

# MCT's PONY EXPRESS

December 15th 2022 Edition

### FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT – Bob Turner







Dear Club Members — 2022 is quickly wrapping up, hopefully the holiday season will treat everyone well. The club had an active year, raising in excess of \$7500 for Carroll Shelby Foundation and 1Voice Foundation, close to \$1000 in toys for Celebrate Birthdays and Toys for Tots, and 1200 lbs of food for Metropolitan Ministries. The board and other volunteers stayed busy by putting on four car shows this year — For the Love of Shelby, National Mustang Day, the 41<sup>st</sup> Roundup, and Mason Dixon's Best of the Best. I really appreciate everyone's support on these shows — registration, parking, judging, promotion — it takes a team to put on a successful show, and we have one of the best around. We can always use more help, so if you want to join in the fun, drop me a line at <a href="mailto:president@mustangcluboftampa.com">president@mustangcluboftampa.com</a>, or contact Mark Morley at <a href="maytang66@yahoo.com">mytang66@yahoo.com</a>. We usually do a good job of feeding the volunteers, you get to interact with the charities a bit, and it makes the day go faster — give it a try and I think you will find it's a rewarding time.

2023 will get off to a busy start with Mecum, a Station House BBQ Cruise-in, a cruise to Mid-Florida Mustangs' 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Roundup in Longwood, Imperial Mustangs of Polk County's Mustangs and Mustangs Show in Lakeland, For the Love of Shelby's Florida Ford Fest, and our National Mustang Day/Member Appreciation. We'll throw in some Cars and Coffee here and there, and before you know it summer will be here.

We hope to further cement our partnerships we've made the past two years, whether they be charities or sponsors. Bill Currie Ford, Antonietti Marine, Streetside Classics, Parker Performance, Stepps Towing, Shooting Sports, SPI, Lead Foot City, and NPD have been awesome supporters of our club and charities — if we can support them in return with our patronage, I am sure we can keep on board for a third year. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, I wish you all the best for 2023. — BT.

### Blue Oval History - Aviation and the Tri-Motor

In our last newsletter we covered Fords war production during WWII, including B-24 bomber aircraft. A Ford Aviation division existed earlier and produced aircraft engines in WWI. As interest in commercial air transportation developed for passenger and cargo use Ford Aviation took a major step in 1925 with the purchase of Stout Metal Airplane Company. Using Stouts designs and with further development Ford Aviation produced a few different planes, but the best known was the Ford Trimotor, nicknamed the Tin Goose. The plane was one of the earliest all metal planes, proving to be more rugged than the common cloth covered wood construction of other planes.



In the late 20's the Ford Aircraft Division was the largest manufacturer of commercial airplanes in the world. The Tri-Motors built by Ford until 1933 were used around the world for passengers and cargo including the U.S. Mail.

Today only 8 or 9 Tri-Motor planes are airworthy. One is nearby in the collection of Kermit Weeks at the Fantasy of Flight facility in Polk City. That plane was used in the movie Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.

I would like to continue this Blue Oval History as a regular feature in our newsletter. If you have comments or topics to suggest, contact Mark Morley by email mytang66@yahoo.com

### Blue Oval History (cont from prior page)

The Tri-Motor pictured here belongs to the EAA and tours extensively. I took these pictures in Rockford, Illinois about 10 years ago when visiting my brother. His Ford Model A car club was invited to bring their cars for photos. This was a great opportunity as Model A's were built from 1928 to 1931, the same era as the Tri-Motor.



James Morley in his 1931 Ford Model A Victoria



After the photos were done the plane returned to service giving rides to those scheduled. We climbed aboard and took a quick 30 minute flight. Just as it was done back in 1930.

### MCT Member Assists at South Eastern University Event

Note - This event took place nearly a year ago and due to an oversite of this editor was never included in a newsletter. My apologies.

MCT was contacted by South Eastern University at Grace Family Church in Land O Lakes. The facility holds Christian services for teens every Saturday night. This campus is a recruiting point for teens to attend South Eastern University. Offering different themes and activities, the facility asked if MCT could provide a vintage Mustang for the evening.



150 teens attended and the car provided a perfect photo opportunity that they enjoyed. There was also an interest in the car, its' history, our hobby and the Mustang Club of Tampa

Thank you to MCT member Bob Perry for providing his car and time to make this event successful.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Our BOD has a proposed schedule of activities by quarter through 2023. The shows of this quarter are fantastic for Mustangers. It's also some of the best weather of the year for outdoor events in Florida, which is icing on the cake.

### January

**Mecum Kissimmee Auction** – 01-04-23 thru 01-15-23. Discount tickets available @ \$20. Contact <a href="mailto:president@mustangcluboftampa.com">president@mustangcluboftampa.com</a> for details. Normally \$25 online thru 01-03-23, \$30 at the gate.

**Garage One Rise n' Shine Cars and Coffee** – 01-07; 8am to 11am – Meet-up details coming.

Club Cruise-In at Station House BBQ - 01-24; Details coming

### **February**

Mid-Florida Mustang Club's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Mustang and Ford Roundup – February 4<sup>th</sup> – details and registration at <u>www.midfloridamustangclub.com</u>. Cruise to show details coming.

**Insty Tune and Lube Gathering** – 02-11; 7am to 10am – Meet-up details coming.

**Mustangs and Mustangs** - 2/25/23 at Lakeside Village, Lakeland. Details and registration info at impc.clubexpress.com. This is an MCA Regional Mustang and Ford show hosted by our MCA sister club Imperial Mustangs of Polk County. Always a great show and we generally have a good size group go - cruise to show details coming.

Club Cruise-In location TBD – 02-28; Details coming

### **Upcoming Events, continued:**

### March

NMRA Spring Break Shoot Out at Orlando Speed World - 3/2/23 thru 03/05/23. Details coming, but this year will feature a Fox Body Reunion.

For the Love of Shelby Florida Ford Fest - March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at Lead Foot City. Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> is a cruise-in, meet-up with live music. Car show on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Featuring Bogi from All Girls Garage on both days. Details and registration coming.

Club Cruise-In location TBD – 03-28; Details coming

### **April**

National Mustang Day/Member Appreciation - April 15<sup>th</sup> – SAVE THE DATE!!. Details coming, but we will join forces with Celebrate Birthdays for a Cupcake Crawl, Car Show where the kids are judges, and free lunch for club members, all happening in a park-like setting in Brandon. Stay tuned!

Club Cruise-In location TBD - 04-25; Details coming

## 2022 Year in Review:

Again, words cannot convey the appreciation we have for the club members who volunteer to put these events on – it takes a dedicated team of talented individuals to make these events run as seamless as they appear. Additional thanks to those members who come out and enjoy – let us know how we can do better for 2023.



## January 2022: Mecum





Mecum Kissimmee 2022 set a record in sales - \$217 Million in fact. Among the sales were Fords, Mustangs, Shelby's hammering at nbelievable prices — one example: A 1965 six-cylinder ragtop resotred to perfection by Wayne Carini. Hammer price? \$90,000. Not a bad payday for a basic inline six.

### January 2022: Noble Crust Meet-up





Bone-chilling temps and cold rain kept a few folks from our meetup, but enough braved the weather to enjoy a perfect evening of great food and even better conversation. Four new members joined us – it was great getting to know them. Thank you to the staff of Noble Crust who made the night a roasty-toasty one!

### February 2022: For the Love of Shelby



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.

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## February 2022: For the Love of Shelby

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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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 displayonly 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** 

**Margaret Schaub** 

Organizer/Promoter/Sponsor

recruitment:

Cat & Carl LaMunyan Raffles:

Lucy Carroll

Judging/Parking:

Mark Morley

The "5 Bobs"

Bob O'Donnell

**Bob Orford** 

**Bob Perry** 

**Bob Simson** 

**Bob Turner** 

Tom Jankowski

Margaret Schaub

Russ "Doc" Hostetler

**Publicity:** 

**Scott Englart** 

**Brandon Pacifica** 

**Trophies:** 

Achilles Thomas – Lead Foot City

John Ell – Lead Foot City

Rick Schmidt - NPD

### 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 2022: 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 2022: 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.

### **April 2022: Pee Dee Roundup National Show**















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 <a href="www.mustang.org">www.mustang.org</a>. One of the best parts of membership is the ability to enter an MCA National Show.

## April 2022: MCT's Birthday Bash



On April 16<sup>th</sup> MCT hosted a Birthday Bash for National Mustang Day. The event supported Celebrate Birthdays organization and provided a fun day for some of the foster kids they support and kids from the One Voice foundation that we have worked with previously.



They event was held at Rotary Camp Florida, a beautiful outdoor setting in the shade of giant oak trees. We had about 30 Mustangs displayed from first generation to present day











MCT had the Hot Mess food truck there and provided food and drinks for everyone. The kids enjoyed the playground and a bounce house that was provided by 1Voice. MCT also provided a Birthday cake that all enjoyed. MCT members donated over \$600 in toys for the Celebrate Birthdays group.

### April 2022: MCT's Birthday Bash



Trophies for Top Ten cars were provided by Antonietti Marine and the kids all judged, selecting their favorite cars. I think many of us were surprised that older Mustangs prevailed.

They weather for the day was beautiful, the cars looked great, and the smiling faces on all those kids made the day complete.

Thank you to Lucy Carroll, Margaret Schaub, Doc Hostetler, Harold Champion, Tom Jankowski, Bob O'Donnell, Brandon Pacifica and Mark Morley their work to put this event together. Thank you to all the members who came out and made this a success.

## September 2022: Top Gun Mustang



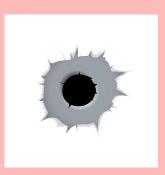
In September MCT members again went target shooting at Shooting Sports. Many thanks to MCT members Fred and Margaret Flesche who own Shooting Sports for hosting us on this Saturday morning.



## TOP-GUN-MUSTANG











### October 2022: Dave Bowman











## November 2022: 41st Roundup













## November 2022: Mason's Show





## December 2022: Holiday Party













## December 2022: Station House Toys for Tots











### **New Members**

We have several new members to welcome:

Alvin Reinauer	2015	Mustang	Roush
Julio & Kenia Medina	2021	Mustang	GT
Sandra & Dennis Newman	1972	Mustang	<b>Sprint Coupe</b>
<b>George Torres</b>	1990	Mustang	GT Hatchback
Edward Sindoni	2008	Mustang	<b>Bullitt Coupe</b>
William Gallagher	1993	Mustang	Special Edition
Jason Vargas		_	
Lazaro Cepeda	2021	Mustang	GT
Andrew Massiah			
Ken Smith	2020	Mustang	GT
Alvin Reinauer	2015	Mustang	Roush
Julio & Kenia Medina	2021	Mustang	GT
Scott Meredith	1967	Mustang	Conv
	2022	Mustang	<b>California Special</b>

### **Tyrell Wilson**

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:

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 TBD

## **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: <u>SALES@cigarcitypromos.com</u> 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







## MCT Swag!

New hats are in! We will be selling them at club gatherings for \$20 each.





High quality embroidery on a high-quality Richardson 112 Trucker cap.

## 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 <a href="mailto:president@mustangcluboftampa.com">president@mustangcluboftampa.com</a>

### **Other Sponsor Discounts:**

### **Shooting Sports**

Various discounts including range fees and ammo.7811 N. Dale Mabry Hwy Tampa, FL 33614 813-933-3000

### **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.

#### **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** 



### Join the MCA to get even more benefits:

Ford X-Plan Pricing

#### Discounts at:

- Car Covers Direct
- CJ Pony Parts
- Hagerty Insurance
- Plus 17 other vendors

Go to www.mustang.org for details