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Next Meeting

January 8, 2024

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Beef 'O' Brady's

12479 Adams Rd. (IN-23)

(Intersection of IN-23 and Bittersweet Road)

Granger, IN 46530

Upcoming Events

January 8 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

February 12 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

March 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

April 8 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

April 17 (Wednesday)

Ford Mustang's 60th birthday

May 2 (Thursday)

First 2024 Cruise-in at Essenhaus in Middlebury

May 9 (Thursday)

Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury

May 13 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

May 27 (Monday)

Memorial Day parades



May everyone have a healthy, happy, fun, and safe 2024!

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2024 Meeting Dates

January 8
February 12
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December TBC

Michiana Mustang Nights at Essenhaus

Thursday, May 9
Thursday, June 13
Thursday, July 11
Thursday, August 8
Thursday, September 12



Behind the Wheel

By Scott Lickteig

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a great Christmas and are now moving towards an exciting 2024! Special thank you to the team that organized the Christmas party! The food was good, and the gift exchange was lots of fun. We enjoyed meeting more of the members and look forward to additional events this year.

For those of you who do not know me, I am Scott Lickteig, your newly elected President. My wife, Kristi, and I moved to South Bend just over 2 years ago from North Carolina. I have been a huge fan of Mustangs since the 60's and I have owned as well as restored several Mustangs over the years. Our latest addition is a 2004 convertible 40th Anniversary edition. We are looking forward to connecting with more of the members in the year to come and working to gain new members, which is always tough in any club. So here is a challenge to everyone, let's work on coming up with ideas on how to attract new members. One thought is to carry a business card which I drafted below as an example.



Members of past clubs I belonged to would place it under the windshield wipers at events, the mall, or any other outings. We had good success at bringing in new people to our group using this with minimal effort. We are open to any of your own ideas for recruiting new members as well so feel free to contact us.

There is a Board meeting scheduled for January 8th at 6:00PM. Below are a few items that the Officers and Board Members will be reviewing.

- Closing out 2023 Financial
- Regularity of Board meetings
- Club Activities
 - 2024 Picnic
 - 2024 Show
 - 2024 Christmas Dinner
- Website
- Events to attract new members
- Open discussion

If there are any topics or guest speakers you would like to see at a club meeting please let us know and we will do our best to bring some interesting speakers in. Looking forward to having fun in 2024. See you on January 8th.

Happy Mustanging

Notes from last month's meeting



We had 49 members at Dutchmaid Eatery and Gifts in Bremen for this year's Christmas Party.



Tandy Nicodemus gave comprehensive directions for this year's gift exchange.



Vice President Phil Nicodemus presented this year's "Pumper" Award to David Yoder. This is David's fourth award.

Many thanks to everyone that worked to arrange the dinner and decorate the restaurant, and to the restaurant staff for a wonderful evening.

Membership News



This Month...

7	West Geairn
10	Blair Knaak
17	Diane Reed
17	Marion Williams
25	Tina Shanholt
29	Kristi Preyer



Anniversaries This Month...

4	Theresa & Terry Sarul	55 years
23	Fran & Art Anderson	59 years
26	Tina & Mike Shanholt	11 years
31	Vivian & Gary Hughes	48 years

If I missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know. Thanks!

We remember...

Paul Houseman (January 14, 2002)
Bob Kersey (January 31, 2008)
June Schmidt (January 11, 2018)
Joe Kraatz (January 24, 2020)
Carol Podemski (January 8, 2023)
Ted Sauerbeck (January 15, 2023)

Last Month's Finances

Income

Membership income	100.00
Total Income	\$ 100.00

Expenses

MCA discounts	15.00
Newsletter copies	22.26
Newsletter postage	13.20
Total Expenses	\$ 50.46

Net Income	\$ 49.54
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Membership Anniversaries

Gary & Vivian Hughes	9 years
Diane Shaul	6 years
Jason & Candice Cleveland	6 years
John & Barbara Reihl	5 years
Dave & Pat Martin	4 years
Mike Wiltfong	1 year

As the coals from our barbecue burned down, our hosts passed out marshmallows and long roasting forks.

Just then, two fire trucks roared by, sirens blaring, lights flashing. They stopped at a house right down the block.

All twelve of us raced out of the back yard and down the street, where we found the owners of the blazing house standing by helplessly. They glared at us with looks of disgust.

Suddenly we realized why: we were all still holding our roasting forks with marshmallows on them.

**After all the eating I
did over the
holidays, I am
happy to report
that my socks still
fit.**

Membership Renewals Due

December

Debbie & Mike Mittleman

January

Jason & Candice Cleveland

Dave & Pat Martin

Diane Shaull

Mike Wiltfong

February

Blair & Shari Knaak

Please note these procedures used by the treasurer for dues collection

- Month #1 (One month before due date): First Invoice
- Month #2 (The month of due date): Second Invoice
- Month #3 (De-Activation Month): No Invoice (notice in newsletter)

Dues should be mailed to David Yoder, 1155 N Center St #B, Bremen, IN 46506



New Members!

None this month

Welcome to the club. We're looking forward to getting to know you!

For Sale

Auto rotisserie with brackets for 67-68 Mustangs. \$100
Call Dave Cooper at 219-896-0176.

2023 Roster Analysis (continued)

I think it would be interesting to look at the cars our members own, to see what the breakout would be by generation, but I know my data is not up to date. If everyone would send me a list of their cars, I'll look into it.

I'm not sure there's any important findings here; as I said, it's probably something weird about me, but I found it interesting. I hope you did, too.

2023 Roster Analysis

It's probably something weird in my mental makeup, but every so often I take a look at the demographic makeup of our membership. I haven't published any data for a few years, so I thought I'd take a look at our December 2023 roster.

As of December 2023, we had 107 members in 4 states:

- Indiana: 94 members
- Michigan: 11 members
- Illinois: 1 member
- Tennessee: 1 member

Our 94 Indiana members live in 10 counties:

- Allen County: 2
- Elkhart County: 28 (27.1%)
- Jasper County: 2
- Kosciusko County: 1
- LaGrange County: 1
- Lake County: 1
- LaPorte County: 4
- Marshall County: 2
- Porter County: 9 (8.4%)
- St. Joseph County: 44 (40.2%)

Our 11 Michigan members live in 5 counties:

- Berrien County: 4
- Cass County: 4
- Branch County: 1
- Manistee County: 1
- St. Joseph County: 1

Looking at our membership by seniority:

- 40+ years: 1 (0.9%)
- 30-39 years: 9 (8.4%)
- 20-29 years: 21 (19.6%)
- 10-19 years: 19 (17.7%)
- 1-9 years: 57 (53.3%)

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S650 Ford Mustang Production Will Not End in 2028



By Edward Snitkoff, December 4, 2023



With the 2023 UAW strike over, both Ford and the union have started to focus on the future of their respective organizations. For the union, that involves [organizing plants](#) belonging to non-unionized automakers. For The Blue Oval, its immediate priority is getting production at plants impacted by the strike back on track, so it can set itself up to close out 2023 as strongly as possible. Additionally, the automaker is currently ramping up production of the S650 [Ford Mustang](#), with the 2024 representing the first model year of the redesigned pony car. Although the current generation is still in its relative infancy, several outlets have recently reported that its demise may arrive sooner than expected, based on a UAW document highlighting Ford's future investment strategy for every plant located in the United States. But even a cursory glance at the document reveals that the S650 very likely has a future beyond the current contract.

At the very least, S650 Ford Mustang production will continue through April 2028, which is when the UAW contract [recently ratified](#) by Ford workers will expire. There is [nothing](#) in the text of [the document](#) that remotely suggests that [Flat Rock Assembly](#) will cease to produce the current generation in 2028, and it's not clear why certain individuals were stymied by it. The purpose of that particular section of the UAW Ford agreement is to outline what commitments the union was able to secure from Ford, and to summarize the automaker's intentions for every assembly plant that falls under the agreement. It's entirely possible that the company's plans will change, but as of this writing, S650 Ford Mustang production is not ending in 2028, and the agreement is our best and most official source that it will continue, at minimum, through the first quarter of that year.



ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS	
Plant	Product Investment
Chicago Assembly \$400 million investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Explorer will continue, including HEV and Police Aviator will continue through its product lifecycle
Dearborn Truck / REVC \$900 million investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F-150 will continue, including HEV and Raptor F-150 Lightning will continue through its product lifecycle All new EV truck will be added
Flat Rock Assembly \$50 million investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mustang will continue Pending program approval new product will be added
Kansas City Assembly \$1.0 billion investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F-150 will continue, including HEV and Police Transit will continue Transit EV will continue through its planned product lifecycle
Kentucky Truck \$750 million investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Duty will continue Expedition will continue, including HEV Navigator will continue, including HEV
Louisville Assembly \$1.2 billion investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Escape will continue through its planned product lifecycle Corsair will continue through its planned product lifecycle All new EV product will be added
Michigan Assembly including Integral Stamping and Assembly (ISA) / Body Stamping Unit (BSU) \$250 million investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Ranger will continue, including Raptor Current Bronco will continue, including Raptor 3rd production crew will be added Stamping for Mustang, Bronco including Raptor, Ranger including Raptor, F-150, Expedition, Navigator, and Super Duty will continue Stamping for Escape, Corsair will continue through their planned lifecycle
Ohio Assembly \$2.1 billion investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new EV van to be added Medium Truck will continue Super Duty will continue E-Series Cutaway and Stripped Chassis will continue

Beyond the UAW agreement with Ford, all other information related to the future of the S650 Ford Mustang is unofficial. As *Ford Authority* previously reported, some outlets have [stated](#) that the current generation could go away [as early as](#) 2029. But earlier reporting that cited suppliers suggests an [eight year production run](#) for the S650, which would mean it could continue being produced into the next decade, with an end date of around 2031.

That said, it's entirely possible that the S650 Ford Mustang will be the [last gasoline-powered pony car](#) to be sold by the automaker. This summer, Ford CEO Jim Farley surmised that a fully electric Mustang would be [less palatable](#) than a hybrid variant, a possible hint that the future of the muscle car lies in partial electrification. Beyond that, the future is murky and uncertain, and there is no indication that the recently introduced model will be produced for a relatively short production run of five years.

<https://fordauthority.com/2023/12/s650-ford-mustang-production-will-not-end-in-2028/>

Ford Mustang Rivals Chevy Camaro and Dodge Challenger No Longer in Production



By Brett Foote, December 15, 2023



As Blue Oval fans are well aware by now, the iconic [Ford Mustang](#) just entered its brand new S650 generation with the launch of the redesigned 2024 model. Set to be produced [at least through April 2028](#), according to a UAW document, the Ford Mustang continues to enjoy success in a quickly shrinking market of V8-powered, rear-wheel drive cars with available manual transmissions. While one Mustang rival – the Dodge Charger – will reportedly [continue to be offered with an ICE powertrain](#) when the next-generation model arrives (albeit the twin-turbocharged 3.0L I-6 Hurricane engine, not a V8), production of the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro ended this week, marking the demise of yet another Mustang rival, according to [GM Authority](#).

GM originally announced that the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro was set to [bow out of its lineup](#) following the 2024 model year, and at the same time, revealed that it would be sending that model out [with a special Collector's Edition package](#) available throughout the lineup. However, it seems as if the 2024 Chevy Camaro is enjoying a rather short production run, as the last example reportedly rolled off the assembly line just yesterday.

Regardless, GM reportedly decided to extend 2024 Camaro production following the onset of the UAW strike in September, though that was done to ensure that it could fill all remaining orders for that model. Previously, production was slated to end in early December, but was ultimately extended exactly one week.

While this marks the end of the sixth-gen Camaro, GM did note that the nameplate will be resurrected at some point in the future, though it's unclear what the next Camaro might look like or be powered by. With GM committing to EVs, many believe that the sporty model will be reborn as an all-electric offering of some sort, or perhaps even an entire sub-brand with a range of models sporting the Camaro name.

<https://fordauthority.com/2023/12/ford-mustang-rival-chevy-camaro-no-longer-in-production/>



By Brett Foote, December 22, 2023



The all-new S650 generation [Ford Mustang](#) just launched a few months ago, and as [Ford Authority](#) previously reported, will continue to be produced at the [Flat Rock Assembly plant at least until April 2028](#) – which is when the new UAW contract with the automaker is set to expire. The same cannot be said of the pony car's rivals, however, as production of the sixth-generation Chevy Camaro [just ended](#) with no successor yet announced, while the Dodge Challenger [will live on in some capacity](#), though it's somewhat in the same boat. Now, production of the current-gen Dodge Challenger has officially ended, according to [Automotive News Canada](#).

The current-gen Dodge Challenger has been in production at the automaker's Brampton, Ontario plant since 2005, where it's built alongside the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Charger. However, production of all three of those models is ending today, bringing that rather long run to a conclusion, even as the Charger and Challenger, specifically, continue to perform well in terms of sales and profitability for parent company Stellantis.

With this change, Stellantis is also bidding farewell to its Brampton plant for a while – which will transition to building electrified vehicles in a couple of years – as the next generation of the as-yet-unnamed Dodge muscle cars will take place at the nearby Windsor Assembly plant. It's unclear what those models may be named, what they might look like, or what might power them, but some recent reports did provide a little clarity on that situation.

In addition to an all-electric Dodge muscle car, the brand is also reportedly working on an ICE version of that same model, albeit one powered by the relatively new, twin-turbocharged 3.0L I-6 Hurricane engine – not a V8 of some sort, it seems.

<https://fordauthority.com/2023/12/production-of-ford-mustang-rival-dodge-challenger-ends-today/>

Michiana Mustangs Online Clothing Store

You are invited to begin shopping in the Michiana Mustangs online store. The store has been set up to make the ordering process easier for you.

There are four steps to getting started:

1. Go to <https://accessimprintedsportswear.tuosystems.com/shopping/947203>. Be sure to use a current version of the most common browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, or Internet Explorer)
2. Log-in with this password: **Dearborn1964.5**
3. Browse the available merchandise options. Be sure to carefully select the appropriate products, sizes and colors you need.
4. Once you've finished shopping, review your order and check out. You will receive an Order Confirmation via email (at the address you entered when ordering). Please look for this Order Confirmation e-mail once you've completed your order.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact gozigoose@comcast.net and one of our online Customer Care representatives will be glad to assist you.



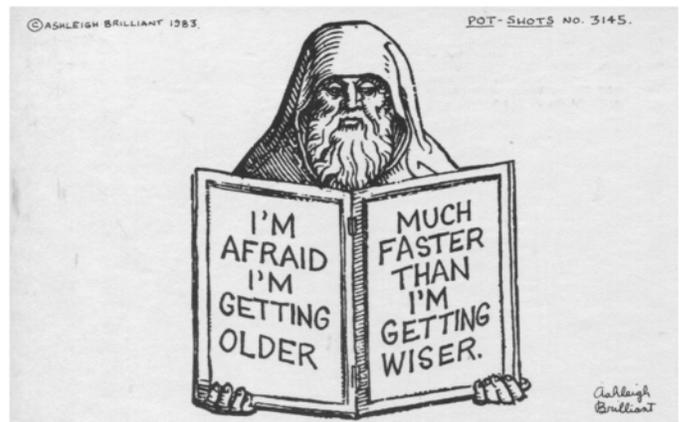
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Tell us your story: Do you love talking about your Mustang; what you've enjoyed most or least; how you bought it and why? Then you're halfway there. Send your story to me with a few photos.

Keep us in the loop: Did you do some great mods to your Mustang, or attend an auto-related event or car show? Take a trip that you'd recommend to others? Send me your photos and a short article on what you did.

Teach us: Did you make some mods to your Mustang or work on a restoration or repair? Take a few photos as you go through the process and send them to me.

How to submit: Email your story and photos to me, or mail them to the address in 'The fine print' in the next column.



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