

# The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## Mustang of the Month: Eric & Candi Quirk's 2018 Mustang



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*(Article by Melinda Morales)*

This month we are pleased to feature the 2018 Mustang belonging to Eric and Candi Quirk. This Mustang is magnetic metallic, and 460HB Coyote engine ... 0-60 in 3.2 seconds!!! (Eric says with a grin.) It's 10-speed and in sport mode it sounds wild when engine braking. The 10-speed transmission is a pure pleasure and shifts very smoothly. Eric is glad for the 2018 changes, but he is also happy to see that additional modifications are slowly coming out for it. Eric says that a really cool feature is the "Active Exhaust." It's nice and quiet, making it fun to sneak up on someone ... then he changes it to sport mode and it roars like a Mustang should!

For Eric, this car was love at first "flight." Eric has added exterior billets, rear and side louvers, under carriage lights and is now just waiting for more mods to come out. Eric broke in his Mustang by driving up to Tennessee for his wife's birthday. He averaged 80 mph and got 28 mpg, and says, "that's impressive!"

Eric married his best friend, Candi. Originally from Boston, they have three grow sons, a five year old granddaughter named Brooke, and a second grandchild on the way. Eric has been a Master Home Inspector for twenty one years and in his free time he enjoys shooting and RV'ing.

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*If the broom fits ... ride it!*

## The Pony Express

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### A Note from your Editor...

Happy October fellow MCT members! My apologies for the delay in getting this month's newsletter out. It's been a hectic time for the staff!

I want to thank Harry DePeppe for providing an article about the Mitchell Homecoming night. This has become a very popular thing over the last couple of years. We also have pictures of our last MCT event, "Mustangs at the Museum."

Rusty Gillis has been away from his shop over the last month, out playing with Mustangs. But he has provided pictures and an article. We will have more on his journey next month.

I also want to thank Eric Quirk for letting me spotlight his latest edition to his stable. I always get a kick out of the way grown men grin continuously when they have a new "toy" ... and Eric is tickled pink with his ...

Last but not least, if you have anything you want to contribute to the newsletter, please contact me, or one of my staff. We always enjoy hearing from you. Until next time, happy reading! - Melinda

Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:  
**2,880!**

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.

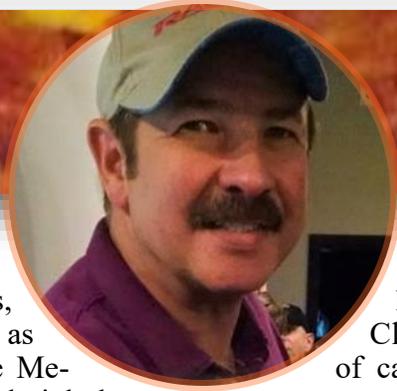


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## President's...

## ...Message



Hi MCT Members and Friends. As I'm writing this message I'm getting ready for my MCA meeting in Dallas, Texas. It should be a great meeting as one of the activities is to attend the Mecum Auction. I know, it's a tough job but someone has to do it. In addition, I should be receiving the President's Award for the Mustang Club of Tampa. Harold Champion has done an excellent job in reporting all of our activities and the requirements needed to be awarded the President's Award. Good job Harold and thanks for your support.

On another note, I can't believe that it's been a year since our "Ponies for Puerto Rico" drive to collect donations for the needy living in Puerto Rico. Many of us in the club have family and friends living in Puerto Rico. This was a memorable and heart felt event for me as we had family members, friends and friends from Wild Stallion's, Pony-Up, Suncoast Mustang Club, Bill Currie Ford and others in the community stepping up to help. Thank you for the great job of using our hobby to give back to the needy.

As for past events, Robbie Polo and Phil Collie set up a tour of the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. This was a mid-morning tour of the museum followed by a cruise to Ford's Garage – Countryside for lunch. We had a very nice group of 33 members and friends participating in this event. I want to congratulate Robbie and Phil for organizing a successful event for MCT. The Museum had some very rare cars that we have never seen before. The staff and the tour guide we had were great and full of information. After the tour of the Museum we cruised to Ford's Garage for a nice lunch. Thanks again, guys, for a great event.

Next, for the last couple of years J. W. Mitchell High School (the Home of the "Mustangs") have contacted Harry DePeppe for their homecoming event. Therefore Harry has organized volunteer drivers, along with their Mustangs, to help celebrate Mitchell Mustang Pride at their Homecoming Celebration. I want to thank Harry DePeppe and our members for another successful event for MCT.

Next, John and Darlene Esposito, supporters and

MCT members hosted Cruising for Critters Car Show on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater. This event was open to all years of cars, trucks and motorcycles. This event was a total success with all the proceeds (over \$7,000) benefiting the Humane Society of Tampa. The Esposito's want to thank MCT members that supported the event and volunteered by helping with parking and other car show duties. Thank you all.

As we head into the last quarter of the year, we have some upcoming event I'd like to focus on. The first event is our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tampa Joe's. This car show will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa and Special Olympics Florida. Please register as soon as possible as we are limited on space. Hope to see you there. Then on December 9<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual MCT Christmas Party. This year, as last year, the venue will be Bahama Breeze. Last year we had an awesome party full of fun and laughter. If you haven't been to a Bahama Breeze, they have great food, and this location has a beautiful view of the bay. So, mark your calendars and I will be sending a flier out shortly.

At our September General meeting our Guest Speaker was Rusty Gillis. our MCT Treasurer. Rusty spoke about his trip and celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Cobra Jet reunion in Norwalk Ohio. He presented slides of his past racing events and current reunion. On another note, please remember we are always looking for Guest Speakers for our General MCT meetings. If you have a lead or suggestion, please let Frank Cosota, our VP, know so he can make the necessary arrangements

In closing, I want to thank all of Members, Officers and Board of Directors that are stepping up and working hard to make MCT a successful Club. Stay tuned for some more MCT fun events. I hope to see you all at our next activity or General meeting.

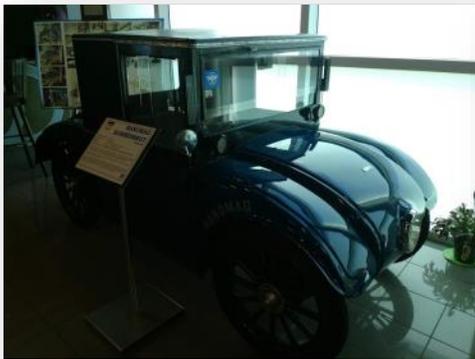
Best regards,  
Frank Morales, MCT President  
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# Highlights

## MCT's Mustangs at the Museum Event



On Saturday, September 8th, 2018 MCT held a 'Mustangs at the Museum' event. We met at Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater and cruised a short distance to the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. We had a great group and thoroughly enjoyed the Museum with its very rare cars, some we have never seen before! After enjoying the Museum, we cruised to Ford's Garage—Countryside for lunch to cap off the event. Special thanks to Robbie Polo, MCT's Cruise Director, for a fantastic job in coordinating this event! Also, thanks to Phil Collie for helping to make the arrangements with the Museum. Thanks again, for a great event.



For Halloween I've decided the easiest thing to do is give up caffeine. If that doesn't scare the heck out of everyone around me, nothing will.  
— Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

# Highlights

## MCT's Mustangs at the Museum Event (cont'd)



I love Halloween. It's the only night of the year I can wear a wedding dress without looking desperate. — Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter

# Highlights

## MCT's Mustangs at the Museum Event (cont'd)



The older I get, the harder it is to find someone willing to share a horse costume with me. — Rusty Sparks, Staff Mechanic

## Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total membership  
is **167 families,**  
**289 total members!**

Steven Niosi & Toniann Guarisco '14 Convertible  
Peter & Shannon Jones '15 Fastback  
Chris Fantini '17 Shelby GT350  
Jim Wise '17 Coupe  
Justin McRae '15 Fastback  
Russ Hostetler & Xiao Zhang '66 Convertible  
John & Koki Nealy '06 Coupe GT  
Sunthorn & Dawn Ingersoll '17 Fastback  
Scott & Amanda Bowling '18 Fastback  
Troy & Lori Gotschall '68 Coupe &  
'15 GT Fastback  
Scott & Mandy Michie '85 Hatchback T-Top

Harry & Brenda Henry '16 Coupe GT350  
Reginald Osenton '13 Coupe  
Theresa Gaschler '66 Convertible  
Bobbie Corley '03 Coupe &  
'18 Coupe  
Alejandro Loureiro '18 Fastback  
Scott & Amber Kurowski '16 Fastback GT350  
Joe & Sharon Della Fave '14 CA Special Must.  
Michael & Patricia Young '18 Mustang GT  
'97 Mustang GT  
Lawrence & Tammy Veague '02 Mustang GT  
Mike & Mary Drovie '16 Mustang Coupe



*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**— 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](mailto:jon.eshleman@sbcglobal.net). Can deliver within 50 miles of Spring Hill.

*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)*

# Highlights

## MCT and the Mitchell High School Homecoming

By Harry DePeppe

On Friday evening September 28th, thirteen Mustang Club of Tampa members along with two parents participated in the annual Homecoming event for JW Mitchell High School in Trinity. It is fitting to use our cars since the school's mascot is the *Mustang*! It was also a great opportunity for us to showcase the Mustang Club of Tampa's community involvement, with our support for their event. Our members proudly displayed their mix of classic and later-model convertible Mustangs under the bright lights of the football stadium. The school was overwhelming in their appreciation and gratitude for our participation.

Driving their beautiful convertible Mustangs were: Lucy & Jim Carroll, Harold Champion, Frank Cossota, Joe & Sharon Della Fave, Harry DePeppe, Darlene & John Esposito, Dave Henson, Tom Jankowski, Jerry & Lorraine May, Mark McGovern, Bob Pfeiffer & Alexandra Stavros, Howie Taylor and Jim Ventola. John Esposito and Howie Taylor took over the responsibility of taking many photos & videos. Also, one from a drone, piloted by a young person, Jeffrey DiVincent. Looking forward to sharing all of them soon.

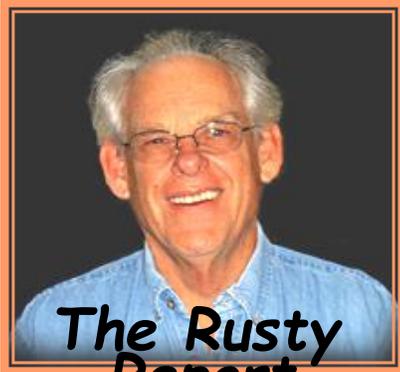
Meeting at a nearby parking lot, we staged everyone in a pre-determined order for the short trip to the football field. Pasco County Sheriff's Deputies in their flashing light cruisers, stopped the traffic light and escorted us front and rear onto the track of the stadium. After our arrival, drivers and copilots were generously treated to a hospitality tent with a great assortment of brats, hot dogs, wings and cold refreshments. Everyone had their Mustangs polished and ready. At halftime, the Homecoming Court young ladies in their shimmering gowns were driven in front of the stands, waving to their families and friends. You could literally feel the pride and happiness, not only from the teens, but from everyone present on the field and in the stands, but I think also the pride our members felt giving these young folks their time to shine.

The young men in their formal tuxes, assisted the young ladies into and out of the vehicles. They then were escorted, to the accompaniment of the large HS band, to the center of the field for their ceremonies. It was a spectacular sight, that was transformed into great memories for these young teens and their families. The school event coordinator thanked us effusively for our part in a great, successful homecoming. My thanks and sincere appreciation to all the MCT members who took part.



*My lack of dusting skills will finally pay off this Halloween." — Paige Turner, Reporter-at-Large*

# 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 1968 "135" Mustangs ...*

Limited 428 Cobra Jet Mustang production began with a run of 50 (enough to qualify for NHRA stock racing classes) non-GT fastbacks (body style 63A) that were scheduled for assembly at the Dearborn assembly plant on December 30, 1967. The VINs were serialized consecutively starting with 8F02R135007 and ending with 8F02R135056. All were painted Wimbledon White and equipped with a black vinyl interior (code 2A), heavy duty 4-speed manual transmission (code 5), manual drum brakes, and (code 7 (3.25:1) door tag code notwithstanding) a 3.89:1 rear axle ratio. 30 of the vehicles were assembled with seam sealer and sound deadener (noted by DSO code 844660) and 20 were built without seam sealer and sound deadener (noted by DSO code 844661).

The program was announced to dealers in a telegram sent from Jacque Passino to regional and district sales managers on December 26, 1967. Note that the telegram describes the DSO option numbers as 84-5660 and 84-5661, not 84-4660 and 84-4661. The cars were eventually distributed for sale to a small number of dealers in the US and Canada. Several made their way into the hands of race teams, and two (8F02R135050 and 8F02R135054) were part of the contingent of six cars that introduced the 428 Cobra Jet to the world at the 1968 NHRA Winternationals. (My dad Ray Gillis at the time was truck manager at Grant Ford in St. Petersburg FL and tried to order one but we couldn't get one.)

On January 28, 1968 Hubert Platt introduced the 428 Cobra Jet Mustang to the racing world during the NHRA Winter Nationals held at Lions Drag Strip near Los Angeles. He drove one car in C/Stock and red-lighted a 12.62 run in the first round of Top Stock. Ford's 428 Cobra Jet engine made its "en masse" drag racing debut at the eighth annual National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Winternationals held from February 2 - 4, 1968, at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona, California.

Ford Motor Company sponsored five drivers (Gas Ronda, Jerry Harvey, Hubert Platt, Don Nicholson, and Al Joniec) to race six 428 CJ-equipped Mustangs. The Mustangs raced in the C Stock Automatic (C/SA, 9.00 - 9.49 lbs. per advertised horsepower), Super Stock E, and Super Stock E Automatic (SS/E manual transmission, SS/EA automatic transmission, 8.70 - 9.49 lbs. per advertised horsepower) classes. The engine lived up to expectations as four of the cars made it to their respective class finals. Al Joniec won both his class (defeating Hubert Platt in an all-CJ final) and the overall Super Stock Eliminator (defeating Dave Wren) title.

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## The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Each car was shipped to Holman-Moody-Stroppe in Long Beach, California for race preparation. The engines planned for these vehicles weren't exactly what we now consider to be "stock" 428 Cobra Jet engines.

The list of drag strip modifications for Stock class racing is extensive, and includes 427-style connecting rods, a C8AX-C cam, forged pistons with an 11.0:1 compression ratio, Doug's or Jardine headers, cut blocker transmission rings, a 4.44:1 Detroit Locker rear end, Goodyear slicks, and traction bars. Cars prepared for Super Stock racing got all of the Stock class modifications plus an offset 427 aluminum intake manifold, solid lifter C8AX-D cam, Crane heavy duty valve springs, lightweight valves, a heavy duty clutch, a 4.71:1 Detroit Locker, and bigger slicks. Other modifications for both clas-

ses include adjustable rocker arms (and associated valve train components), and a 427-style, C5AZ-E dual-point distributor.

We believe that we have identified all six cars by driver and VIN based on information discovered in corporate memos. Marti reports have confirmed the memo information. In two cases we've found discrepancies between Ford documentation and the VINs stamped onto the fender aprons and dash tags. We're reporting dash tag VINs and noting where they disagree with Ford documentation.

Five of the six cars (983, 984, 986, 987, 992) are known to exist today; we identify those cars by VIN. We don't report full VIN information for the one car that remains unfound (985) in an effort to keep that VIN from being fraudulently reused.

We are actively seeking information to confirm the whereabouts of the 985 car. We have reliable information that suggests that it was last seen in a Florida wrecking yard in the 1970s. It may have met its demise there.

### 985 Results:

- Lost (red light, 11.59 113.06) to Al Joniec (12.12 109.48) in class final<sup>1</sup>.
- Defeated Arlen Vanke in eliminator round one.
- Defeated (11.09) Ronnie Sox (11.74) in eliminator round two<sup>2,4</sup>.
- Lost (red light) to Al Joniec in eliminator quarter-final<sup>2</sup>.

(Rusty's story continues on page 11) ...



985 Car

# Features

(Rusty's Story, continued from Page 10)



## The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

Rusty Gillis.

We recently asked Rusty if he could tell us anything about the car or if he could confirm the VIN:

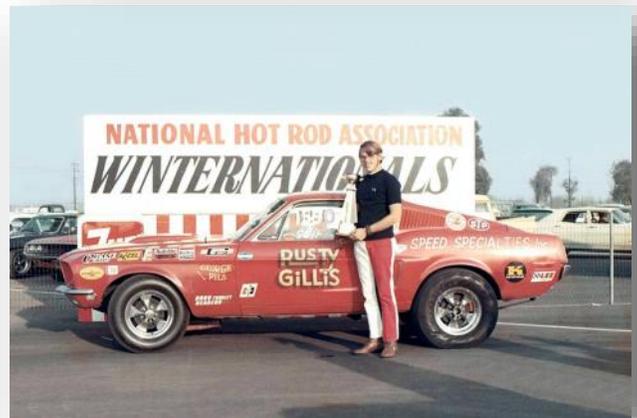
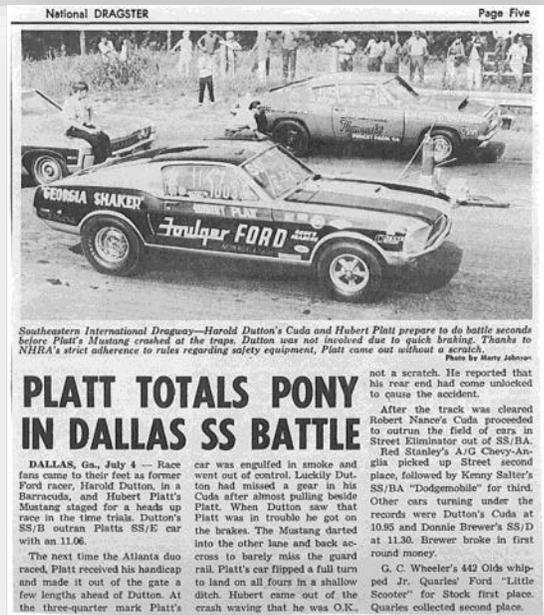
I don't know for sure. Hubert had two cars. One Super Stocker and I've seen pictures of an automatic that I think was a stocker. The one I got I was told by Randy Payne was that Hubert wrecked it and he fixed it and Randy raced it for a while. The only 1968 Mustang that I know Hubert wrecked was the silver & black Foulger Ford car. When I got it there was an automatic in it but it had a stick brake pedal. Hubert had loaned it to Patty Young after she wrecked her car. He offered it to me while riding in the Ford Drag Team truck on the way to Detroit. He said he was getting the car back from Patty and wanted \$3500 for it and I borrowed the money from my Uncle.

Hubert Platt called yesterday (in 2009) to ask me what I did with my 1968 Super Stock Mustang that he raced at Pomona and I bought from him in 1969. I had to give him the bad news that in 1975 we started to update it to current NHRA rules by tubbing it. The gas crunch was putting my Dad's used car lot out of business and I left the shell behind my body shop that I was renting when I left. I had nowhere to take it to and someone smashed the acid dipped fender and we never finished tubbing it. I heard about 30 years ago it was in a junk yard in Bradenton.

Ford documentation describes the car as "Sold to Hubert Platt under \$1.00 contract".

*Rusty's story continues next month ...*

The current location of this car is unknown. Hubert continued to race this car after the Winternationals. We have reason to believe that this is the car that he later rolled and wrecked in Georgia. The wrecked car was sold to Randy Payne (who raced it under Foulger Ford sponsorship) and then to



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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 - 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.

## Member Businesses and Services



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

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

### *Mustang Club of America*



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

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

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

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

## Car Shows & Other Events

Events are subject to change.  
Always check with organizers.

### Car Shows -

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

✓ **October 13**—9th Annual Nature Coast Mustang Club All Ford Powered Car & Truck Show. Located at Nick Nicholas Ford, 2901 Hwy 44 West Inverness, FL. Pre-reg is \$20 or \$25 day of show. Registration from 8am—10am. Awards at 2pm. Proceeds to benefit Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association. They are also collecting donations for local charities, if you bring 3 non-perishable food or toiletry items you'll receive 1 raffle ticket. For more info contact them at NatureCoastMustangs.com.

✓ **October 14** — 2018 Series Car & Truck Show. Located at the Shops at Wiregrass, 2811 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel, FL. Registration \$20/\$25. 10am to 4pm. Open show with 60 classes, 2 Best of Show awards. For more information go to [www.premiumcarshows.com](http://www.premiumcarshows.com).

✓ **October 20**—Antique/Classic & Hot Rod Car Show. From Noon to 2:00pm. Location is St. Timothy Catholic Church, 17512 Lakeshore Road, Lutz, FL 33624. Register by emailing [tjankowski@gmail.com](mailto:tjankowski@gmail.com) or calling 727-350-7361. Rides for kids, international food court, Helicopter landing in courtyard, live entertainment.

✓ **November 3** — *MCT Car Show at Tampa Joe's This show supports Big Brothers Big Sisters and Special Olym-*

*pics Florida. Come on out and support your club! Flier is available on the MCT website. You can register and pay online at [www.mustangcluboftampa.com](http://www.mustangcluboftampa.com). Registration is 9am-11am. Live DJ. Located at 9316 Anderson Road, Tampa, FL 33634.*

✓ **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](http://www.christmaswishtampa.com).

✓ **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.*

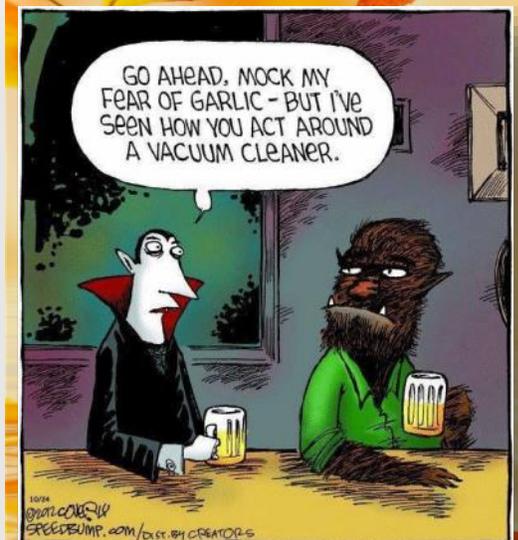
### Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ **October 9th** — *MCT Board Meeting. Our next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30pm.*

✓ **October 23rd** — *MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd 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



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Dealership Contact for MCT Members:

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**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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MCT is Eric's initiation into the Mustang World. When he joined the club he had a 2015 Anniversary Edition EcoBoost which was a fun car for his first Mustang. Shortly after that, the "need for speed" got the better of him and he bought a 2017 California Special GT.

When Eric went to purchase his new Mustang, his addiction to Mustangs made his sales person just shake his head. He purchased all three of the Mustang's within six months of each other. In fact, a service manager told Eric that his addiction for "New Car Smell" was the worst he had ever seen.



Eric and Candi enjoy the events that MCT puts together and says they are "top notch." When asked what Eric likes best about the Mustang hobby, he says it is the people, the stories, and the eye candy (and yes, he is referring to the cars.) I have no doubt that you will be seeing Eric and Candi's newest edition to the stable at upcoming car shows!

I think for Halloween I will dress up as Karma. Some of you should be worried. —  
Rumer Mills, Investigative Reporter

**Reflections** ... This month starts the Holiday Season for the Staff here at the Pony Express. I find that its better to humor the little picadillo's and ideocracies of the Staff that come with this time of year. They started off by declaring that each week of October would be costume week, and every week required a new costume. The first week's theme was "Dress as your hero" and the entire, and I mean *entire staff*, dressed up in varying costumes that looked surprisingly like me. I laughed for a half hour until I realized that they were all just competing with each other to see who could get the biggest pay raise at the end of the year. That thought kind of took the edge off the fun ... at least for me.

The next scheduled theme is "Dress as your favorite ghoul." I forgot myself at our recent Staff Meeting and laughingly said, "How nice for you all, you can all come as yourselves!" That comment kind of took the edge off the fun ... at least for them. I made it up to them by telling them I would sponsor a Halloween Party and the theme of it would be "Dress as your favorite Magical Creature." Since this announcement Lupe Minute hasn't stopped looking for a *real* unicorn horn and Rusty Sparks has been practicing *slithering* around on the ground. Somehow I think I'm not going to have the last laugh this month ...

Till next time! - Melinda, Editor