

MUSTANG



CLUB OF TAMPA

MCT's PONY EXPRESS

March 10th 2022 Edition

FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT – Bob Turner

Dear Club Members – McDonalds' Shamrock Shake is back – that can only mean two things – 1) spring is here; 2) I'll be putting on a few pounds until they stop selling it.

February was an absolute blast, with a highly successful **For the Love of Shelby Show** and a fun Wesley Chapel High School Auto Academy Show. Details for both are in this month's issue. Our monthly meeting was....interesting? We returned to Bill Currie Ford, construction and all, had our **Pizza and Presentation** in their employee cafeteria and had a good meeting. Presenter was Joey and Pedro from Mustang Pete Customs in Tampa. Details are covered later in this issue.

March Meet-up is still being finalized, so watch out for those details in the next week or so. Info will be posted on the website, Facebook, and Instagram – search on **@mctprez** and you will find our page. Two items of interest that you may want to check out: Ponies in the Smokies, March 25th through 27th, and MCA's Pee Dee Roundup April 1st through 3rd. Both are excellent events for those wanting to go on a road trip and see some special Mustangs and Fords.

The Bay Area lost another key Mustanger this past month – Sherman Bliss. If you have been in the hobby for the last couple decades, you most likely knew Sherman. Owner of Suncoast Mustang and long-time member of the Suncoast Mustang Club, Sherman was a steadfast classic Mustang resource and mentor to many. Sherman retired and re-located to Tennessee, where he passed. Our condolences go out to his family (wife Janie, daughters Kristi & Karri) and all who have been impacted by his passing.

– BT.

2022 Charity Update:

A lot of opportunity this year, we have a few things in the works already. More information will be shared as it develops. What we have so far:

Carroll Shelby Foundation – We supported the show at Lead Foot City which was a benefit for this organization. Registration, judging, parking, and award presentation – it all went well, and raised \$5000 for the cause. More details are in this newsletter.

Metropolitan Ministries: Another volunteer day to be scheduled at their Tampa location, and food drive event again at this year's Roundup.

1Voice Foundation – Currently in discussion with them on how we can partner with them this year.

Wesley Chapel High School Auto Academy – Supported their car show on February 26th via attendance and organized some donations for their program. We are working on some future opportunities with them as well.

Celebrate Birthdays – This is an interesting one...we donated the toys gathered at our Christmas Party to them, about \$500 worth. We can do the same again in 2022. They are really taking off and have a new project they need help with – outfitting their new Birthday Bus! They need a **wrap, some mechanical work**, and an **interior** make over. If you have a connections in any of those trades, please let us know. Any donated materials, time, dollars, talent, etc...is appreciated and might be worthy of a logo on the side of the bus on their new wrap. Email me at president@mustangcluboftampa.com if you can help in any way. We'll be following their progress on Facebook and Instagram (**@mctprez**). Check them out at www.celebratebirthdays.org for more details. See next page for something we are planning with them.



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Invites you to
celebrate National
Mustang Day
on April 16th, 2022

Where?

1915 Camp Florida Rd
Brandon, FL 33510

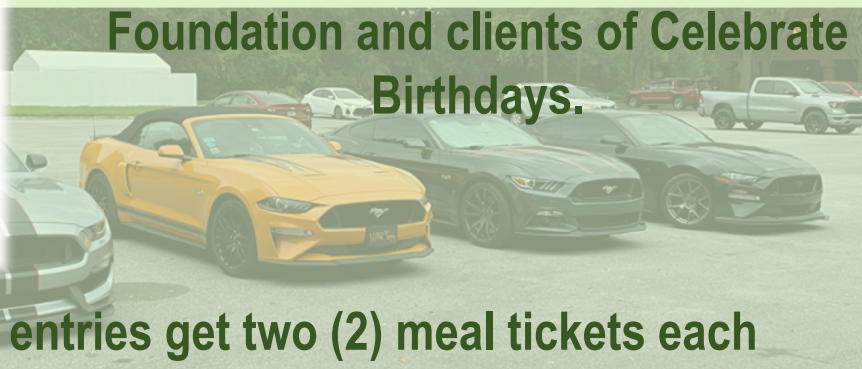
When?

04-16-2022

11:00am until 3:00pm

Club Member Appreciation: You and your family are invited to a fun car show where kids are the judges. Entry is a toy or toys with a value of at least \$20. Toys will be donated to Celebrate Birthdays for their program serving children in the foster care system.

Judges will be the kids at 1Voice Foundation and clients of Celebrate Birthdays.



- First 50 member entries get two (2) meal tickets each
- \$5 per person thereafter for a meal ticket
- Food provided by Hotmess Food Truck
- Judging starts at noon; Awards are at 2:30pm
- Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blanket
- Playground for the kids; lots of shade and lakeside relaxation
- And BIRTHDAY cake for the Mustang's 58th Birthday
- RSVP to president@mustangcluboftampa.com with headcount. Meal Tix will be handed out at registration.





The inaugural show exceeded our expectations – 200+ cars and \$5000 raised for the Carroll Shelby Foundation

Congratulations and thank you to members Cat and Carl LaMunyan for a successful **For the Love of Shelby Show**. The show was their vision and passion from inception, and I cannot convey the satisfaction and pride I feel about Mustang Club of Tampa's involvement in this show.

It is truly a tale of hard work by many, over time, paying off. I need to go back to the fall of 2020, to a conversation I had with club member and Treasurer Rusty Gillis. He was lamenting the end of the Silver Springs Show, NPD's annual event that kicked the new year off every January. In our attempt to re-create that magic, we recruited a few other board members and a new partner, Lead Foot City, and held our first Lead Foot City show on January 13th, 2021. Mark Morley and team judged about 90 cars, all makes and models. Far from the 600+ the Silver Springs Show attracted, but it was a start. As 2021 rolled on, and plans were being made for our November Roundup and Mason Dixon's show, we debated whether to do another show in January. In July of 2021 I got a call from Lead Foot City owner Achilles Thomas asking for some help. He had a couple of avid supporters of Lead Foot City wanting to do a multi-day car show in February 2022 to raise money for the Carroll Shelby Foundation – could we join in and help run the car show? The board felt this was a great opportunity to improve upon the January car show idea.

The avid supporters were Cat and Carl LaMunyan, and we all went to work getting ready for the show. Cat and Carl did an outstanding job of recruiting sponsors and Shelby owners, the MCT board rallied and took charge of day of registration, parking, and judging. Remembering a conversation we had with Rick Schmidt of NPD during our tour last year, we reached out and he agreed to be the title sponsor. Things seemed to be falling into place. (Continued Next Page)

The result – a two day show that not only raised \$5000, but it also drew 123 judged entries, adding in late arrivals and display-only cars making a day one total of just over 200 cars. Day two drew close to 100 cars of all makes and models, 43 of which competed for Best of Show via participant vote. Rick Schmidt brought in 3 cars from his collection, we had 4 race cars (all with local and national records), food trucks, two awesome bands, Carroll Shelby Racing, and the best hand-crafted trophies I've ever seen.

We are already working on ideas to make next year's show better – stay tuned, you are not going to want to miss the 2023 show.

Special thanks to these folks who

made it such a successful weekend: Registration:

Bob Perry

**Organizer/Promoter/Sponsor
recruitment:**

Margaret Schaub

Cat & Carl LaMunyan

Raffles:

Lucy Carroll

Judging/Parking:

Mark Morley

Publicity:

The "5 Bobs"

Scott Englart

Bob O'Donnell

Brandon Pacifica

Bob Orford

Bob Perry

Trophies:

Bob Simson

Achilles Thomas – Lead Foot City

Bob Turner

John Ell – Lead Foot City

Tom Jankowski

Rick Schmidt - NP

Margaret Schaub

Russ "Doc" Hostetler



GILLIS PERFORMANCE RESTORATIONS

The Rusty Report



Bob's 1965 Mustang Coupe body had a lot of problems to fix it correctly. After thinking about how much it was going to cost to fix it, Bob decided (with a little

help from me) to turn it into a fastback. Dynacorn makes all the sheet metal needed so I started ordering parts. They make a complete inner structure already welded together. (Pictured above)



The original rear frame rails were also in pretty good shape.



The front clip was in pretty good shape along with the rear shock crossmember assembly. Brian started lining up the new floor.

The Rusty Report



A long time ago we made a jig for a 1965 Mustang that attaches to the front and rear suspension points on a Mustang. This is how Brian can restore a Mustang that has a lot of new sheet metal and keep everything in the right place and level. The rear section of the frame rail will be replaced.

Brian lined up the firewall, front and rear roof braces.



Brian marks the center of the floor and roof braces and uses a plumb bob to make sure it is lined up correctly before any welding.

The Rusty Report



Firewall welded in place still needs a lot of grinding.

Right side front fender apron, shock tower and rear fender apron welded.



Brian lined-up the firewall, upper and lower cowl, along with the front and rear roof braces, then clamped and screwed them together. Then he can begin to weld.



February Recap: For the Love of Shelby



The show raised \$5000 for the Carroll Shelby Foundation. Pictured L to R: Carl LaMunyan, Cat LaMunyan, Achilles Thomas (Owner Lead Foot City), Bob Turner.



The production team at Lead Foot City knocked it out of the park with these custom trophies. We have bigger plans for next year! Keep an eye out for details.



February Recap: Pizza and Presentation



Mustang Pete Customs presented a car they were repairing – a 1966 289 Coupe. The car was purchased by a college student for \$18,000 from Ted Vernon's South Beach Classics. The pictures revealed a VERY rusty car. A lot of metal work is needed.



February Recap: Wesley Chapel High School Auto Academy Show



Our own Rusty Gillis walked away with one of the cool hand made trophies. The students made them while learning how to weld and powder coat.



Even with a competing Mustang show in Lakeland, Mustangs turned out in force. The car on the right was Mason's Choice this past November and is owned by an WCHS Auto Academy Grad.

MCA Update



While many of our members already belong to the Mustang Club of America (MCA), we wanted to use our platform to encourage others to check them out. To learn more about the features and benefits of membership, go to www.mustang.org. One of the best parts of membership is the ability to enter an MCA National Show.

The first show for this year we want to highlight is the Eastern South Carolina's Pee Dee Roundup, being held April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 2022. The folks running this show are among the best Mustangers out there – super nice, super helpful, super professional. This is going to be an awesome show. Details can be found at <https://peedeeroundup.com>. If enough club members want to join in the fun, we can caravan up there and make a fun cruise of it.



PEE DEE ROUNDUP NATIONAL SHOW APRIL 1-3 2022

FLORENCE CENTER
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA



EVENT SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, APRIL 1

8am-5pm Classification & Registration
8am-5pm Indoor/Outdoor Vendors Open
9am-5pm Show T-shirts & Accessories Sale
9am-4pm Silent Auction & Raffles for Sale
3-5pm
5:30-7:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8am-5pm Classification & Registration
8am-5pm Indoor/Outdoor Vendors Open
9am-5pm Show T-shirts & Accessories Sale
10am Cars must be in place for judges
11am-5pm Judging of Cars
12pm Opening Ceremonies
4pm Silent Auction Winners Announced
6pm Dinner Reception
6:30pm Guest Speaker
Jack Roush Jr, Roush Performance

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8am Show Opens
8am-12pm Indoor/Outdoor Vendors Open
11am 50/50 Raffle Winner Announcment
12-1:30pm Presentation of Awards



MCT Swag!

We have an arrangement with Cigar City Promotions to produce polo shirts and hats with two logos to choose from. Thanks to Lucy Carroll for getting this arrangement set up for us, and thank you to the membership for helping us design and decide on the updated logo. If you want a hat or shirt:

EMAIL Cigar City at: SALES@cigarcitypromos.com state NAME and a member of MCT.

POLO SHIRT: Request men Golf or women's V-neck shirt, size and color {Blue and Gray at the moment)

Cost of Shirt is	\$29.95
Name added	\$ 6.00
tax	\$ 2.70
TOTAL	\$38.68.

HAT: Request New Era Mesh Back Cap Idex (NE 1090), size (S/M, M/L, L/EL and color {Blue and Charcoal at the moment)

Cost of Hat is	\$21.98
tax	\$ 1.54
TOTAL	\$23.52

They will email you an invoice, you pay online, and they will notify you when your shirt is ready to pick up. Any problems, call Lucy at 813-598-7481



New Members

We have several new members to welcome:

James Blanchard	1969 Conv.
Douglas Linkhart	
Joe Higgins	2007 GT Coupe
Matthew Walters & Morgan Hodson	1998 GT Coupe
Jordan Kalisek	2021 Shelby GT500
William Warren	2008 Shelby GT500
Don Copeland	1993 Coupe/2004 Conv./2019 Coupe
Pete Ronco	1969 Sportroof/2019 Conv. GT

We have many activities, and we encourage you to attend. This is a social group of people who enjoy the common interest in the car, and the friendships that develop. The club is about the Mustang, but the people make up this organization and are the reason for 40 plus years of success.

MCT Officers and Directors

Your MCT leaders are listed below:

Bob Turner, President	Directors:
Frank Cossota, Executive VP	Brandon Pacifica
Rusty Gillis, Treasurer	Jim Carroll
Steve Osborne, Membership Dir.	Lucy Carroll
Harold Champion, MCA Reg Rep	Margaret Flesche
Margaret Schaub, Secretary	Russ "Doc" Hostetler
Mark Morley, Newsletter	Tom Jankowski
Scott Englert, Webmaster	

Officers have specific positions as outlined in our bylaws and are part of the Board of Directors. Other Directors may have specific responsibilities, and all share various duties as needed. The Board conducts the business of the club and meets every other month. These meetings are open to all members of MCT that wish to attend. **Next meeting is at Bill Currie Ford, 6:30pm, on the 15th of March.**

NOTICE: Elections are this coming May – If you are interested in an officer or BOD position, please email president@mustangcluboftampa.com. We are building our slate of candidates and will add your name to the list.

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Upcoming Events:

March:

March 12th – Lead Foot City’s Hernand O’County Shamrock Show; 5pm to 10pm, Lead Foot City, Brooksville.

March 22nd – Club Meet-up – watch for details

March 23rd – 26th – Ponies in the Smokies; Sevierville, TN

April:

April 1st to 3rd – MCA’s Pee Dee Roundup National Show; Florence, SC

April 16th – MCT’s National Mustang Day & Member Appreciation Show; Brandon, FL; 11:30am to 3:00pm

April 26th – Club Meet-up - TBD

Cars & Coffee:

1st Saturday of month

Garage One Rise & Shine Cars & Coffee

Starbucks

9222 Anderson Rd.

Tampa, FL 33634

8am to 11am

2nd Saturday of month

Insty Tune & Lube Gathering

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14783 N. Dale Mabry Hwy

Tampa, FL 33618

7am to 10am

3rd Saturday of month

Keystone Motor Club Cruise-in

Matlock Homes Parking Lot

16921 Gunn Hwy

Odessa, FL 33556

10am to 1pm

Last Saturday of month

Rides & Coffee

Detail Garage Tampa

5721 Fowler Ave.

Tampa, FL 33617

9am to 11am

Afternoon/Evening Cruise-ins:

To see what our friends at Let’s Roll are up to, go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/letsrollcarshows>



HERNAND O'COUNTY'S



SHAMROCK SHOW

PRESENTED BY
LEAD FOOT CITY

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

• **5PM TO 10PM** •

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT LEADFOOTCITY.COM

Membership Benefits:



Bill Currie Ford is located at
5815 North Dale Mabry Blvd
(Just north of the stadium)



For your Bill Currie Ford Service needs, make sure you ask for **Nicole Gardener** as your Service Writer. Any service issues, call her at 813-554-5448.

MCT is pleased to have the sponsorship of **Bill Currie Ford**. In addition to supporting our annual car show, and hosting our General Meeting location, Bill Currie Ford also offers a **10% discount** to members on:

- Parts (excluding Roush)
- Service & aftermarket installation
- Body Shop

Their Referral Program is another way they help you and the club:

- **\$150** to the club when a member purchases a vehicle
- **\$150** to a member who refers a friend who purchases a vehicle

Contact General Manager Sean Sullivan at 813-872-5555, Ext. 1752 to lock in your savings. Questions? Email president@mustangcluboftampa.com



Join the MCA to get even more benefits:

- Ford X-Plan Pricing
- Discounts at:
- Car Covers Direct
 - CJ Pony Parts
 - Heacock Insurance
 - Plus 17 other vendors

Go to www.mustang.org for details

Other Area Discounts:

Legacy Auto and Marine Detailing

Call Kayla at 727-859-2051 for discounts on their services and products.

Ramsey's Performance

Let Dennis know you are an MCT member prior to commencing work – he will extend a discount to you.

www.ramseysperformance.com

Parker Performance

Let Josh know you are an MCT member prior to commencing work – he will work with you on pricing.

www.ppflco.com.

Olson's Soft Wash and Screening

Let Chad know you are an MCT member when you call – he will work with you on pricing. **813-943-3715**