

The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Janet Colon's 1989 Mustang



(Article by Melinda Morales)

This is the Mother's Day edition so, in celebration, we are pleased to spotlight Janet Colon, and her 1989 Mustang GT Convertible. Janet is married to the smart and clever Cesar Colon (I'll explain this later), and they have a beautiful daughter, Leilani Colon, who is nineteen years old and currently attending college. Janet is a wonderful wife and mother, and a new Mustang Enthusiast as well.

Janet has worked for Exela Technologies for twenty four years (and will reach the twenty five year milestone in July). When not working, Janet enjoys shopping and working out at the gym. Both are great for stress relief, although shopping comes with a good amount of pure enjoyment. In fact, some of us consider Janet to be the Queen of Shopping.

Cesar Colon, who owns a 2016 Mustang GT, has always wanted to get Janet more involved in the Mustang enthusiasts world, and what better way to do that than to get her a Mustang she can call her own? So when an opportunity presented itself in early February, Cesar jumped on the chance to acquire this Mustang from a fellow MCT club member. The car had 37,000 original miles and was garage kept and in great condition. It is white on white with a white top and 5.0 liters. Everything on the car is original and in great shape.

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*I'll have you know that I let my wife drive today,
and I only hit the imaginary brake 20 times...*

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(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

A Note from your Editor...

Happy May fellow MCT members! And happy Mother's Day to all our MCT mothers out there!

With Summer just around the corner, many of you may be suffering from all the pollen in the air. Not here in the Newsroom. In fact, pollen is nothing compared to the highly contagious outbreak of Wanderlust that has spread amongst the staff. In order to try and contain the symptoms, I've challenged the Staff to provide me with a Summer Vacation Essay. I've even agreed that the lucky winner will receive a fully paid vacation to the winner's location of choice. I'm happy to say I've received an essay from everyone, big surprise there, and they are all included in this edition for your reading pleasure.

I also want to thank Janet Colon for letting me feature her new Mustang on this month's cover. I also include information on our upcoming election for club Officers and Board of Directors. Please make sure you review this, as nominations and voting will take place at our May General Meeting. Till then, I hope you all enjoy this month's newsletter. Happy reading! - Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!



PP = Past President

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:

3,152!

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



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

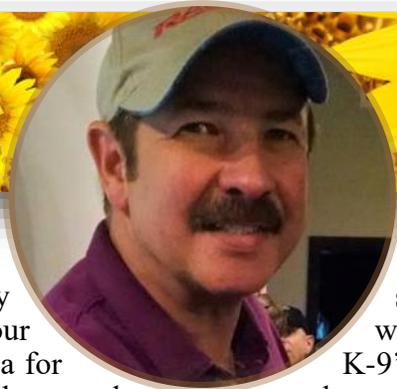
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President's...

...Message



Hi MCT Members and Friends.

The month of April was a very busy month for me and for some of our members. I had my trip to California for the Fabulous Fords Forever Car Show and other members went to the Mustang Museum opening and track events in North Carolina. Others celebrated the National Mustang Day (April 17) by attending car shows. And for others it was the start of Spring and celebrating Easter with the family. I want to thank everyone who provided updates on the Mustang Museum grand opening.

As for MCT past events, I want to thank all the MCT members that attended our Club Picnic at John Chestnut Sr. Park. It was an awesome picnic full of fun, food and friendship. We had 70 members and guests register to attend. I want to thank everyone that contributed to the potluck. We had an incredible feast of appetizers, food, and desserts. I also want to thank everyone who joined in on the game competitions. Based on all the laughter, everyone had a great time. I salute each of you who participated in the various games, whether you won or not. We also played bingo and I want to thank Lucy Carroll for donating the \$58.00 she won on the third game of bingo. I also want to thank Lou McCarty & Janet Colon for help with registration, John Esposito for hauling all the supplies to the park, Jerry & Lorraine May and Harry DePeppe for getting to the Park early and helping with the setup. I also want to thank Mark Morley and Harold Champion for cooking 84 hamburgers and 48 hotdogs. They did an awesome job and it was appreciated by all. I want to thank Bette Champion for helping with the set-up of the food, she did an awesome job. Last, but not least, I also want to thank Melinda Morales for planning a successful event, even the weather was perfect. Great job Mrs. Morales, our first lady.

Next, on Saturday, May 4, 2019 we have the 6th 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 Shriners Hospitals for Children.

As for upcoming events, on Saturday, May 18th MCT

is supporting the Cruising for Critters Car Show to be held at Streetside Classics. The proceeds from this car show will benefit Pasco County Sheriff's retired K-9's. This is a good cause and I hope we can make a difference in helping our retired Law Enforcement K-9 Heroes. See you there.

Our next MCT General Meeting is Tuesday, May 28th 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 Officers and Board of Directors positions at the start of our meeting. Based on our last Board of Directors meeting, most of the incumbents are interested in continuing to serve in their current positions. However, if you are interested in running for one of the positions you can be nominated at this meeting. Please let Frank Cosota or Chris Meyer know of your interest as they are serving as the Nominating Committee. Voting will take place during the meeting, with the announcement of the 2019 Board of Director's positions to take place at the end of the meeting.

With that being said, I am formally announcing that I will not be accepting a nomination to continue as President of the Mustang Club of Tampa. I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given me. I have met some great people, made some lifetime friends and have had a lot of fun the past two years. I will always be grateful for the opportunity and the wonderful memories. I want to thank the Board and the members that supported me. I also want to thank our First Lady, Melinda Morales, for everything she has done to support me and the club. Thank you!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you that helped make our Club a total success. This year, our Board worked very hard to make it a fun year with activities every month, an awesome Newsletter, and informative Club meetings. As a result, our membership has grown and we now have over 332 total members. Awesome job by all. Again, thanks for your support.

Best regards,
Frank Morales, MCT President
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2019 Board Officers & Directors Election

At our May General Meeting we will be voting for seven (7) Club Officer positions. Officers serve two-year terms, and each position is up for election this year. Three (3) of the current Officers are not interested in continuing in their positions, so we have vacancies for Secretary, Newsletter Editor and President.

In addition to Club Officers, there are nine (9) Board of Director positions, who will serve for the next year beginning June 1st. Eight (8) out of the current nine (9) incumbents are interested in continuing in their positions, so we have one vacancy available. If you are also interested in getting involved with your club you can contact the Nominating Committee (Frank Cossota or Chris Meyer) 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:

Club Officers:

President.

The chief executive officer of the Club exercises general supervision and control of all activities of the Club, as well as presiding at all meetings of members and directors; the President shall appoint committee chairpersons and may call special meetings as deemed necessary.

Executive Vice President.

Has the authority and performs the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Secretary.

Is the custodian of the corporate records, keeps the minutes of all meetings and reports such minutes as requested by the President, and handles all official correspondence as requested by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer.

Receives all Club funds, collects dues and keeps an account of same; reports the status of Club funds at meetings, pays from such funds all obligations of the Club by check signed by Treasurer or officer designated by the Board of Directors; maintains the Club funds in such checking or investment accounts in institutions approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership Director.

The position shall perform the functions of membership chairperson which will include maintenance of a current database of names and addresses of all members, collection and approval of new and renewal membership applications and dues, distribution of membership cards, and appropriate membership solicitation materials and forms.

Newsletter Editor.

Responsible for the gathering, publishing and dissemination of the news of the Club in a newsletter. This newsletter shall be a concise and effective communication tool, delivered in a timely manner to the membership periodically as directed by the Board of Directors

Webmaster.

Responsible for all aspects of the Club website, including maintenance, improvements, security and any other functions as requested by the Board of Directors.

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Dear Mom, I was gonna give you an all expenses paid,
first-class trip to Hawaii for Mothers Day.
But I knew how much you'd miss me, and I just couldn't
put you through that kind of agony.

2019 Board Officers & Directors Election

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Club Officers:

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.

Dear Mom, Great Job, I'm Awesome! Happy Mother's Day.

My Summer Vacation Essay

By Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic

When the little Mrs. heard about the vacation contest at the office she immediately told me to find a historic site that she would enjoy visiting with me. This isn't quite what I had in mind when I envisioned a trip to a car museum, but I aim to please so I looked, and looked until I hit upon the perfect vacation destination.



Yes, my dream summer vacation is a trip to Western Nebraska's "Carhenge" which is modeled after the Scottish wonder known as Stonehenge (bringing in the historic factor to please the Mrs.) And for my sake, each "stone" in the display is a classic American car. This place is sure to deliver its own sense of wonder and amusement. I even understand that along the edge of Carhenge are more sculptures made out of car parts. Thus I'm bringing the world of Art to the trip. This will give the Mrs. a vacation experience she will never forget. And maybe some of those sculptures can be purchased. The shopping factor. Yep, pleasin' the little Lady is my Superpower ... and I'm pretty sure I've got a winner with my vacation planning abilities!

I Think It ... So I Must Say It ... (and let me just apologize in advance)

By
Melinda Morales,
Editor

In past newsletters I've spent a lot of time complaining about Ford Designers who kept "helping" me with my vehicle experience. First they made the back end bigger, then they got really smart and gave them "intelligence" which resulted in what I refer to as the true Smarty Pants experience. When that wasn't enough they designed a vehicle that required me to kick it in the back end to get it to open up. After much bruising, mine not the vehicle's, I just gave up on using that capability.

Then, after I got used to all the *helpful little things* those dear and delightful Ford Designers did to me, then the games started. Intelligent vehicles are supposed to open when I approach, without the need to get out my keys. Oh sure, my vehicle opened ... when she was darn good and ready. Sometimes it took three or four pulls on the handle before she'd open up. And I swear I'd hear laughter. On other, very good days, she'd open up right away. It was always completely up to her. But we've had our fun. The games that were created, the scoring of so many points, the creating of a Winner and a Loser ... who cared if I had to climb through the back end of the car to get to the drivers seat so I could avoid touching the door handle. This mattered little when I scored extra points for the effort.

So I had the "learning" experience, and then the "gamesmanship" experience. And now I'm happy to say that I am the one that has evolved most of all. Now I give training classes in how to have a kinder and gentler relationship with your Smarty Pants vehicle. Sure, sometimes there is a little begging, but I find this to be good for the soul. Hers, not mine. Yes we have arrived at our happy place. I feed her the best fuel available, and give her bubble baths, and she has finally been opening up doors on the first try, and I give her my thanks and a loving pat on her dash. We have evolved together. Take that, Ford Designers.

Features

Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Ed & Carole Williams '67 Mustang Coupe
Chris Collier '66 Mustang Conv.
Vincent & Valarie Fabrizio '17 Shelby GT350

Jorge & Danielle Reyes '05 Mustang GT Conv.
Donna & John Downing '06 Ford Saleen



Our total membership is **196 families, 332 total members!**
Welcome to our newest club members! We look forward to having you join us at our next club meeting or event!

My Summer Vacation Essay

By Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter



My dream summer vacation is a trip to Roswell, New Mexico's International UFO Museum and Research Center. After all, everyone knows that

I'm the Investigative Reporter on the staff, and I consider it my job to uncover hard truths, whether we like what we hear, or not. And what bigger mystery exists than the truth about "The Roswell Incident." This museum is dedicated to the collection and preservation of all things that pertain to this incident and other unexplained phenomena related to UFO research.

Surely there is no one better qualified to get to the truth than me, Rumer Mills, who will use my finely honed skills to, once and for all, dig up the truth about UFO's. I can guarantee that I will return to the job with everything our readers could possibly want to know about little green men, and isn't that something to look forward to?! The truth is my Superpower, the truth is out there ... and I will find it.

My Summer Vacation Essay

By Paige Turner, Reporter at Large

As your Reporter at Large, we all know that my goal is always to sniff out tall tails and tantalizing tidbits, and I know



the perfect place to do so. My dream summer vacation is a trip to Assateague Island. It's tucked between Maryland and Virginia and is one of the best kept secrets around. The island is a beautiful nature preserve that contains nearly forty miles of beaches!

It's a major bird watching destination but the most important feature is that the island has more than 300 wild ponies that roam the beaches, salt marshes, and forests. How delightful it would be to follow ponies around the island and go horseback riding in the surf, striking up conversations and getting to know all of their various personalities. With my superpowers I could tell many a "tall tail" after a vacation like this.

And I should get extra points for surrounding myself with ponies while on vacation ...

Features

Buy, Sell, and Trade

For Sale— American Muscle Speed Form side scoops in Performance White for Ford Mustang. Came off of a 2012, will fit 2010-2014. Perfect condition at half price of new. \$100. Call Wayne Garris at 727-215-6121.



For Sale— Set of 4 Pirelli All Season P235/50 18" 97W Tires – Approx 3000 miles driven. Set of 4 original '15 GT Factory rims \$600 obo. Contact MCT member Jayne Alford 813-928-2402



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— FS - Eaton Detroit Spring #349 or NPD # 5660-23 rear leaf springs - less than 3000 miles on them. With hangers and U-bolts - FIRST \$150 takes them. Will fit a 65-69 Mustang - See the chart in the NPD catalog. Call Jerry 813-417-3037



MCT members looking to Buy, Sell, or Trade can post items here. Our newsletter reaches all our members, sponsors and several other Mustang Clubs.

A good mother lets you lick the mixing beaters...a great mother remembers to turn off the beater.

Mustang Ladies Corner ...

By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

With the summer approaching my Mustang Man is planning the annual camping trip. "Nothin' more relaxing than a nice campout," he always says. Then the day arrives and he gets the family RV out of storage and then tells me, "we're ready to go!" I, on the other hand, have a few things to take care of first, so I suggest that he go pick up a couple of steaks for dinner on the grill once we are at our campsite. While he runs this errand, I pack up some clothes for both of us, haul them to the RV, make up the bed in the RV, stock up the kitchen, and then finish by loading up all the chairs and grilling equipment that can't be left in the RV while in storage. In the nick of time, I've got everything loaded up, and my Mustang Man has returned saying, "hope I haven't kept you waiting too long." And away we go ...

To be fair, when we arrive at the camp site my Mustang Man always takes care of hooking everything up. Then, with a cold beer in one hand, and a chair in the other, he is ready for a relaxing evening. While he relaxes, I set up the grill, get everything ready in the kitchen, and then present him with the marinated steaks to put on the heated grill. While he keeps an eye on the cooking steaks I run back inside and get the rest of dinner ready. With any luck I'll have just enough time to set the table before he hollers out, "Everything's ready!"

It's sweet when, after dinner, my Mustang Man sits down in his favorite chair to gaze at the stars while saying, "boy I love camping." He reminds me of a little boy as I carry everything inside and clean up. An hour later, with a nice class of wine for me to enjoy, I'm finally able to join my Mustang Man under the stars. "Don't you just love a relaxing campout?" he asks. "I love anything I do with my Mustang Man," I respond with a smile. And I really do.

Features

MCT's Annual Picnic

On April 6th, 2019 MCT held it's annual Picnic at John Chestnut Sr. Park in Palm Harbor. The Club provided hotdogs and hamburgers and all the trimmings, and everyone in attendance brought side dishes, appetizers, and desserts. There were plenty of games played, plenty of food consumed, and a good time was had by all. Speaking of good times, the hit of the day was Glenda (or MEMA as her grandchildren call her). She started the day loudly proclaiming to everyone that the games had to be rigged ... then she won two of them. MEMA is now a believer! Here are some of the pictures from this event. - *Sally Ride, Travelling Reporter*



Call your mother and say something nice! And remember that it's your fault that she pees a little every time she sneezes. Love and sacrifice! - *Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

Features

MCT's Annual Picnic (Continued)



Silence is Golden ... unless you have kids,
then silence is just suspicious.

My Summer Vacation Essay

By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

My dream summer vacation is a stay on the Queen Mary, which was once a world class ocean liner, and now a floating hotel in Long Beach, California. Imagine stepping back in time, while staying in a first class room, decorated in the style of the 1930's. I'd sleep by day then spend the nights on the hunt for ghostly residents. The RMS Queen Mary is said to be one of the most haunted locations in the world! How exciting!! Imagine how much fun it would be to join paranormal investigators for a haunted tour. I promise to get selfies with any ghostly encounters. But more important than that, my secret goal is to relive exciting moments from my favorite movie of all time, Titanic, and being on the RMS Queen Mary is the closest I can get to pretending, for a couple of days, that I am a modern day version of Titanic's Rose Dawson. Imagine this ... me as guest speaker at a future General Meeting, showing ghost selfies from my vacation and then ending my presentation with a video of me, standing at the front of the ship, dressed up exactly like Rose Dawson, while belting out the Titanic theme song, "My Heart Will Go On." Yes, Entertaining my readers is my Superpower, and I can almost feel the standing ovation now ...



Features



The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

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

When we started we thought it was an almost rust free 1965 Mustang but there was a lot of hidden rust. (See picture #1). Once Brian removed the floor pan that had a few minor rust holes you can see all the trash in the frame rails. (See picture #2).



Brian removed part of the toe board so he check the frame rail and top of the torque box to see if there was any rust. (See picture #3). The surface rust was removed. (See picture #4).

Brian brushed epoxy inside the frame rails and other parts that he had sanded down to bare metal. (See picture #5). There are small rust holes in the inner rocker and rust at the bottom of the inner wheelhouse. (See picture #6).



As you can see in this photo there is a lot of rust in the inner rocker. If we had not removed the floor in a few years there would be rust holes in the inner and outer rocker panels. (See picture #7).



I believe at onetime something was living in the inner rocker panels. (See picture #8).



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The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

The drivers side toe board plug welded in place. (See picture #9). After the welds are ground and sanded on the passenger side. (See picture #10). Now for a sneak peak of what is coming up. DSE coil over 4 link rear suspension. (See picture #11).

DSE front coil over suspension. This aluminum front cradle bolts in place after a lot of frame modifications. (See picture #12). There will be a lot of bling in the engine compartment. 4 Weber carburetors that will go on a small block. (See picture #13). Another view of the Weber carburetors. (See picture #14).

(Rusty's story continues next month)



My Summer Vacation Essay

By Sally Ride, *Traveling Reporter*

As your Traveling Reporter, my superpower lies in uncovering the best traveling adventures available to mankind. So any time I travel around the country I like to stay in obscure locations that are sure to leave some type of indelible impression on me, and nothing would do so more than staying at a place called "Wigwam." I mean, really, can anyone say the word "Wigwam" without your lips turning up in a smile?

So my dream summer vacation is a trip to The Wigwam Motel in Holbrook, Arizona. This Motel stands adjacent to Route 66, and it draws a lot of business from nostalgia buffs and always has a collection of classic cars on display. Yep, a night in a Wigwam, and then a drive down Route 66. Try telling a friend that you stayed at the WigWam Motel, and I'll bet you'll do so with a smile on your face ...

Features

Area Cruise-Ins

Events are subject to change so always check with organizers.

√ 3rd Saturday - Tabellas Cruise-In on the Causeway. Noon to sunset. 5818 Causeway Blvd, Tampa, FL 33619. No entry fee. All makes and models. Food trucks, DJ music, Craft beers & cigars. Sponsored by Garage One.

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

√ 1st Saturday - Dairy Queen, Lutz, 6-8:30pm. 23671 FL-54, Lutz. All makes and models welcome. Food, ice cream, DJ music, raffles and face painting. Fun for whole family. Info: 813-949-8900, or email Dawn.c@inspiringservice.com.

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

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

√ 2nd Saturday - Insty Tune & Lube offers free coffee and breakfast. 7am-10am. Free event, open to all. 14783 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, FL 33618. 813-960-3908. Get your car questions (or problems) answered for free while showing off your car.

√ 1st Saturday - Garage One Cars & Coffee. 8am-11am. 9222 Anderson Road, Tampa, FL 33634. Free coffee and doughnuts, product demos hosted by the Garage One Pro Shop. Music provided by DJ John Paul Gasca. Door prizes and \$50 cash giveaway. Open to all cars, trucks and bikes. Free event.

Member Businesses and Services



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

Mustang Club of America



MCA members can take advantage of **The Ford X-Plan**

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

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

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

Features

Car Shows & Other Events

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

Car Shows -

✓ **May 4th**— MCT's 6th Annual Pony Party "Caring for Kids" car show at Bill Currie Ford. This year's car show benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children. This show is open to all years of Mustang and Ford products. Food will be provided by Tijuana Flats. The show flier is being finalized now and will be available soon.

✓ **May 18th**— Cruising for Critters, a 501c(3) Fundraising Organization, will be hosting a car show at Streetside Classics in Lutz, FL. This show is open to all years of cars, trucks, and motorcycles. All proceeds from this show will benefit Pasco County's Retired K-9's. Come on out and support this great cause and meet some of Pasco County's K-9s and Deputies.

✓ **June 8th**— MCT Bay Area Bridge Cruise. Flier to follow.

✓ **July 13th**— MCT Bowling & Cruise to Ford's Garage. Flier to follow.

✓ **August 10th**— MCT Hot Shots and Mustangs. Flier to follow.

✓ **October 5th**— MCT Cruise to Ford's Garage. Flier to follow.

✓ **November 2th**— MCT's Car Show at Tampa Joe's. Flier to follow.

✓ **December 8th**— MCT Christmas Party. Flier to follow.

Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ **May 14th** — MCT Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30pm.

✓ **May 28th** — MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

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



My Summer Vacation Essay

By Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

My dream vacation is a trip to Middle Earth where I can live like a hobbit. In fact, I know the perfect place in middle Tennessee, where I can rent a hobbit hut that is nestled in the hills just off the famed Natchez Trace Parkway, called the Forest Gully Farms. This farm is an experiment in sustainable living, and I'll be able to forage on the holistic edible ecosystem while emerging myself in the homesteading experience. Oh, I can see me now, hiking, picking fresh berries to eat, picking wild flowers for a crown on my head. I'll eat farm fresh eggs and make s'mores over a campfire while gazing at the stars. Yes, my Superpower is the Goddess that comes alive with a visit to Middle Earth.



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General Manager,

Sean Sullivan

Snapshots



(Continued from Page 1) At the time Cesar purchased the car, he wasn't sure how Janet would react to another car in the driveway, so a little birdie dropped the suggestion that Cesar ought to give the car to Janet as a Valentine's Day present (which was just a few days away). Thinking this a great idea, the smart and clever Cesar parked the car in the driveway, put the top down on the car, and then put a big red bow on it. When Janet came home she had a big smile on her face, and Cesar breathed a sigh of relief. What wife wouldn't love a beautiful Mustang convertible for Valentine's Day?! The next thing we knew, Janet was seen driving Cesar around in her new convertible. She loves that it is a convertible and a "small cute car" which is just perfect for her.



Now she will be able to join her Mustang enthusiast husband and father (our own President Frank Morales) at upcoming shows. Janet and Cesar joined MCT in 2017 when her dad became MCT President. Since then Janet has enjoyed attending MCT activities. Her favorite being the 2018 picnic. She says, "I won the jackpot in bingo, and that was a really exciting moment for me!" Of course it

was, more shopping money. Welcome to the happy Mustang owner's community Janet, and happy Mother's Day!

P.S. I can't help but wonder what Cesar is going to get Janet for Mother's Day to top her Valentine's Day present? Just sayin' ...

Reflections

...Well, the Staff Vacation Essay's have been reviewed and I hardly know where to begin. Okay, maybe I do. Let's begin with dear old Rusty Sparks. I'm always amazed how he turns things around to be exactly what he wants them to be. And how cute is it that he thinks his wife will be thrilled with his vacation choice? I almost want to see him win just to see his wife's reaction. Extra points for him! I also have to say that I'd pay good money to see that video of Lupe Minute doing her Titanic impression from the deck of the Queen Mary. You just have to adore someone who has so much zest for life. Then there is Sally Ride, who has always had a quirky side, but really? The WigWam Motel? I don't know where she comes up with these things but you have to score her well for creativity. And speaking of creativity, can you believe that Paige Turner wants to spend her vacation on an island filled with "ponies?" I'm not buying it. I happen to know that she just picked that location to demonstrate her dedication to us pony (i.e. Mustang) enthusiasts. She's already thinking of year end reviews. Points off for her passive-aggressive approach to this contest. Then we come to Rumer Mills and Ada Sage. Poor Rumer really is a sweet gal in her wacky way. Unfortunately she reminds me of the cousin each family has ... you know, the one you like to keep locked in the attic away from people. I'd be very afraid of what she'd bring back from her vacation. Lastly there is Ada ... doesn't it tell you all you need to know when she says she wants to live like a Hobbit in Middle Earth?

So how does a poor overworked Editor pick just one winner? Right now they are all entering the Staff Room for the BIG announcement. I can't wait to see all their dear faces when I announce that they are ALL getting their paid vacations! Yep, I have to admit that they are all winners in my eyes. I'm going to miss them while they are away from the newsroom, but I'll finally have a chance to take up Rusty's favorite pastime (see the June 2017 Newsletter). Yes, I'm taking up piddling, and I think I'm going to enjoy it ... - *Your Editor*