



MICHIANA MONTHLY



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Next Meeting August 4, 2008

Dinner: There are a number of restaurants near Concord Mall. Meet your friends for dinner, then join us for the meeting.

Meeting: 7:30 p.m.

CONCORD MALL
PARKING LOT NEAR
JC PENNEY

Upcoming Events

August 4: Michiana Mustangs Pre-Show Meeting, Concord Mall

August 9: 25th Annual Michiana Mustangs Mustang and Ford Show, Concord Mall, Elkhart

August 23: Kouts Porkfest Parade, Kouts, IN

September 8: Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at the Firefighters Union Hall in South Bend

September 20: Michiana Mustangs Track Day at the Tire Rack in South Bend

From Where I Sit...

It's still hard to believe that we have lost Bob Christena; that we will no longer be blessed with his good nature, humor, knowledge, and wisdom. I'm sure we all feel richer for having known him. I know I will sorely miss him, and I also know I'm not alone in this. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Becky, John, and the rest of the family.

As a way of having a 'Memorial Service' for Bob, we will open up next month's newsletter for remembrances. Please send us your thoughts of Bob or any 'Bob' stories you remember and want to share. Don't worry about spelling, grammar, or anything like that; the contribution is what's important. I hope we have a huge newsletter next month.

I also hope we have a good membership turnout next Saturday for the show. We can always use more help. Don't worry if you've never helped before; we'll help you learn. The more people we have, the easier the day will be for everyone. This is our 25th show; let's make it our best one.

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Minutes from July 14, 2008 meeting:

President Art Campbell opened our annual picnic meeting and welcomed guests and members. A special welcome was given to Char Houseman, a long time member whom we had not seen for a long time. Members and guests present were:

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| Art Anderson | Brad Milliken & Wendy Rynbrand |
| Chris & Scott Anderson | Charlotte & Ron Newcomer |
| Becky & Art Campbell | Liz, Chris, Tarynn, Bethany, Niko, & Shelby Pasternak |
| Carol & Dave Cooper | Janette & Kevin Price |
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| Cindy & Mark Kapper | Mona Steiner & Dick Spitaels |
| Elaine Kersey | Shirley & George Wachs |
| Brenda & Carl Kindig | Shirley & Larry Weaver |
| Sandy & Joe Kraatz | Marion Williams |
| Karon & Curly Long | Janice, Alan, & Brandon Wright |
| Valerie Frances Malecki | Jane, Katie, & Dave Yoder |
| Rose & Hal McClure | Marcia & Steve York |

The minutes and the treasurer's reports were approved as written.

July 2008 Minutes (continued)

MCA Regional Director Jim Schmidt reported that the 45th Anniversary Celebration next year would take the place of a Grand National Show. Other national shows will be in Michigan, North Carolina & California..

Show Chairman Carl Kindig reported that door prizes are still needed for our August 9th show. Tonight is the last chance for members to enter their cars in the show. The club cars will not be displayed with other cars unless Judged.

HELP IS NEEDED WITH PREPARING THE SHOW SITE ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 1 P. M. Elkhart time.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MALL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4th. COME AND EAT AT ONE OF THE LOCAL RESTAURANTS OR MEET AT THE MALL SHOW SITE AT 7:30.

Club/show t-shirts are on sale for \$10.00.

Curly & Karon Long were winners of the annual Paul Houseman award with their positively purple '67 Mustang.

A memorial service was held for member Bob Kersey who passed away earlier this year.

George Wachs thanked members who helped the Youth Service Bureau with their Grand Prix Race.

The Neil Decker Scholarship was awarded to Katie Yoder. She was there to thank the club.

The 50/50 of \$57.50 (WOW) was won by Connie Garrison.

The meeting was adjourned.

June Schmidt, Secretary

Kouts Porkfest Parade

Jim Schmidt has signed up the Michiana Mustangs for the Annual Kouts Porkfest Parade on Saturday, August 23, 2008. Details will be provided as the day gets closer; please add this event to your calendar.

Membership Dues

July

Pasternak, Chris & Elizabeth
Samuels, Owen & Blanche

August

Berry, Jack & Laura
Kersey, Elaine
Wright, Alan & Janice

September

Corcoran, Tom & Patty
Dudeck Jr., Harry & Nan
Ewing, Charles & Mellisa
Higley, Phillip & Bonnie
McKesson, Buck & Ann
Nicodemus, Phil & Tandy
Pierce, Blake & Angie
Price, Kevin & Janette
Reed, Kenny & Diane
Schmidt, Frank & Kathryn
Sly, John & Nancy
Young, Darrell & Karen

Membership Anniversaries (Years)

George & Shirley Wachs (16 years)
Alan & Janice Wright (11)
David & Jane Yoder (10)
Jack & Laura Berry (9)
Valerie Malecki (9)
Louis & Toni Estrada (8)
Curly & Karon Long (8)
Terry & Theresa Sarul (8)
Elaine Kersey (7)
Mark & Judy Taelman (7)
Jeff & Annie Stahl (7)
Adis & Jane Long (7)
Kevin & Liz Blake (5)
John & Nancy Sly (2)
Brad Woodiwiss (2)
Darrell & Karen Young (2)



August

11 Joe Kraatz
21 Alan Wright
30 Dick Spitaels

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. It's hard to keep up with all the members at times.
Thanks!



August Anniversaries

7 Larry & Shirley Weaver (48)
13 Vic & Connie Garrison (27)
14 Vince & Helen Springer (38)
14 Carl & Brenda Kindig (26)

If we didn't list your anniversary, let us know.

Treasurer's Report July 2008

Income

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 50-50 Drawing | | \$57.50 |
| Car Show Income | | |
| | Club Sales | |
| | T-Shirts | 140.00 |
| | Club Participation Award | 100.00 |
| | Registrations | |
| | Pre-registrations | 512.00 |
| Memberships | | <u>160.00</u> |
| | Total Income | \$969.50 |

Expenses

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|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Car Show Expense | | |
| | Trophies | 1121.31 |
| Club Activities | | |
| | Picnic Supplies | 237.45 |
| MCA Discounts | | 30.00 |
| Memorials/Sympathy | | 85.60 |
| Newsletter Postage | | <u>47.88</u> |
| | Total Expenses | 1522.24 |

Net Income **-552.74**

Das Essenhaus Cruise-In

On Thursday, July 24th, the Michiana Mustangs were featured at the Das Essenhaus Cruise-In. There were 20 club member cars on display.

Throughout the evening, Joel Miller (The Essenhaus coordinator) mentioned our club and our car show over the PA system. And, on a couple of occasions, made the mistake of giving the mic to Curly. I told them about the club (the number of members, when we met, where we meet, the dues, our affiliation with the MCA and the level of activities). I also, on each occasion promoted our car show at the Concord Mall. Joel and the Essenhaus folks always make an extra effort to accommodate our club.

Joel told us that we can come as a group anytime and he will recognize the club. With the 10% coupons, our club attendees ate well at the Essenhaus restaurant. Some even took advantage of the 20% coupons to do a little shopping. We captured a few of the door prizes one of which was a tasty pastry (I know - I won that). After the cruise-in, 17 of our club members made it over to

Karon & Curly's house for home made ice cream and chocolate, Texas sheet brownies. With the great weather, we sat on the deck, ate and listen to tales from some of the group - have Brad tell you about a trip out west when one carload lost their cookies along the road. This was our 2nd annual Das Essenhaus and we plan to do it again just before our car show. Thanks very much to those club members that were in attendance. Some of our club members regularly go to this cruise-in. If the club would like to attend as a group before this season is over, let me know and we'll set it up. Maybe even more home made ice cream.

In His Grace

Our First Mustang

I've always been a Ford guy in a Ford family. Dad regularly had Fords and Mercs. My first was a '37 pickup in which I always had to carry lots of extra water and oil (definitely not a Chick car). My first special Ford was a 1953 black and white hard top with skirts, mud flaps, dual glass packs, twin rear fender antennas, shaved hood and lowered three inches. Late one night, I tangled with a 1200 pound, black Angus steer - we both lost.

Next, I moved up to a 1956 Ford cream over aqua hardtop. That baby would run and wasn't bad as a Chick car. I gave it up in 1958 when I went into the Army. Fast forward to September of 1965. Karon and I were just out of college, driving my Mom's all black, 4 door, 1960 Comet, two kids, few possessions, living in a rented duplex, a student loan and no money. So, one day I told her I was going to the Ford garage to look at cars. Some time later, she hears this roaring, rumbling sound coming down the street only to see me pull into the driveway with a new Mustang. It was 1965 white, 2+2 fast back with red interior, white walls, flipper caps and a cool red stripe down the side. And it would move. A real family car, right?

With only a few miles on the car, we were taking my Mom's car back to her. Karon left for the two hour trip some time ahead of me and stopped in a town along the way. While there, someone jumped their car over the curb, caving in the right front fender and drove away. Every one at home was afraid to tell me imagining how distraught and yes mad I was going to be. I did live through it didn't I?

We had many great times in that beauty until our third kid came along and there wasn't enough room in that car for one more and not enough money to keep it. So, we traded it for a 1967 Ford station wagon. As I and millions of others I hear say regularly, "I owned a Mustang once and BOY do I wish I'd never sold that car". But God has been good and we now have three of the most fun cars ever made.

In His Grace

Curly & Karon

Things For Sale!

92 Mustang GT Black with Black interior A/T A/C, power every thing very nice car 13600 Miles always kept in garage Asking \$12,000.00 OBO

Call day time work 574-294-1563 Ask for Ron in parts
Call any time home 269-445-8197 leave message will call back. E-Mail shinto1955@yahoo.com Ron Mathews Cassopolis Mi

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1985 mustang 5.0 ho, automatic, lx hatchback. All original except exhaust and paint. Motor has new oil pump and timing chain, but transmission needs work. Very drivable after trans repair but lieu of, very good for parts. Like to sell for \$950.00. Well worth it just in motor and rear axle. If interested please call Harry Scholz at 574-291-9085 home, or 574-386-7512 cell.

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Engine plenum cover for '05 and up Mustang GT, silver in color. \$50.00 David Cooper 219 956-3177

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This one is a 5.0 and has been rebuilt and is ready to be bolted in I also have the fuel injection to go with it for \$1,000 or best offer.

The second engine is the 3.8 from the 1983 Mustang. It has been totally rebuilt and has only 1,000 miles on it.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail Harold at hjedrzejewski@yahoo.com

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I am trying to find a transmission for a 1976 Ford Mustang. A 4-speed (V8), a 3-speed be ok, but really need a 4-speed. Can anyone help me out?? E-mail me, if you can help me out. My e-mail address is phigley@srcsent.com I check my e-mail daily...Twice a day.

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2007 Dark Gray V-6 coupe, 27,000 miles = \$16,900.00

2006 Red Mustang GT coupe, with Shaker hood and leather interior, 18,000 miles = \$22,900.00

For more info contact Bremen Ford Ph: 574-546-2727

More...

I still have 5 like new P185/75R14 tires for sale, white wall.

One has NEVER been on the ground; still have the wear tips on yet.

The other 4 have 4/32" wear left on them. They are already off the rims.

For anyone who is a club member of M.C.A. or Ohio Classic Mustang Club I will sell them ALL 5 for \$175.00..(That's \$35. ea.)

Four of them are SEARS tires & one is a Cooper Tire, but all of them match..

Remember this is the last year where you can get these tires from local dealers, 'cause they will no longer make 14" tire.

After this year, if you are looking for 14" tires, they will be harder to find.

If anyone what these tire, they can e-mail me at phigley@srsenet.com

Still have a 289 Engine (Block, heads & intake..)

Phil M.C.A. member

WANTED: 1965/1966 parts car for use as an assembly guide to finish my convertible. Ti m Janowiak at 574-271-7568. *

If your item has sold or is no longer available for sale, please contact the newsletter editor.

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