



THE PONY EXPRESS

Newsletter of MCT

February 2020

This is a significant year for MCT, our 40th. Way back in 1980 a handful of men had the idea to start this club. They had no idea the group would grow to be what it is, much less be around 40 years, and we are fortunate to still have a couple of them active in the club. Stay tuned for more on club history this year.

We have many things planned, and more in the works with activities and great shows this spring and into the year. We also have the most pleasant weather in Florida the next couple of months for the car show hobby. Don't miss out, clean up the Mustang, bring the family, and join friends as we get together for shows and events.

We also have some interesting meeting programs arranged. The huge Mecum Auction and sale of the Bullit Mustang in January was big topic of discussion at our January meeting. In February we will have a presentation by Honor Flight that should be very interesting. You may have seen them on the local news as they take groups of veterans by air on a one day trip to Washington DC to visit the various memorials. It's a wonderful thing they do for our veterans.

Stay tuned for more info. Over the next six months we have a Dyno Day coming, caravans to Mustangs and Mustangs, Suncoast Mustang Show, Bay Bridge Cruise, a tour of Gillis Performance Restorations, Talladega Day with go-karts and more in the works.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 6:45pm

Bill Currie Ford

From the Editor:

My apologies for lack of recent newsletters. My spare time has been scarce. Fortunately we have not been real busy through the holidays, but things are going on now and we are getting things back on track.

Do keep an eye out for our MCT E-News as it will often give you more current and detailed information shortly before major events. If you change or add an email address please make sure to notify our Membership Director Harry DePeppe at: membership@mustangcluboftampa.com

This newsletter needs your contributions. Do you, or do you know someone, with a Mustang or something Mustang related for sale? Do you have news of interest to club members? Would you like to feature your car in the newsletter? Are you involved with an organization doing a car show or know of a great show our members might enjoy? Is there a monthly or weekly cruise-in you think club members should know about? Email Mark Morley: mytang66@yahoo.com

Mark

We welcome our newer members in recent months. We hope you will take full advantage of your membership and join us at meetings and activities.

Mark & Joanne Bass – 2015 GT Conv

Jeff & Theresa Arnold – 1986 Fstbk

Bob and Paula Dance – 2019 Bullit

Doug Sarbach – 2013 Roush Stage 3

Bill Johnston – 2008 GT500

Bill & Misti Rousseau – 2014 GT500

Jeff & Nancy Raimo – 2003 Convertible

Kristin and Ben Beggs & son Nathan – 2008 Cpe

Daniel & Gail Holsen -2020 GT500

Phil & Joyce Bendishaw – 1971 Fstbk

Norman & Diane Tousignant – 1999 GT Conv

Sean Sweeney – 1990 GT Conv

Chris Rosario – 2002 GT

Carlos Sanchez – 1965 Cpe

Sunday March 15th

Gillis Performance Restorations

MCT Tour

Stay Tuned for Details

Upcoming MCA Regional Shows

Florida is an active MCA state with eleven regional clubs, including MCT. We are very fortunate to have two regional events coming up and hope you will join us to attend as a group.

Mustangs and Mustangs. Legends Havin' Fun — Saturday Feb 22. Lakeland Airport.

One of the few shows in the country where you can get a picture of your car with a P-51 Mustang. A flyer for the event is in this newsletter. This is a judged show and a great venue with the Carlisle event that includes another open show, swap meet and auction on Saturday and Sunday. If you go, be sure you tell them it's for the Mustang Show. If you are interested in helping judge or learning about how it's done please let us know and we will be happy to have you go with an experienced judge

MCT Caravan to this show— You are invited to join the MCT group to caravan to the show. This will also allow us to arrive and park together at the event. Our meeting/gathering point will be at a Burger King east of Tampa, I-4, Exit 14, McIntosh Rd. Just south of the exit ramp, Burger King is on the left. Drive time to the show should be under 30 minutes. Our planned departure time is 8 am. If you want to eat breakfast, please allow time prior to the 8 am departure.



Suncoast Mustang Club of Florida 33rd Annual Benefit Show — Saturday March 21

Located in Pinellas Park. See flyer in this newsletter for more details. Nice judged Mustang and Ford show. The event is part of the 30th Annual Country in the Park, so bring the entire family. This event has many quality craft vendors, local businesses, lots of food and live Music, and kids activities.

MCT Caravan to this show— A short caravan, but at least a good gathering point for MCT members to get together and drive to the event as a group. We will meet in the parking lot at Quaker Steak and Lube, 10400 49th Street N. Clearwater. Departure from QS&L will be 8am.



Mustangs and Mustangs “Legends Havin’ Fun Show”

Please join **Imperial Mustangs of Polk County** at Sun N Fun, Lakeland Linder Airport on February 22, 2020 for our 23rd Annual event. *Mustangs & Mustangs...Legends Havin' Fun 2020* is a Mustangs & All-Ford Show. All Ford-powered vehicles are **WELCOME**. Joining us will be a P-51 Mustang Airplane and each registered car will receive a free photo taken of it with the P-51 Mustang. Free dash plaque to the first 200 registered cars. Admission includes the driver and one passenger. Children under the age of 12 are admitted free.

Our 2020 show is being held in conjunction with Carlisle Winter Fest at Sun N Fun at Lakeland Linder Airport. Pre-registration for our show includes access to the Carlisle Winter Fest activities Friday-Sunday, February 21-23, 2020. Go to www.carlisleevents.com for more information about their activities that weekend.

Pre-registration is \$40.00 prior to February 10, 2020. All pre-registrations must be received no later than February 10, 2020. Pre-registration includes admission to our show along with admission to all of the Carlisle Winter Fest activities and a photo of your car with the P-51 Mustang.

After February 10, 2020, Day of Show registration will be available at the gate on the day of show. Registration fee for Day of Show will be \$45.00 Day of Show registration includes a picture with the P-51 Mustang.

Important to know! Carlisle is holding an open car show of their own on Saturday and Sunday separate from our Mustang and Ford powered show. [Be sure to register for the Mustangs & Mustangs show if you want to be part of our show.](#)

We are planning on a modified judged format this year. Only **pre-registered** cars 2018 and older will be judged. 2019 and 2020 and Day of Show registered cars will be Popular Vote. Remember, this show is designed to be fun.

Every show vehicle MUST have a working fire extinguisher!

Imperial Mustangs of Polk County will have a limited number of fire extinguishers for sale at the show. This show is on grass and although your car is safe what do you know about the car next to you.

Registration closes at 10:00 AM so you MUST arrive by then to guarantee a picture of your [show vehicle](#) with a P-51. No cars will be admitted after registration closes. You may be admitted as a pedestrian.

[NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR SALE SIGNS OR PETS ALLOWED AT THE SHOW.](#)

The show will be held rain or shine. No refunds after February 10, 2020 or for late arrivals. For safety reasons we ask that you not leave the show with your car until after the award presentation finishes.

For show information contact:

Mary Ann Blakely, 863-875-1961 (between 9:00 AM-8:00 PM)

Email: mablakely@verizon.net



Suncoast Mustang Club of Florida 33rd Annual Mustang-Shelby-Ford Benefit Show



**WOODLAWN
COMMUNITY ACADEMY**



Saturday March 21, 2020

This show is for any Mustang, Shelby or Shelby Cobra, Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, or Ford
Powered Car or Truck

All Show vehicles must be Ford powered.

**28
Classes!!**

*Location: Pinellas Park Performing Arts Center—
4951 78th Avenue North, Pinellas Park. 33781*

**56
Trophies!!!**

**50/50 Drawing – Raffle Baskets – Door Prizes- Refreshments – Music
Fun for the whole family!!!**

Register online

www.suncoastmustangclub.com

before March 18, 2020

**Pre-Registered and Judged by Class,
\$25.00**

**Day of registrants compete for
Presidents Choice award
\$10.00**

Check In: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Judging: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Prizes and Awards: - 2:30PM

**VENDORS
Welcomed**

**Only Pre-Registered Cars will be
Judged by Class**

**Pre Registered cars get a goody bag, Dash
Plaque and free door prize ticket**

***No tents, umbrellas, flag poles, or sun shelter
type portable objects allowed in show area .**

For more information visit:

www.Suncoastmustangclub.com, or

email info@suncoastmustangclub.com



MCT Calendar

Some of these events are tentative with planning underway and subject to change. Please watch later newsletters and pay close attention to emails for more details and possible changes.

February 22, 2020, MCT and Friends, Caravan to 23rd Annual Mustangs and Mustangs, MCA Regional Mustang Show hosted by Imperial Mustangs of Polk County at Lakeland Lindner Airport.

February 25, 2020 Monthly MCT Meeting, 6:30 Bill Currie Ford Conference Room. Presentation by Steve Katz of Honor Flight

February 29, 2020 Tentative Event, Caravan to NMRA Show and Drags, Bradenton

March 15, 2020 Tour of Gillis Performance Restorations, hosted by our own Rusty Gillis at his shop

March 21, 2020 MCA Regional Mustang and Ford Show, hosted by Suncoast Mustangs in Pinellas Park, Interested MCT members will meet at Quaker Steak and Lube parking lot to drive in and park together. Must be pre-registered in order to park together.

March 24, 2020 Monthly MCT Meeting, 6:30 Bill Currie Ford Conference Room. Presentation by MCT Member Harold Champion about the Mustang Club of America and our work to receive the MCA Presidents Award annually.

April 11, 2020 (Tentative) Mustang Dyno Day at Vortex Motorsports

April 28, 2020 Monthly MCT Meeting , Presentation by Bob Turner on MCT History.

May – Tentative with Date TBD – Talladega Day Racing & Cruise at Tampa Bay Grand Prix in East Tampa and lunch at Fords Garage, Brandon

May 26, 2020 Monthly MCT Meeting, Elections, Tentative program on Pinstriping.

June 13, 2020 Bay Bridge Cruise with Lunch at Quaker Steak and Lube

June 23, 2020 Monthly MCT Meeting, Tentative Vortex Motorsports Presentation

Please read all MCT emails as we occasionally have opportunities arise on short notice that are not in the newsletter.

Area Cruise-Ins

1st Monday of the month, 6pm to 10pm Mustang Monday at Fords Garage in Clearwater, west side of 19 on the frontage road and just south of Countryside.

2nd Tuesday Monthly, 7 to 9:30, Mustang Gathering at Twistee Treat, 5531 Sheldon Rd, just north of Hillsborough

Every Thursday, 6 to 9pm, Dairy Queen, 23671 SR54, Lutz

Every Friday, 6 to 9pm, Culvers on Citrus Park Drive, across from Citrus Park Mall.

Second and Last Tuesday every month, 6 to 9pm, Boston Market, 16215 N Dale Mabry

First and Third Tuesday, 5:30 to 8:30, Chedders, 11004 N Dale Mabry

MCT Member Businesses and Services

Members, If you believe your business may be of interest to other members email the brief information to me at mytang66@yahoo.com

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