

The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Wayne Brannon's 2014 Roush Mustang



The "Hulk"

(Article by Melinda Morales) This month's Mustang of the Month belongs to Wayne Brannon. His amazing 2014 Roush Mustang is painted "Gotta have it Green" and sports a "Hulk" theme in both hydro-dipping and air brushing. When Wayne first purchased this car, back in November of 2013, he started with the "Kermit the Frog" theme, with the saying, "It ain't easy being green." However, that was short lived when he was told that, due to the 685 HP this car puts to the ground, he really needed to change it to the "Hulk", which turned out to fit perfectly with the color, theme, and everything else about the car.

This car has a 6-speed manual transmission with a modified short throw shifter, and is extremely fun to drive. Wayne also had LED lights installed inside the wheel rotors and the head and tail lights. They will flash, blink, and strobe 7 different colors, or a solid color, depending on Wayne's mood. After all the time and money he has put into the car, Wayne is very pleased with the results. If you have seen his car at a show you can understand why. The lighting and graphics are a real treat for spectators. Wayne receives complements every time he drives the "Hulk", and has won several nice awards throughout Florida.

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We are sorry to report that here at The Pony Express we have had an epidemic of little green men running around all month. Seems to happen every March ...



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Joyce Bendishaw, Harry DePeppe, Rusty Gillis, Wayne Brannon, Papo Martinez, Dan & Kathy Sutton, and Paul Strausbaugh

(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

A Note from your Editor...

I hate March. Well, I don't really *hate* March. But March does bring a sudden epidemic of little green men with it. Some call these little men Leprechauns but I just call them annoying. I mean, really, all I need is *more* men running around trying to find my gold. All the jumping out from around corners, opening up of drawers, checking the couch for loose gold. That's bad enough but they really annoy me every time they turn my purse upside down trying to shake it down for loose coins. Really? As though I don't get enough of that from my Mustang Man every time he wants new parts for his car!

My staff and I have been chasing them around with brooms all month! It's good exercise, but I'm exhausted. And the sad thing is ... they are never going to find the gold because they just don't know where to look! But maybe they will figure it out before the month is over ... we will see ...

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. My thanks to Wayne Brannon for allowing me to spotlight his Hulk Mustang this month. I met him at a recent car show and after meeting the Hulk, I immediately thought, "March Mustang of the Month!" I just love it when a story comes together. And speaking of stories, no one is knocking at my door to take me away, so apparently the "envelope" can use a little pushing this month ... Happy reading! - Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!

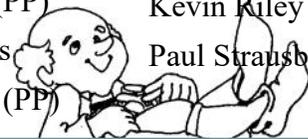
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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

2007!

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

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A Word from

our President



Hi MCT Members!

The weather is warming up and events are mounting for a very busy schedule.

I want to thank all the members who came out to support Car Shows for Charity's Drag Queen Bingo! We had 31 attendees from MCT and 3 of our members won prizes. Congrats to Frank Morales, Cindy Suarez and Devon Polo on your Bingo and Basket wins! Also congrats to MCT guest Jennifer Trombley for her bingo and basket win.

We are approaching National Mustang Day which is on Monday, April 17th. Hardly practical being on a Monday, workday. Also, Easter Sunday is the day prior so it is a further issue. MCT will be celebrating National Mustang Day on Saturday, April 15th. We are still working out details but figure

everyone could use some relief on TAX day and take a cruise with fellow Stang family members to relax! Save the date for this upcoming event!

Other dates to save: May 6th for Car Shows for Charity Annual Breast Cancer Car Show in Tarpon Springs and May 13th for the Bill Currie Ford Annual Cruise for Charity event. Details forthcoming and hope to see everyone at these upcoming events.

I will end this message with an IRISH BLESSING since St. Patrick's Day is approaching:

"MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE AND NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR."

Joyce Bendishaw, MCT President
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Have you Heard?

By Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

Here at the Pony Express we have been providing our readers with the opportunity to get to know some of our newest members. We've also showcased some of the beautiful

Mustangs from the MCT Stable. But I've realized that, while we have mentioned our Mustang Men, we have yet to introduce any of them. So this month I am pleased to introduce one of our truly unique Mustang Men, Howie Taylor. He's a mild mannered MCT member at MCT events, but wild and crazy guy ... well ... *at all other times!*

How many guys do you know who's resume includes fearsome pirate, crazy clown, all-round wild guy, and professional photo bomber ... to name a few things? Yes, this month Howie is our guy, proving once and for all that Mustang Men are some of the most unique men around. And did we mention that Howie has a heart of gold? So the next time you are at an MCT event, take some time to get to know this fellow MCT member, 'cause this Mustang Man is a classic. But keep an eye on your phone if you don't want about a hundred photo bombs, courtesy of our very own Howie!



Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total
membership
is 170 families!

Cor Fahringer	'73 Mustang Grande
Vincent Harwood	'67 Convertible
Rob Ryan	'17 Fastback
Anthony & Dale Barrios	'03 Convertible
Edward Schmidt & Judi Pelker	'14 Convertible
Rick Nolan	'94 Mustang Cobra
Wayne & Sandy Howery	'84 Convertible

Danny & Katherine Sutton	'07 GT Convertible
Jack & Sabrina Westenbarger	'07 GT Convertible
William & Cindy Moline	'65 Convertible
Robert Daniels	'16 Fastback
Ed & Pat Collier	'66 Convertible
Arlene & Travis Creighton	'92 GT Hatchback



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



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 above)

Price Reduced! 1994 Mustang GT Convertible - 5.0 V8 motor. Auto. 86k original miles. Newer Bullitt wheels, Cobra gauges, and headlights. New tires. Perfect top and white leather interior. Original paint. Really nice car. Been in my family since almost new. A steal at \$6,500. For more info contact Marty-folk@hotmail.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.

On St. Patrick's Day remember that an Irishman is never drunk as long as he can hold onto one blade of grass to keep from falling off the earth.—Ada O'Sage, Staff Philosopher

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... Drag Queen Bingo ... It's for Charity!



On Sunday, February 19, 2017, a group of MCT members were caught having a great time at Hamburger Mary's in Clearwater. They were there to participate in Drag Queen Bingo benefiting Car Shows for Charity. There were thirty-one attendees from MCT. Three of whom won bingo games.

It was great fun for the winners and the participants. In order to claim their gift baskets, the winners had to run to the four corners of the restaurant, giving the losing Bingo players the chance to wad up their losing bingo cards and pelt them at the winner as they ran by (I couldn't help but wonder who had to clean the floor at night, yikes! But we had fun whether we won or not!) Congratulations to the Bingo Winners: Frank Morales, Cindy Suarez, Devon Polo, and MCT guest Jennifer Trombley! — Melinda, Editor

Out & About

Mustang Memories ...

20th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs...Legends Havin' Fun Car Show



On February 25, 2017 the Imperial Mustangs of Polk County presented their 20th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs...Legends Havin' Fun Show. At Sun N Fun Lakeland Linder Airport in Lakeland, Florida. This is a Mustang and all Ford show and participants enjoyed having their pictures taken with a P-51 Mustang Airplane.

The Mustang Car Show is held in conjunction with the Carlisle Winter Fest and their activities, so there was plenty to see throughout the day. A Car Auction, huge vendor booths, plenty of food, and a great selection of Mustangs. It turned out to be a beautiful spring day for all in attendance and several MCT members went home with awards. Congratulations to award winners Vicky and Ron Wright, Bob Turner, Walter Taylor and Paul Strausbaugh. Congratulations also go out to Imperial Mustangs for putting on a great show.



Above picture provided by Paul Strausbaugh



Out & About

Mustang Memories ... 30th Annual Mustang & Ford Roundup

On February 25, 2017 the Mid-Florida Mustang Club presented its 30th Annual Mustang & Ford Roundup at Downtown Longwood, Florida. Special thanks to Ramon (Papo) Martinez for sharing his pictures with us, and congratulations on your award! Congratulations also go to Mid-Florida Mustang Club on a successful show.



Some months there are so many Mustang Events that a person just can't get around to all of them! Isn't that a wonderful thing?! Unfortunately it makes it hard to get pictures of everything, so if you are at an event and don't see your smiling Editor (or her staff) around, please take some pictures and sent them our way! Thanks.

Out & About

Mustang Memories ...

Hope Helps All & Pure Hearts Rescue Poker Run & Chili Cook off



Some of us MCT members attended another activity on February 25, 2017. Pure Hearts Rescue held a poker run which culminated with a chili cookoff at Buckets Tavern & Taps in Tampa. The tavern was full of supporters and the parking area in front was filled with a pirate ship, a band, beer, and plenty of chili to sample. Pure Hearts Rescue is a 501 c(3), non-profit organization that rescues dogs. They take in dogs from high kill shelters, off the streets and owner surrenders. They do not discriminate against breed, age or health. Their mission is to rescue, rehab and rehome. Congratulations to Pure Hearts Rescue on a successful event and thank you for your caring hearts.



(Picture Left) ... then there is MCT member Frank Morales, also known as one of our resident "Bad Boys" of the club. Here he is, caught with his hands in the cookie jar, so to speak, as he checks out Howie Taylor's Mustang. This is why we have "do not touch" signs, not that "Bad Boys" follow directions.

It's a tough job following around the "Bad Boys" ... chasing after them at Car Shows, holding on for dear life from the passenger seat of their Mustang, slapping hands away from things they shouldn't touch ...

Isn't it weird how when a cop drives by you feel paranoid instead of protected. And yet you still grin as you put your foot back on the accelerator ... - Ada O'Sage, Staff Philosopher

Out & About

Mustang Memories ... Tires Plus Car and Truck Show



On February 26, 2017 Tires Plus hosted a Car and Truck Show in Clearwater, Florida.

There was free food and drink for participants and a 32" HDTV was the grand prize in their drawing. This was another nice way to spend a beautiful spring day for those that didn't have enough time with their Mustangs the day before (see the events held on February 25th!) Here we ran into Phil Bendishaw, First Dude and another proud MCT "Bad Boy."



(P.S. If Phil were born in Ireland, would he have been a leprechaun? Just wondering ...)





Meet New Members ... Dan & Kathy Sutton



(By Dan and Kathy Sutton) We moved to Palm Harbor in April 2016. I was in Automotive sales to OEM's (automotive brake and fuel systems) for 35 years, the last 25 in sales, prior to taking an early buyout in 2001. I was fortunate enough to get to work on Ford SVT programs as well as Corvette and even made parts on Al Unser Jr's Indy car many years ago. Kathy worked for the Federal Government in Michigan on national contract awards and now is in marketing for a wealth management firm, Heartfire Wealth (Ameriprise) in Dunedin. We've been married 25 years.

We were into boating and lived on a canal off Lake St Clair in Michigan, part of the Great Lakes System, for last 25 years. We had a 28-foot offshore (Need for Speed!) and a Boston Whaler for cruising canals and short dinner trips. Plenty of sand and islands to swim and play (no sharks!). We also enjoy motorcycles and had Harley Davidsons for 20+ years as well and made the trip to Milwaukee, WI for the 100 year Harley Anniversary where we spent three fun filled days and nights (and I remember most of it). I also enjoy rac-

quetball and currently play three times a week.

Our Mustang is a 2007 GT Premium Convertible, red with black on black. We have added mirrors, chin spoiler, side scoops, Roush CAI, fuel rail covers, chrome caps, strut brace, and Flow Master Outlaw mufflers (I think this covers most of it).

I got the Mustang by accident. I hate to admit it now, but I started looking at Corvette's and the one I went to look at was fortunately at a Ford dealer where they had a black version of our Mustang on the lot so drove it and loved it, was an easy switch as I had a 1965 Fastback 289 Hypo in 1967. We couldn't reach a deal so I found the red one and am very happy I did.

I knew there were Mustang clubs worldwide so after getting settled in Florida I checked the internet, and MCT website, and joined in December 2016. Sold!

We are interested in the people as much, or more, than the cars. We belonged to a boat club in Michigan and met a lot of wonderful people we now miss. They were involved in many charities and that seems to be the focus of MCT. We thought the rides would be fun and the opportunity to see more places in Florida, being new here, seemed a great option for us.

We have only been members since December but already have a funny story. We went to the Boggy Bottom Car Show and spent some time with Harry, Roger and Carol, as well as meeting others. This was my first car show ever, and I knew nothing of how it worked. Well, we went to lunch during judging and came back, sat down in front of cars, and we were laughing about not winning a ribbon, and what we would have done if we did. Well, twenty minutes later people behind us said "you know you won a ribbon?" A beautiful black ribbon was on our windshield, tucked behind the open hood, and it blended in with the black interior. Duh!

The Mustang Ladies Corner

By Lupe Minute

Last year, about this time, I got a really hair-brained idea. *I know, your surprised.* Anyway, I decided I was going to go green, literally, for St. Patrick's Day. So I got some of that temporary green hair coloring ... and my hair was suddenly bright green. Unfortunately, I forgot to put plastic gloves on my hands while I was doing my hair. As a result I had blotchy green hands. I tried to clean off my hands by rubbing my arms and legs. I don't know what I was thinking, but I guess I just wanted to "blend" everything in. Well, needless to say, my Mustang Man laughed so hard he cried, then after he had sufficiently regained his composure he couldn't wait to tell everyone I had "...gone to mold." So this year, forgive me if I just stick with green beer...

Highlights

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

(and let me just apologize in advance)

This month's contributor: Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic

As our avid readers will recall, last month I availed myself of the opportunity to vent about "Intelligent Vehicles." And thank you very much, I've been doing much better ever since. I thought that would be the last of it, but our crusty Staff Mechanic, Rusty Sparks, has asked for equal time. Based on the grumbling in the Staff Room, I'd say he also has something to say on the subject. Knowing Rusty as I do, all I can say is, "Brace yourselves..." - Melinda, Editor.

Hi MCT readers, Rusty here. Just want to make sure you have all the facts on "Intelligent Vehicles" and I believe that my esteemed Editor may have left something out last month.

Windshield Wipers.

You got it. In addition to all the "fun" things Ford has done to improve their cars, you probably know that windshield wipers can be set to automatic so that any time they detect moisture on the windshield of your car, they automatically turn on and wipe it away for you.

I have to say that, as an ex-gas attendant, I thought this was a great idea. Until the day they turned on and gave the windshield a swipe, even though it was a clear blue day. Now, I know a little something about cars, so the fact that they turned on in the sunshine really bugged me. Not to mention the laughter coming from the cars next to me. Bet they thought I was an idiot old man who couldn't tell a sunny day from a rain storm.

So being a guy, I had to do what guys do. I put the car in my man cave and did some diagnostics. Turns

out nothing was wrong with the car so I wiped off the windshield and took the rag in for some DNA testing. I got the results back last week.

Bird spit.

That's right. Turns out that my windshield wipers were set to a very sensitive setting and any time a bird spits on my window, the windshield wiper gives it a swipe. Okay, I thought. I can live with this. Except, my windshield wiper has turned on five times since last week, and every time it does I've found myself rolling down my window to cuss out a passing bird. Now the drivers around me think I'm yelling at them, proving to them that I'm a *mean* idiot old man.

So I adjusted the sensitivity of my wipers and I haven't had a problem since. What's a little bird spit anyway? I also called Ford to let them know about the problem. I suggested that perhaps they didn't realize just how many birds we have here in Florida. They thanked me very politely, reminded me that many bird species are protected, and that I might want to consider a "sensitivity" class. I'm not sure, but I think they were messing with me.

Okay, turn about is fair trade. Now, as I drive around town and see the occasional windshield wiper turn on, the new, sensitive me waves a friendly hello, and gives those confused drivers a thumbs up. But I can't help the little voice in my head that says, "who's the idiot now?"

I love birds.



Hey, MCT members, when was the last time you checked out our MCT website? Our Webmaster, Scott Englert, has been hard at work and has a great webpage in place. I know all of you RUSH to the website to retrieve your newsletter, *the very moment it has been posted*, but while there you should also check out the other areas of interest. Particularly, check out the photos tab. The staff here at The Pony Express is working with Scott to send him all the extra photos that may not have made it into the Newsletter, so keep an eye there, you just might see yourself or your favorite pony! - Melinda, Editor



Highlights



The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Gillis Restorations builds every car as if it were Rusty's own. They are a one stop restoration shop. From rust repairs to turn key restorations, no job is too big or too small. Let's see what Rusty is up to this month ...

We have been busy getting two Mustangs ready for paint one is Steve's 1969 Mach 1 and the other is Chad's 1966 Restomod Coupe. On Steve's car I sprayed 3 coats of Acapulco Blue on the end caps, quarter scoops and rear valance. The next day I sprayed 3 coats of SPI Universal Clear. (See picture #1). After we block sanded the doors we found a couple of imperfections and added a little filler. (See picture #2 and #3). I sprayed 2 coats of SPI Gray Epoxy Primer on the doors and stone guard. The next step is to wet sand with 600 and spray the Acapulco Blue and SPI Clear.

Brian is wet sanding Chad's 1966 Restomod Coupe with 600 grit sandpaper getting it ready for more epoxy primer. (See picture #4)

The engine compartment will be body color and I was going to paint it and inside the trunk the same time but after thinking about it we decided to tape off the engine compartment and inside the trunk. The problem is it is hard to get the clear to not have dry spots from the overspray going on the body plus I would need help in the booth to flip the body over. Here you can see Brian using 3M plastic sheeting to cover the engine compartment. He tapes off the interior and undercarriage the same way. Brian is a master at taping this way. I could never do it, I can't even wrap a Christmas present and have it look good! (See picture #5)



After Brian finished wet sanding I sprayed 3 coats of Pepper Gray and the next day I sprayed two SPI Clear but you will have to wait until next month to see it with the clear and if things go right it will have black stripes. (See picture #6)



The reason I spray a couple of coats of clear on the body before the stripes is because if you had an area where the tape lifted and the paint bled through you can wet sand and correct it. Also the masking tape can leave a residue that is hard to remove on fresh base coat paint. You cannot wet sand the base coat without it showing you would have to paint it again.

(The story continues next month...)



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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Mustang Club of America

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



MCA members can take advantage of
The Ford X-Plan

Purchase a Mustang with a deep pricing discount, the process is both simple & rewarding.

Don't forget to make the dealer aware of your MCT membership for a \$150 loyalty bonus to the Mustang Club of Tampa. See below for details.

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

Features

Car Shows & Other Events

Events are subject to change.
Always check with organizers.

* = Car Shows with Mustang classes.

Car Shows -

√ Mar 4-5 — 23rd Annual NMRA Spring Break Shootout at Bradenton Motorsports Park, Bradenton, FL. Host Car Club is Mustang Club of West Central Florida. \$25 for one day, \$45 for 2 days. Gates open at 8am. All years, all models of Ford cars and trucks welcome. For info visit NMRADIGITAL.COM/Carshow. Cal Dave Farley @ 949-784-9061.

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

√ Mar 12 — Lake Mary Car Show Spring Series. Located in Downtown Lake Mary. 11am-2pm. For info contact CruisinOrlando.com, Tara @ 407-617-4201. Registration is Free. Hosted by City of Lake Mary. All years and models welcome.

√ Mar 12 — Our Town America 38th Annual Festival Car Show. 10am—3pm. Coral Springs. For info contact Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club.

√ *Mar 18 — 30th Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Show "Country in the Park". This show is hosted by Suncoast Mustang Club. Located at Pinellas Park Cultural Center located 4951 78th Avenue North, Pinellas

Park. Only pre-registered cars will be judged. Registration is 8am to 10am. Awards at 3pm. Pre-registration is \$25. For show information: www.suncoastmustangclub.com.

√ Mar 19th — Cars & Cannolis at the Mazzaro Italian Market located at 2909 22nd Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL. Vehicle registration \$15 online or \$20 at gate. Gates open at 9am. For info: www.carsandcouture.com.

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

√ *Mar 25 — The Jacksonville Mustang Club presents its 15th Regional Mustang & Ford Show "Rumble at the River" at the Jacksonville Landing. Located at 2 Independent Dr., Jacksonville, FL. 8am—3:30pm. Judging 11am—2pm. Awards at 3pm. Early registration is \$25 (by 3/15/17). Show Registration fee is \$30. A portion of the proceeds benefits Murray Hill DLC Nurce and Learn. For info contact Jeff Norris, 904-742-3047 or president@jmcmustang.org.

√ Mar 26 — Diamond Strikes Bowling Benefit Car Show. 11am—3pm. Pompano. For info contact Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club.

√ April 2 — Festival Annual Spring Mega Classic Car Show.

10am-4pm. For info contact Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club.

√ April 15 — Mustang Charity Car Show for Special Olympics. Hosted by the Mustangs of Clermont. Located at the Texas Roadhouse, 2457 S. US Hwy 27, Clermont, FL. Registration \$15. 10am-2pm. For info contact Mustangs of Clermont.

Other Noteworthy Activities -

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

√ Apr 11 — MCT's regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 6:45pm, in the room over the Bill Curie Ford showroom.

(See MCT Website for fliers.)



The Rust Bucket...

By Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic



Features

Bill Currie Ford Referral Program

\$\$\$\$ Benefits to Members of
Mustang Club of Tampa provided
by Bill Currie Ford!

Club members, and the club, have special Loyalty Privileges at Bill Currie Ford. Earn \$\$\$, receive discounts, and work with a dedicated team to assist you. Here is what we get in return:

** \$150 – Paid to the Club when a club member purchases a vehicle

** \$150 – Paid to any Member who refers a friend to purchase a vehicle

** 10% -- Discount for Parts and Service

A dedicated team of Mustang enthusiasts at Bill Currie are assigned to assist you.

Sales: Mike Valdes (813) 672-1704
Service: Tony Bastas (813) 554-5441
Parts: Joe Bates (813) USA-5555 ext 1433
Body Shop: Chad Dasher (813) 554-5390
Marketing: Christy Vannette (813) 357-6766
(Dealership Club Contact)

To receive these benefits always introduce yourself as a member of Mustang Club of Tampa and present your membership card. If there are any questions contact club President Joyce Bendishaw at mailto:president@mustangcluboftampa.com or Christy Vannette listed above. Please give Bill Currie a try, and refer your friends. Let us know if you make a purchase.

If purchasing a vehicle - present the voucher below
with your membership card at the time of sale!

Mustang Club of Tampa Referral Program

In recognition of the partnership with Bill Currie Ford, Mustang Club members who purchase a vehicle from Bill Currie Ford will get \$150 donated back to the Mustang Club This Voucher MUST be shown at time of Sale along with Membership Card

Sales Team and Finance Team. - Please add this voucher to the deal packet

Accounts Payable,- Please make checks payable to the Mustang Club of Tampa.
(please reference Club member/purchaser name for records)

Thank you !



Snapshots

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Wayne doesn't believe in racing his car, due to the potential for wear and tear, and damage. However, he does believe that a car should have the HP and the ability to back up the way it looks. Wayne drives his car to different destinations every week, and currently has 19,000 miles on it. Yes, the Hulk is alive and running around Florida. Good to know!



Wayne served in the military for three years, spending one year in Vietnam. Upon exiting the military, he drove a truck for ten years, before getting into the welding and fabrication business where he has remained for thirty plus years, as owner of Premier Welding and Fabrications. Wayne has one son and two grandsons. In addition to enjoying his family, one of Wayne's favorite hobbies is bowling, both on family mixed leagues and men's competitive leagues, which he has done for over 30 years.

About two years ago, he got interested in car shows and now he spends many a weekend travelling to the different car shows for the enjoyment of meeting new friends and for the entertainment of kids. Wayne has been a member of MCT for the past two years, and he participates in club activities whenever time permits. About 20 years ago, Wayne started refurbishing a '67 mustang, and invested quite a bit of time and money without completing the project. However, he did sell the car to his neighbor, who finished what Wayne started, painting it a beautiful red and white, and Wayne is very proud to be able to see the finished project.

Wayne has always been intrigued by the Mustang, both horsepower and design starting in 1967. He confesses that there were some years of the Mustang where he didn't really care for, but overall it has remained his favorite sports car. He feels like he owns the best year it was built, but then, he is sure that most Mustang owners feel the same way about their Mustangs.



Well look at that, it seems that after shaking down *every corner* of the March Pony Express, it appears those pesky leprechauns have finally realized that we Mustangers don't have loose gold lying around because it's all in our cars! Silly little men ... are they gone yet?



And coming Next Month ...

Next month leads us into my favorite time of year. Spring. That time when everything is renewed, the flowers are blooming, and birds are singing, and baby critters are everywhere. Yes, April is my favorite month of the year. This may have a little something to do with the fact that it is my birthday month, but mostly I just enjoy Spring. Now how do I tie that into a Mustang Newsletter? Frankly, I'm not sure at this point. I guess I'll have to call a Staff Meeting with my very creative and adventurous team of Reporters ... I'm sure they will come up with something ... till then! - Melinda, Editor