Annual Winter Car Show. With eighteen registered members, MCT won the Group Participation Award which was accepted by MCT's Executive Vice President Frank Cosso. It was a cash award of \$100 which MCT donated to our local chapter of Toys for Tots.



In addition to all the cars entered in the car show (178 were registered), participants and spectators had the opportunity to view all the cars that were there on consignment, just waiting for their next homes.



Congratulations to the following MCT members on their individual awards: Bob Perry, Chris Meyer, Cesar Colon, Jerry May, Paul Strausbaugh, Phil Bendishaw, Papo Martinez, Frank Morales, Bob Turner, Walt Taylor and Harry DePeppe. Congratulations to Streetside Classics on hosting a great show! — Harry DePeppe and Melinda, Editor



P.S. We've heard through the grapevine that one MCT member (Marilu Gonzalez Martinez, to drop a name) won an award for Best Dance. Perhaps she will give us a demo at our next meeting? I'm just sayin' ... - Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter



*You just have to
love a club that ...*

*Supports so many
different car shows
throughout the year!*

So what is your favorite type of car show? A show by a lake? At the park? Next to a carnival, next to shops, or shows with great eateries? The small, intimate show for Mustangs only? Or perhaps the big shows with the largest variety of cars on display? Well here in Tampa, Florida we have them all and MCT members get around to nearly all of them. Shows are wonderful opportunities to support our hobby, show off our current show cars, and spend time with fellow MCT members. So this year lets caravan when we can, or just meet up at as many shows as possible, and lets make some wonderful Mustang Memories together! - Paige Turner, Reporter at Large

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... MCT's Annual Christmas Party!



Thanks
Lucy Carroll!



On Saturday, December 10, 2016, MCT hosted its annual Christmas Party. This year's event was held at the Gaspar Grotto in Ybor City, and in a stunning feat of coordination and planning (*at least that's the way I remember it*) our Christmas Party Chairman, Lucy Carroll, arranged for a parade to take place in front of us! Oh the smiles that lit up everyone's face as they stood watching the bands, cars, and floats. Everyone remembers the best part of their childhood when standing on a parade route.



Members in attendance were decked out in holiday fun, some with blinking lights around their necks. The food was great, and the gift exchange was a hoot. A highlight of the night was when Lucy announced the President's Award which was given to Karen Frank. Congratulations Karen and congratulations, and thank you, to Lucy Carroll for the hard work that went into planning this event. A great night was had by all! — *Melinda, Editor*



Congrats Karen Frank!
President's Award
Winner



My only New Year's resolution is not to shovel snow. Since I live in Florida now I feel pretty good about this one. - Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... MCT's Annual Christmas Party! (continued)



We ate ... we drank ... we made merry!



You just have to
love a club that ...
Knows how to Party!

It's nice to have a club that allows you to spend time with your Mustang, but if you are lucky enough to belong to a club like MCT, you are able to participate in parties that celebrate occasions and members alike! Like our Annual Christmas Party! What fun it is to get together with fellow Mustangers (who really are the coolest folks on the planet!) and spend quality time together! If you were at this years Christmas Party you already know that, but if you haven't attended a party yet, well keep your ears open and come on out and join us. I guarantee you'll enjoy yourself as you think, "Gee I'm glad I joined MCT!"
- Paige Turner, Reporter at Large

This Month's reasons to Celebrate ...

January 24th— National Compliment Day

How nice of you to be reading this newsletter from cover to cover. Clearly you are an intelligent person. You are a kind and inquisitive person, too. Did you know that I love the way you ... Yes, its Compliment Day. Today is a great opportunity to say something positive about the people you come into contact with. Everyone has good attributes. ...that's right..... everyone. For example: Its a cinch to find compliments for family and loved ones, even for your Mother-in-Law (tip: She's probably a good cook.) Friends are friends because you see something good about them. Here's an easy compliment to a friend: "Wow, you're very intelligent...you choose your friends wisely." Remember that Compliment Day is celebrated by offering sincere compliments to people you know. However, it is important that you are sincere. People will see right through insincerity, and you will do more harm than good. So how many compliments should you give out today? The common goal is five compliments. Yes, they should be to five different people!

Highlights

You just have to love a club that ...

Celebrates the adventures between Man and his Mustang ...

If you love driving your car and passing by rural America with lawn chair waving folks, this experience is for you. If you don't, then not so much. Just a few demographics before I personalize our trip. Hot Rod Magazine has been sponsoring the Power Tour for 22 years. The Tour is a seven city/ seven night road tour that accommodates any vehicle that drives under its own power. It started in Gonzales Louisiana followed by Baytown Texas, Austin Texas, Dallas-Fort Worth Texas, Oklahoma City, Wichita Kansas, and concluding in Kansas City. Approximately 2,600 cars drive the full tour (called Long Haulers) meeting an additional couple of thousand locals at each city with a car show at that venue. Each leg took us on well paved roads other than interstates through rural America.

Now to personalize our experience, knowing we would continue after the tour to Illinois to visit our kids and grandkids, we packed as heavy as one can in a convertible Mustang. Typically this means one soft bag for me and everything that my wife owns for her. I did crunch in my golf clubs that would soon prove to be a mistake. June 10th at 4:30 A.M. we started north on 75. Within an hour we realized that the beginning of this trip was more eventful than we would have wanted. Just south of Ocala I see a State Troopers lights flashing. Not odd as we have passed many on the side of 75 in construction areas. However, this one was not parked, it was chasing a "wrong way" vehicle coming straight at us. No time to move, we crossed both vehicles going 75 MPH in the opposite directions. I was in the middle lane and

Member Moments ... The Dwyers and their Hot Rod Tour

(Contributed by Randy & Patsy Dwyer)

the car and State Trooper were on the median. Wow, what just happened? We thanked God, changed our underwear and proceeded on our journey. We arrived in Gonzales for check-in to be greeted by the longest most torrential down pour that I have seen in a while. We checked in to the hotel, went to the car show, then I realized why my golf clubs was a mistake. Packing and unpacking was a royal pain. Well it did not last long as my wife asked where I was going and I quickly told her that my decision not to ship my clubs to save money was a good idea at the time, however upon reconsidering I decided to help FedEx be solvent this month. NO MORE DAMN CLUBS.

I thought my troubles were over until I could not find my insurance documents and registration for the car. Seemed to be minor until I realized I lost them in Gonzales, five hundred miles away. How bad can it be? I am only driving with 2,600 hot rods in a car with 670 horsepower with every lawn chair cowboy yelling, "Burn 'em Off!" Well I received the documents thanks to Fax machines. The trip started to improve, we only had four of the seven days with 100 degree temperature, traffic jams in every town that only had one traffic light and one Casey's General Store, my wife suddenly became overly concerned with a dying desire to know how fast I was going ... and when can we put the top up? Being a college grad, I deviated from the route to take her to Magnolia Market at the Silos in Waco, Texas for shopping and possibly a glimpse of Chip and Joanne. So I was back in her good graces. Well the truth of this tour is what I mentioned before. If you like driving your car, meeting great folks in the tour and along the way, appreciate seeing vehicles from muscle cars to hot rod welding trucks, then you should do this at least once. For me, I would do it again "in a heartbeat". For my wife ... well stand back and ask her ...



Oh my, a New Year has tiptoed in! Oh well, let's go meet it and see what it is hungry for. - Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

Highlights

Storied vintage Shelby's to cross block at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale

Calling MCT Members ...if you have a few dollars left from the holidays that just happens to be burning a hole in your pocket ... maybe you can drop in on the Barrett-Jackson Auction and pick up a vintage Shelby to add to MCT's stable of ponies ...

The Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Collector Car Auction, will auction an enviable line of vintage Shelby and Boss 302 Ford Mustangs at their 46th Annual event from Jan. 14-22, 2017, at the WestWorld of Scottsdale in Arizona. Included in the docket is a 1966 Shelby GT350 (Lot #1324) originally shipped to Lima, Peru, where Teodoro Yagali piloted the car to wins during the 1972 and 1973 Caminos del Inca rallies.



"The Ford Mustang has become one of the most desirable American muscle cars in history," said Craig Jackson, chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "But it took the combination

of a visionary like Ford's Lee Iacocca and hot-rodders like Carroll Shelby to transform them into winning race cars. We're excited some of those early Shelby and Boss Mustangs that helped fuel the legend of the Mustang over the last 50 years will cross our block in Scottsdale."

A beautifully restored Mustang with a racing provenance, the 1966 Shelby GT350 (Lot #1324) was shipped to Lima, Peru, in 1966. A few years later, Teodoro Yagali raced the car to two victories in the 3,000 kilometer Caminos del Inca rallies in 1972 and 1973. The car returned to the U.S. in 2002, when it underwent a complete restoration that maintained its racing colors and patina. In 2015 it was restored to its original color and factory specs.

The Shelby GT500KR convertible (Lot #1368) has only 47,000 miles and is listed in the Shelby Registry. It

was purchased by tennis great Jimmy Connors, who gave it to his wife, 1977 Playboy Playmate of the Year Patti McGuire.



From the Internet

The multi-award-winning car – which is one of only 47 GT500KR convertibles in its color combination of Special Yellow over black – was completely restored in 2013.

"The Ford Mustang has a special place in the hearts of both American muscle car enthusiasts and collectors," said Steve Davis, president of Barrett-Jackson. "From the Mustang's early SCCA championship titles to today's Formula Drift competitions, the Mustang has proven itself equally on the track as it has on the road. Mustang enthusiasts will certainly have something to look forward to in Scottsdale."

Another notable Mustang included in the Scottsdale auction is a 1965 Shelby GT350 (Lot #1365) that has all of the 1965 Shelby parts



intact. It also features a complete Paxton Supercharger conversion, direct from Shelby American, which was fitted to the original motor. A restoration in the late 1990s returned the car cosmetically and mechanically to like-new. Also included is a rare 1968 Shelby GT350-H Fastback (Lot #1068). This Hertz-edition Mustang is one of 224 built with matching numbers and has only 400 miles since its full restoration in 2011.

We'll be covering the 2017 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Collector Car Auction so stay tuned for all the special Ford and Mustang cars and their sale prices!

Have you noticed since everyone has a cell phone with a camera no one talks about seeing UFO's like they used too? - Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

Highlights



The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Brian finished buffing the 1978 Mustang II body and it is now off the rotisserie and the suspension installed.

The 5 lug rear came out of a 1965 Mustang and the front rotors came with a Rod & Custom coilover front suspension kit the was up graded to Baer brakes from another project (see picture #1).

Brian wet sanded and buffed the rear hatch with a custom spoiler and I made and fiberglass bumper (see picture #2).

Because of the door bars it is hard to find seats that will fit between the roll bar and the transmission tunnel. I ordered a set of Corbeau seats that were narrow and I hoped would fit (see picture #3).

It is a tight fit but I found out the Corbeau seat brackets now won't line up with the original holes in the floor. I need to offset the seat to the right 1-1/2" toward the transmission tunnel by drilling new holes in the seat brackets. In this photo the seats are up against the roll bar and you can see how far off the bracket is (see picture #4).

I installed some leftover Dynamat that I had from my 1968 Coupe project. Now that the brackets are modified the seat fits and the brackets line up with the holes in the floor. Now we just have to do the passenger side (see picture #5).

I have a 1967 Fairlane under construction that we ordered a Flaming River Steering wheel for but because of the offset it was to close to the dashboard and would not work.

Brian gave me a Momo steering wheel for Christmas last year for my 1968 Mustang coupe and the adapter to the Ford spline did not clear the Ididit steering column. The Flaming River steering wheel and Momo adapter fit the Mustang II steering column like it was made for it (see picture #6).



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*You just have to love a club that ...
 Is rich in knowledge and know-how that is readily available to fellow members!*

So you are ready to restore that Mustang you bought and (to give you credit) you did join MCT ... Now you get to take advantage of all the knowledge out there. There are sponsors that are available to provide services for those things you don't want to do yourself, we can help you locate what you need in the way of parts, and then there are all those very, very talented fellow members who have restored every kind of Mustang ... a few times over. And the nice thing about asking for help is that MCT members love Mustangs as much as you do. So next time you are at an event ask for advise or help. I know you'll get it. Another tip is to visit our Website or ask a club officer! We're here to help 'cause we're in this hobby together! - Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic

Features

Area Cruise-Ins

Events are subject to change so always check with organizers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 so always check with organizers.

* = Car Shows with Mustang classes.

Car Shows -

✓ Jan 5 - Roamin' Oldies Classic Car Club Cruise-In Car Show; free; classic, modern and specialty cars, live entertainment. 6pm - 9pm. Seafood Dive restaurant (Winn-Dixie parking lot), 6186 U.S. 41 N., Apollo Beach. Phone 813- 382-6699.

✓ *Jan 7 - 23rd Annual Ford & Mustang RoundUp. Silver Springs State Park, Ocala. 8am - 4pm. Sponsored by NPD For info: <https://www.npdlink.com/>

✓ Jan 14 - 3rd Annual Boggy Bottom Car Show & Buffet at Lupton's Ranch in Plant City. Benefit is Black Dagger Military Hunt Club. Organized by MCT members Jessica & Jeremy Cianfrocca. \$30 registration includes entry into the show and one wristband for all-you-can-eat buffet. Pre-registration is \$25. 10am to 2pm. Boggy Bottom Ranch, 8407 Lupton Place, Plant City. For info: call 813-409-2630 or visit www.TampaWaxSlingers.com.

✓ Jan 14 - Northpointe Village Classic Car Show. Hosted by Let's Roll Promotions. Live music, door prizes, 50/50; no entry fee; open to all classic and muscle cars, street rods, hot rods and customs. 3 to 6pm. Northpoint Village, 16506 Point Village Drive, Lutz. For info: Contact Paul Figoni, 813-468-0277

✓ Jan 15 - The Shops at Wiregrass Car & Truck Show. \$15 pre-registration or \$20 day of show. 10am to 4pm. Registration from 10am to 1pm. 28211 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel. For info: Call 727-321-1211 or visit www.premiumcarshows.com.

✓ Jan 21 - Plant City Strawberry Classic Car Show. Free registration and admission; pre-1990 and older cars and trucks as well as antiques, hot rods, customs and classics, and a model car show. 4-9pm at McCall Park in historic downtown Plant City. For info: 813-754-3707 or www.plantcity.org.

✓ Jan 28 - Elks Lodge #2731 of Zephyrhills Benefit Car & Truck Show. \$15 pre-registration or \$20 day of show; 9am to 12 noon registration with awards presented at 3pm. Elks Lodge #2731 parking lot, 6851 Wire Road, Zephyrhills. For info: call 727-321-1211 or visit www.premiumcarshows.com.

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

Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ Jan 21 (*Note change from normal Tuesday date) - MCT General Meeting. Our next club meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning, Jan 21st at 10:00am, in the room over the Bill Curie Ford showroom. Join us for our first General Meeting of 2017 then a cruise and lunch to follow! See page 16 for details!

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

Hacksaw: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes. -Rusty Sparks

The Rust Bucket...

By Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic



"I wish I could help, dad, but the only engines I know anything about are search engines."

Features

You just have to love a club that

Has a heart that always remembers those in need.

It's wonderful to have this Mustang hobby of ours. It avails us the opportunity to show off our latest pride and joy, and hopefully receive trophies for our efforts ... because who doesn't love trophies? We have the opportunity to do fun things with fun people. But for MCT this is not enough, for MCT the needs of our community are never forgotten. I am so very proud of the amount of charitable giving this club does. To me, giving to charity increases the worth of our club beyond measure. Giving also demonstrates the good hearts of our membership who donate and help whenever asked. If you are new to the club, please take note of the amount of charities we support throughout the year. And know that as a member of the club you, too, can make a difference just by lending your support. - Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

One good thing about Christmas shopping ... it toughens you for the January sales.

—Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

(Continued from Page 1) Wow, seeing all of the '65 and '66 Mustangs brought back many memories of the 1960s. Again I started my "Mustang Fund" and began my year long search of looking for a 2008 Shelby. In the midst of my search I happened to stop at the local dealership and looked at the new Mustangs, which at that time, were the 50th Anniversary GTs. One look and I saw the Pony in the Corral with the fast back like the Steve McQueen Bullitt model. Having been a lifelong fan of his, I was hooked!



On August 4th, 2015 we purchased a Guard Green metallic premium 50th Anniversary, 5.0 Coyote, 435 hp, with 6 speed manual transmission. I plan to keep it stock and just add some personal touches. I did however have speed stripes put on the car prior to purchasing it. My future plans include more mods, national and local shows and even some racing. So far I've won the following awards: 19th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs Legends Havin' Fun Lakeland - Participants Choice Award, 34th Annual Mustang Shelby-Ford round-up - Best of Class, 3rd Annual Pony Party - Top 40, and 35th Annual Mustang Shelby-Ford round-up - Award of Excellence.

Last winter we had to make an unexpected trip to Albany, NY. We were concerned about how the Mustang would handle in the snow. Fortunately, they had record highs while we were there, and no snow. We did, however, have a chance to enjoy the heated seats.



I'm a retired custom home builder/contractor and my wife, Carol, retired from accounting field. We have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. We joined the Mustang Club of Tampa (MCT) in 2015. I recently celebrated my first anniversary as a member of the MCT. My membership in the club allows me the benefit of meeting new friends with similar interests. On October 8th, 2016 I took part in the judging clinic and on November 5th I judged my first show. I've learned a lot, and I give thanks to Mark Morley and Robbie Polo for all of their timely information. The clinic and show judging was very interesting and I look forward to my next show.



My Mustang is garage-kept and always covered but I do drive it quite often. I love the 2nd and 3rd gear; the torque puts me back in the seat with a smile on my face. At age 74 my kids think I'm going through my second childhood. I guess I might be but what fun is life if you can't enjoy the ride!



Roger's original Pony love, a 1966 Arcadia Blue Mustang Coupe

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 !



Mark Your Calendar!

*You just have to
love a club that ...*

*Keeps us informed with
informative General
Meetings!*

General Meetings are the club's opportunity to get together and discuss club business. Officer Reports such as Membership and Treasurer's Reports, then on to past and current events. If you want to be kept informed while socializing with fellow members, this is the place to be! - *Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic*

MCT Members,

You asked for it, you got it! Back by popular demand, our first club event for 2017 will be a cruise to Bahama Breeze on the causeway.

Our general club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st at 10am at Bill Currie Ford. At the conclusion of our meeting we will cruise the Bay Area bridges with our final destination at Bahama Breeze. Plans are to arrive at 12 noon and enjoy a delicious lunch with your fellow club members.

Please RSVP to me directly by email so I can give the restaurant a head count by Friday, January 20th.

Just a friendly reminder to select members: Frank M. & Phil B. This is "Not a Race!"

Have a wonderful New Year!

Robbie Polo

Email: rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com Cell Phone: 813-505-7727

This Month's reasons to Celebrate ...

January 26th— National Spouse's Day

Spouse's Day is a time to enjoy and appreciate your better half. You can use this day as a prelude or warm up to the big event coming next month ... Valentine's Day. But it's not as much of a gift giving event. Rather, use it as a time to show your spouse that you care and appreciate all of the things that he/she does for you and for the household.

Over the long years of a relationship, it's easy to take for granted the many things your spouse does. He/she's always there. They do so many big and little things as a routine event. So, take today to notice and to say thanks.

And remember, it in no way lets you off the hook for the big day of love and romance that is coming up next month!

One of our most delightful club activities is the driving cruise. Whether we are just cruisin' around town or playing games (as in a Poker Run) along the way, there is something so relaxing about a Mustang Cruise.

No hard work the day before, no getting your car ready for competition. No biting your nails while wondering how judges will score your pride and joy. No, just jump in your favorite Filly and hit the road for a fun filled day. My particular favorite is a drive in the convertible. There isn't a massage to the head better than letting the wind whip around you as you cruise the highways (this doesn't do much for the hairdo, but I'm *just* old enough not to care).

We all know that the most important thing to us is our Mustangs, but a *very close* second on any cruise is always that stop for a bite to eat, and there is always that to count on. Along the way we might stop at a sponsor shop, or for a little shopping for the ladies, but in the end you'll have experienced one of the most relaxing events we have to offer.

So the next time you see a Cruise being offered (and, hint-hint, there will be one this month!) sign up, load up, and come on out for one of my favorite MCT play days! You'll be glad you did!! - *Sally Ride, Traveling Reporter*

*You just have to
love a club that ...*

*Puts the Pedal to the
Metal and ... Drives!*

And Speaking of Next Month ... Brace yourselves, fellas ... for next month marks Valentine's Day. That time of love, sweets, flowers, and all things cuddly. Yes, that favorite holiday of sweethearts and romantics everywhere *will not* go unnoticed in the February edition of the Pony Express ... so consider yourselves warned ... - *Melinda, Editor*