



The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

Mustang of the Month: Tracy Gaschler's 1966 Mustang Convertible



(Article by Melinda Morales) This month we are pleased to feature Tracy Gaschler and her '66 Mustang. Tracy acquired this car at the age of sixteen when Tracy's mom purchased it in New Jersey on September 26, 1983. It was the first car Tracy ever owned, and she has kept "her" for all these years. She has been Tracy's only Mustang and throughout the years has been featured in several parades, both in New Jersey and Florida. She hasn't ever given her Mustang a name, but she loves to refer to her as "My Little Girl." Her '66 Mustang convertible was built in Metuchen, NJ, it has a 200ci V6 engine, C4 automatic transmission, and it is Ivy Green Metallic with Parchment Crinkle and Rosette Vinyl with Palomino bench seats. This car came standard with a bench seat, with only 3,190 convertibles manufactured with a bench seat that year. While this is a very unique feature, and considered rare by some, Tracy says it has become more of a WOW-factor than actually contributing to the value of the car. Most people want bucket seats in their cars, but Tracy loves her car because she is so different and unique. The previous owner had the rear springs altered and added another leaf so the car sits level ... Tracy has had quite a few people notice that right away.

Dunn's Garage (where her Mustang was purchased) was a used car lot down the street from Tracy's house. Tracy's parents had known Harry Dunn for many years and, two years earlier, had asked him to be on the lookout for a Mustang convertible "because Tracy wanted one."

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This Thanksgiving don't let the turkey's get you down!

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A Note from your Editor...

Happy November fellow MCT members! I'm starting to line people up for our 2019 lineup of Mustang of the Month feature articles. If you are interested in having your car featured, please contact me so we can schedule your month. This month we have a great article from a new member. Imagine having your parents buy you a Mustang Convertible as your first car, then imagine keeping it throughout the years, well that is Tracy Gaschler's story and it's a good one. I hope you enjoy it.

Now that the holidays are here, I hope you are all looking forward to them as much as I am. My favorite is Thanksgiving. I love Thanksgiving food, and I love the gathering of friends and family, without the additional worry of buying presents. Alas, a month to go before I need to worry about that. I do have a tip for you. If you want to show your appreciation to the cook on Thanksgiving, take your time over your dinner. I'm the cook in my family and I enjoy all three days of it. I'd just like to linger over the holiday table for a little while longer than normal ... before I have to deal with the cleanup. So give your cook a break and take time to linger over your dinner. Your cook will love you for it! Until next time, happy reading! - Melinda

Thanks to our Club Leaders!

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:
2,933!

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.

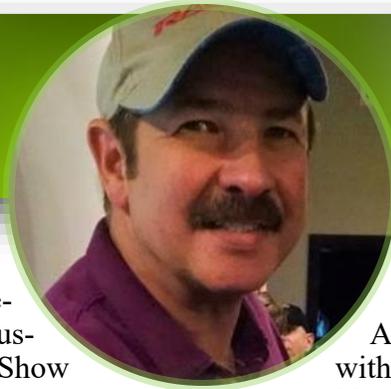
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Or e-mail the Membership Director

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President's...

...Message



Hi MCT Members and Friends.

As I'm writing this message, I'm reflecting back on our 37th Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup Car Show held on Saturday, November 3rd at Tampa Joe's.

This was a first for MCT and Tampa Joe's. However, it turned out to be a total success for both, and for our charities benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay and Special Olympics Florida. As for the weather, we were very lucky as the day before we had tornados and heavy rain in most areas of Tampa. This did impact some of our members and participants, but we are grateful that everyone was okay. We had beautiful weather, although a little cool in the morning by Florida standards. A car show like ours takes a lot of hard work to make it successful and I want to thank the members and friends that helped make our event a success. I'll start by thanking the MCT Officers and Board of Directors, Frank Cassota for coordinating the Judging Team, Bob Perry for handling the registrations, Lucy & Jim Carroll for handling the raffle and 50/50, Robbie Polo for heading the parking team, Harry DePeppe for handling membership and getting coffee & donuts for helpers, Rusty Gillis for handling all the finances, Melinda Morales for doing the flyer and car show program, Scott Englert for being our DJ, Howie Taylor for the awesome promotional videos and Brandon Pacifica for promoting our event in social media.

I also want to thank Mark Morley for helping with the Judging meeting and judging at the car show. Darlene Esposito for selling 50/50 raffle tickets, and everyone else who arrived early and helped with everything. Thank you all, we could've have done it without your help.

Again, thanks to all that participated for your support and for helping us with our charities. I look forward to seeing all of you at our May 2019 car show at Bill Currie Ford.

As for our October General meeting, our Guest Speaker was Lou McCarty, our MCT Secretary. Lou spoke about her trip on the Pumpkin Run. She presented slides of the trip and the classic cars in the show. We also had Frank Cossota, our VP, talk about our upcoming car show's judging system and sched-

uled judges meeting. Thanks for sharing with MCT members.

Also, Harold Champion presented the club with the 2017 MCA President's Award. This award is presented by the MCA President to Regional Clubs that have met the 100-point system requirement. The point system is a combination of various activities that a Regional Club must complete during the year in order to earn points. Each activity has a point value established by MCA. Harold is our MCA Regional Director, keeping track and submitting documentation required for each activity to earn points to qualify for the award. I want thank Harold for an excellent job in making sure we comply with all the requirements to receive this prestigious award. Not a lot of Regional Clubs within MCA qualify for the very prestigious award.

As for upcoming events, on December 9th we will have our annual MCT Christmas Party. This year, as we did last year, the venue will be Bahama Breeze. Last year we had an awesome party full of fun and laughter. Our Christmas Party will include dinner and an optional Red Mustang Gift Exchange. We also ask that participants bring the magic of Christmas to a child through your generous donation of one new, unwrapped toy or gift. If you haven't been to a Bahama Breeze, they have great food, and this location has a beautiful view of the bay. So please get your registrations in early as we are limited on space. See our flier in this newsletter or on the website for additional information.

In closing, I want to thank all of the Members, Officers and Board of Directors that are stepping up and working hard to make MCT a successful Club in every activity that we do. Stay tuned as we are already planning fun activities and events for 2019. I hope to see you all at our November General meeting or at the Christmas Party. Again, thanks for your support.

Best regards,
Frank Morales, MCT President
president@mustangcluboftampa.com

Highlights

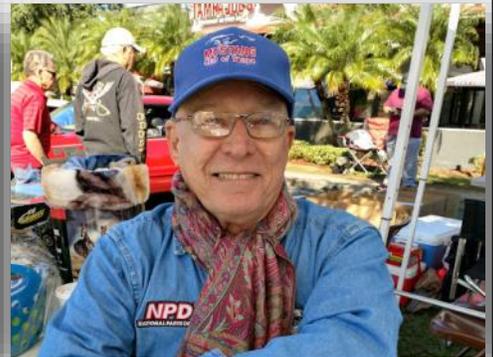
MCT's Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup Car Show at Tampa Joe's

On Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 MCT held its 37th annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup Car Show. This year our car show was held at Tampa Joe's. The fall weather was refreshingly cool, it was a great location, we had good trivia games, and time spent with good friends. What a way to spend a Saturday afternoon! Our charities this year were Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Tampa Bay and Special Olympics Florida. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our charities and had a great day. Here are some pictures ...



Highlights

MCT's Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup Car Show at Tampa Joe's (cont'd)



Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total membership
is 173 families,
298 total members!

Walter & Chantel Hernandez '18 GT Coupe
Karina & Nicholas Tritto '68 Coupe &
'01 Coupe

Rodney O. Hicks '11 GT Coupe
Rick & Barbara Harwi '18 GT Convertible
Christopher Casale '15 Convertible
William Gooley '13 Convertible



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

Buy, Sell, and Trade

For Sale— Ford 1G Alternator. \$35. Early OE Look - 75 Amp - 55 Idle - 1V - OE Only - Externally Regulated - Natural Powermaster - Alternator P/N 7078. Features: Early OEM/Retro Look 75 Plus Amps At Top End/55 Plus Amps At Idle Externally Regulated Great Upgrade To Replace Lower Amp Units. Re-wired my 1965 Mustang and went to a single wire 3G alternator - this one came out of the car—no charging issues with this one. If interested contact Jerry at jmay12550@verizon.net.



For Sale— 1968 Mustang Coupe, 289, 2bl., auto trans, not running. 2 engines, 2 trans, lots of extra parts. Some rust on hood and under vinyl top. \$4,000 takes all. Call Frank C. at 813-376-8979 for info.

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— FOMOCO 4 barrel manifold for sale for a 289. Asking \$85. Anyone interested

can contact John Goyack at 727-726-5701.

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— 1996 Mustang 4.6 liter V8. 4speed automatic with overdrive. Approx. 150,000 miles on it. It's been in Florida since 2003 and always garaged. It's black with tan leather interior, drivers seat is somewhat warn. Black top is 6 or 8 years old and is like new. All my paperwork is at home and I am in Mass. But will be back in FL Nov. 26th for two weeks. I have all the maintenance records. Tires and battery are good. Asking \$3000.00 OBO. Contact George Flavin at flaving@bellsouth.net.

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

Highlights

Nature Coast Mustang Club Car Show



(Article by Harry DePeppe, photos by Lee Richards) On Saturday, Oct 13th, 2018, twelve MCT Mustangs (along with Steve and Margaret Osborne's Ford Lightning), braved the early morning darkness and cool weather, to caravan up to Inverness, FL, the site of the Nature Coast Mustang's 9th Annual Car Show. Meeting for breakfast at Mickey D's at Rtes. 54 and 41, we queued up in the parking lot for a 7:30 departure for the 50-mile cruise. The last 15.8 miles, without stop lights or stop signs, wound us through scenic rural Florida hills and valleys, passing the Citrus Wildlife Area of Withlacoochee State Forest. The NCMC folks were impressed with our grand entrance and thanked us for our club's participation.



The well-attended show featured Rusty Gillis' '69 428ci Cobra Jet. Rusty treated us to the massive sound of the award-winning race car's engine. Also present was a 2019 Bullitt Mustang, already pre-sold for \$5k over-sticker, which was delivered to the dealer on a Car Carrier as we watched. New MCT members Joe Della Fave and Reggie Osenton got introduced to their first Mustang Show. The morning chill morphed into a beautifully sunny, 86-degree day. Congrats to all the MCT member award winners: Linda Marshall, Frank Morales, Steve Osborne, Bob Perry and Paul Prince. The fun ride home, albeit a little more over the speed-limit, capped off a great day with our Mustangs.



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 ...

This Month Rusty steps away from the shop to tell us about the 50th Anniversary Cobra Jet Reunion in Ohio ...

The 428 Cobra Jet was first introduced to the public at the 1968 NHRA Winternationals at Pomona California. Ford built 50 light weight

Mustangs after Christmas 1967 and only selected dealers got them. They had 6 Mustangs prepared for the race and won Super Stock.

I started drag racing a 1969 Fairlane Cobra in Stock in 1969 and later that year bought Hubert Platt's 1968 Super Stock Mustang that was one of the 6 Mustangs raced at Pomona. I raced in the Southeast and also NHRA National and regional events. I was talking to Hubert and he told me about a 1969 Mustang body he had and we picked it up in Anderson SC in 1970 and removed the drive train from the 1968 Mustang and built a SS/GA 1969 Mustang in 1971. I still have it today.

The 428 CJ had been out of the Mustang for years and last year Steve Baur (former editor of Modified Mustangs & Fords Magazine and the current editor of Fastest Street Car magazine the official magazine of NMCA and NMRA racing) said he couldn't give me any details but I needed to have it at an event in Norwalk Ohio in August.

I received this email December 5 2017:

Dear Rusty,

I got your e-mail from Scott Hollenbeck with 428 Cobra Jet Registry who thought you would be very interested in what we are doing.

Not sure if you've heard the rumblings out there but NMCA has been selected as the official host event for the 50th Anniversary Cobra Jet Reunion presented by TascaParts.com. This special event is THE official event for Cobra Jet (major Ford sponsor announcement to come once budgets are approved and paperwork signed) and we also secured major support from the Tasca Family.

It will take place next year at Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio, the weekend of August 23-26, 2018.

(Rusty's story continues on page 9) ...



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(Rusty's Story, continued from Page 8)

We have an "ambassador group" that we set-up with about 30 guys very heavily associated with Cobra Jet...from late '60s to present...and your name came up as another potential ambassador group member. Please let me know if you would like to be a part of this. All ambassadors will help promote the event and provide input on guests to invite, etc. While we are not able to provide travel / lodging for the event, we will take care of each ambassador (plus a guest if they bring one) for entry to the event, admission to the Friday Cobra Jet Celebration dinner, and luncheons Saturday & Sunday.

Vintage Cobra Jet: We have many of the early Cobra Jet racers and personalities as part of our group including Al Joniec, Bill Barr, Barrie Poole, etc.

Modern Cobra Jet: We have many of the modern Cobra Jet racers and personalities as part of our group including Chuck Watson Sr. and II, John Calvert, Carl Tasca, etc.

Please let me if you want to be a part of this group. Thank you!

*Steve Wolcott / President & CEO
ProMedia LLC, 3518 W. Lake Center Dr., Ste. D, Santa Ana,
CA 92704*

I was very honored to be a member of the "ambassador group" and now the push was on to get my Mustang back together.

During an NMCA race they have a car show but this year they would also have a special section for any Cobra Jet and also other special Fords (Ford GT's, Boss 429's 1964 Fairlane Thunderbolts, and Hubert Platt's 427 SOHC 1969 Mustang). There were over 200 Cobra Jets at the event and over 500 attended the special Friday Cobra Jet Celebration dinner. It was a record event with over 600 cars at the event. My car was in the platinum tent with other historic Cobra Jets.

I took a lot of photos and here are a few from the historic event

(Rusty's story continues next month)



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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 - 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, old-

ies, 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 Pro Shop. 5136 W. Idlewild Ave., Tampa, FL 33634. 877-396-8895. Free coffee and doughnuts, product demos, store specials and \$50 cash raffle. Music provided by DJ John Paul Gasca. Open to all years, makes and models of cars, trucks and bikes. Dirty vehicles are welcome. Free event.

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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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<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 -

√ November 10—Bay Life Car Show & Craft Fair. 10am-3pm. Located at 1017 Kingsway Rd., Brandon, FL 33510. Open to all years and makes. Huge craft fair. Live Music. Registration is free, but they request a voluntary \$10 donation from car show entrants. Website: <http://baylife.org/carshow>.

√ November 18 — Mustang Club of West Central Florida hosts its 27th Annual Ponies Under the Palms Car Show. From 8:00am—3:00pm. \$24 pre-registration and \$30 day of show. All online registrations will be subject to a \$2.62 processing fee. This charity event is open to all years, makes, and models of Ford powered cars and trucks. This will be an independently, outside judged car show. Located at Main Street at Lakewood Ranch, 8155 Lakewood Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34202.

√ November 18 — Mason Dixon's 18th annual Best of the Best Car Show. To be held in the parking structure at The Shops at Wiregrass. Open to all makes and models. Registration 8:30am to 10:30am. Awards at 3:30. Single parking space is \$25 if received by 11/15/18. \$30 day of show. Register online at www.christmaswishtampa.com.

√ December 1—Streetside Classics Winter Car & Truck Show. 4610 Pet Lane, Lutz, FL 33559. Club participation win-

ner, 10 member minimum, \$100 + trophy. Open show to all years, makes and models. Judged show. 141 total awards. Rain or shine. 8am to 3pm. Registration fee is \$20/\$25. For info phone 727-321-1211.

√ **December 9 — MCT's Annual Christmas Party.** *Once again, our annual party will be held at Bahama Breeze in Tampa. Mark your calendars and watch for the event flier to be sent out soon.*

√ December 15—Quaker Steak & Lub Car & Truck Show. 12pm—5pm. 10400 49th Street N., Pinellas Park, FL. \$15 pre / \$20 Gate. Presented by Premium Productions. Open show with 70 Best of Show awards & 21 overall Best of Shows. Club participation winner \$100 (10 member minimum). Music, vendors plus 10% off food and beverage. Registration 12-3pm, judging begins at 3pm, awards around 5pm. Rain or shine.

√ January 12—Boggy Bottom Auto Show. 9:30am—2pm. Lupton's BBQ Ranch, 8407 Lupton Place, Plant City, FL. Open to all years, makes and models. This show is located in a beautiful country setting just south of Plant City. Over 20 vendors, 50/50 and more space for show vehicles. Breakfast served from 8-10:30am and a BBQ lunch buffet is served from 11:30am-1:45pm. Show car registration closes at 11am, then the professional judging starts. Registration includes

1 BBQ buffet wristbands and additional wristbands can be purchased the day of the show as well as ala carte grill items. Pre-registration is \$25 before December 31, day of show is \$30. Email: jcianfrocca@tampabay.rr.com. Phone: 813-409-2630.

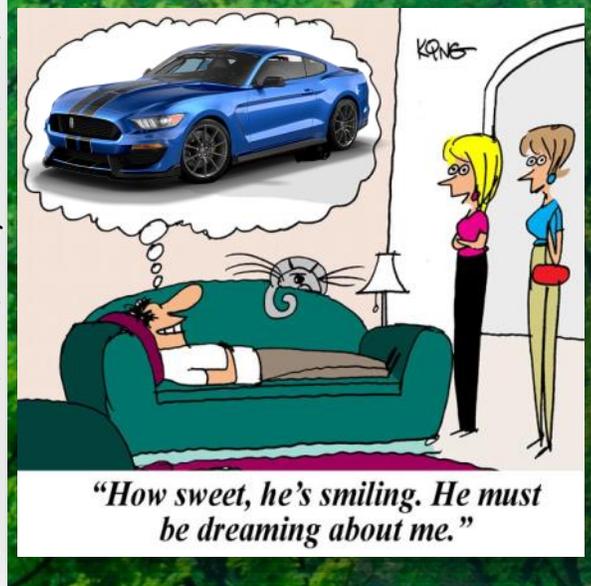
Other Noteworthy Activities -

√ November 27th — MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.

√ December 11th — MCT Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30pm.

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

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



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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 [mail-to:president@mustangcluboftampa.com](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
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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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Yes, at 14 years old, Tracy knew she wanted a convertible Mustang! Well, one weekend Harry had the car parked out on the front lot just before closing on Saturday. Harry knew putting the car out there all weekend would get a lot of interest. On Sunday, Tracy's mom happened to ride past the car lot and saw a bunch of people standing around. She took a double take and saw they were all looking at an older model Mustang convertible. She was so mad that she called Harry Dunn at home that night, asking why he hadn't called her about the car. That same day it so happened that Tracy's friend picked Tracy up and said, "let's go for a ride!" Tracy found herself being driven right to the car lot to see the Mustang that happened to be sitting there. Tracy's friend knew how badly Tracy wanted a convertible Mustang, and when Tracy laid eyes on the car it was love at first sight! When Tracy got home, she ran up the stairs, interrupting her parents who were talking in the kitchen, to tell them about this car. Her mom laughed because they just happened to be discussing the same car! Harry Dunn promised Tracy's mom he would open early the next Monday, so she could look at the car. Tracy's mom went that Monday morning, took a test drive and gave him a ten dollar deposit until she could get to the bank later in the day. To Tracy, the funniest part of this story is that when her dad went to work that Monday, he overheard his boss complaining about wanting to buy that Mustang at Dunn's Garage, but he was very upset because it had been sold by the time he had arrived to buy it ... OOPS!! Later that week Tracy's Mustang came home and has been "My (Tracy's) Little Girl" ever since (even though Tracy didn't get to drive her much until April 1984, when she got her driver's license.) But that's okay, maybe it gave her dad's boss time to cool off before he found out who the new owner was.

When purchased, Tracy's car, just like Tracy, was 16 years old and in original condition with only 29,000 miles. Tracy later discovered that she was the second owner. In those early years, the only work Tracy needed on the car was four new tires and a radiator. Along with that the usual oil change and routine maintenance. Tracy and her husband moved to Florida in 1993. By 1994, construction was completed on her new home and in 1996 her parents hauled her car the 1,100 miles from NJ to welcome her to her new home. *(Continued on Page 15)*



Black Friday: Because only in America do people trample others for sales exactly one day after being thankful for what they already have.
— Sally Ride, *Traveling Reporter*

Snapshots

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In 1998 Tracy had the car completely restored by Stu Rogers at Cal Roberts Auto Body in Seminole, FL. Tracy was able to enjoy her newly restored car until her daughter was born. When Tracy's daughter came along, she pretty much stopped taking the car out because it had no seat belts. So "My Little Girl" sat for many years, covered and kept in the garage. Over the years, Tracy's friends would ask her when she would get it back on the road and, finally last year, Tracy found someone who got her Mustang back up and running...and after finally having seatbelts added, Tracy was road bound once more, and the first ride Tracy took was with her daughter (who is currently a freshman attending UCF).



Tracy previously lived in New Jersey and, while there, was a member of the North Jersey Mustang Club (NJMC). In 1989, she got to attend the 25th Mustang Anniversary Celebration in Flushing Meadows, NY and got to meet Lee Iacocca! The party was only for people who drove their Mustang's and Tracy attended with other members of her NJMC.

Tracy has worked in the IT field for the last thirty years, specializing in EDI. She currently works as a Senior Delivery Manager at OpenText, and has been with the company for eighteen years. When not at work, Tracy enjoys going to the movies and spending time with friends.



After owning the car for the past thirty five years, Tracy loves the memories of growing up with her Mustang. She was Tracy's daily driver from 1984 to 1990 and Tracy took many trips with her down to the shores of Asbury Park and Seaside, NJ. Now Tracy plans to get out and make all new memories with her favorite Mustang. Tracy heard about MCT through Facebook and joined the club this year, and while we might see her in a couple of shows, Tracy really prefers local cruise-ins and meeting other Mustang fanatics. Well from one Mustang fanatic to another, welcome to the club Tracy!

*Vegetables are a "must" on a Thanksgiving diet.
I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread and pumpkin pie.
— Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

Reflections ... Now that we are in the month of Thanksgiving I've asked the staff to write down five things they are thankful for. This brought lots of looks of concern to their faces. Then I announced that these notes of thanks might be read at our upcoming Thanksgiving potluck. Yes, I told them that we would have a potluck again, after all. You'll remember that last year I threatened to cancel the Thanksgiving potluck when it turned into a food fight. It took me two days to get all the mashed potatoes out of my hair. But I'm getting hungry for a good Thanksgiving meal, so I relented. And this put happy faces on everyone. So now I'm trying to figure out if there are actually types of food that can't be used in a food fight. Probably not. I'll just have to wear my swim cap to lunch. Oh well, till next time! - Melinda, Editor