

# The Pony Express

MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## Mustang of the Month: Kevin Riley's 2008 Shelby



*(Article by Kevin Riley)* I am submitting my “new” 2008 Shelby GT for the feature car of the month in the MCT newsletter.

While waiting on my GT/GS to get to Nevada, I tried to sell it and thought of replacing it with something out here. During that time, I began looking for a replacement car. I knew it would be a Mustang, since I’ve owned many over the years. Initially, I found a few late model GTs that interested me, but nothing jumped out at me as having to buy it. Once my GT/CS was in route, I looked again on Auto Trader. Imagine this....a 2008 Shelby GT about 35 miles from me. I was interested in this, as I was in Las Vegas , at the Shelby facility, when Shelby was building both the 2007 and 2008 Shelby GTs. I had looked at several over the years, but never bought one. (Thank you to Robbie Polo for his assistance and knowledge on these cars in prior searches.)

I ended up going to St. George Ford in Utah to look at this car. It was as nice as I could expect. It was a 2 owner car, with 16,000 miles on it. The stripes and hood scoop were great on this car. These two areas are known issues on the Shelby GTs. *(Continued on page 16)*

*Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?*

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## The Pony Express

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(Note: Melinda writes under multiple pen names)

## A Note from your Editor...

Happy September fellow MCT members! I can't believe Summer is over and we will soon be heading into the holiday season. I'm tired just thinking about it. Anyway, we have a special treat for you ... long time (and now lifetime) member Kevin Riley, who recently retired and relocated to Nevada is featured in this month's edition. I'm sure everyone will enjoy seeing how well Kevin is settling in.

We also have a nice write up from our Membership Director, Harry DePeppe, on the growth of our club. We also have plenty of pictures from our recent Mustangs and Hot Shots Event. These monthly events are very popular as they don't start too early (like car shows), we get to have a nice lunch and spend time with fellow members, and then we have the rest of the day to take care of all the things we save for weekends. Thanks to Robbie Polo, our Cruise Director, for making these events happen.

On a final note, I'm looking for members who want to be featured in our Mustang of the Month article. If you are interested in having your car covered in an upcoming edition, please contact me! Until then, I hope you enjoy this month's edition! Happy reading! - Melinda

## Thanks to our Club Leaders!

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Facebook Friends of the MCT is now up to:  
**2,829!**

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



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

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

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# Up Front

## President's...

## ...Message



Greeting MCT Members and Friends.

I hope you all had a wonderful Labor Day Weekend. The month of August was very busy for me, with a board meeting, MCT activity (Mustang & Hot Shots), and general meeting. As for past events, on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Robbie Polo put together another awesome activity for MCT, called Hot Shots and Mustangs. Although we had rainy weather to start the event, as we did last year, it turned out to be a successful event. We had 37 members & guests register for the event. It was interesting to see fellow MCT members having fun and competing for the marksmanship award and bragging rights. Robbie and Fred Flesche (MCT Member & Shooting Sports owner) planned some exciting shooting activities for the our MCT participants. I want to thank Fred & Margaret Flesche for the hospitality, it was very much appreciated by all participating MCT members. After we practiced our shooting we cruised in our Mustangs to the Wing House for lunch. Yes, games, a cruise, and lunch with fellow MCT members and friends – life is beautiful. If you didn't attend you missed out on a great time. Members have already asked for a sequel for next year as it was a lot of fun, so don't miss out next year. Thanks, Robbie, for organizing another successful event for MCT!

Next Robbie Polo and Phil Collie are setting up a tour of the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum for Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a mid-morning tour of the museum followed by a cruise to Ford's Garage – Countryside for lunch. The group rate is \$5 per person and we will have plenty of room for parking right in front of the Museum. I hear the Museum has some very rare cars for us to see.

Next, as you have notice, and as advertised at our General Meeting, we have moved our November car show to Tampa Joe's on Anderson Road. The move from Bill Currie Ford was done at Jennifer Currie's request as they are going through some reorganization at the dealership. We appreciate Jennifer's sup-

port of MCT and totally understand her request. Therefore, after very careful evaluation of various suggestions for a car show, the Board decided on Tampa Joe's. I have met with Tampa Joe's owner & management and have their total support for a successful event. This car show will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa and Special Olympics Florida. We invite you to support our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Round on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Next, John & Darlene Esposito, club supporters and MCT members, are hosting the Cruising for Critters Car Show on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Quaker Steak & Lube in Clearwater. This event is open to all years of cars, trucks & motorcycles. There will be a 50/50 and silent auction with all the proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of Tampa. The Esposito's have asked MCT to support their event and asked for volunteers to help with parking and other car show duties. MCT has voted to support this event. Please mark your calendars and let us know if you can volunteer to help. I hope to see you there.

Please remember we are always looking for Guest Speakers for our General MCT meetings. If you have a lead or suggestion, please let Frank Cossota, our VP, know so he can make the necessary arrangements. Our September Guest Speaker will be Rusty Gillis our MCT Treasurer. Rusty will speak about his trip and celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Cobra Jet reunion in Norwalk Ohio.

In closing, I want to thank all of you that participated and help make the Mustangs & Hot Shots a total success and congratulation to MCT and Robbie for another successful event. Stay turn 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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**You know it's the first day of fall when Starbucks starts serving Pumpkin Spice Lattes. — Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher**

## Welcome to Our Newest MCT Members...

Our total membership is 163 families, 283 total members!

Justin McRae	'15 Fastback		'18 Coupe
Russ Hostetler & Xiao Zhang	'66 Convertible	Alejandro Loureiro	'18 Fastback
John & Koki Nealy	'06 Coupe GT	Scott & Amber Kurowski	'16 Fastback GT350
Sunthorn & Dawn Ingersoll	'17 Fastback	Joe & Sharon Della Fave	'14 CA Special Must.
Scott & Amanda Bowling	'18 Fastback	Michael & Patricia Young	'18 Mustang GT
Troy & Lori Gotschall	'68 Coupe &		'97 Mustang GT
	'15 GT Fastback	Lawrence & Tammy Veague	'02 Mustang GT
Scott & Mandy Michie	'85 Hatchback T-Top	Mary Martinez-Drovie &	'16 Mustang Coupe
Harry & Brenda Henry	'16 Coupe GT350	Mike Drovie	
Reginald Osenton	'13 Coupe	Johnny & Tasha Wyatt	'08 Mustang GT Conv.
Theresa Gaschler	'66 Convertible	Roger & Jenny Campeau	'18 Mustang GT
Bobbie Corley	'03 Coupe &		Coupe
		Karen & Frank Belajac	'05 Mustang



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



*Here's to Harry!*

### Membership Update *(By Harry DePeppe, Membership Director)*

As the club Membership Director, I have the honor and pleasure to be the first to welcome new members. Within a day after a new member joins, I send a detailed e-mail, welcoming them to the MCT family. I follow that up several days later with a formal letter, including their MCT ID card(s), MCT windshield decal and a few "Nice Mustang" cards for their use in their daily travels. In both the email and letter, I inform them of our club history, our impressive charitable efforts, and recent and future events.

With so many successful events this year and many planned, we have enjoyed a resurgence of renewing members. History shows that each year, we have members that move away, or their situation changes so they reluctantly cannot renew their MCT membership. But of the 66 renewing members, 23 have been renewed for two years, demonstrating their commitment. Note: Members joining after Oct. 1st, 2017 enjoy a full year membership term, so that the 5/31 renewal period will gradually have less of an impact going forward.

To put it into perspective, after the end of last year's renewal period for many of our members, we had a total number of 140 active members. This year, after the same renewal period ended, it has resulted in a total of 163 active members, an increase of 23 over last year or 16.4%. Proof positive that the Mustang Club of Tampa, in our 37th year, is still a dynamic, growing club with enthusiastic members.

With our annual Holiday party, the Spring picnic, the MCT Fall & Spring car shows, our monthly activities & cruises, we certainly do a lot with our Mustangs. On top of all that, we can realize the deep satisfaction of knowing that with our participation in MCT charitable events, we are not only enjoying our hobby, but also serving the local community. The two together makes MCT membership a rewarding benefit!

# Highlights

## MCT's Mustangs & Hot Shots Event



On August 11th, 2018 MCT held a 'Mustangs and Hot Shots' event. We met at Shooting Sports on Dale Mabry in Tampa, and took some target practice and played some shooting games for a couple of hours. After completing our competitions we gathered for a group picture and some fun awards. Then we caravanned to The Wing House for lunch. There we had a great lunch to cap off the event. This event was planned with the summer weather in mind, and it proved to be a very successful event, and one that we are looking forward to repeating again next year. Special thanks to Robbie Polo, MCT's Cruise Director, for a fantastic job in coordinating this event! And congratulations to the award winners! You are all good sports (and shots)!!



I love those random memories that make me smile no matter what is going on in my life right now. — Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

# Highlights

## MCT's Mustangs & Hot Shots Event (Cont'd)



I'm not crazy I'm just ... special! ...No, wait maybe I am crazy. Hmmm, one second. I need to talk to myself about this ... hold on! — Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

# Highlights

## MCT's Mustangs & Hot Shots Event (Cont'd)



I love rumors. I always find out the most amazing things about myself that I never knew. — *Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

### The Mustang Ladies Corner

*By Lupe Minute, Lifestyle Reporter*

Labor Day weekend is that holiday when many people get out and go for a nice long drive to enjoy the last days of Summer. My Mustang Man is no different. In fact, I think it might be his favorite holiday. He always says that going for a drive in his Mustang is like a present to himself. He's so cute when he's happy. So this year we once again hit the road for a nice long drive. We don't always know where we will stop along our way, but my Mustang Man always programs something into his Navigation System. He has a little game he plays to amuse himself. You know when your Navigation route is programmed and it tells you how long it will take to get to your destination? Well my Mustang Man has turned that into a personal challenge by attempting to shave 5 to 10 minutes off of the projection. The yelling that goes on when he hits a red light is a little unnerving, but he usually manages to "beat" the navigation system's time. Which puts him in a particularly good mood for the remainder of the day.

As I sit in the passenger seat I, too, have my little amusements. For years my Mustang Man has hated it when I tell him which way to turn when we are driving somewhere. And with the new navigation systems he says I no longer need to "help" him in this way. I don't mind, because (as you know) I can find all sorts of other ways to help him here and there. Besides ... he may not think he needs my help getting to his destination, but I chuckle when I think that, with all this technology, men are still being told where to go by a woman. This thought always puts me in a particularly good mood too! I love Labor Day.

# Highlights

Hello from Nevada!

*(Article provided by Kevin Riley)*

Just a quick note to say Hi to all of my friends in the Mustang Club of Tampa. It's hard to believe it's been almost 3 months since I moved to Nevada. The trip out here was great. While Mary flew out here, our Grandson Austin rode with me and helped with the driving. We drove 2500 miles in 4 days. I had never driven cross country before, so it was a new experience for me. The different scenery was truly amazing. We went through small towns and large cities. We had 3 days of 700 miles each. Our final day was shorter in miles, but we stopped in several towns along Route 66 in Arizona (Williams, Seligman, Kingman), at the Hoover Dam, and also in Las Vegas.



*Kevin Riley*

We're pretty well settled in our new house and we really like it. It's different living in a small town. The best things about a small town are no traffic and the people are so friendly. The down side is limited choices for shopping and restaurants. As an example, even the people at the DVM and Social Security office were pleasant and helpful. This was really hard to believe.

I've met some people in a local car club. They meet weekly at a 50s diner in town for breakfast and attend various shows and cruises. It's a nice group of people and they are local. I still need to find a Mustang Club to get involved with. There are 3 Mustang clubs in Las Vegas and 2 are MCA clubs. Car show season out here is just like Florida...very limited in the summer time due to heat.

Speaking of heat, it sure is hot here. We have had 40 consecutive days with temps over 100. Highest temp so far has been 115. We still have temps over 100 at 9:00 pm. Morning lows are around 85. With no humidity, our 110 degree days feel very similar to Florida in the low to mid 90s.

The following story is of my saga of getting my 2009 GT/CS to my new home. While planning to move, I began checking auto transport companies to ship my 2009 GT/CS. I started with the big, national carriers, thinking they had the best chance of performing a long distance haul. I wanted to stay aware from brokers, as there are many horror stories of cars being damaged, delayed, or help up for more money than originally quoted. On April 2, 2018, I agreed to terms with company 1. I also had called company 2, another large national carrier. With company 2, I had to leave a voice mail on 3 occasions, and I never heard back from them, even though I had received an online quote. Company 1 was to pick the car up on or after May 6. I also agreed that the car could be available sooner, if they had a load heading west. By the middle of June, my white GT/CS was still sitting in Clearwater, FL, with no estimated time of pickup. I then called Company 2 again, and finally spoke to someone. They said they had "no idea" as to projected time of pickup, so I gave up on trying to deal with them. I then began trying to sell my GT/CS, but it was difficult with being so far away. I tried several of my wholesaler friends, but couldn't get a definite purchase agreement. During this time, I had contacted an individual that posts on the Antique Automobile Club of America forums. He is an independent hauler and has a large enclosed trailer. At the time of contact, he did not have any openings coming west. On Sunday, June 10, he contacted me that he had room for one car from Florida to the west coast of the US. We came to terms and he picked up my car in Clearwater on Monday June 12. I picked up my car on Sunday June 17 in Kingman, AZ, about 3 hours south of me. I drove it home, and all was well.

My moral of the story is don't always count on the large carriers to be the best. It all is based on time and other cars going the same direction. It's hard for me to believe that there was not a load going from Florida to the western US, but that's what I experienced.

# Highlights

## 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**— One of the Cadillacs of MC trailers (Retail \$2500-\$2700) without any extras. This comes with a full size brand new spare, re-trackable tire downs, all 4 sides and the a tongue jack with

two attachments (wheel and flat stand). Set up for a 2 inch ball. Tow's nice an straight. You don't even know its behind you. Stands up when not in use - Always garaged! Priced at \$1850.00. Jerry May. For more information visit the DropTail Web site. Note: Bike in the picture not included in this sale!



**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 inter-

ested 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.

**For Sale**— Set of four Hankook tires wheels and skins size 235/55/17 like new, only 6K on them. Asking \$475 OBO. Call John at 727-385-4583 or email him at [jce497fl@aol.com](mailto:jce497fl@aol.com). (See pictures below).



*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)*

**You know your driving is really terrible when your GPS says "After 300 feet, stop and let me out!" — Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher**

# 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 ...

I have been working very hard getting my Mustang ready for the 50<sup>th</sup> Cobra Jet Reunion in Norwalk Ohio and also work on customers cars. I was told about this event last year but of course put off getting it back together until the last minute. The plan was to load the car Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> and leave early in the morning Wednesday August 22.

I picked up the 428 Cobra Jet from Mike at Competition Motorsports in Sarasota August 7<sup>th</sup>. (See picture #1). The first thing I did was install the C4 race transmission that has a 8" torque converter and custom bell-housing that bolts up to a 428 FE engine. (See picture #2).

Getting ready to install the engine. (See picture #3). Wednesday I started bolting the headers on the right side and wasn't getting very far. I told Debbie when I got home the headers won the battle today but I will win the war. This is what Hooker race headers look like for a Cobra Jet in a Mustang. I have had these headers since 1993 and as you can see they have been hammered on to get them to fit. (See picture #4).

There is not very much room to fit the headers and start the bolts because of the shock towers. I even have to shorten a couple of bolts and grind on the wrench to make it smaller so I have room to work. (See picture #5).

Once you install the individual header tubes you have to fit the collector and that is attached with 2 bolts. I had to use a small 2x4 and hammer to get the collector to go on. (See picture #6).

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



#1



#2



#3



#6



#5



#4



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# Features

(Rusty's Story, continued from Page 10)



## The Rusty Report

By Rusty Gillis

This is how it looks in front and there is not a lot of ground clearance. (See picture #7).

I finally got everything hooked up and fixed a few leaks and was ready to start it August 18<sup>th</sup> but it would not start. I didn't have any spark. Russell Gerhardt drove about an hour to come down and help find the electrical problem and it started around 5:30 Saturday. Turned out I had a bad ground wire. (See picture #8).

Russell was at the shop around 10 Sunday morning and we loaded it in his trailer and he took it back to his house. We left Wednesday morning at 6:15. (See picture #9).



#7



#8



#9



#10



#11

We made it to the track Thursday around 11. They were a day behind setting up the tents because a bad storm come through with a lot of rain on Tuesday and had high winds on Wednesday. I just parked it in the field while they were finishing the tents. They had around 200 Cobra Jets there on Friday. (See picture #10).

This was Friday and I had a lot of guys come by saying they were following me on Facebook. I spent most of my time in the tent taking to people. (See picture #11).

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

Sometimes I surprise myself with the smart things I say and do.  
Then there are times I try to get out of the car with my seat belt on.  
— Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher

# 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



## Mustang Club of America

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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 -

✓ **September 8** — *MCT's Tampa Bay Automotive Museum tour. Join us for a tour of this museum and then lunch afterwards.*

✓ **September 9**—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).

✓ **September 15** — Cruising for Critters Car Show. Hosted by Cruising for Critters, Inc., a 501c(3) fundraiser, with all proceeds benefiting the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. Open to all years of cars, trucks & Motorcycles. Show will be located at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL 33762. Show Hours: 10am to 3pm. Registration 10am to 12pm. Registration: \$20/pre and \$25/day-of-show. Donated Pet Supplies will be accepted. Best in Show Trophies, by popular vote, to top 30. Plus trophies for Shelter Choice, Managers Choice and Club Participation Awards. Live D.J. For more information visit them at <https://cruisingforcritters.org/> or email at [cruising4critters@gmail.com](mailto:cruising4critters@gmail.com).

✓ **September 22** — Quaker Steak & Lube 2018 Series Car & Truck Show. 10400 49th Street N., Pinellas Park, FL. 12pm-5pm. Registration \$15 Pre / \$20 Gate. Presented by

Premium Productions. Open show with 70 Best of Show awards & 21 overall Best of Shows. Music, vendors plus 10% off food and beverage. Email: [premiumcarshows@verizon.net](mailto:premiumcarshows@verizon.net).

✓ **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](http://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).

✓ **November 3** — *MCT Car Show at Tampa Joe's (flier available soon).*

✓ **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>.

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

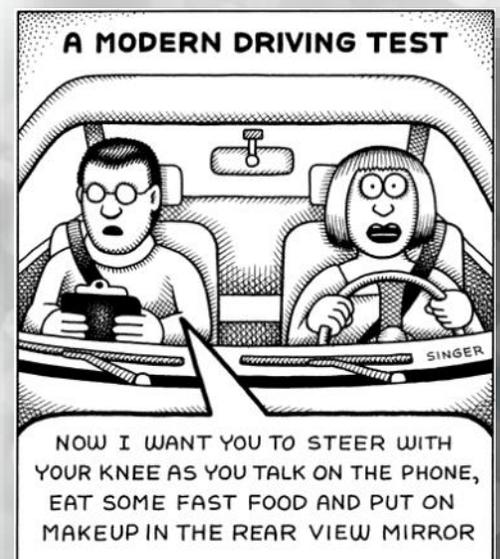
### Other Noteworthy Activities -

✓ **September 25th** — *MCT General Meeting. Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, in the room over the Bill Currie Ford showroom.*

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

(See MCT Website for fliers.)

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



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Thank you !



# Snapshots



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The prior owner had owned it over 7 years and he kept it in a garage at all times. He had just traded this car, plus a 2013 Boss 302 towards a new Shelby GT350. I was able to talk to him, and verify certain aspects of the car. I then contacted Steven Thornton, the director of the Shelby Registry, to confirm authenticity of the car. Steven confirmed the car is legit. It had been in the registry by the two previous owners. Steven reviewed the online photos of the car, and pointed out a few Shelby appearance accessories that are on the car. Mechanically, the car is stock, as built by Shelby.



I then worked a deal to trade my GT/CS towards this Shelby. They appraised my trade “sight unseen” based on Car Fax and some pictures from my phone. I went back the following Saturday and completed the deal.

I love how this car drives. It’s like a different vehicle than my 2009. The obvious differences are the 3.55 gears, 5 speed with Hurst shifter and the Shelby suspension updates.

Once it cools down, I’ll get it out to some shows. I have signed up for a 3 day event in Mesquite towards the end of September. I’ll also try to get to the annual “Shelby Bash” in Las Vegas in January. Take care.



*I really think that tossing and turning at night should be considered exercise.  
— Ada Sage, Staff Philosopher*

**Reflections ...** I think I may have made a mistake last month, taking the staff with me to our Pins and Ponies Bowling event. Unfortunately it led them to the collective idea that they would be taken to *every* event. Well, since this month’s event, Mustang’s and Hot Shots, was at a Shooting Range I had to give that a little thought. Really? Did you think I needed to think about that one? Even for a moment? Look, I love my staff. They’re like a big wonderful dish of ice cream covered in awesome sauce. Then again, that dish also contains a splash of crazy, and a dash of feisty ... and lets not forget that the best dishes of ice cream are covered by a bunch of nuts. No, I didn’t need to think about this one for even a moment.

As soon as they saw the flier for the event they started “carrying.” I don’t know what scares me more. The fact that they *can* carry, or the fact that two of them said they weren’t allowed to carry, but wouldn’t explain why. Rusty Sparks started cleaning his gun in the lunch room. Sally Ride told him he ought to start a gun cleaning clinic and she would bring out “all” of hers. Rumer Mills started carrying her purse with her everywhere, which was okay, except she kept patting a noticeable bulge on the side of it. Ada Sage kept shaking her head in that annoyingly superior way, while Lupe Minute kept ducking for cover like she was in the middle of the OK Corral. No, my staff won’t be allowed to attend every MCT Event. *And you’re welcome for that.* Till next time! - Melinda, Editor