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Next Meeting

March 11, 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

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 11 (Saturday)

Jimtown Car & Cycle Show, Jimtown High School, 11 am - 3 pm

May 13 (Monday)

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

May 17-18 (Fri. & Sat.)

47th INSAAC Shelby Spring Fling, Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN (<http://www.insaac.org>)

May 27 (Monday)

Memorial Day parades

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2024 Show Shirt



Here is the 2024 show shirt as approved by the members at the February meeting. In addition to the front picture, shown below and in last month's newsletter, you can see the club logo on the right sleeve, and '2024' has been added below the front design.

The cost of this year's shirt is \$25.00 (tax included). Due to the higher cost, we will be buying the shirts based on pre-orders and the shirts must be pre-paid with the order. If you want to purchase a shirt, contact Ron Olson (gitron0852@gmail.com), providing him with the number of shirts and sizes desired.



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2024 Car Show and Event Listing

May 2 (Thursday)	First 2024 Cruise-in night at Essenhaus in Middlebury
May 9 (Thursday)	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury
May 11 (Saturday)	Jimtown Car & Cycle Show, Jimtown High School, 11 am - 3 pm
May 17 & 18 (Friday & Saturday)	47 th INSAAC Shelby Spring Fling, Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN (http://www.insaac.org)
May 18 (Saturday)	Mid-Michigan Car Club's Great Lakes Stampede, Birch Run Premium Outlet Mall (www.mustangclubmidmichigan.com)
May 25 (Saturday)	Tapper Ford 10th Annual Mustang Show, 816 S. Kalamazoo St., Paw Paw, MI (TBC) (www.tapperford.com)
June 8 (Saturday)	West Michigan Mustang Club Show, Betten/Baker Ford, Coopersville, MI (http://westmichiganmustangclub.com/)
June 13 (Thursday)	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury
June 22 (Saturday)	MCAACN Muscle Car Meet-Up at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI (http://gilmorecarmuseum.org/)
July 11 (Thursday)	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury
July 13 (Saturday)	Old Fort Mustangers 41 st Annual Mustang & Ford Show, Ivy Tech Coliseum Campus, 3800 N. Anthony Blvd., Ft. Wayne (http://www.oldfortmustangers.com/)
August 3 (Saturday)	Red Barns Spectacular car show at Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, MI (http://gilmorecarmuseum.org/)
August 8 (Thursday)	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury
August 10 (Saturday)	40th Annual Michiana Mustangs Mustang and Ford show at Das Dutchman Essenhaus, Middlebury
August 18 (Sunday)	Mustang Memories Show - Ford World Headquarters, Dearborn, MI (www.mocsem.com) (TBC)
August 24 (Saturday)	Annual Kouts PorkFest parade, downtown Kouts (TBC)
September 12 (Thursday)	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury
September 26 (Thursday)	Final 2024 Cruise-in night at Essenhaus in Middlebury

TBC: Events to be confirmed

Behind the Wheel

By Scott Lickteig

Dear Mustang Enthusiasts,

As March rolls in, we have exciting news and updates to share with you. Our upcoming club meeting promises to be an engaging gathering as we discuss an important topic close to all our hearts: fundraising for our beloved Mustang club.

Fundraising is crucial for maintaining the health and vitality of our club. It enables us to organize memorable events, support local charity initiatives, and invest in our shared passion for Mustangs. With your active participation and support, we can achieve our fundraising goals and ensure a thriving future for our club.

During the meeting, we will be discussing various strategies to raise funds and enhance our community's engagement. Last weekend there was a regional Mustang Club Summit in MI. From the daylong event new ideas on how to increase members and attract new young members. Below are the items mentioned.

Youth involvement

- More cruises and moving activities.
- 'Cars and Coffee'-type events along with static shows.
- Video games at show?
- Come up to a kid – Do you own a Mustang? Hand them a Hot Wheels; 'Now you do!'
- If you get invited to a 'Bring your parent to school day', talk about Mustangs.
- Have kids in the club invite their friends to club events.
- Have Power Wheel-type Mustangs at show for kids.
- Have a Fire Truck at the show - kids love to climb on fire trucks!
- Have a Mustang available for kids to have their picture taken – make it an experience!
- Get together with schools – photography classes, etc.
- Car maintenance clinics for new drivers – how do you open the hood, check the oil, change a tire, etc.
- Sponsor a kid with a Mustang to repair – work with tech program, supply parts...
- Sponsor days at local shops – detailing, etc.
- Junior Mustang clubs at schools?
- Pin the wheel on a Mustang?

Club 'marketing'

- Club displays at county fairs.
- Promote local shops as we have done with dealerships (show-n-shines, etc.) for sponsorships.
- Work out what the ROI is for club sponsorships. Use as selling point to sponsors.

- Have 'meetups' instead of 'cruise-ins' – updated terminology.
- Sample sponsorship levels:
 - A: Business card-sized ad in newsletter.
 - B: Double-sized ad in newsletter.
 - C: Double-sized ad in newsletter, listed on website, booth at show.
 - D: Double-sized ad in newsletter, listed on website, sponsor awards at show.
- Short-term trial memberships?
- Cruise-ins to retirement homes – could they provide coffee and donuts?
- Cruise-ins to a location, followed by a rally, poker run, or scavenger hunt? Some clubs say they make as much money as a show with far less work.

Shows

- If the territory dealer will sign off from the show, you can have other dealers at your show.

Miscellaneous

- Rotate meeting sites around the club area – make it easier for some members to attend.
- Have multi-club social meetings with other clubs (Mustang and others) – each club alternates hosting.

For the March meeting I would like to hear from the members about implementing some of these into our activities and goals.

Remember, our club's strength lies in the unity and shared passion of our members. By attending the upcoming meeting and actively participating in the fundraising discussion, you play a vital role in shaping the future of our Mustang community.

Happy Mustanging

Regards,

Scott

Notes from last month's meeting

President Scott Lickteig called the February meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Attending the meeting was Art Anderson, Scott & Chris Anderson, David & Peggy Anson, Charlie & Linda Arnold, Greg Burkowski, Art & Becky Campbell, Jerry & Jeri Cardella, Pete & Chris Delchambre, West Gearn, Bob & Pat Goeller, Lyn Gorski, Lola Gunderman, Dennis & Patty Jennings, Carl Kindig, Jake Kirby, Scott Lickteig, Hal McClure, Debbie & Mike Mittelman, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Connie Northam, Arnie O'Brien, Ron & Cindy Olson, Tom Podemski, Kenny & Diane Reed, Jim Schmidt, Diane Shaull, and David & Jane Yoder.

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Membership News



This Month...

10	Sara DeSmith
12	Diane Schall
20	Kathryn Schmidt
22	Kami Woody
26	David Anson



Anniversaries This Month...

None this month

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

We remember...

Jim Tweedy (March 19, 2003)
Neal Decker (March 13, 2005)
Robert Kaercher (March 24, 2019)
Jack Harris (March 18, 2020)
Robert D. Relos (March 2, 2023)

Membership Anniversaries

Mike Sebella	30 years
Sandy Kraatz	25 years
Kevin & Janette Price	20 years
Harold & Loretta Jdrzejewski	19 years
Paul Rogers	15 years
Connie Northam	10 years

Last Month's Finances

Income

Membership income	60.00
50/50 Drawing	43.00
Car show pre-registration	15.00
Total Income	\$ 118.00

Expenses

MCA discounts	5.00
Total Expenses	\$ 5.00

Net Income

\$ 113.00

More Notes from the Meeting (from page 3)

- Scott reminded us of the annual bowling outing, scheduled for this Saturday (February 17), to be followed by dinner at Perkins'.
- Peggy Anson proposed a Mustang 'meet and drive' event at a school or the Elkhart Career Center for our National Mustang Day event. This will be discussed with the EACC.
- MCA Director Jim Schmidt informed us that, due to the rising cost of the insurance policies the MCA provides for our events, we are now limited to one event per year where we will be covered by the MCA at no charge. For any other events, we will be charged for the insurance (cost unknown at this time).
- Jim also mentioned that there will be an MCA National Show in Cincinnati next year. He encouraged all members to attend.
- There will be a Cars and Coffee event in Plymouth on the first Saturday of each month this summer.
- As shown on the front page of the newsletter, this year's show shirt has been revised based on input from last month's meeting. A motion to approve the design and purchase the shirts was made, seconded, and approved (details on page 1).
- Chris Anderson can make club hats or caps - she will bring samples to the March meeting.
- Tom Podemski won \$43.00 in the February 50/50 drawing. Diane Shaul also won a prize.
- Scott asked us a question: What was the first thing that attracted you to the Mustang? He said for him, it was the three-section taillights. What was it for you? Let me know, and I'll compile the answers in a future newsletter.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Membership Renewals Due

February

Blair & Shari Knaak

March

Harold & Loretta Jedrzejewski
Kevin & Janette Price

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!

Stormy Wagner, from Kalamazoo, with a 2009 Shelby GT500

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.

2011 Shelby GT 350, White w/blue stripes, 5.0/manual, #47 of 157, 400 miles. Contact Dave @ Gurley Leep, (574) 551-7069.

Help a member!

I've been a member for a couple years and joined because we have an 89 Mustang GT convertible. It has been in storage for quite some time. Kids took up time and it flew by (many of us know how that works). I'd like to get the car out of storage, and it will need to be worked on.

I was wondering if you or anyone in the club could give me suggestions as to transporting it and getting it worked on to get it up and running. I am not mechanical by any means and any recommendations would help greatly.

My oldest daughter's schedule for Mondays will be changing soon so I am hoping to be able to attend the meeting at Beef O Brady's.

Appreciate the time and any guidance.

Marc Schleicher

If anyone can give Marc a hand either by helping him get the car running or by recommending a good shop to work on it for him, please contact him at 574-514-1646 or marc_schleicher2@hotmail.com. Thanks.

Bowling 2024



We had nine bowlers for the day and five lanes, so everybody was able to bowl more than was expected.

Ron Olson was the high scorer for the day, with a 160 game, backed up later with a 145. Kristi Preyer had a 141 game for the third highest score.



We also had a good turnout of spectators.

Twenty of us gathered at Perkins' for dinner after bowling, telling stories and sharing fellowship.

We'll try it again next year and see how many once-a-year bowlers improve their scores. Plan to join us!

2024 FORD MUSTANG DARK HORSE 001 FETCHES \$375K AT AUCTION



By Brett Foote, January 31, 2024



In recent years, we've seen a number of notable Blue Oval vehicles sold at auction, raising tons of money for charity, a list that includes the first [2021 Ford Bronco](#) and 2021 [Ford Mustang Mach 1 ever built](#) – which hammered for [\\$1.075 million](#) and [\\$500k](#), respectively, as well as 2020 [Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 VIN 001](#) and [the first](#) 2024 Ford Mustang produced, too. As [Ford Authority](#) reported earlier this month, VIN 001 of the all-new 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse [was set to join that list](#) at this year's flagship Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction, and this time around, it [raised a substantial amount of money](#) for charity, too.



The first 2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse ever built hammered for a whopping \$375,000, which is a tremendous amount of money by any standard – even for this fully loaded example. However, instead of going to Ford or some private party, this large sum will instead go to benefit a truly worthy cause – the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. This common autoimmune disease affects many children and adults and is not the product of a poor diet or lifestyle, and instead, cannot be prevented – rather, those affected by it must live their lives managing the fact that their bodies aren't capable of producing insulin.



As for the lucky winner, they get a Dark Horse equipped with the optional Handling Package, the Appearance Package, and Recaro seats, along with both painted hood and accent stripes. Like all Dark Horse models, it's also equipped with an enhanced version of the naturally-aspirated [5.0L V8 Coyote](#) engine, which produces 500 horsepower and 418 pound-feet of torque, in this case mated to the six-speed Tremec manual transmission.

[2024 Ford Mustang Dark Horse 001 Fetches \\$375K At Auction \(fordauthority.com\)](#)



Jimtown High School Presents:

JIMTOWN

CAR & CYCLE SHOW

May 11, 2024 from 11am-3pm
(Voting at 1:00pm)

7 Classifications for Judging

PreWar-1954, 1955-1968, 1969-1984, 1985-2000, 2001-2014, 2015-Present, Cycles

Best of Show is awarded for each classification.

People's Choice Award (\$1 per vote)

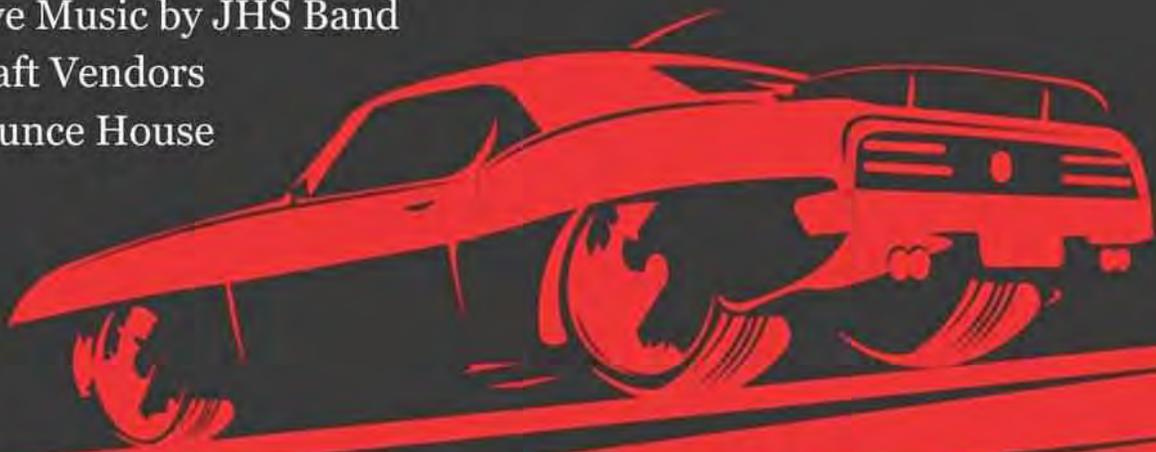
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Call JHS Office at 295-2343 ext. 2271 to pre-register or
email registration to carshow@baugo.org

Michiana Mustangs Online Clothing Store

You are invited to begin shopping in the Michiana Mustangs on line 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://accessimprintedsportsweat.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 guzigoose@comcast.net and one of our online Customer Care representatives will be glad to assist you.



Please help with your newsletter!

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.



The fine print...

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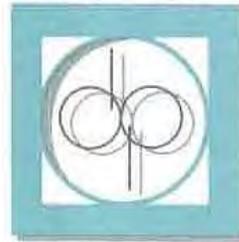
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