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Next Meeting

February 12, 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

February 12 (Monday)

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

February 17 (Saturday)

Bowling at Country Club Lanes followed by dinner at Perkins (info on this page)

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)

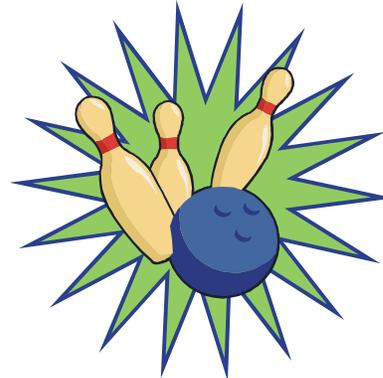
Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus in Middlebury

May 13 (Monday)

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

May 27 (Monday)

Memorial Day parades



Bowling February 17, 2024

Break out those old bowling balls once again and head to Country Club Lanes, 1910 Cassopolis St. in Elkhart. Saturday, February 17 is the day and 12:45 p.m. EST is the time. We'll start bowling at 1:00, giving you time to find a ball and shoes (if you don't have your own) and get a lane to use. The cost is \$ 8.00 each, covering bowling and any shoe rental. The balls and shoes are sanitized on a regular basis, and masks are optional.

Once again, the club will cover the cost of bowling and dinner for the member with the highest score in any one game (up to \$ 25.00 total). There is league bowling starting at 3 p.m., so we need to be finished by then.

Since Da Vinci's has closed, we'll be going out for dinner afterwards down the road a bit further to Perkins. They are at 107 N Pointe Blvd., at the Toll Road interchange. See the menu at [Menu | Perkins Restaurant & Bakery \(perkinsrestaurants.com\)](http://perkinsrestaurants.com).

Hope you can make it. Let's see some new faces this year! Just want to come and eat with the group? Be at Perkins around 3:15.

Questions? Call Art at 574-612-2333 or cell at 574-326-5099 or email me at art51059@aol.com.

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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 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)
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)	MCACN 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

If you know of other shows in our area, let me know so I can add them to the list.

Behind the Wheel

By Scott Lickteig

Dear Mustang enthusiasts,

February is just around the corner, and we hope this newsletter finds you all safe and warm amidst the chilly weather. Today, we would like to introduce a thought-provoking topic that we want to discuss during our upcoming meeting: how can we attract new members to our beloved Mustang club?

In our brainstorming session, we came across an intriguing idea that might just be the answer we've been searching for. We were inspired by an extraordinary program initiated by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), which aims to introduce people to the exhilaration of flight by taking them on plane rides. Taking a page out of their book, we thought, why not do something similar with our Mustangs?

Imagine this; we organize an event where we provide rides in our powerful Mustangs and showcase the beauty and excitement of these incredible vehicles to younger generations. It would be an opportunity for them to experience firsthand the raw power and adrenaline rush that comes with cruising in a Mustang. We believe that by immersing them in the world of Mustangs, we can ignite their passion and potentially turn them into life-long members of our club.

This idea truly has taken wings, and we couldn't be more excited to explore the possibilities it holds. Not only would it attract new members to our club, but it would also foster a sense of community among the Mustang enthusiasts of all ages.

During our upcoming meeting, let's delve deeper into how we can make this event a reality. We encourage all members to come prepared with suggestions, insights, and any other ideas that could further enhance this exciting initiative.

Together, let's soar to new heights and share the thrill of Mustangs with the world!

Wishing you all a fantastic February,

Scott



Notes from last month's meeting

President Scott Lickteig called the January meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Attending the meeting were Art Anderson, Scott & Chris Anderson, David & Peggy Anson, Art & Becky Campbell, Jerry & Jeri Cardella, Pete & Chris Delchambre, West Gearin, Bob & Pat Goeller, Lyn Gorski, Jake Kirby, Scott Lickteig, Hal McClure, Debbie & Mike Mittleman, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Connie Northam, Arnie O'Brien, Ron Olson, Tom Podemski, John Reihl, Terry Sarul, Diane Shaull, Bill & Pat Stickley, and David & Jane Yoder.

- When David Yoder expanded the Pumper Award in 2009, he machined out a pocket behind the final nameplate on the award. Those who were members at that time wrote on a note that was then hidden behind the nameplate, to be opened and read in the future. Tonight, the note was removed. No one had made any great predictions for the future; most notes were of the greetings type. Many of us who signed the note remarked on the number of members represented that were no longer with us. The note was passed around for new submissions and replaced in the award, to be opened at a later date.
- Scott asked us to consider ideas to help get current members more active with the club and to help attract new members to the club (see 'Behind the Wheel' in the left column. This subject will be a continuing theme throughout the year.
- Arrangements are in process for our annual club bowling day. With the closing of DaVinci's Restaurant, a new dining location needs to be located.
- A sample show shirt for this year was shown. Discussion topics included the size of the picture (most thought it should be larger), addition of the club logo, and addition of the show date. A revised shirt will be presented.



Another view of the artwork and more notes can be found on page 4.

Membership News



This Month...

1	Dave Lowell
7	Brad Milliken
8	Carl Kindig
12	Terry Sarul
14	Steve York
15	John Murton
15	Tony Reed
18	Connie Garrison
19	Ron Olson
25	Leslie Handlin
28	Chris Delchambre
29	Lola Gunderman
29	Kim Hart



Anniversaries This Month...

22	Debbie & Mike Mittleman	21 years
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If I missed your birthday or anniversary, please let me know. Thanks!

We remember...

Alex Denysenko (February 20, 2016)
Larry Weaver (February 14, 2020)
Laura Berry (February 23, 2021)
Phil Higley (February 17, 2022)

Last Month's Finances

Income

Membership income	100.00
50/50 Drawing	53.00
Donation from Peggy Anson	25.00
Total Income	\$ 178.00

Expenses

MCA discounts	10.00
Newsletter copies	21.83
Newsletter postage	13.20
Office Supplies (Printer, paper, etc.)	232.31
Postage (Newsletter and Treasurer)	132.00
Trailer License Registration	33.35
Total Expenses	\$ 442.69

Net Income

-\$ 264.69

Membership Anniversaries

Blair & Shari Knaak	25 years
Richard Sechowski	7 years

More Notes from the Meeting (from page 3)



- Peggy Anson won \$53.00 in the 50/50 drawing, donating part back to the club. Bill stickley won a Mustang cap.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Membership Renewals Due

January

Jason & Candice Cleveland
Dave & Pat Martin
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.

2011 Shelby GT 350, White w/blue stripes, 5.0/manual,
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(574) 551-7069.



Notes from the Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m., January 8, 2024

Board members present: Scott Lickteig, Bob Goeller, Art Campbell, David Yoder, Becky Campbell, Pete Delchambre, Diane Shaull, and Bill Stickley.

- David Yoder reviewed last year's finances. We showed a profit for the year, including the car show and donations we made during the year. Our current Balance Sheet also shows us to be in good shape, including money set aside to replace our show trailer and contents in lieu of yearly insurance premiums.
- Car show:
 - * We have the show date and use of the grounds confirmed with Essenhaus: Saturday, August 10.
 - * 2024 Show Flyers are in process.
 - * A 'Save the Date' email will go out to Mustang and Ford clubs in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois.
 - * New signs to replace our wooden pony class signs was discussed. The ponies are looking a bit tattered. More discussion to come.
- Club sponsorships from local Ford dealers was discussed. With the dealers no longer having the in-stock inventory of the past, we need to find new ways to help promote dealers in exchange for their donations. David Yoder commented that the practice of supplying a year's club membership with the purchase of a Mustang has not resulted in long-term club members and requested that we no longer ask dealerships to do this.
- Locations for this year's club picnic and Christmas party need to be established.
- David Yoder brought up printing costs for the club newsletter and other materials. Last year, we spent over \$450.00 printing newsletters, show supplies, nominating ballots, and election ballots. He proposed spending approximately \$230.00 to buy a printer and paper to do our own printing. The motion for this expenditure was made by Bob Goeller, seconded by Becky Campbell, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



I guess the Mach-E has arrived now...

Garrison's Barn

Since we haven't made meetings in quite a while, I thought I would update all our friends on what's been happening on the west side.

We only have one Mustang that can make it to asphalt at this time but, not actually right now with the weather finally acting like winter.

Scarlette is on the lift but her only problem right now is needing an oil change and a good cleaning and detailing. Thankful for a heated pole barn so work can be done in the winter.



A few more weeks of cleaning and organizing uncovered another head. So two heads are better than one and I should be able to get a complete engine back together.... sometime.



Mr. Shivers developed a manifold exhaust leak last year and is up on jack stands waiting his exhaust manifold gasket replacements. We (Axel and I) believe we will have to pull the engine to do this unless anyone knows of another way.



A few weeks back I had to get elbow surgery and I'm in a wrist brace, so everything is on hold for awhile until my doctor lets me know that I can get back to normal.... unless a few of my Mustang buddies don't have anything to do and want to take a drive to visit an old friend. Don't worry about bringing any tools; after organizing my tool chests, I found plenty of tools. Found a lot of duplicates. Some of which were brand-new duplicates. Oh, and did I mention that my pole barn was heated?

Hope to see you soon, Vic.

Don't worry about my supervisor, he is much better than my old one.

Sneakers has been in storage for over 15 years due to a brake issue and no time to fix it. Now that I am retired and have "all this time", I finally uncovered him to start the brake job. After opening the hood, I saw pink on the engine around the freeze plugs and around the head... Crap, now I need to do a head gasket replacement, I thought. Upon further inspection I noticed the ears on the head were the exhaust manifold attached, were broken. Well, this all started a year ago before I retired, and I have been looking for another head (for the car) with out any luck. Well, along came retirement and of course the first thing on my agenda was to clean up and organize my shops. After a few months I got to the back of my old shop and ah-ha; I found a head for Sneakers!



2024 SALEEN 302 WHITE LABEL DEBUTS AS FIRST SPECIALTY S650



By Brett Foote, November 18, 2023



As we bid farewell to the S550-generation [Ford Mustang](#) and welcome the all-new, redesigned 2024 S650 model, longtime pony car tuner Saleen did the same with its last S550 offering – the [SA-40 Speedster](#) – which debuted back in March. However, a new Saleen model based on the S650 was inevitable, and we got [a sneak preview of that](#) back in April as well. Now, the 2024 Saleen 302 White Label has officially debuted as the company's very first S650-based build, continuing a tradition that dates back to the Fox Body era.



On the outside, the 2024 Saleen 302 White Label utilizes a host of upgrades designed to maximize airflow, starting up front with a totally new front fascia that features an aerodynamic splitter and an air damn designed to generate large amounts of downforce for cornering performance. From there, the new White Label features a revised hood vent to make it easier for hot air to escape the engine bay, along with a new axial grille and a rear wing.



Performance-wise, the 2024 Saleen 302 White Label features a bit more power than the regular GT – 510 horsepower versus 480 (or 486 with the optional active exhaust). It's joined by Saleen's Gen 5 Racecraft suspension upgrade, bigger brakes, and unique wheels and tires.

Inside the cabin, consumers will find Saleen instrument binnacle frames for the 2024 Mustang's new screens, along with a functional passenger grab handle, to boot. The new entry-level 302 White Label (in the Saleen lineup, at least) starts out at \$61,990, but it's also just the first of several new Saleen models based onto S650, which will soon include the Yellow Label and its 745-horsepower output, along with the 800-horsepower Black Label.



"This 302 White Label (2024) is the most comprehensive design ever for our 302 White Label. There is a lot to like about the new S650 platform," said Steve Saleen. "Much has been said about this model, and we addressed it. We are quite proud of the end result."

<https://fordauthority.com/2023/11/2024-saleen-302-white-label-debuts-as-first-specialty-s650/>

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 gozigoose@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.

**Doing crunches
twice a day now.**

**Captain in the morning..
Nestle in the afternoon.**

The fine print...

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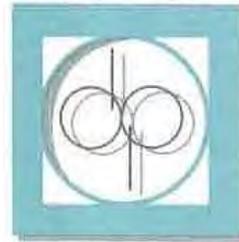
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