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Next Meeting

April 14, 2025

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

April 12 (Saturday)

Cruise to the Gilmore Museum,
Hickory Corners, MI

April 12 (Saturday)

Carguys & Coffee cruise-in at
Carguys Auto Detailing, Osceola
(details on page X)

April 14 (Monday)

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

April 17 (Thursday)

Mustang 61st Birthday Party

April 27 (Sunday)

Hospice 'Coffee Cruise-in for a
Cause'

May 1 (Thursday)

Opening cruise-in at Essenhuis in
Middlebury

May 8 (Thursday)

Michiana Mustangs night at Essen-
haus in Middlebury

May 12 (Monday)

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

May 16/17 (Friday-Saturday)

48th Annual IN-SAAC 'Spring Fling'
at Brown County State Park

April 12 Cruise



For anyone wanting to take part in our April 12 cruise to the Gilmore Car Museum, plan to meet us at the Cracker Barrel at Toll Road Exit 92 at 8:00 am. We plan to leave Cracker Barrel around 9:00 for the drive to the Museum. We should arrive at the Museum around 10:30-11:00. The Museum is open from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm, so there should be plenty of time to see the exhibits.

We don't have enough preregistrations to qualify for a group rate, so the admission fee will be \$20.00 for adults and seniors, \$18.00 for veterans with ID, \$12.00 for youths 11-17, and children 10 and under are free.

If breakfast wears off before you leave, the Blue Moon Diner is open from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm and the Pedal Car Diner is open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. At this point, there are no defined return plans; when you've seen everything you want to see, you're free to go.

Information about the Gilmore Car Museum can be found at [Home | Gilmore Car Museum](#). Hope to see you on Saturday.

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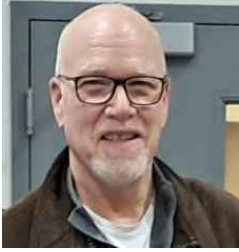
2025 Event Calendar

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Date	Event
Saturday, May 17	3rd Annual Jerry 'pawpaw' Peterson Memorial Cruise In, Noon-? 22864 C.R. 118, Goshen
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day Parades in Osceola, Mishawaka, and Elkhart
Saturday, June 7	Mustang Show at Tapper Ford, Paw Paw
Saturday, June 14	West Michigan Mustang Club's 44 th Annual Mustang Show, Grand Rapids, MI
Monday, June 9	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Thursday, June 12	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Sunday, June 15	Granger Missionary Church Car Show
Friday-Sunday, June 27-29	Horsepower in the Queen City MCA National Show, Cincinnati, OH
Friday, July 4	July 4 Parade in Hebron, IN (TBC)
Thursday, July 10	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Monday, July 14	Club Picnic
Saturday, July 19	Old Fort Mustangers 42 nd Annual Show, Ft. Wayne
Friday, July 25	Tom's Car Center Lube-A-Thon for Hospice
Saturday, August 2	Cars and Coffee at the Studebaker Museum in South Bend, co-hosted by Michiana Mustangs
Thursday, August 7	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Saturday, August 9	Michiana Mustangs 42 nd Annual Mustang and Ford Show at Essenhaus
Monday, August 11	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Sunday, August 17	50th Anniversary Mustang Memories Car Show, Ford World Headquarters, Dearborn, MI
Saturday, August 30	Pork Fest Parade in Kouts, IN (TBC)
Monday, September 8	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Thursday, September 11	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Thursday, September 25	Season-ending Cruise-in at Essenhaus
Sunday, October 5	Hospice 'Coffee Cruise-in for a Cause'
Monday, October 8	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm) 2025 Officer Nominations at this meeting
Monday, November 8	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm) 2025 Officer Elections at this meeting

Behind the Wheel

By Scott Lickteig



Hello Mustangs Family,

As we dive into April, it's time to dust off those Mustangs and prepare for an exciting show season! We hope you're getting your vehicles ready by servicing, washing, and waxing them to shine on the road and at events. The thrill of traveling to showcases and experiencing the roar of magnificent vehicles is just around the corner.

Mark your calendars for our big show set for August. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community, show off our cherished Mustangs, and enjoy a fantastic day. To make this event a success, we need your help in gathering items for our drawings. Every contribution counts, so let's aim high!

We also need volunteers to fill various roles leading up to and during the show. Here's how you can help:

****Set Up Team**:** Assist in organizing the venue and ensuring everything is in place before the show starts.

- ****Registration**:** Help with the registration process for attendees and participants.
- ****Parking Layout**:** Plan and manage the parking arrangements for a smooth entry and exit.
- ****Parking Marshals**:** Direct vehicles to appropriate parking spots to ensure an orderly flow.
- ****Shuttle Golf Cart Drivers**:** Provide transportation for guests around the event area.
- ****Trash Management**:** Keep the area clean throughout the show.
- ****Tear Down Team**:** Assist with dismantling and packing up after the event.

If you have any ideas for presenters or topics for our meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your input is valuable to us!

It's never too early to start collecting items for the show, so please think of what you could contribute. The more we gather, the better our event will be!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our April meeting. We will have a Board meeting at 6:00 PM, and your participation is always appreciated.

Happy Mustanging!

Best,
Scott

Notes from Last Month's Meeting

President Scott Lickteig called the March 2025 meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending the meeting were Scott & Chris Anderson, David & Peggy Anson, Greg Burkowski, Art & Becky Campbell, Jerry & Jeri Cardella, Terry & Jan Dale, Pete & Chris Delchambre, Nick Falletta, Bob & Pat Goeller, Lyn Gorski, Ron Gortney, George & Kenlyn Graber, Robert Hayward and Rhonda, Chris & Jen Jones, Jim & Lisa Krill, Scott Lickteig, Hal McClure, Debbie & Mike Mittleman, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Connie Northam, Tom Peters, Tom Podemski, Phil Potter, Kenny & Diane Reed, John Reihl, Terry Sarul, Jim Schmidt, Bill & Pat Stickley, and David & Jane Yoder.

- Jim Schmidt is preparing the club's application for the 2024 MCA President's Award for club activities. He also reminded us of the MCA National Show in Cincinnati this summer and encouraged all members to attend a national show when they had the opportunity.
- A motion was made, seconded, and approved to buy a birthday cake to help celebrate the Mustang's 61st birthday on Thursday, April 17.
- Jim Krill informed us of the 'Carguys And Coffee' event each month at Carguys Auto Detailing in Osceola. More information can be found on page X.
- Brandon Eakins of the Elkhart Area Career Center gave a presentation describing the Center's programs and how our donation helps their efforts. Currently, there are approximately 1,200 students and 30 programs covering a wide range of careers. Our yearly donation helps cover the costs of college credits or industry certifications earned by the automotive students, as well as the costs of travel to student competitions.
- John Reihl won \$55.00 in the 50/50 drawing and donated the money back to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.



Join us on Thursday, April 17 at Beef 'O' Brady's for a Mustang 61st birthday party! The Party Room (our normal meeting room) will be available at 5:00 pm for anyone wanting dinner first, with cake being served at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Membership News



This Month...

3	Ron Gortney
6	Art Anderson
15	Frank Schmidt
15	Jeri Cardella
18	Brent Randall
22	David Nicodemus



Anniversaries This Month...

11	Patty & Denny Jennings	55 years
11	Kristi Preyer and Scott Lickteig	15 years
25	Janette & Kevin Price	17 years

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

Membership Anniversaries

Vic & Connie Garrison	33 years
Art & Fran Anderson	18 years
Charlie & Linda Arnold	13 years
Paul Weaver	11 years
Julie & Robert Moedt	7 years
Tom Podemski	6 years
West Geairn	4 years
Rich & Vickie Shamory	4 years
Joe & Sheri Bissonnette	3 years
John Hackbart	3 years
Bob & Lori Killackey	3 years
Norm & Laura Russell	3 years
Glen & Amy Klein	1 year
Pete McClure & Jeanne	1 year

Last Month's Finances

Income

Membership income	90.00
50/50 Income	55.00
50/50 Donation	55.00

Total Income \$ 200.00

Expenses

MCA discount	5.00
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Total Expenses \$ 5.00

Net Income \$ 195.00



Coffee Cruise-in for a Cause Returns for Year Three

As spring starts to blossom in northern Indiana, it's time to get those cars, trucks and motorcycles shined up and bring them out to Center for Hospice Care's Spring Coffee Cruise-in for a Cause on Sunday, April 27. This event, held each spring and fall, allows owners to show their vehicle, while enthusiasts can come out to look at them, talk with other enthusiasts and even vote for the Best of Show vehicle.

Donuts and coffee are free for everybody who comes to the show. We will also be graced with music compliments of T & T Entertainment who will generously donate their time and talent as DJ for the day.

Vehicles are judged and awards are given for Best Car, Best Truck and Best Motorcycle. Best of Show is decided by attendees who vote for their favorite by placing tickets in the box located on or near the vehicle. Each vote costs the attendee a \$1 donation to CHC. Really want a vehicle to win – even your own – you can make it happen. We encourage ballot stuffing!

Staging begins at 7:30 am with judging beginning at 10 am. You can display a car for a donation of at least \$10. Admission for the public to come out and enjoy the cars is free. If you would like more information about the event, contact Red Fisher at 574.243.3119 or FisherR@cfhcare.org.

Membership Renewals Due

March

Harold & Loretta Jedrzejewski
Kevin & Janette Price

April

Art & Fran Anderson
Vic & Connie Garrison
West Geairn
Gene & Kris Hicks
Bob & Lori Killackey
Glen & Amy Klein
Julie & Robert Moedt
Rich & Victoria Shamory
Paul Weaver

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

Reminder: As of January 1, 2025, dues are \$30.00/year (\$25.00 per year for MCA members with MCA number)

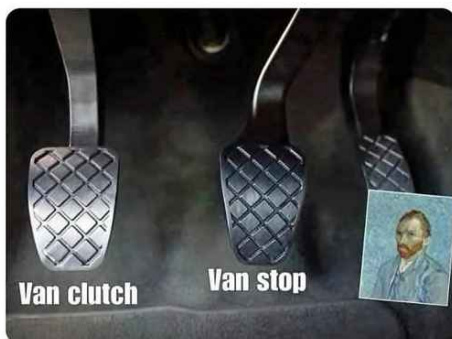


New Members!

- None this month

Welcome to the club. We look forward to getting to know you!

My dad just sent me this...😂



For Sale



Hood Scoop for 2005-2009 Mustang GT \$75.00



FE 427 Dual 4-barrel Air Cleaner \$350.00



Encore Tonneau Cover for 6 1/2' Ford Bed \$350.00

For more details, call Jerry at 269-350-6040

How Ford plans to turn the Mustang into a global GT powerhouse



James Gilbert/Getty Images

By Stephen Kilbey | March 12, 2025

For fans of the Blue Oval, Saturday's Sebring 12 Hours has the potential to be a memorable one. Ford Multimatic Motorsports has the potential to claim a second straight GTD Pro victory to kick off the 2025 IMSA Sports Car Championship season at the legendary endurance event. But that's just a sliver of what's on offer from the Mustang program in Florida. The entire race weekend will serve as a real-world showcase of the American brand's approach to the business of motorsports.

Looking beyond the factory program in the headline championship, customer team Gradient Racing is working to take steps forward in the second outing for its Mustang GT3 in the GTD class of the 12 Hour. Five Mustang GT4s will fight for victory in the Michelin Pilot Challenge race on Friday while 21 Dark Horse R race cars are entered for the opening round of the second season of Mustang Challenge. Add it all up and you have a fleet of 29 track-only 'Stangs scattered across the paddock.

This is the result of a huge push to emphasize the iconic V8-powered model's sporting presence. Ford has created a ladder system that can take a driver from entry level all the way to the sharp edge of GT3 competition. Utilizing two new single-make series and the GT4 model – all the chassis having been – produced at the same Flat Rock Assembly Plant, the Ford program is unique in utilizing a single platform throughout its motorsport pyramid.

"Anytime anyone launches new race cars it's a massive challenge and we've seen that, with the Mustang now and back in 2016 when we launched the GT," Mark Rushbrook, the Ford Performance's global director, told RACER ahead of Sebring. "Earning the GTD Pro class win in Daytona was a significant accomplishment and milestone for all of us and a reward for what we are trying to do. We are looking long-term, with the goal of winning with Mustang globally.

"We're building GT3s, GT4s and Dark Horse Rs as fast as we can – we can't build them fast enough for teams and drivers. We've had a lot of interest since we first announced the cars and started building them, and a win like Daytona only adds eyeballs and interest. My phone lights up with any race win, but after that win, it was one the biggest light-ups I've ever had."

It's still relatively early days for this ambitious project to build, sell and race Mustangs in multiple guises around the world, but the vision is crystal clear and the return on investment beyond the Rolex 24 triumph has already been impressive.

Domestically, up against brands such as Porsche, Lamborghini, Ferrari and Mazda with well-established single-make championships, there was no guarantee that Ford, even with the recognition and heritage of the Mustang, could carve out a place in the crowded marketplace and go beyond offering customers GT3 and GT4 products. Yet the numbers are already eye-opening. Fifty-five Dark Horse Rs have been built ahead of year two for Challenge, and a second series has been launched in reaction to demand.



Mustang GT4s will be in the thick of the fight for Michelin Pilot Challenge honors at Sebring. (IMSA Photo)

So, in just two years, interest from the grassroots level has been so strong that Ford has added the Mustang Cup to its portfolio. Sanctioned by USAC, Mustang Cup is aimed at newcomers to racing and serves as a new gateway to the sport for drivers who don't have enough club racing experience under their belt to make them eligible for the IMSA-sanctioned Mustang Challenge.

"Deliveries were in Q1 (of 2024), and there were supply chain challenges, with some teams getting cars a week or two weeks before the first race," said Scott Bartlett, Ford Performance global sports car marketing manager. It was stressful but the one thing that was really impressive was we had no mechanical DNFs that first weekend, with a bunch of teams that had little to no prior running time with their cars."

For 2025, the Dark Horse R race cars are improving too, with a new homologation. They've been updated with a (mandatory) kit that is being supplied to existing customers at cost. In a similar manner to its reaction to the Mustang GT3's shortcomings last year, Ford has moved fast to make key tweaks to its single-make racer to ensure customers keep coming back for more. These include moving to an 18-inch tire size, and the addition of new rear camber arms.

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How Ford plans to turn the Mustang into a global GT powerhouse

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Ford's underlying goal is to provide customers with enough value for money at the bottom rungs of the ladder so that they will set themselves out on a multi-year journey. A new Dark Horse R in 2025 will set you back \$159,000 (including the update kit) and it can be used in either Cup or Challenge, depending on a driver's ability level and/or preference; the only change needed aside from swapping tires between the two series (Michelin supplies Challenge and Yokohama supplies Cup), is a couple of minor decals on the car.

Drivers are also being given free open access to the Ford Performance Tech Center driver-in-the-loop simulator this year too, allowing them to improve their racecraft between events and prepare for some of the trickier circuits that the Dark Horse R race cars compete at.

"If you want to do both series you can, and we have a driver this year doing a full season of Cup and a few Challenge races," said Bartlett. "It's part of a big USP to what we are doing. It's a ladder with the same chassis, and I don't think there's any other OEM using the same chassis from the one-make car to the top-make GT3. It's a place you can start, and with Mustang Cup, we have a full system now."

All this is already beginning to come together nicely and help aspiring racers climb the motorsport pyramid, as three drivers have graduated from Mustang Challenge to Pilot Challenge (Dark Horse R to Mustang GT4) after just a single year. Over time, this has the potential to give Ford both commercial and sporting benefits in equal measure. We've seen the likes of Nicklas Nielsen rise from racing in Ferrari Challenge to winning Le Mans overall in a 499P. Now, with a Hypercar program of its own on the horizon, Ford has put everything in place to tell a similar story in years to come.



The Dark Horse R offers newcomers to racing an accessible entry point and is eligible for both the Mustang Cup and – once the driver has gained a bit of experience – the IMSA-sanctioned Mustang Challenge. Image by Ford Racing

"We want to give a level for progression," Bartlett said. "Sam Paley is a perfect example – his first time in a GT4 was Petit last year and he was 0.7 seconds off pole in his first time qualifying that car. He said that his previous racing in that platform, with a car that shares the same chassis dynamics, was so helpful."

There are grander plans for the Mustang in GT competition across the world to look out for, too. Beyond an expansion to its customer base in GT3 and GT4, Dark Horse R will start to gain a foothold outside the U.S. starting in June, when the Mustang Challenge Invitational at Le Mans takes place. Between 30-35 Dark Horse R racers are expected to hit the track on the full Circuit de la Sarthe in France for two races held in the build-up to the 24 Hours, kickstarting an international expansion for Ford's single-make push.

"It's the right time to organize this, the series is new and there is a lot of excitement. We spent months working with the ACO and IMSA last year, because a lot of drivers are coming over from the U.S. and we are working on getting international drivers too," Bartlett said when asked what competitors can expect from Ford's Le Mans support races.

"We are working on the logistics, but I'd say that the majority of the Challenge drivers, 70-80 per cent from the IMSA paddock, are coming. We've created an attractive package where for \$20,000 all-in we will fly your car round-trip and cover your entry fee. We're going to charter a plane, or maybe two planes full of Mustangs, and I can't wait to see that!

"The grid capacity is different from the target size, though. For us it's about racers that are comfortable and safe, not just filling the grid with whoever we can get. We still have logistics to do in terms of handling cars for European racers, but a little more than half will be from the U.S. We'll have a Mustang leading car, guest drivers I can't talk about yet and a lot of activation around it.

"It's the start of our aspiration to grow this. It's not just a U.S.-only series that we plan on having, Dark Horse is global, so the series behind it needs to be global. And what better stage to promote that than Le Mans?

"We want to go across the Atlantic and across the Pacific in some cases. Jim Farley (Ford's CEO) and Mark Rushbrook want to see growth in Mustang Challenge around the world in Australia, Europe, and wherever there's demand. We need demand, infrastructure and partners. We are actively working on what a support network would look like in different markets.

"We're working towards growth, because Dark Horse R will be going international for sure, beyond just Le Mans."

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Getting to know...

Editor's note: Here are more submissions from the email request I sent to you in January. I have a few more, but far from a majority of members. Please add to my collection, and please include pictures. I think you'll agree that it's easier to get to know someone if you know what they look like! Thanks.

David and Glinda Nicodemus

At 10 years of age, I was a car guy, I spent my time drawing and designing cars. My dad and I built my first go cart while I was still in high school, it was my drafting and trade auto class. I've always been fixing and repairing and modifying my own cars for racing them at the drag strip. My project car is a black 1985 fox body hatchback Mustang, which I have owned for 24 years. This was built to run at the drag strip and now I am converting it to a cruiser to take to car shows.

Glinda and I will celebrate our 56th wedding Anniversary in April. We have 3 sons, 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



Name: Brent Randall

Family (children at home, etc.): 2 kids, 3 grandkids

Location (City): Goshen, IN. How Long? 43 years

Occupation: Sales for custom apparel co.

Member since 2019

Current Mustang: 2006 Mustang GT convertible

What got you 'into' Mustangs? Big fan over the years!!

What is your favorite Mustang? Shelby GT 500

What is your 'dream' Mustang? Any Shelby custom design including the original GT 350 and 500

What is your favorite Mustang experience? Our annual show at Essenhaus and the cruise-ins on Thursdays at Essenhaus.

What other activities do you enjoy? Golf, day trips in my convertible, casinos. More.



When Does a Car's Story Matter?

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By Dave Kinney, March 6, 2025

I have a confession to make: I'm a sucker for car stories. Almost every car has one. Some are happy, and some are sad. A few are delightful, and others are truly tragic. Stories add an element of humanity to this little hobby of ours and enrich it in the process. Just like fine wine and stories about your high school football exploits, though, car stories seem to "improve" with age. And by "improve" I mean get a bit further from the actual event or events. In my experience as an appraiser and a car guy, that can be a problem.

Here is one simple example of how this automotive "story inflation" happens quite innocently. In this case, the names of both the car and the celebrities have been changed to protect the innocent ...

The seller of a 1970 Mach 1 Mustang mentions in passing that the car he is selling was once owned by a roadie for a famous rock group, The Stray Pets. He enjoyed the car and took members of this famous band out from beer runs or airport drop-offs. You get the picture. No ownership by the band or its members, but rather from someone associated with the group.



Mecum

The buyer enjoyed the car for a few years and, when it's time to sell, that owner tells the next owner that the original owner was a member of the famous rock group. In other words, he has not only passed along hearsay information but has also improved upon it. By

the time the car has passed on to the next seller, lead singer (and famous heartthrob, of course) Bob Rockstar of the Stray Pets was the original owner, who bought it new in Hollywood after their first album went platinum.

Next time the car is seen, it's at an auction with a full-sized cutout of Bob Rockstar, along with a signed copy of the famous first platinum Stray Pets album.

If you are thinking of buying Bob Rockstar's car, here are a few things you can do. First and foremost, don't overpay because of an unverified story. Ever. The second thing that you can do, if that story is just too enticing, is to try to verify it.

Here is where some good detective work can come in handy. This is all stuff that you can do yourself, if you are so inclined. First, does the build date of the Mach 1 line up with any of the events that it was supposed to be a part of? I've found that this can be the easiest way to confirm or deny the story. From there, if you find that the Mach 1 existed in the possible timeline, then start asking more questions: Did the Stray Pets even exist in 1971? A quick search might give you an answer, but even that could be nuanced. Maybe the Stray Pets were together, but that was before Bob Rockstar was the lead singer, for example. Does the timeline of their first Platinum album match with the year of the car? Again, this is likely an easy one to answer. In other words, look for red flags and don't ignore them. Now might also be a good time to search both for magazines and newspaper articles and photos of and about the Stray Pets. One question will lead to the next.

I'm never surprised when we find out how far off the possible timeline these imagined stories often are. In many cases I have seen, the timeline is your best friend, as the events described which might have been plausible just fall apart when the car itself didn't exist until a later date.

I get that sometimes these story inflation problems start from an innocent mistake, just the conflation or misremembering of events and people over the years. Unfortunately, in some cases an owner will just make something up and convince themselves that *their* truth is the *actual* truth. This is where good old common sense comes into play.

The issue of stories doesn't just crop up in the case of [famous previous owners](#). They make a difference in the makeup of the cars themselves, especially when they explain an unusual combination of equipment and/or options. Again, common sense should be front of mind. For example, did General Motors stop the production line to make one Vega with fake Leopard skin seats, like someone told you they did? No, they didn't. Somewhere an owner did that, but not GM. Did Ford take a 1967 Mustang off the production line to put a GM Crate Motor in it? Nope, not going to happen. And if they did, to use it as a test bed, then the car and motor would have been destroyed, not sold. Most claims about a car's components and history can be verified with enough research and/or consulting with experts.

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When Does a Car's Story Matter?

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HVA/Preston Rose

For smaller companies, though, those that built cars in the hundreds per year, the rules could be a bit different. I visited Avanti Motors in South Bend, IN, numerous times in the late 1970s through 1985, and I can attest that a few cars were built with customized touches like real Marble dash inserts, questionable fabric and color interior combinations, full custom sound systems and, in one case, a blue and yellow paint scheme for a very enthusiastic University of Michigan supporter.

The same can hold true for many smaller European manufacturers, as wealthy clients who were repeat customers may have been able to special order colors, accessories or equipment to their specification. Today, many of the smaller manufacturers and a few of the larger ones also offer clients their form of "bespoke" customizing options. Cadillac will even let you custom design your new electric Celestiq, provided you're planning to drop \$300,000 on yours. All the above are things you should be able to verify. If you can't, well, it simply isn't enough to rely on word of mouth or hearsay.

Stories about cars are great, but in the end, they are mostly just that - stories.

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Local cruise-ins

Tuesday: Portillo's, 5102 N. Main Street Mishawaka IN 46545. (May 14 through July 30)

Wednesday: Simonton Lake Drive-in, 51602 State Road 19, Elkhart, IN 46514-5817

Wednesday: Amvets Post 1978, 1117 E. Bertrand Rd., Niles 5:00-8:00 pm June 5 through August 28

Wednesday: 'Classic Car Cruze In' (5:00-8:00 pm) May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, and September 13, Swan Lake Resort, 5203 Plymouth LaPorte Trail, Plymouth, IN 46563

Thursday: Das Dutchman Essenhaus, 240 U.S. 20, Middlebury, IN 46540 (through September)

Saturday: Downtown Lincolnway, LaPorte (6:00-9:00 pm): June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, and October 5 (5 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

Saturday: Mobilgas Cars and Coffee, 1101 W. Jefferson Ave., Plymouth, IN (7:00-11:00 am) May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, and September 6)

Saturday: Cars and Coffee at the Studebaker Museum, [201 Chapin Street, South Bend, IN 46601](#) (8:00-10:00 am) May 3, July 5, August 2, September 6)

Saturday: Carguys & Coffee at Carguys Auto Detailing, 1724 Lincolnway West, Osceola, IN (8:00-11:00 am April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 11)

Please let me know of any other cruise-ins you are aware of...

Don't we all feel this way lately?



I don't know why
I don't buy more piñatas.
Like right now I would love
to beat the crap out of something
and then eat a bunch of candy.

2025 Club Apparel



We are happy to announce a revamped apparel web store in cooperation with Logo Boys in Mishawaka, who will be our new supplier. The site address is <https://michianamustangsapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home>. We have expanded the choices to include not only short and long-sleeve T-shirts, but quarter-zip Microfleece in both Ladies' and Men's styles, hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, accessories such as carrying bags, blankets, and more. We haven't forgotten the kids - we've included a couple youth apparel items too. For the T-shirts and sweatshirts, you can have the logo on the left chest only, or, for \$6 extra, you can add the full-size logo on the back. Depending on the item, we've offered every color currently available. The biggest change is that T-shirts are now available in quantities of one piece. All items have an attached sizing chart to help you choose the proper size. As with any printed or embroidered garment, these are not returnable so please be sure to order the proper size. You may pick up your orders at Logo Boys in Mishawaka at 3102 Home St. which runs north and south between McKinley Hwy and Day Rd. Or, you may choose to have your items shipped to your home although that is pretty expensive these days. We will be looking for more items to add to our store as time goes on, if anyone has something they'd like to see please let us know. We hope you find the new store exciting!

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.

Word format is preferable to .pdf; I can handle either, but there's an additional step required to convert the .pdf file. I can also handle things if you just write the story in the body of the email.

There are no restrictions on article length, especially since I'm now doing a separate newsletter for mailing. I can have as many pages as I need for emailing.

It's handier to have pictures attached as separate files. If it's important that the pictures be placed at specific places in the article, put them in place in the article; I can work with it without a problem.



The fine print...

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