



MUSTANG
Club of Tampa

THE PONY EXPRESS

Newsletter of MCT

October 2019

It's
SHOWTIME!!

Our 38th Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford show is this Saturday and the weather looks to be beautiful. Your MCT holds this judged Mustang and Ford show just once per year so don't miss out. More Inside

No Business Meetings in
November or December

From the Editor:

We are well into the fall show season. Two shows we routinely attend, the Nature Coast Mustang Club in Inverness, and the Lakeland Auto Show and Lake Mirror Concours are now behind us. There are many shows every weekend and our own Mustang, Shelby and Ford show, followed by Mason Dixon's Best of the Best Show are coming soon.

Please come out to our shows. Our club does many things, but in my opinion the shows are the high point of our year. A show is where we get to show off our cars, and one of the few places we showcase MCT to the public and to other car owners. Our own show is also very important as it's usually our major fund raiser for the year and the barometer for our charitable giving. Come out, help with the event, and visit with your Mustang friends.

We had our first Saturday meeting in several years on 10/12. It was well attended with approximately 35 people. We had a lot of faces that can't make the normal 4th Tuesday meeting. The routine business meeting was followed by a Judging clinic. I think the judging clinic was probably the largest we have ever had. Both the presentation portion and the inspection of cars afterward had enthusiastic questions and participation that ran past 12:30. Thanks to all that came out.

We also remain busy with activities. In November, the movie "Ford vs. Ferrari" comes out, and we will likely go as a group to that in lieu of a November meeting. On December 7, we plan to participate as a group with a show at Vortex Motorsports. We also have our MCT Christmas Party on Sunday December 8.

I recently discovered a stash of most of our oldest newsletters and it's interesting to look back. This month I am including a copy of our first newsletter, all two pages. As time allows I will be going through these and from time to time will include portions of what the club was doing in the past.

Yes there is a lot going on and with details still coming together so keep a close eye for our emails to bring you the latest information.

I will also apologize if this newsletter is a little brief. With so much going on time has been rare to get it all done.

Mark

Our Fall Shows

MCT 38th Annual Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup

Saturday November 2, 2019 at Tampa Joe's

Once again we will be at Tampa Joe's for our annual show. Registration on line is open and going well. If you preregister before Wednesday night you can save \$5 and save a little time on the morning of the show so why not do it now.

Please spread the word to other Ford and Mustang owners. Also don't forget to invite friends that are not car owners to stop by to see this great gathering of special cars.

One Raffle, 3 great prizes! 50/50, a 55" TV, Mustang for a Weekend. ONE TICKET - WIN ALL THREE.

Schedule

7:30 am to set up tents, tables, cones, etc. and prepare for parking.

7:45 –8:00 parking help meets and plans positions and begins parking of early arrivals

8:00 Registration is assembling, officially opens 9 to 11, but operating when ready

10:00 First judges meeting. If you are not parking cars we will try to start some judges to look at cars that are ready.

10:30 Raffle ticket sales may begin and remain open until awards.

11:00 Parking and Registration will close.

11:15 Second Judges meeting for second group.

3:00 approximate time to present awards, followed by raffle

As always we will need volunteers to help. Early we need a good size group for parking, with Robbie Polo in charge. Bob Perry will run registration. Lucy Carroll will need a group to sell raffle tickets, late morning, and Frank Cossota will be in charge of judging. If you can help us out for part of the day it will make the job much easier for all.

Any questions contact show Co-Chairs, Mark Morley 813 417-2483 or Bob Turner 727 743-2146.

Our Fall Shows (cont)

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 festive holiday venue for a car show with the whole family involved.

The show flyer is attached and if you could distribute at any go shows please do so. If you need flyers contact Mark Morley. Watch for more details in the near future.

MEETINGS

There will be NO Business meeting in November or December

**With our two shows, plans for a movie and the Thanksgiving holiday
it's already a busy month.**

**In early December we will have our Christmas Party, and we take
time off until after the holidays.**

Enjoy the holidays with your family.

The Rusty



GILLIS
PERFORMANCE
RESTORATIONS

Brian has finished the rust repair, lined up the sheet metal and worked on the door gaps that required cutting, welding and grinding on this 1965 Mustang convertible. He is now ready to flare the front fenders. 509



It is hard to get the fender and door gaps right on a 1965 Mustang because Ford never had a fender bracket behind the wheel opening until 1967. Brian made one for this project.

Another problem if you want to run larger tires is the front wheel opening clearance so Brian fixed that problem. The right front fender was cut and sliced.



Left fender after it was welded back together.

You would never know it was modified after the welds were ground.



The front fender was cut but left attached at the bottom in the front and back and brought out $\frac{3}{4}$ " at the top and tack welded. I don't have a photo but he tack welded two more smaller braces. I wanted it to look like it was built by Ford but now you can use a larger and wider 17" or 18" wheel and tire.

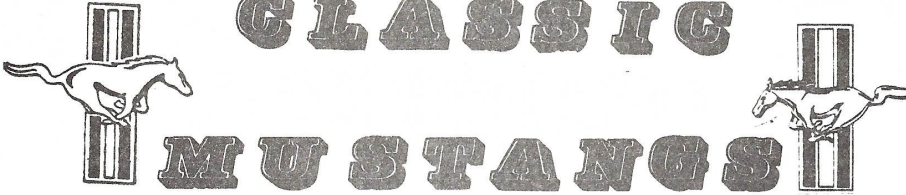
Brian cuts out a pattern from poster board and tapes it to the fender. He will use the same pattern but reversed for the right fender 520



To Keep you in suspense and coming back we will finish this topic next month.

Mustang Club of Tampa First Newsletter

JUNE 1981



CLASSIC MUSTANGS OF TAMPA NEWSLETTER

MUSTANG SHOW AND PARTS FLEA MARKET: Sunday, June 14, 10:00 AM
WHERE: Lowry Park, across from Safety Village on North Blvd., with a rain out date of June 21. Bring the family and a picnic lunch and spend the day. For more information call Joe or Char Jefferson at 961-7846.

Wanted: IDEAS! If any of you have any ideas for club activities or what you think the club should do, please bring your ideas to the June 23rd meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Bill Eggleston needs people to help set up our June 14th meet at Lowry Park. If you can lend a hand, give Bill a call at 961-4776.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST MEETING DEPT. Although everyone was a little damp, we would like to thank all 28 members for braving the weather and coming out. Our first meeting was a great success, and we all met new friends. We talked about the upcoming meet, read the club's by-laws, and discussed possible activities for the future.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT MEETING DEPT. Our next monthly meeting will be again at the Florida Federal Building, 202 West Bearss Ave. at 8:00 PM. Besides regular business, Gene Guy and Forman Metro will give a presentation on rare and unusual Mustang accessories, some of which may surprise you.

A SPECIAL THANKS We would like to thank North Tampa Auto Salvage for their generous donation of the front bumper and all other members who donated parts for our sale. All proceeds will go into the club treasury. Anyone wishing to donate parts for the sale, please give Char Jefferson a call at 961-7846.

OFFICERS Our first set of officers are as follows:
President...Frank Cossota.....961-1539
Vice- Pres..Bill Eggleston.....961-4776
Secretary...Joe Jefferson.....961-7846
Treasurer...Glenn Bornemann.....962-0836
Officer.....Gene Guy.....961 6885
Officer.....Forman Metro

If you have any questions, or know of someone who would like to join, give any of the officers a call. They are here for you.

CLASSIC MUSTANGS OF TAMPA

CLASSIC MUSTANG DISPLAY AND AUTO PARTS FLEA MARKET

WHERE: LOWRY PARK, across from Safety Village on North Blvd.

WHEN: JUNE 14 at 10:00 AM. In case of rain, it will be held the following weekend on June 21 at 10:00 AM.

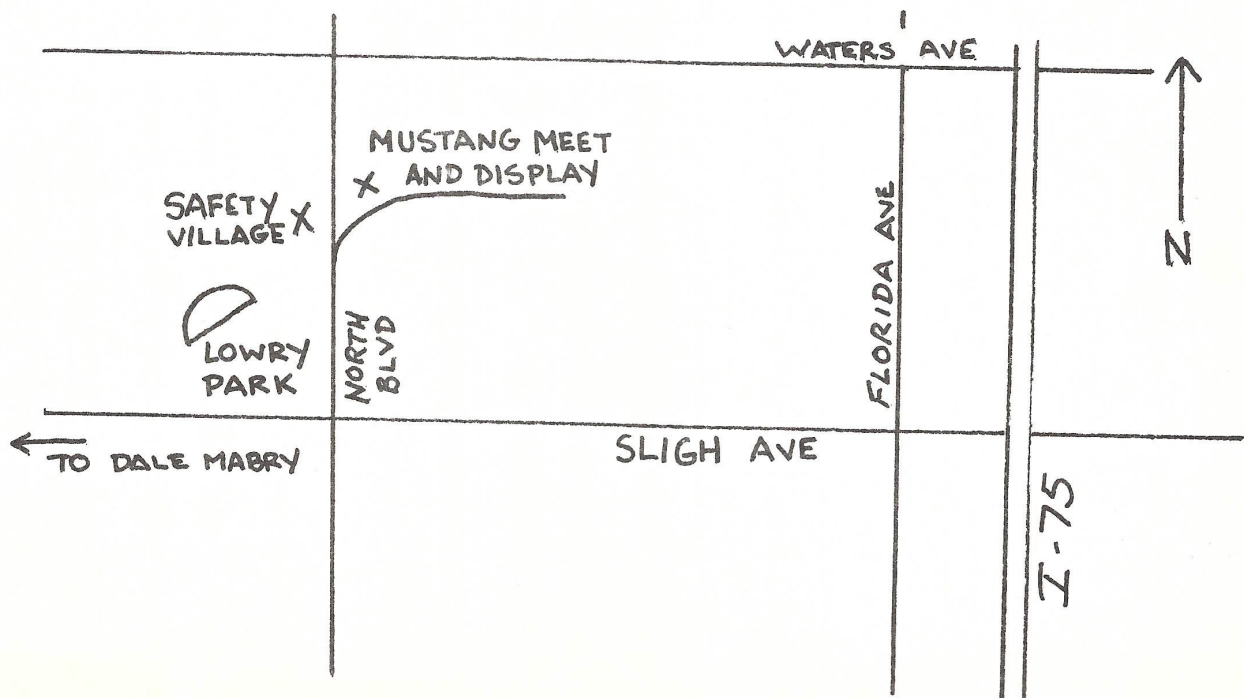
COME, JOIN, AND DISPLAY YOUR MUSTANG WITH US. WHETHER ITS ALREADY FULLY RESTORED, OR IN ANY STAGE OF RESTORATION, IT DOESN'T MATTER. ALL CARS WILL BE PART OF THE DISPLAY.

EVEN THOUGH THE BASIC INTRESRT OF THE CLUB IS IN THE 1964½ to 1966 MODEL YEARS, ALL MUSTANGS UP TO AND INCLUDING 1973 ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND DISPLAY THEIR CARS.

PARTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL YEARS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SELL PARTS OR ACCESSORIES AT THE MEET, PLEASE BE THERE BY 9:00 AM TO SECURE A SPACE, OR CALL JOE OR CHARLENE AT 961-7846. THERE WILL BE A SMALL DONATION CHARGE FOR VENDOR SPACE.

WE HOPE ALL THE MUSTANGS IN THE BAY AREA WILL ATTEND. YOU MAY EVEN WANT TO BRING THE FAMILY AND A PINIC LUNCH AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON. SEE YOU THERE!



MCT Members Caravan to Nature Coast Mustang Club Car Show

Submitted by Harry DePeppe



On Saturday, October 5th, Fourteen Mustang Club of Tampa Mustangs and one Mercury Grand Marquis, took the opportunity to caravan up to Inverness, FL, the site of the Nature Coast Mustangs 10th Annual Car Show. 22 Drivers and Co-drivers met in the pre-dawn darkness for breakfast at Mickey D's at Rtes. 54 & 41. Queuing up in the parking lot, we made a 7:30 departure for the 50-mile+ cruise to the site. The last 15.8 miles were without stop lights or stop signs, winding through scenic rural Florida hills and valleys, passing the Citrus Wildlife Area of Withlacoochee State Forest. Along with the view, seeing a giant bald eagle alongside of the road was a highlight. The NCMC folks were impressed with our grand entrance and President Perry Unger thanked us for our club's participation.



The well-attended show featured Rusty Gillis' '69 428ci Cobra Jet. He also brought his well-behaved kids' favorite Daisy and his not-quite-ready-for-paint Mustang shell as a display. Tom Jankowski & Mark McGovern took the opportunity to pass out the flyers for the upcoming MCT Round-Up & Christmas Wish car shows.

MCT members Ernie & Dot Mendenhall; Vincent & Valarie Fabrizio; Lloyd & Patricia Luke; Doug & Kelly Robbins, Mike Drovie & his dad Bob, all got introduced to their first Nature Coast Mustang Show. Also joining in for the trip were members: Exec VP Frank Cossota, Chris Meyer, Bob Perry, Dan Spavin, Tom Jankowski, Mark & Stephanie McGovern, Sunthorn Ingersoll, Harold & Bette Champion, Joe DellaFave and myself.



The day turned into a beautifully sunny, 90-degree day, (thank goodness for the showroom A/C) Congrats to all the MCT member award winners and their Mustangs: Bob Perry's 66, Chris Meyer's '67, Harold & Bette's Champion's '13 GT Convertible, Stephanie & Mark McGovern's '67 Convertible and Ernest & Dot Mendenhall's '99 Sa-leen.

The fun ride home, albeit a little more over the speed-limit, capped off a great day with our Mustangs.



Lakeland Auto Show and Lake Mirror Concours

Those of us who like organize car shows work very hard to make them efficient and enjoyable for participants. We plan every detail to make it perfect and for some major events even work year round. The one factor we cannot control is weather. We can only hope for the best.

When a named tropical storm system inundates the area with inches of rain overnight and into the morning of the show it wrecks havoc. Nestor was tracked well ahead, and the day before alternate plans were made the move the event into two downtown Lakeland parking garages.



Attendance at the show was down tremendously as you would expect. However, many hard core enthusiasts still came out Saturday morning as the rains lightened and ended mid morning. The huge undertaking did take place, and organizers did an amazing job to pull off what they did under the circumstances.

The Mustang show had 21 cars. Certainly not an ideal setting, but it was dry. It's certainly disappointing is this is the nicest show in this area of the state. Keep it on your to do list for next year.

NEW MEMBERS

MCT Welcomes New Members:

Lee and Jackie Williams 1966 2+2 Fastback

Edward and Gerianne Abdenour 2011 GT Coupe

December 8
MCT Christmas Party
Watch for Details Soon

MCT Calendar

- Nov 2 **MCT Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup**, regional MCA show at Tampa Joe's flyer and more info in newsletter
- Nov 19 **Screening of Ford vs. Ferrari movie** at theater—watch emails for details.
- NO GENERAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER**
- Nov 24 **Mason Dixon Christmas Wish Show**, hosted by MCT for Christmas Wish Fund.
- Nov 24 Ponies Under the Palms, Mustang Club of West Central Florida, Mustang and Ford Show, Lakewood Ranch. Register at their facebook page
- Dec 8 **MCT Christmas Party** - Lucy Carroll is organizing the annual MCT Christmas Celebration at Ivaronnes

NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER

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 6 to 9pm — Boston Market, 16212 N Dale Mabry, near Advance Auto Parts store, Great parking and lighting, 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, fjnc@aim.com

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

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OFFICERS

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Mark Morley PP, Newsletter

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PP Denotes Past President



**MUSTANG
Club of Tampa**



Invites you to our 38th Annual Mustang, Shelby & Ford *Roundup*

Car Show registration fee:

Pre-Registration is **\$25**

(Must be received by **10/28/19**)

Day of Show is **\$30**

(If space is available)

**A portion of the proceeds
will benefit local charities**

Show Hours: 9AM to 3PM

Registration: 9AM to 11AM

Register and pay on-line at

www.mustangcluboftampa.com

(Mail-in information on reverse)

*Open to all years of Mustang
and Ford products.*

Limited to 150 cars.

For general info call:

Mark Morley at (813)417-2483

Frank Cossota at (813)376-8979

**Live DJ by
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Events**



Located at Tampa Joe's
9316 Anderson Rd.
Tampa, FL 33634



Saturday, November 2nd, 2019



Mustang, Shelby & Ford Roundup

Come on out and enjoy!

- Purchase lunch inside Tampa Joe's
- Sponsor's Choice and Club Participation Awards
- No charge for spectators
- Help support great community causes

Please....

- No canopies allowed
- All vehicles on show field must be registered
- All cars must remain in place until after the awards are presented

During Judging Period (11AM until complete):

- Hoods, Windows, Trunks open for maximum points
- Convertible tops up

Definitions:

- Stock = May have minor modifications and changes to tires and safety items
- Modified = Four or more major modifications (engine; exhaust; interior; paint/decals; wheels; audio; etc... - except tires and safety items)

Judging: All classes will use simplified Mustang Club of America Occasional Driven Judging Format: Only **Appearance** (Fit & Finish) and **Cleanliness** are considered.

Classes*:

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| 1 Mustang - Stock – 1965-1968 | 11 Mustang - Modified – 1965-1968 |
| 2 Mustang - Stock – 1969-1973 | 12 Mustang - Modified – 1969-1973 |
| 3 Mustang - Stock – 1974-1993 | 13 Mustang - Modified – 1974-1993 |
| 4 Mustang - Stock – 1994-2004 | 14 Mustang - Modified – 1994-2004 |
| 5 Mustang - Stock – 2005-2009 | 15 Mustang - Modified – 2005-2009 |
| 6 Mustang - Stock – 2010-2014 | 16 Mustang - Modified – 2010-2014 |
| 7 Mustang - Stock – 2015-2017 | 17 Mustang - Modified – 2015-2017 |
| 8 Mustang - Stock – 2018-2020 | 18 Mustang - Modified – 2018-2020 |
| 9 Shelby – 1965 - 1970 | 19 Shelby and Boss - 2006 and Up |
| 10 Other Ford – All other FoMoCo vehicles, includes all Trucks, and Special Interest (Special Service, Military, Tractors, Fire Trucks, Prototypes, etc...) | 20 Mustang Specialty Cars – All Years (Roush, Saleen, Steeda, Foose, Ronaele, etc...) |
| | 21 Ford Exotic (GT, Pantera, Bricklin, Jaguar, McClaren, Sunbeam Tiger, Cobra, Cobra Replicas, etc...) |
| | 99 Display |

*Classes are subject to change.

MAIL SIGNED REGISTRATION FORM AND ENTRY FEE CHECK (Payable to MCT) to:
Bob Perry, 6119 Cezanne Avenue, Lutz, FL 33558

Please fill-out and sign registration form below:

Class: _____

Name (please print) _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Car:(Year) _____ (Make/Model) _____ (Body Style) _____

(Color) _____ Pre-registration = \$25; Day of Show = \$30

Club Affiliation: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Email address: _____

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA (MCT) AND UNDERSTAND I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY AUTOMOBILE AND ITS CONTENTS. I EXPRESSLY AGREE TO RELEASE MCT, TAMPA JOE'S, AND ALL OTHER SPONSORS FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, LOST OR STOLEN ARTICLES ARISING FROM THIS EVENT.

Signature _____ Date _____

MASON DIXON'S 19TH ANNUAL BEST OF THE BEST CAR SHOW



On the Streets at The Shops of Wiregrass
Sunday November 24, 2019



**“SHOW”
&
“SHOP”**



Open to all Makes and Models

Free to Spectators!

Registration 8:30 to 10:30, Awards 3:30

**Single Parking Space
\$25 by 11/15/18. \$30 at show**

**Limited Vendor Space
MUST call for availability
\$50 per vehicle space required**

**Awards to
Best of the Best Cars
and
Best of the Best Shopper ***

**Would your Marque Club like to Host a
Show Within-A-Show for your Marque?
Call Us**

**Show Within-A-Show
for All Mustangs**

Show
Hosted by



*Shopper Award to registered car show family member
with receipts for the most spent at
The Shops of Wiregrass on day of show

**Use the Easy Online Registration at:
www.christmaswishtampa.com
Info Call Kevin (727) 430-9545 or Mark (813) 417-2483**

Donations to Christmas Wish may be mailed to:
CW/Q105, 9721 Executive Center Dr., Suite 200
St. Petersburg, FL 33702 or on line at: www.christmaswishtampa.com