

The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Erika Beck's 2016 Mustang



Above, Erika's 2016 Mustang, Rosie, poses in a patriotic display, quite appropriate for our July Mustang don't you think?! Then keeping in the patriotic spirit, Erika loves to channel Rosie the Riveter for photo shoots!

(Article by Melinda Morales) This month's feature is Erika Beck's 2016 Mustang GT, who is named Rosie (as named by Erika's father). If you were to ask Erika what she loves about the Mustang, she would tell you that the Mustang represents the American spirit, a relentless American icon that has longevity and is able to bring many people together. She believes that, throughout the years, there have been colors, body styles, engines, and modifications to fit everyone's desires.

Rosie is Erika's first Mustang. Rosie is a HP, race red, V8, 5.0, with a black accent package. Rosie was custom ordered on June 15, 2015 and was delivered in October 2015. Since purchasing Rosie, Erika has not made many changes. She believes there is a uniqueness in staying original! There are a few upgrades she would like to do, but not much. In the future, Erika plans to do more mods, participate in national and local shows, do a little racing, and keep her car in show condition. (Continued on page 16)...

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Summer is a time when wonderful things can happen. For a few months the warm winds in my hair and the cold air conditioning on my face tempt me and my Mustang to ride, as summer opens up its door to let us out.

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Frank Morales, Harry DePeppe, Rusty Gillis, Marilu Martinez, Paul Strausbaugh, Erika Beck and Heather Randall.

(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

A Note from your Editor...

Happy July everyone.

I didn't plan to feature two of our MCT ladies this month, one in our Mustang of the Month feature and the other in our Member feature, it just turned out that way. But as I put together their stories, I couldn't help but find it interesting that both ladies grew up being interested in Mustangs and playing with matchbox cars. Yes the era of Barbie is over!

I, too, loved Mustangs long before I met Frank Morales. In fact, the first car I ever bought was a Mustang. Who knew I'd end up here, getting to know so many men and women who share in our Mustang enthusiasm. Anyway, I hope you enjoy Erika's and Heather's stories as much as I have.

On another note, we are adding a "Members and their Cars" section to our website. If you are interested in having your picture with your car on our website, please send your picture to me.

Last, but not least, this month we have been forced to add another MCT Bad Boy to the list. If you want to find out who it is ... keep reading!

- Melinda



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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

2179!

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

President's

Message ...



Hi MCT Members and Friends.

Well this is my second President's Message and a lot has happened in a month. We had our first Board of Directors meeting, our first MCT activity and our first General Meeting in just one month. Unbelievable, but true.

I hope all the MCT fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers had a wonderful Father's Day with their friends and family. I had a wonderful time with my family. A lot of memorable moments.

We started with our first Board of Directors meeting, which was very productive and established our goals for how the Board of Directors will conduct business. In summary, the Board of Directors will create a collaborative environment where all board members address the Club's business in a fair and positive way. We will support the opportunity for everyone's ideas to be heard, and we will work together as a team for the best interests of the Club.

As for our first activity, the Bay Area Bridge Cruise was held on Saturday, June 10th and was a total success. We started with a gathering at Bill Currie Ford. We met in the back lot at 10:45am then headed out for a scenic cruise. Our final destination was Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater. We had 33 Mustangs and over 60 members and friends participating. We had members from four different Mustang Clubs – Mustang Club of Tampa, Suncoast Mustang Club, Wild Stallions Mustang Team and Pony-Up. It was exciting to see everyone getting along and just being a Mustang enthusiast. I want to thank Wayne Asbell, Suncoast President, for his hospitality.

A special thank you to Robbie Polo, MCT Cruise Coordinator, for organizing this successful event. Thanks also go to Melinda Morales for doing the flyer and driving instructions, and Phil Bandishaw for leading the caravan and keeping us all together. He did an excellent job despite his need for speed. If you did not attend, you missed out on a great day with Mustang

friends.

As for our General Meeting, held on June 27, 2017, I want to thank Rob Henry, General Manager of Bill Currie Ford, for being our Guest Speaker. He shared his experience in the automotive industry. He started out as a Financial Officer for many years. He also shared that, while he is not a car guy, his first

car was a Mustang. I think for his first car, and not being a car guy, he did good. As his career progressed, he always aspired to be a General Manger for a Dealer and then the opportunity came up. Members really appreciated his presentation and engaged in asking him very interesting questions about the 2018 Shelby GT500. It was good to see members participating and getting information that only a GM might know. The Club is very appreciative to have Bill Currie Ford as our sponsor.

As for future activities, Phil Bendishaw, MCT Car Show Chairman, is planning the 36th Mustang, Shelby & Ford Roundup for Saturday, November 4th. Please mark this date on your calendars as it promises to be a great event full of activities and fun for all.

This month we'll be celebrating the 4th of July with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics and family reunions. Sometimes we forget the history of this memorable holiday and how important it was for the United States back in 1776. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday, and take a moment to remember all of those who have served our country.

In closing, I would like to encourage all of you to attend our general meetings or activities to show your support for our Club. This year promises to be an exciting and fun year for the Club. So stay tuned, and read your Newsletter as I don't want you to miss out on any of the fun!

Best regards,

Frank Morales, MCT President
president@mustangcluboftampa.com

A real patriot is the fellow who gets a speeding ticket and rejoices that the system works.—Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

Meet MCT Member ... Heather Randall!



Meet the Brady Bunch! Okay, MCT member Heather Randall may not be from *that* bunch, but she sure feels like she is has a bunch of her own. When she and her fiancé, Kevin, got together she brought along two girls and a boy, and Kevin brought along his two boys and a girl. Rizzo, Patchy, Neka, Baxter, Anny, and Zuko. And before you begin wondering about these names, let me point out that these are fur-kids. Cats, to be exact. Once they became their own “bunch” they also began fostering a little boy cat, Clark, who also needed a loving fur-ever home!

To keep her bunch in high style, Heather is a web and graphic designer, as well as a marketer. She performs all marketing functions from email marketing, social media marketing, digital marketing, direct mail ... you name it. She has been in the field for twenty two years. Outside of work, Heather

loves Mustangs – as you may know if you have seen her enthusiasm at MCT events. She also enjoys all American Muscle Cars, along with crafting and drawing cartoons. In her free time she also likes to go to Ford dealers every so often and drive newer Mustangs just to see how they’ve grown.

Heather has been in love with cars since she was a little girl. All the other girls played with Barbie dolls but Heather collected matchbox cars. One day her mom gave Heather the old school remote-control Barbie Corvette (when remote-control was wired) with a Barbie Doll ... Heather threw the Barbie Doll away, painted the car (it was pink, not very cool) into a muscle car, and then thoroughly enjoyed playing with it. Heather had cases of Matchbox cars and all the car cities like Cargo City, Car Wash, etc. But Heather doesn’t remember seeing her first Mustang ... She just knows she has always had a love for them: their curves, their style, their sound, everything.

Heather currently owns a 2012 MCA Premium Special Edition Mustang. He (yes, her car is a he) is certified #5 out of 107 Mustang Club of America Special Editions manufactured in Grabber Blue in 2012. He won “Best in Class” at a show in March 2017. Presently, the only modification he has is a Roush intake. However, Heather’s mod list with American Muscle is large! Next on the list is a Roush Axle Back exhaust, then a Raxium Nav System. He is Heather’s 6th Mustang. She has also had a 1967 Coupe (Goldie); 1972 Coupe (Johnny); 1979 Foxbody (Brownie); 1987 Foxbody (Roonie); and a 2005 Coupe (Shadow).

Merlin is the name of Heather’s Mustang. He's Grabber Blue ... not quite the color of Merlin the Wizard ... but there’s a story of why Heather no longer owns Shadow, and Merlin is Heather’s ‘baby’ now. Heather ruptured her MPFL (medial patella-femoral ligament) in her right knee in May 2011. Shadow (her ’05 Mustang) was a stick shift. Heather had to have her knee reconstructed with a cadaver ligament and wouldn’t be able to drive Shadow for about a year, so Heather required a car with an automatic transmission. While healing, Heather was going to garage Shadow, and buy something ‘silly’ (this might be “code” for a non-Ford) to drive ... but fear set in. What if Heather’s silly car broke down? What would she do? ...

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Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total
membership
is 195 families!

John & Leisha Pica	'17 Mustang GT/CS	Jeff & Lolita Hoffman	'01 SVT Cobra
Mark Jensen & Cathy Limone	'15 Mustang Coupe	Christopher & Eileen Hicks	'17 Shelby GT350
James & Cherie Ventola	'11 GT Convertible	Gaston Garces & Ashley Bass	'10 Mustang
Josue & Tracy Cabrera	'69 Mach1	Steven Beyer	'10 Mustang Conv.
Phil Sillers & Lynda Warsaw	'12 Mustang Coupe	John & Mary Butler	'96 GT Convertible
Rob & Diane Edwards	'07 Shelby & '99 35th Anniv. Mustang	Brian & Michele Lumadue	'17 GT350 Shelby
Rick & Jeanne Hector	'94 SVT Cobra Pace Car	Ron & Kim Cantrell	'17 Mustang Coupe
Steve & Lynn Travis	'65 Mustang Coupe	Art & Debbie Dahlbert	'17 GT Convertible



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

Meet MCT Member ... (continued from Page 4) Heather wasn't going to be able to walk for quite a while, her leg was going to be in an immobilizer for at least three weeks, then she would have physical therapy for months Heather was at a Chevy dealer (I told you so!) looking at an old Cavalier when the sales person talked her into buying a new car. The sales person wanted Heather in a Camaro (of course) but Heather said, "Sorry - I'm a Mustang Girl!" Then Heather pointed to the Mustang Logo tattoo on her leg. So the sales person said, "Ok ... Ford's across the street." Heather went across the street but there were only three automatic Mustangs on the lot. Merlin was one of them, and it was love at first sight. Merlin got his name because he took care of Heather for years after her knee surgeries. Nope, Merlin has never, ever let Heather down. He is her magic wizard!



Heather was a Suncoast Mustang Club member, but when she moved to Brandon, they told her about MCT. Heather wanted to be a part of a group of people who not only had a love of Mustangs, but a love of the community and each other. To Heather, MCT appeared to be such an organization. Heather has told us that our Membership Director, Harry DePeppe, was very, very kind to her when she was first considering MCT. In fact, she will tell you that, "Quite honestly: he's the reason I joined." (Way to go Harry!) Heather likes the car shows and the charity events. She thinks it is important to help each other and the community. Right now, I think she is helping her fiancé, whom she introduced as a traitor at her first General Meeting, because he likes foreign cars. Not to worry, Heather, men can be trained!

FOR MCT MEMBERS Buy, Sell, Trade ... Here!

No ads to share this month.

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

Ford's Heinously Patriotic "Ole Yeller" Mustang

What is it?

It's a one-off Ford Mustang GT350 with custom paint job and aviation themed trims along with some additional carbon fiber bits. It still packs its esteemed 5.2L Voodoo V8 outputting 526 hp and 429 lb-ft hooked up to a Tremec 6-speed manual.

What is it based on?

The design scheme and name of "Ole Yeller" is an homage to a famous yellow plane also called "Ole Yeller". The plane - previously flown by highly respected and beloved pilot Bob Hoover is a P-51D Mustang. This particular craft of aviation was used in flight shows. Bob Hoover was known for being one of the greatest pilots ever lived.



What is it based on?

The yellow and green Mustang is a one-off made for charity auction. The charity - Gathering of Eagles, will use the proceeds to help fund an aviation group known as the Experimental Aircraft Association. More specifically, the EAA's youth education. Since 2008 Ford has donated a vehicle for auction once every year to help the program. All of them aviation themed. The event is set for July 28 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Why is it Heinous?

Yellow and green don't match. In some scenarios it can

look fine but the implementation here has too much going on. The wing mirrors and spoilers match the green on the plane but then there's an overtly strong presence of brightly colored LEDs that don't particularly complement any other part of the car. The script-type font on the rear fender doesn't help especially when the font on the wings is sans-serif.

Finally, when compared to last year's special Mustang, the "Ole Yeller" looks like a pup. Maybe Ford thought the same as there's only 3 photos for the yellow model and 12 for the white one.

(From the Internet)



Out & About

Bay Life Car Show



On May 27th, 2017 many MCT members turned out in support of the Bay Life Car Show. It was a warm day, but plenty of beautiful cars to look at ... over 500! Congratulations to all of those MCT members who attended and won trophies (Paul Strausbaugh, Chris Meyer, Frank Cossota, Bob Perry, John Sepessy and Frank Morales)! In addition, Pat Masoner won the huge 50/50 drawing!!

Out & About

MCT Bay Bridge Cruise



On June 10th, 2017 MCT held a Bay Bridge Cruise and Lunch. With over 60 people participating and 33 Mustangs caravanning the bridges, it was a great day for a cruise and lunch with friends at Quaker Steak and Lube in Clearwater. Congratulations to Robbie Polo, our Cruise Director, for organizing such a great event! *(Pictures thanks to Melinda Morales, Marilu Martinez, and Paul Strausbaugh)*



Out & About

MCT Bay Bridge Cruise (Continued)



Highlights

The Mustang Ladies Corner

By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

Oh dear, am I in trouble this month. Silly me. Last month I read the article written by my colleague, Rusty Sparks. I should have know it was best to leave it alone when I saw that he titled it “Piddling” but I was so excited at the idea that I could be a piddler too! I should have thought it out, or consulted with Rusty on how one goes about becoming a piddler. But I didn’t, so I learned the hard way. In my usual enthusiastic way I went out to my Mustang Man’s garage and gave it a try ... my Mustang Man still isn’t talking to me. Apparently piddling takes more practice ... and that is all I’m saying on the subject ...

Picture of the Month ... Comic Relief!



Above, Howie Taylor and Marilu Martinez get their red on ... red noses that is!

Red Nose Day is a campaign started by the non-profit organization, Comic Relief, dedicated to raising money for children and young people living in poverty by simply having fun and making people laugh. This year’s Red Nose Day was held on May 25th, 2017. Close enough for these two crazy MCT members to still have their noses in their pockets on May 27th at the Bay Life Car Show. To entertain fellow car show attendees, Howie Taylor and Marilu Martinez decided to provide some of their own Comic Relief! If you are at a car show and looking for fun, look for Howie or Marilu ... they may not always have their red noses on, but they will make you laugh and smile!!

Have you Heard?

By Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

(Note: Last names of members are withheld to protect the innocent. – Rumer)

I have to report it. In fact, I would be remiss in my duties to this Newsletter if I ignored it. So I have to tell you it happened again ...

Again I walked by Mary Lou M., who was *again* deep in a discussion with Robbie P. We were at a General Meeting and Mary Lou M. is still obsessed with that bra she wants to buy. Based on what I overheard as I walked up to her she is down to determining *size* ... and, yes, my ears can actually hurt. Mari Lou M. is preparing for a summer road trip with Louise, her Mustang, whom the bra is for ... *naturally*. But can you just buy it so we can stop talking, *or hearing*, about it? Yikes ...

Highlights

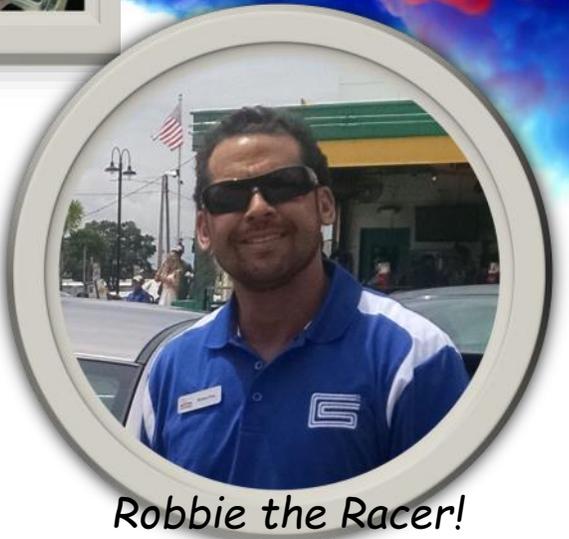
Another Induction to the "MCT Bad Boy" Club ...



(by Sally Ride, Travelling Reporter) Some Mustang Men just can't help it. They seem mild mannered, helpful, very polite. Then they get in their Mustangs ... Naturally, one doesn't own a Shelby and then drive it like a grocery getter, but some MCT Mustang Men *do* set the pace for all the others. Case in point ... Our esteemed Cruise Coordinator, Robbie Polo. I was surprised when I heard he was going to position himself in the middle of the pack for our Bay Bridge Cruise. I even recall wondering if he was well.

Then the cruise started. It only took a short while before Robbie the Racer showed up. So much for the middle of the pack. Before I knew it he was out of our line and racing past us. But its okay. If I had a Shelby like that I'd be right with him.

However, this latest cruise reminded me that every time we are out driving a MCT event, there is Robbie the Racer doing his thing. So although we are probably stating the obvious, we would like to officially add Robbie's name to the MCT Bad Boy's Club. Welcome Robbie!



Robbie the Racer!

June General Meeting ... Thanks to those who came out in support of our June General Meeting. We were pleased to have



Rob Henry, General Manager of Bill Currie Ford, as our June Guest Speaker.

Lucy Carroll sold blue light specials, and fun was had by all! See you all at our next General Meeting!



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 ...

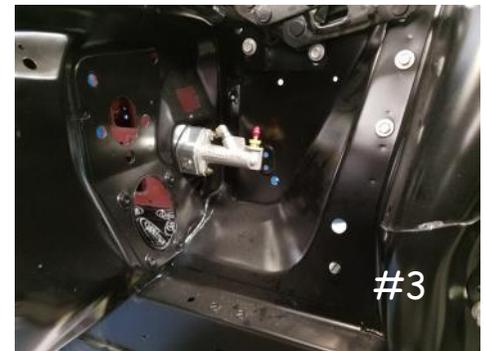
Steve Osborne's 1969 Mach 1 came with a 351 and a 3 speed manual transmission and he has decided to upgrade to a 5 speed with a hydraulic clutch. Back in the 60's Mustang's had a very stiff clutch compared to today's Mustangs with a hydraulic clutch that is a lot easier on your left leg. It is not easy driving in traffic today with



a clutch from the 60's. The first thing after installing the pedals in the car a hole has to be drilled in the firewall for the hydraulic clutch linkage. In this photo Brian started drilling the hole with a hole saw. He stopped to let it cool down because he did not want to blister the epoxy black in the engine compartment. (See picture #1).



Brian carefully removed the spring on the clutch pedal and drilled a hole in the pedal for the linkage. This is how it looks inside the car with the linkage attached. (See picture #2). The Wilwood hydraulic clutch master cylinder installed in the engine compartment. We still have to install the remote reservoir. (See picture #3). Steve ordered from Total Control Products an adjustable shock tower brace and monte carlo bar that fits the early Mustangs. They don't tell you that it won't fit a 1969 Mustang without a little adjustment to the front fender apron. In this photo Brian is using a Chevy tool for the adjustment. (See picture #4).



This is how it looks assembled. (See picture #5). The back of the car will be finished once the trunk lock is installed. (See picture #6).

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



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Features

Area Cruise-Ins

Events are subject to change so always check with organizers.

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

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

√ 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.

√ 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

√ 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.

Member Businesses and Services



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Members who would like to add your business or service, which may be of interest to other members, email your info to: newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com

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.

Car Shows -

√ July 8—Quaker Steak & Lube Summer Car & Truck Show, rain or shine. Located at 10400 49th Street no., Pinellas Park. Registration \$15/\$20. Parking is 3pm to 5pm. Judging at 5pm. Awards at 7pm. For more information call 727-321-1211.

√ July 13-15 - Mark Morley has talked about the Arthritis Auto Show in Columbus OH. This year is the 35th Annual Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In. Mark and his wife are flying up. Kevin Riley is going for his third or fourth time and his brother On Saturday the judged show will have a Mustang Show within-the-show with 150 to 200 Mustangs. This show brings people back year after year with its festival atmosphere. An Elvis impersonator, Mike Albert, will perform on Friday night and the Saturday night entertainment is by Phil Dirt and the Dozers. Mike Albert is thought to be one of the top Elvis impersonators in the country and Phil Dirt is a phenomenal oldies band that travels much of the country and appears frequently here in Florida. If anyone is interested in joining Mark and Kevin, contact Mark at mytang66@yahoo.com.

√ *August 25-27 — 2017 Grand National MCA Show. Overland Park, Kansas. Details to follow.

√ Sept 10—The shops at Wiregrass host the 911 Car & Truck Show. Located at 2811 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543. Entry \$15/\$20. Registration 10am to 12:30am. Awards at 4pm. For information: www.premiumcarshows.com.

√ *October 7 — 8th Annual Nature Coast Mustangs All Ford Powered Car and Truck Show. Located at Nick Nicholas Ford. 2901 Hwy 44 West, Inverness, FL. Start time is 8am. Entry \$20/\$25. Contact: Perry at nature-coaststang@yahoo.com.

√ October 20-21, Lakeland Auto Show, located at the Lake Mirror Park, 10am—3pm. More than 750 cars, live entertainment, specialty vendors. For more information visit www.lakelandautoshow.com.

√ *November 4—MCT's 36th Annual Mustang, Shelby & Ford Round-up, held at Bill Currie Ford. Show hours are 9am-4pm. Registration 9am-11am. Awards at 3:30pm. Entry is \$25/\$30. Flier will be available soon.

Other Noteworthy Activities -

√ July 11 — MCT's June Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:45pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.

√ July 25 — MCT General Meeting. Our next club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th at 6:45pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

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



BAD NEWS, MARGARET. YOUR PINK PLASTIC FLAMINGOS MELTED ON THE LAWN

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 Mustang enthusiast at Bill Currie is assigned to assist you.

Dealership Contact for MCT Members:
Jim Carson, 813-872-5555, Ext. 1335

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:to:president@mustangcluboftampa.com> or Jim Carson at the phone number 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

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Ford Performance did an article on Erika on February 9, 2017. She had reached out to Mr. John Clor at Ford Performance about some of her ideas. He surprised Erika by writing an article about her love of her family and their "Ford Fleet." What a sweet surprise!

Erika lives in East Lake and works as a Recruiting Manager for Home Instead Senior Care of Pinellas County. In her free time she enjoys Mustangs, beaches, traveling, pin-up modeling, and paranormal exploration.

If you ask Erika how she got interested in the Ford Mustang, she'll tell you that her interest has been a lifelong love. She grew up as a tom boy and had Hot Wheels and Matchbox cars. She really didn't get into Barbie's until her younger sister, Kara, did. Nineteen years ago Erika's father purchased a 1970 Torino GT and started showing it. Erika always enjoyed the car shows, meeting new people, enjoying the music, and getting to see some beautiful rides, but she is quick to tell you that while the Torino's are nice, she always wanted a brand new Mustang.



Erika poses with Rosie and her Dad!



The idea of Rosie was three years in the making. Erika started her Graduate studies in the fall of 2012 and she wanted to have something to show at the end of all the hard work and effort. She wanted a brand new Mustang at the end of her efforts in obtaining her MBA degree. Her program was online and she had a picture of a 2015 race red Mustang hanging above her desk as motivation. Next to it, she had a copy of her degree advancement report ... just knocking off the courses. At long last, Erika's degree was conferred on April 15, 2015 and she custom ordered Rosie on June 15, 2015. She had to wait until October for her Rosie to come, but it was well worth it, and Rosie is now her daily driver and her show car.

Erika heard about MCT while attending a show at Quaker Steak, the Jeep vs. Mustang show, and there were several members of MCT with whom she struck up a conversation. Not long afterward, she joined MCT in the Spring of 2016. In addition to MCT, Erika is also a member of the RMR-Red Mustang Registry #7314.

Next time you are out at a MCT event, take a moment to meet Erika and Rosie. Both are great additions to the club!

And coming Next Month ...

I'm not sure what the staff will be up to next month. Summer heat always gets to them, making them more cranky than normal. What ever comes I'm sure it will be blamed on heat stroke or a hot August night. If you have anything you would like to contribute, an article, your story, a rumor ... let me know. And if you are interested in being featured in either our Mustang of the Month or Member Profile, contact me! Until next month, stay cool everyone!! - *Melinda, Editor*