



THE PONY EXPRESS

Newsletter of MCT

July 2019

Editor's Note: My apology for this late newsletter. Some information may not be new to some of you, but it was still felt important to cover.

Comments from Your Leaders:

In the past we have routinely had a message from the President of MCT. Since our elections in late May we have not had a person in the President position. When the May elections were being discussed we learned that officers Frank Morales, President; Melinda Morales, Newsletter Editor; and Lou McCarty, Secretary, would not continue in their positions. Also, that Phil Collie, Board Member had decided not to stay on. A nominations committee met several times to discuss and suggest a slate to the Board of Directors. Other officers agreed to remain, and the board approved Bob Perry for Secretary and Mark Morley for Newsletter. Because Bob Perry moved from an at large board position to Secretary, this left a second opening for the Board. Club members, Bob Turner and Tom Jankowski were nominated for those two openings on the slate. No suitable and willing candidate for President was found. In this situation the Executive VP is technically in charge. Past Presidents, Chris Meyer, and Mark Morley have agreed to assist Frank to share the work and leadership responsibilities for now.

At the elections during our regular meeting in May, the slate of officers was presented with the suggested group to share the presidents work. No other nominations were made and the proposed group was elected by the membership in attendance.

The club has had 5 different Presidents in the past 15 years. Everyone has contributed, and our success continues. We learn from our past and we evolve as we need to succeed. Going strong after 38 years is unusual for a car club. While our current situation without a President may initially sound unusual, we believe we have a strong group. The three past presidents have worked as a team to manage the affairs of the club for many years already.

The group has already held a first board meeting to review everyone's roles and confirm the club calendar for the remainder of the year. While some of those things had already been set, we filled in the blanks and established plans for activities, meeting programs, our fall show and things into next year. More on some of those plans in this and later newsletters.

Frank Cossota, Chris Meyer, and Mark Morley

NEXT MEETING

6:30 PM TUESDAY JULY 23RD, BILL CURRIE FORD

Meet The New Editor

As mentioned on page one your new Newsletter Editor is me.....Mark Morley. I have not taken the job because of extensive skills at this task. I have taken it because I do not want to see communication with membership dwindle.

This isn't my first newsletter rodeo. In the early 90's I became newsletter editor with the Mustang Club of Ohio. I was perfect for the job with a new computer, floppy discs, and a dot matrix pin feed printer. Back then cut and paste was done with scissors and glue. Black and white hard copies were mailed, after I assemble my three small kids around the kitchen table to collate, fold, staple, stick address labels and lick postage stamps.

You will be happy to know that my computer has been updated....and some of my skills. I'm hoping an old dog can learn new tricks.....with Office Publisher. Obviously, our newsletter will be briefer, but it will cover our events and let you know what's happening. It will also improve over time.

Regardless of length, a monthly newsletter has limitations simply because it is monthly. While we have always done some emailing, I want to supplement the newsletter with new **"MCT E-Bulletin"** emails. They will be sent periodically as needed and show **"MCT E-Bulletin"** in the subject line. E-Bulletins may be new information, reminders, more details on an event or last minute changes. So watch and pay attention to emails with the **"MCT E-Bulletin"** subject.

A good newsletter also requires **your** assistance to supply information and news that may be of interest to others. I want us to continue to feature members and their cars so please let me know if you are interested and I will email you a questionnaire.

As I said in the beginning, I did not take this to show off my writing or graphics skills. I am also finding the time to do this is challenging with my employment. If anyone would like the job, or would like to help, I am all ears to discuss. If you think there are things I should do to improve, (except going back to English class), that's cool too. But don't be surprised I suggest those improvements would have a better chance if you assisted in the process!

Mark Morley, email: mytang66@yahoo.com



MCT WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Robert O'Donnell - 2018 Mustang Convertible in Ingot Silver

David and Shannon Gobel - 2005 Mustang in Legend Lime

Cathy and Roy Taylor - 2019 Mustang in Magnetic Metallic

Our club family is now made up of 194 families!

Coming Soon

Ponies & Pins

.....and a cruise to Ford's Garage Saturday 7/11/19

Lets stay in the indoor AC and enjoy a morning of fun with MCT friends. Not a bowler, who cares. Come out for the fun, and when the games are over we will cruise as a group to Ford's Garage for a burger or other delectable fine food.

We meet 10:45 at Pin Chasers, 5555 W Hillsborough. Cost per bowler is \$12 including shoes and ball. What a deal! Bowl from approx. 11am to 1 pm then on to lunch. Fords Garage is 10413 Sheldon Rd, Tampa, by Costco.

If interested in participating please RSVP to Robbie Polo, Cruise Director at rpolo1@tampabay.rr.com or 813 505-7727 so we have an accurate count for bowling and lunch reservation. Please have your cash to give Robbie at the door.

Due to space this is an MCT Members Only event.

MCT Hot Shots and Mustangs

.....and a cruise to lunch at Wing House....Saturday 8/10/19

MCT member Fred Flesche will again allow us hot shots to take over part of his business, Shooting Sports on a Saturday morning. Club members will receive a discounted price to use the range and if desired participate in a number of shooting games. Fred always has something new up his sleeve. Come out and join the fun and friends. Even if you don't shoot you can have fun.

Following our firearm fun we will cruise to lunch at Wing House.

Watch for exact details soon.

MCT 38th Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup

Saturday November 2, 2019 at Tampa Joe's

Our date is set and Tampa Joe's is looking forward to filling the lot with beautiful Mustangs once again. Mark your calendar for this one and tell your friends to come out for Mustang mania. This is a judged event. Show Co Chairs are Bob Turner and Mark Morley. A flyer will be available very soon and we will be asking all of you to take flyers to area events to spread the word and personally speak to Ford and Mustang owners about our 38th Annual show.

As always we will need volunteers to work the event, parking cars, registration, judging, etc.

We will also be doing a judging clinic on a Saturday in October. Stay tuned!

MASON DIXON'S BEST OF THE BEST CAR SHOW

...for the CHRISTMAS WISH FUND, November 24, 2019 at Wiregrass

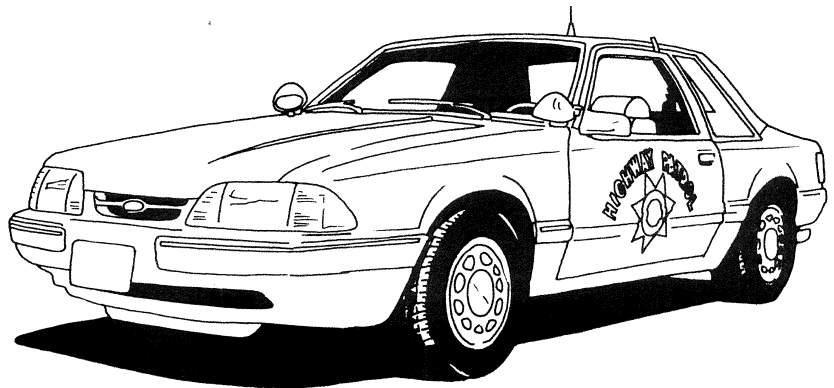
Mason Dixon of Q105 and his wife have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past 20 years for their Christmas Wish Fund. All of the proceeds are used to assist area families who are not able to have a Christmas. They also help people during the year and at one time assisted an MCT member during a difficult time.

One of the fund raisers has been a car show and MCT has helped to manage that show for many years. It's a great event for us as it takes minimal work, helps a great cause and we get some nice publicity.

This years show will again be held on the streets of Wiregrass. It's well decorated for Christmas and a super venue for a car show with the whole family involved.

Prior to the show we will assist be promoting the show with flyers at other events.

What for more details in the near future



The Rusty Report



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The owner loves this "Baby Blue" color and she wants it painted this color. The original color was burgundy and was repainted (not very good) before she bought it last year and they claimed they didn't know the code. We had our paint supplier come by the shop and take a photo with their special camera and match it to Diamont base. I now have two gallons of "Baby Blue paint". It will have a lot more gloss when we are finished. 1



< There was a little rust in the trunk drop offs and Ford never primed them so Brian removed them. He drilled out the spot welds where he could but hasn't finished removing everything when this photo was taken.

This is how it looked after Brian cleaned it up before epoxy priming >



< Brian is test fitting the right side trunk drop off and it doesn't fit because the convertible has an extra brace and they don't make one for a convertible

Brian modified it and test fit again with the gas tank installed >



< Brian marked and drilled holes so he can plug weld it to the rear frame rails and is welding it in place. The frame rails and drop offs were epoxy primed first

This is how it looks after Brian plug welded the drop off to the frame rail >



< Look close to see the screws drawing the drop off tight to the frame rail so he can get a good weld. The screws will be removed and the holes welded.

Looks like it was never welded after grinding >

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MCT Calendar

- July 13 Bowling and Cruise to Ford's Garage at Sheldon and Linebaugh
- July 23 General Meeting Bill Currie Ford- Program on Firearms Safety by Jessica Carter, friend of Howie Taylor
- Aug 10 Hot Shots and Mustangs with Lunch at Wing House
- Aug 27 General Meeting Bill Currie Ford- Program presentation about MCA National Show in Topeka, KS by Bob Turner
- Sept. 7 (Tentative) Cruise to lunch at Ellenton Outlet Mall
- Sept. 24 General Meeting Bill Currie Ford- Program presentation about the Mustang Museum of America by Chris Meyer
- Oct 5 Caravan to Nature Coast Mustang Club regional MCA show at Inverness
- Oct 12 General Meeting Saturday, Coffee and Donuts at Bill Currie Ford, Program will be a Judging Clinic by Frank Cossota and Mark Morley
- Nov 2 *MCT Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup*, regional MCA show at Tampa Joe's
- Nov 19 (Tentative) – General Meeting and Screening of Ford vs. Ferrari movie at theater
- Nov 24 *Mason Dixon Christmas Wish Show*, hosted by MCT for Christmas Wish Fund.
- Dec 8 *MCT Christmas Party*

NOTE: *No General Meeting in December*

I will try to keep this as a single page to allow you to print for reference

All items are subject to change. More details may be available on our website, in future newsletters as the dates get closer and by email.



Area Cruise-Ins

NOTE— I have eliminated old events no longer active and am updating . If you know of other monthly or weekly events in the area that we should list please email me at mytang66@yahoo.com

Every Monday— Boston Market, 16212 N Dale Mabry, near Advance Auto Parts store, Great parking and lighting, 10% off meals or special 2 meals for \$10. Paul Figoni

Every Tuesday— Cheddar's 11004 N Dale Mabry, 5 to 8pm, Tampa Bay Antique Vehicle Assoc.

Every Thursday— Dairy Queen, Lutz, 6-90pm. 23671 FL-54, Lutz. All makes and models welcome. Food, ice cream, DJ music. Paul Figoni

Every Friday— Culvers, (formerly DQ) across from Citrus Park Mall, 6 to 9pm, free ice cream 1st 20 Paul Figoni

1ST Saturday — Garage One Cars and Coffee, 8am to 11am. 9222 Anderson Rd, Tampa.

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

Phil Collie, *Internet Consultant*, Lazydays, The RV Authority, Cell: 800-626-7800, pcollie@lazydays.com

Fred Flesche, *Indoor Gun Range/Sales*, Shooting Sports Inc., Ph: 813-933-3000, fifnc@aim.com

Rusty Gillis, *Automotive Restoration*, Gillis Performance Restorations, Ph: 727-847-7973, rusty@gillisrestorations.com

Glenn Bornemann, *Auto Detailing Products*. Garage One, Ph: 813-380-3773. mustang62401@gmail.com

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PP Denotes Past President

For Sale or Wanted

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



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



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



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

Mct Members may post items to buy, sell or trade. Items will run for two months and be deleted if no request to continue. Email mytang66@yahoo.com

Misc.

MCT Social Media....and Website Remodel

Check out our new website. Our "Master" Webmaster, Scott Englert, has completed the work, removed the construction signs and opened the site to visitors. It's beautiful and gives us a very professional persona. When those who do not know us check us out, the Website is one of the main places they get their first impression. Thank you to Scott.

Plus:

Let's not forget the rest of our social medial gurus that also make us look good. Brandon Pacifica watches our Facebook page closely with the help of Howie Taylor who also helps us market our events and activities. Again, our gurus keep us looking good. Thanks

Now that this first one is done they should become easier and better as we go.

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