

# The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## Mustang of the Month: Melinda Morales' 1966 Mustang Coupe



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(Article by Melinda Morales)

This month I'm celebrating with this Mother's Day edition of the Newsletter, by featuring my baby girl, my 1966 Mustang Coupe, named "Lucky."

Many years ago I remember telling my husband, Frank (my Mustang Man), that if he was going to keep me so involved in the Mustang enthusiasts hobby, that I probably ought to have my own show car. So, being the good Mustang Man that he is, he began the search for a Mustang for me.

Then one day he got a phone call from Mr. Edgar Berkeley, who lived in Brea, CA. It turned out that Mr. Berkeley was the original owner of a Mustang Coupe that was built July 23, 1965, in San Jose. The Coupe was sold by Sunset Ford on September 10, 1965 and the car stayed in the Berkeley family ever sense. Mr. Berkeley used his Mustang as a daily driver until his three daughters went to college. Each daughter took their turn driving the car during their time in college. When the last daughter graduated the car sat in Mr. Berkeley's yard for several years until Mr. Berkeley decided he wanted the car to have a good home, and that is when he called Frank.

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*If you don't look back at your car after you've  
parked it, you own the wrong car!*

## The Pony Express

Melinda Morales, Editor

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Frank Morales, Harry DePeppe, Rusty Gillis

## A Note from your Editor...

Happy May fellow MCT members! And Happy Mother's Day to all the Mustang Ladies in the club! You've probably already seen my little present to myself. Yes, that's my little girl featured on the cover this month. The things I have to come up with when I don't have anyone else lined up! Hint, hint, if you would like to see your Mustang featured on the cover of upcoming club newsletters, let me know!

This month I hope you enjoy looking back at our MCT picnic. You can tell from the pictures that everyone had a great time! I'm already looking forward to next year. But before then, we have lots of great events coming up. Their all listed in this newsletter so check them out and mark you calendars. I think it's going to be a great summer, and we have plenty of "inside" activities to keep us out of the heat.

Oh, and check out Rumer's article this month. She has uncovered a deep dark secret about one of our members ... and that's all I'm saying here. Until then, happy reading ... - Melinda

## Thanks to our Club Leaders!



### Officers...

PP = Past President

President	.....	Frank Morales
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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

**2,639!**

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



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

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

Or e-mail the Membership Director  
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## President's...

## ...Message

Hi MCT Members and Friends.

The month of April was a very busy month for me and I'm sure for most of you too! With the start of Spring, Easter with the family, and going to car show's or activities in celebration of the National Mustang Day (April 17). For me, it all started with my visit to the West Coast. I went to California to attend the Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show (FFF) on April 15th. This event is the biggest one-day Ford event on the West Coast and the beginning of their car show season. It draws over 1,650 cars of which 1,100 were Mustangs. I was representing Mustang Club of America as National Director and had a club booth to promote MCA. I also was a Guest Speaker for two clubs (Orange County Mustang Club and Mustang Owners Club of California), telling them all about the different clubs in the Tampa area and the fun activities we do. It was an unbelievable trip for me for me, especially seeing old friends and family members. Talking about awesome trips. Our Guest Speaker for the April MCT meeting was Bob Perry, MCT Board Member. Bob showed us slides and spoke about his memorable trip to China. Most of us have never been to China, so it was great to see the pictures of Bob's trip and hear about his experience. He enlightened us on the Chinese culture, places of interest and the different foods they ate. Thanks Bob, other than losing my appetite (just kidding), your presentation was very interesting. Thanks for sharing.

As for past events, I want to thank all the MCT members that attended our Club Picnic at Philippe Park. It was an awesome picnic full of fun, food and friendship. We had 72 members and guests attending and I want to thank everyone that contributed to the potluck. We had an incredible feast of foods. I also want to thank everyone who joined in on the game competitions. Based on all the laughter, everyone had a great time. We had really hilarious moments with the Panty Hose Golf Game, and I salute each of you who gave the game a valiant try, whether you won or not. I want to thank Harry DePeppe for getting to the Park early and helping with the setup. I also want to thank Mark Morley and Mark McGovern for cooking 84 hamburgers and 48 hotdogs. They did an awesome job and it was appreciated by all. I want to thank John and Darlene Esposito for the sausage and peppers for everyone, these were a big hit. Last, but not least, I also want to thank Melinda Morales for planning a successful event, even the weather was perfect. Great job Mrs. M.



Next, on Saturday, May 5, 2018 we have the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pony Party Car Show at Bill Currie Ford. We hope that all of you can come out and support this show's good cause, the Children's Cancer Center. Even if you do not have a show car, come on out and support the drive around. Also, tell your family, friends and neighbors to join in supporting this effort. As in the past, we are hoping to generate \$15,000 for the charity. Therefore, I'm calling on all Mustang and Ford enthusiasts to participate and help make a difference.

Our next event is 'A Bay Area Bridge Cruise' scheduled for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. Come on out and join your fellow MCT members and friends for a cruise across the Bay Area Bridges. We will gather at Bill Currie Ford in the back lot at 10:45am and depart at 11:15am for a scenic cruise. Last year we had 33 Mustangs and over 60 participants cruise across the 3 Bay Area Bridges, ending with lunch at Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater. If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Robbie Polo, Cruise Director, at [rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com).

Our next MCT General Meeting is Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30pm at Bill Currie Ford in the upstairs conference room. Per our club bylaws, at this meeting we will accept final nominations for the Board of Directors positions at start of our meeting. Based on our last Board of Directors meeting each of the incumbents are interested in continuing to serve in their current positions. If you are interested in running for one of the positions you can be nominated at this meeting. Please let Harry DePeppe or Frank Cossota know of your interest as they are serving as the Nominating Committee. Voting will take place with an announcement of the 2018 Board of Director's positions to take place at the end of the meeting.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for attending our general meetings or activities and showing your support for our Club. Your Board is working very hard to make this year a fun year for MCT with fun activities, an awesome Newsletter and informative Club meetings. Our membership is growing, as we now have over 300 total members. Let's continue the fun!

Best regards,  
Frank Morales, MCT President  
[president@mustangcluboftampa.com](mailto:president@mustangcluboftampa.com)

## 2018 Board of Directors Election

At our May General Meeting we will be voting for nine Board of Director positions, who will serve for the next year beginning June 1st. All current incumbents are interested in continuing in their positions, but if you are also interested in getting involved with your club you can contact the Nominating Committee (Frank Cosota and Harry DePeppe) to let them know of your interest. All members are encouraged to attend the May meeting so you can vote for eligible candidates. Here is the list of available Positions and associated Job Responsibilities:

### Facebook Lead.

*This position maintains and manages the Club's Facebook page. Including screening to accept or decline requests from individuals to join the page. This position also moderates posts to ensure a family friendly (Mustang related) atmosphere. In addition, this position makes posts and engages the members to keep an interest in the club and make members aware of Club events.*

### Club Items and Raffle Chairman.

*This position handles all aspects of Club Items (obtaining hats, shirts, etc. and then selling them to members). This position also handles all aspects of Car Show Raffles (obtaining raffle items and running the raffle at car shows).*

### Club Items and Raffle Team.

*This position supports and assists with all Club Items and Raffle responsibilities.*

### Cruise Director and Parking Committee Lead.

*This position plans and coordinates all activities related to MCT Cruises and various (non-car show related) activities. This position also is the lead for the Parking Committee at all MCT Car Shows.*

### Cruise Team Member.

*This position assists the Cruise Director with planning of MCT events. This position also is part of the Membership Director's welcome committee and reaches out to all new members to welcome them to the club.*

### MCA Regional Director and MCA Reporting.

*This position serves as Regional Director for MCA and monitors and reports MCT activities in pursuit of the annual MCA President's Award.*

### Car Show Team Member and Registration Lead.

*This position is the lead for handling all Registration activities for car shows. This position also coordinates on balloting requirements.*

### Cruise and Car Show Team Member.

*This position assists the Cruise Director with planning of MCT events. This position also is part of the Car Show committee and supports the Registration and Parking leads.*

### Publicity Director.

*This position is responsible for publicizing all MCT activities to ensure satisfactory participation of MCT membership, other car enthusiast organizations, and family and friends as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.*

## Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total membership  
is 180 families,  
306 total members!

Tom & Lisa Jankowski	'04 Mustang Conv.
	'10 Mustang Conv.
	'17 Mustang Hardtop
Dale & Dorothy Thayer	'65 AC Cobra
Michael Goren	'15 Mustang GT
Frank & Debra Anne Provenzano	'66 Mustang Coupe
Timothy & Taffy Corrigan	'65 Mustang 2+2 GT
Mark Cotter	'67 Shelby GT350
Darryl & Valarie Saunders	'04 Mustang Premium
Jared & Zoe Shababy	'03 Mustang Coupe

Stephanie & Nathan Caron	'17 Mustang Conv.
Roger Sadlo	'05 Mustang Coupe
Hugh & Jean Preacher	'69 T5 Coupe
Anthony Felitti	'88 Mustang Foxbody
Jonathan & Rebecca Campagna	'65 Mustang Coupe
Mark & Marla Ervin	'17 Mustang Coupe
Daniel & Arlene Evans	'18 Mustang Conv.
Mario Ocasio/Barbara Aviles	'01 Mustang Coupe
Nicholas Vicario	'16 Mustang Conv.
Mark & Rosemarie Bruckner	'14 Mustang GT



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

### Picture of the Month

Meet Bob Mantler. Bob is a really nice guy. He's helpful, funny, and a car guy ... with just one little problem. He likes the wrong car ... yep, he's a "Brand X" guy.

But not to worry, our own Club Secretary, Lou McCarty, has taken him under her wing. They go to cruise-ins, she brings him out to MCT events, she lets him drive in her Mustang, and she has even begun to dress him in Mustang clothing. Yep, we think it is only a matter of time until she



has "flipped him." Soon he'll be an MCT member with a Mustang of his own, anxious to join the MCT Bad Boy's Club.

Yes, Bob, we have high hopes for you. After all, you just gotta' know how cute you look in your Mustang shirt! Just saying ...



# Highlights

## MCT's Club Picnic

On April 8, 2018 our MCT hosted a Club Picnic at Phillipe Park. The club provided hot dogs and hamburgers and refreshments, and the participants contributed a huge, terrific pot luck. There were great salads, appetizers, and delightful desserts. We also had a great afternoon playing games. If you missed out on this event, you missed a great one and we have the pictures to share ...





# Highlights

## MCT's Club Picnic (continued)



Besides the food and the laughter amongst members and friends, we had plenty of games. We started with Panty Hose Golf, then went to the Fan Belt Toss, then on to the Soccer Kick, Lawn Bowling, and Bean Bag Toss. When we were done with those, we settled in for some dessert sampling and some games of Bingo...



*There are few things so pleasant as a picnic eaten in perfect comfort.*



# Highlights

## MCT's Club Picnic (continued)



*We didn't realize we were making memories,  
We just thought we were having fun ...*



# Highlights

## MCT's Club Picnic (continued)



Pictured at left and right are  
the Bingo Winners.

The Game Winners were ...

Bean Bag Toss:  
Scott Englert !

Soccer Kick:  
Lester Rodriguez !

Lawn Bowling:  
Zoe Shababy

Fan Belt Toss:  
Howie Taylor !

Panty Hose Golf  
(and new  
Swizzle Hips Champion):  
Melinda Morales!

Congratulations to all the  
Winners!!





## Buy, Sell, and Trade

**For Sale**— 2 Tires (used).Pirelli P-Zero Corsa 285/35ZR-19. They have approximately 4,000 miles on them and have approximately half of their original tread left. \$100 for the pair! Contact club member Daryl Waterman at (cell) 714-434-2801.

**For Sale**— I have a complete Grill kit for a 67 Mustang GT. Includes all trim, horse and corral, etc. \$125 for all. Call Mark @ 813-205-2953

**For Sale**— For Sale -

Tail light off my 2011 Mustang (right only). I have replaced my lights with Raxiom units; it is time to say farewell to the remaining 2011 unit. Exact replacements for 2010-2011- and 2012. \$75.00. If interested contact Jon Eshleman at: phone 616 - 540 - 6210 or e-mail at jon.eshleman@sbcglobal.net. Can deliver within 50 miles of Spring Hill.



**For Sale**— Set of four 18" Wheels and Tires with 5/32" tread, pony center caps and TPMS. 235/50ZR18 BF Goodrich g-Force Comp-2. Stock 5-lug wheels from a premium model S550. \$400. If interested, contact Howie at (813) 505-4126 . (See picture).



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

*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](mailto:newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com)*

## Have you Heard?

(Note: Full names of MCT members are withheld to protect privacy.)

*By Rumer Mills,  
Investigative Reporter*

At our recent MCT Picnic I couldn't believe how popular the Panty Hose Golf game was. It is just one of those games that creates a lot of laughter and everyone took a turn playing this game. Well ... *almost* everyone took a turn. The one person who Melinda Morales could not get to join in was our VP, Frank C. Nope, he grinned, ducked his head, and waived her off with every attempt she made. I was going to chalk it up to shyness and let it go, until I became fixated on Frank C.'s grin.

There was a story there, I felt it in every ounce of my investigative bones.

So I've spent the last couple of weeks first in the research department, then hitting the pavement to interview acquaintances and friends of Frank's. And I'm happy to report that I've discovered the scoop of the century!

You see, it isn't that Frank C. is shy or anything ... it has to do with Frank C.'s early career. Frank C. doesn't like to brag about it, but Frank C. was a dancer in his early days. He was extremely talented and easily caught the eye of an up and coming singer, who's signature moves were taught by Frank C. You see, that singer's name was Elvis and his signature dance (i.e. hip) moves were thanks to the tutorship of our own Frank C. To this day, Frank C.'s hips are insured for a million dollars. So no wonder he didn't want to play Panty Hose Golf, but I have to say that Melinda Morales isn't the only "Swivel Hips Champ" in the club ...



# Highlights

*Internet Article contributed by Rusty Gillis*

## 2018 Mustang Cobra Jet Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Racing Legend with Quickest Straight-Line Stallion Yet!

**DEARBORN** – Fifty years ago, the Ford Mustang Cobra Jet took to the staging lanes at drag strips everywhere – and along with the resulting wins, a legend was born. Now comes the return of the Mustang Cobra Jet drag strip race car by Ford Performance – targeted to be the most powerful and quickest version from the factory yet, capable of running the quarter-mile in the mid-8-second range while topping 150 mph.



“From the very first Mustang Cobra Jets dominating the 1968 NHRA Winternationals to our modern-day Cobra Jet racers, the Ford Performance Parts team continues to build the Cobra Jet brand based on its success at the track over five decades,” said Eric Cin, global director, Ford Performance Parts. “That, in turn, has inspired generations of Mustang fans to create their own performance machines for the street.”

Engineered by Ford Performance Parts, the purpose-built drag racer developed on the 2018 Ford Mustang platform is limited to 68 non-VIN production cars. It includes a supercharged 5.2-liter Coyote V8 and unique four-link rear suspension, along with a Ford 9-inch solid rear axle from Strange Engineering. Race add-ons include NHRA-certified roll cage, Racetech FIA seats, and a drag race-specific coil-over suspension with specially designed Weld Racing wheels with 50th anniversary badging.

The result is a turnkey racer that showcases many performance add-ons available from the Ford Performance Parts catalog for Mustang dating back to the original 1968 Cobra Jet. Offered in either Race Red or Oxford White, the 2018 Mustang Cobra Jet features an available commemorative 50th anniversary graphics package and anniversary badging.

Final 2018 Mustang Cobra Jet ordering and product specifications will be released this summer. The car is designed to be legal for National Hot Rod Association drag racing, along with several National Mustang Racers Association and National Muscle Car Association classes.

*It's not easy being a mother these days. Texting in all caps just doesn't have the same impact as good, old-fashioned yelling!*



# Features



## The Rusty Report

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 ...

This month I want to update you on the 1969 Grande. The owner bought a 1970 Coupe parts car and I was shocked to find out the quarter panels were not the same and we needed full quarter panels which are not available. Brian is going have to make a full quarter panel using what you can buy and part of the 1969 and 1970 quarters. The quarter skin is all that is available from Dynacorn and this is what Brian is starting with. (See Picture #1).

Brian tack welded the quarter panel together. The part you see with a little blue on it came from the 1969 Grande. The part the goes around the quarter window came from the 1970. (See Picture #2). This part is not available, and it is welded to the quarter panel and the taillight panel is welded to it. After sandblasting this is what it looks like. (See Picture #3).

Test fitting the taillight panel. The part the Brian patched needs a little trimming to fit. (See Picture #4). This is needed to install the rear window. The one on the left looked as bad as the one on the right before Brian patched it. (See Picture #5). As you can see Brian has a little rust repair to do. (See Picture #6).



*Rusty's story continues on Page 11 ...*



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# Features



## The Rusty Report

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Starting to patch the quarter panel. (See Picture #7). Brian had a lot of fabrication to repair the rust on this piece. (See Picture #8). This is how it looked after a lot of grinding. (See Picture #9).

At this point it is held in place with screws. (See Picture #10). The wheelhouse was held in place before with sheet metal screws. Once the quarter panel was welded together and fits the wheelhouse was welded in place. (See Picture #11).

This is how the back side of the quarter panel looks. Before it is welded in place it will be sanded and the welds ground and epoxy primed. (See Picture #12). Making sure everything lines up before it is welded in place. (See Picture #13).



*(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 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:*  
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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>



## Car Shows & Other Events

Events are subject to change.  
Always check with organizers.

### Car Shows -

✓ **May 5** — **MCT's "Cars for Kids" Car Show at Bill Currie Ford**. **Registration \$10. Come out and support this show's good cause, the Children's Cancer Center. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving families of children battling childhood cancer and chronic blood disorders with emotional, financial, and education support necessary to cope with their life-threatening illness. Even if you do not have a show car, come on out and support the drive around. Also, tell your family, friends and neighbors to join in supporting this effort. As in the past, for every drive around our sponsors will donate between \$60-\$80.**

✓ **May 6** — **10th Annual Drive Away Breast Cancer Car Show. 8am-5pm. Registration 8am-10am). Downtown Safety Harbor. \$20 prereg. \$25 Day of Show. For more information visit CS4C.com.**

✓ **May 26** — **Bay Life Car Show & Craft Fair. Located at 1017 Kingsway Road, Brandon,**

**FL 33510. Free admission, family friendly, 400+ cars. Open to all years and makes. Special Race Car Class. Huge Craft Fair. Kids Activities. Delicious Food. Live Music. Door Prizes. They request a voluntary \$10 donation from Car Show Entrants. App proceeds benefit missions. For info go to: baylife.org/carshow.**

✓ **June 9** — **MCT's Bay Area Bridge Cruise. Want to enjoy a day over the waterways and then a nice lunch? This is it!**

✓ **July 14** — **MCT's Ponies and Pins Bowling & Cruise to Ford's Garage-Westchase. As the weather gets hotter we will be taking the fun indoors!**

✓ **August 11** — **MCT's Hot Shots and Mustangs shooting at the range and lunch.**

✓ **September 9** — **MCT's Tampa Bay Automotive Museum tour. Join us for a tour of this museum and then lunch afterwards.**

✓ **October 6** — **MCT Cruise to Ford's Garage-Brandon.**

✓ **November 11** — **MCT's Bill Currie Ford Car Show.**

✓ **December 9** — **MCT's Annual Christmas Party.**

### Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ **May 22nd** — **MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.**

✓ **June 12th** — **MCT Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This meeting is for the Board of Directors only.**

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

## The Rust Bucket...

by Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic





# BILL CURRIE PERFORMANCE CENTER

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**SALES HOURS**  
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Sunday  
11:00am-5:00pm

**PARTS + SERVICE**  
Monday-Friday  
7:00am-6:00pm  
Saturday  
7:00am-5:00pm  
Closed Sunday

\*Excludes Shelby, Raptor & Focus RS



# 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 the club President, Frank Morales, at <mailto: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

(Continued from Page 1) We both went to look at the car thinking that Mr. Berkeley just wanted an appraisal, but when we asked what he wanted for the car he said, "Oh no, you don't understand. I want to give it to someone who will restore it." So we gave him one dollar and the Mustang (now named "Lucky" [for obvious reasons]) was sold to us on June 24, 1995.

When this little girl joined our family she had been painted white, had lost her vinyl top, and was very ragged inside. We put her in the garage, covered her up, and then waited for a couple of years before Frank could restore her. He was already busy with other restoration projects at the time, but we weren't in a big rush. She and I waited patiently for the day when Frank started the restoration. Frank is a purist at heart, and so he wanted to restore her so that he looked exactly like she did when she came off the show room floor. It was worth the wait. When Frank was done she had p/s, disc brakes, vinyl top, automatic transmission, console, a/c, styled-steel wheels and a deluxe pony interior. She was also restored to her original color combination, Tahoe Turquoise with white vinyl top. I'll never forget the first time I drove my restored Mustang to a car show. I was so grateful and excited I cried. Ever since that first show, Lucky has attended many shows, won Best of Show trophies, been featured in the 40th Anniversary Mustang Book, and been featured on the cover of Larry's Mustang. She shares the garage with other, more valuable Mustang's, but to me she is priceless. Not just because she is my little girl, but because she was restored with so much love and attention by my Mustang Man. To this day I still give her a pat and a caress every time I walk by her. Yes, I'm not afraid to admit that I'm a very proud mother.



Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results. — Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

**Reflections** ... I hope you all enjoyed this edition of the newsletter. Happily, next month will be the annual "Father's Day" edition and we will cover all things "Mustang Man-y." This will be a stretch for some of the staff, but I think they are up to it. Of course, I have no worries whatsoever about Rusty Sparks. He's already strutting around like he owns the place. And you should see him in the staff lounge doling out June assignments to the rest of my reporters. I have to say, though, I'm very proud of my lady reporters. I walked through the lounge today and Rusty was giving a Powerpoint presentation on the type of reporting expected in the "Father's Day" edition. And my sweet girls, sitting their nodding their heads and continuing with their own whispered conversations, hardly paid any attention to Rusty at all, except an occasional thumbs up and nod of approval. Poor Rusty ... being treated just like a ... well, a husband! Who knows what you'll get next month.

- Melinda, Editor