

# Michiana Monthly

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## **Next Meeting**

January 10, 2011

Dinner at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00

Honkers Restaurant 211 E. Day Road (SE Corner; Day Rd. & Main St.) Mishawaka, IN

## **Upcoming Events** February 5 (Saturday)

Bowling at Country Club Lanes, Elkhart (1:30 pm)

## February 14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting

## March 14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting

## April 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting

May 9 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting

## May 20-22 (Friday-Sunday)

34th Shelby Spring Fling, Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN

## 30 (Monday)

Memorial Day parades in South Bend, Mishawaka, and Elkhart

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## **BRAD'S BLOG**

We had a good turn out considering the weather for our January meeting at Honkers. I've seen enough snow for the next five years! Everything seemed to go well and we are looking forward to another good year for the club. August 6 has been chosen for our next show at Concord Mall, I've scheduled a bowling outing for February 5 and the date's been picked for the Tire Rack on September 10. Thanks for the help on that one, Marilyn. Interest was also expressed for another trip to the Smokies for a fall getaway in October. The calendar is filling up.

We will have a short board meeting after our meeting on Valentine's Day. Bring your sweetheart out to Honkers! Stay warm...





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## 2011 Events Calendar

#### **February**

5 (Saturday)

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14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

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30 (Monday)

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#### **June**

4 (Saturday)

Show at Harold Zeigler Ford Lincoln, Elkhart

13 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

#### July

11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs annual picnic at Twin Branch Park, Mishawaka

#### **August**

1 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs annual pre-show meeting at Concord Mall (to be confirmed)

6 (Saturday)

Michiana Mustangs Car Show, Concord Mall, Elkhart

12-14 (Friday-Sunday)

MCA National Show, Des Moines, IA

### **September**

10 (Saturday)

Track Day at the TireRack in South Bend

12 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

#### **October**

10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers (Officer nominations at this meeting)

## Last Month's Meeting

Newly-elected President Brad Milliken opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests. He remarked about the small crowd, but added that the 36 inch snowfall probably kept some members away. However, Jim and June Schmidt were able to make the 70 mile drive, but their county did not have the same amount of snow.

Members and guests in attendance were: Scott Anderson, Howard Barrett, Art Campbell, Vic Garrison, Terry Gunderman, Marty Hughes, Hal & Rose McClure, Pete McClure, Brad Milliken & Kim Zink, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil Nicodemus, Kenny & Diane Reed, Ted & Pat Sauerbeck, Jim & June Schmidt, Ken Schmitt, George & Shirley Wachs, Alan Wright, David Yoder, and Steve York.

MCA Regional Director, Jim Schmidt, reminded all new officers that they need to join the MCA if they are not already members. Jim also reported that club member Steve Scarborough had alerted him to an MCA website where the MCA was inviting regional directors to order 2011 calendars at only \$5 and free shipping. Jim had contacted Brad and Dave Yoder by e-mail and they all decided Jim should order 25 calendars. Jim had the calendars and each month has a picture of an MCA member's car. Half the calendars were purchased at the meeting. Plan to get one if you haven't already.

New-elected treasurer Ron Newcomer gave the treasurers report. It was approved as read.

Event director Brad Milliken reported that plans are in the making for a bowling outing on February 5. Brad would like to see some competition at this one: like high and low score, most strikes, etc.

Brad reported that he had spoken with John Clor, Ford employee and Mustang Book author, and he will do what he can to help us get a plant tour at the Mustang/Mazda plant.

Brad also is looking into a Roush facility tour. These would all be done on a bus trip if we can get enough people to fill the bus.

Brad has also checked with the person who did the last club sweatshirts/shirts and they are willing to do more. Prices would not be known until we know how many would be ordered. Name tags can also be ordered through Brad. Requests have been made about a cruise, also.

Howard Barrett reported that the Cavalcade of Wheels will be held on March 19. He plans to enter his car so if you are interested in entering, please see him.

The \$21.50 in the 50/50 was won by the famous Newcomers - AGAIN !!

June Schmidt, Secretary

## Last Month's Finances:

#### Income

Total Income	\$171.50
50/50	21.50
Calendar Sales	70.00
Memberships	80.00

### **Expenses**

Total Expenses	\$140.00
Calendars	125.00
MCA Discount	\$15.00

Net Income \$31.50

## **Bowling February 5**

Dust off those old bowling shoes and balls and head on down to Country Club Lanes at 1910 Cassopolis St. in Elkhart. Saturday, February 5 is the day and 1:30 PM EST is the time. We haven't been bowling in a year, at least I haven't, and so it should be comical to say the least! No charge to come out and watch for you couch potatoes. We are upping the ante this year. Whoever has the highest score for one game will get their bowling and dinner paid. Feel lucky?

Plan on going out for dinner afterwards at DaVinci's as we have done in the past. Hope you can make it. Questions call Brad at 574-674-4321 or cell at 574-612-5060.

## The Inheritance

Due to inherit a fortune when his sickly, widower father died, Robert decided he needed a woman to enjoy it with. So he went to a singles bar and he searched until he spotted a woman whose beauty took his breath away.

"Right now, I'm just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but within a month or two, my father will pass and I'll inherit over 20 million dollars."

The woman went home with Robert.

Four days later she became his stepmother.

Moral: Men will never learn.

## **Membership News**



## This Month...

- 7 Brad Milliken
- 8 Carl Kindig
- 18 Connie Garrison
- 25 Leslie Handlin
- 28 Chris Delchambre
- 28 Lola Gunderman



## **Anniversaries This Month...**

20 Pat & Ted Sauerbeck

40 years

## **Membership Dues**

#### **December**

Patricia & Shawn Long

### **January**

Marty & Kristi Hughes

Blair & Sharon Knaak

**Thomas Phillips** 

George & Shirley Wachs

### March

Connie Dalrymple

Harold & Loretta Jedrzejewski

Rob Killingsworth

Robert & Pamela Moore

**Bob Relos** 

Mark & Sherry Zerkel

## **Membership Anniversaries**

Blair & Shari Knaak

9 years

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



## **New Members!**

None this month

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



## On the mend...

As far as I know, there are no new medical problems to report; let's hope it stays that way! By all means, if you know of a member who is ailing, let us know. To the best of my knowledge, good thoughts and prayers never hurt anybody!

## Arizona auctions: Scottsdale sales net an estimated \$157 million



By DALE JEWETT on 1/24/2011

This 2006 Ferrari FXX Evoluzione sold for \$2.09 million at the Gooding & Co. auction in Arizona.



Five days of sales staged by <u>auto</u> auction companies in the Phoenix area pulled in a combined estimated total of \$157 million, according to Hagerty Insurance.

The five companies staging auctions--Barrett-Jackson, Gooding & Co., RM Auctions, Russo and Steele and Silver Auctions--offered 2,887 lots for sale and sold 2,325 of them, an 81 percent sell-through rate.

A 2006 Ferrari FXX Evoluzione at the Gooding auction was listed as the top single sale with a price of \$2.09 million, Hagerty said.

Rounding out the top five sales:

- -- 1949 Ferrari 166 MM Barchetta, RM Auctions, \$1.87 million
- -- 1933 Packard Twelve Sport Phaeton, RM Auctions, \$1.76 million.
- -- 1953 Fiat 8V Supersonic, Gooding, \$1.70 million.
- -- 1970 Plymouth 'Cuda Hemi Convertible, Russo and Steele, \$1.70 million.

At the Barrett-Jackson auction, the top-selling lot was a 2010 Marine Technology Catamaran Custom 44-foot boat, complete with a trailer and a 2008 Chevrolet Corvette Z06. It sold for \$742,500.

At the Silver Auctions, the top-selling lot was a 2001 Ford F-650 Super Duty and trailer, which sold for \$91,260.

Read more: <a href="http://www.autoweek.com/">http://www.autoweek.com/</a>

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69 Mustangs were sold during the Barrett-Jackson auction in Scotsdale for a total of \$4,841,000 (\$70,159.42 average). Four of these cars were sold with the proceeds going to charities, accounting for \$711,000.00 of the total.

53 of the 69 Mustangs were 1st generation cars, including (9) 428 c.i. Mach 1s and (14) Boss 302 and 429s.

The top selling non-charity Mustang was a '69 Boss 429 with 219 original miles, selling for \$258,500.00.



## Ford's Kuzak hints that GT successor may be in the cards

by Zach Bowman (RSS feed) on Jan 13th 2011 at 10:27AM

Now here's a juicy rumor we can get excited about: According to the crew over at *Automobile*, Ford may be considering another shot at the legendary Ford GT. The news comes courtesy of Derrick Kuzak, Ford's head of global product development. After being questioned about the possibility of a GT successor, Kuzak chose his words very carefully by admitting that there are certain things in the four-year product plan that the company isn't comfortable with discussing. While that's not an out-and-out confirmation that the Blue Oval wants to see another mid-engine, high-horsepower machine in its stable, the overly diplomatic response does indicate that the thought may have crossed more than a few minds in Dearborn.

Is this a thin thread to cling to? Absolutely, but the talking heads of the industry typically site pesky issues like a vehicle's high expense and looming CAFE standards as perfect reasons against building a new halo car. Considering that none of that rhetoric showed up this time around and the fact that we've heard rumors about a <a href="https://hybrid.com/hy

http://www.autoblog.com/2011/01/13/report-fords-kuzak-hints-that-gt-successor-may-be-in-the-cards/?icid=maing% 7Cmain5%7Cdl4%7Csec2 lnk1%7C36198

## Expansion will be 'day-and-night change' to the Gilmore Car Museum

Published: Saturday, January 15, 2011 Updated: Saturday, January 15, 2011 By Gabrielle Russon | Kalamazoo Gazette



Courtesy of Gilmore Car Museum
This conceptual drawing shows the new Genevieve and Donald S. Gilmore Automotive Heritage Center, under construction at the Gilmore Car Museum.

**HICKORY CORNERS** — For the past several years, the Gilmore Car Museum has steadily expanded operations.

But Friday (January 14), the museum announced the largest expansion in its 45-year history — a \$10 million center that should be completed this fall.

The 40,000-square-foot Genevieve and Donald S. Gilmore Automotive Heritage Center will double the size of the car museum in Hickory Corners.

The center will allow the museum to display up to 40 more vehicles. Also, once the center is completed, the museum will be open year-round, instead of closing during the winter as it does now.

"It will be a day-and-night change to the museum," spokesman Jay Follis said.

Follis said construction of the center is under way and the facility should be open by Oct. 31.

The center will include a large exhibit gallery, 70-seat theater, research library and archives, museum store, offices and artifact storage facility.

The museum currently displays more than 200 antique cars inside eight historic barns.

Every year, about 50,000 people visit the museum, which began as the private car collection of the Gilmore family.

Follis said the museum raised the \$10 million from private donations in about 18 months.

"It's really startling how much money we've been able to raise," he said, noting the tough economy. "We're

just thrilled we have enough supporters who have gotten behind us."

About one-third of the museum, including the center, will stay open year-round, so school groups can tour the facility, he said.

"There's a lot of benefits to this I don't think we've realized at this point," Follis said. "It's pretty huge."



## OnStar units to be sold separately from vehicles

By GREG MIGLIORE on 1/05/2011

Not sure what to do with those extra Best Buy gift cards left over from the holidays? Consider picking up OnStar as a stocking stuffer for next year.

General Motors will sell its <u>safety</u> and communications technology in mirror units available at Best Buy starting in the spring. They will cost \$299, plus installation which is expected to run \$75 to \$100. Service plans will be offered for \$18.95 a month, or \$199 a year. More retailers will be announced later.

OnStar launched in 1996 and offers crash response, navigation, stolen-vehicle assistance and <a href="https://nands-free calling">hands-free calling</a>, among other features. It's drawn praise for its ability to connect drivers in emergency situations, and the service has grown to nearly 6 million subscribers.

Previously, OnStar was a standard feature only on GM cars and trucks, as the Detroit giant owns OnStar. Now, the company will look to capitalize on the growth of its technology to carve a place in the growing telematics industry with a broader strategy and potentially greater revenue.

The off-the-shelf OnStar units will be compatible on most older GM cars and models made by other companies.

Read more: http://www.autoweek.com/article/20110105/ CARNEWS/301059999#ixzz1ABMRqcJt

(I know, I know, this is about that 'other' company, but OnStar is an impressive product and would not be the worst addition made to a Mustang.)

## For Sale!

If anyone is interested in Bob Christena's 72 Mach 1, I am entertaining all bids. Please let me know. Hope to see you soon. Warm Regards, Becky Christena (219-874-4487) or likethebluebird@comcast.net

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I have a rear seat; complete bottom & back seat and standard upholstery for a 67 coupe. The frame, springs, and upholstery is in fair to good condition, aqua in color. The upholstery has never been replaced. Like it was when it was back in 1967. The frame & spring & hog clips, etc. are in very good shape. I would like to sell all of this for \$50 O.B.O. E-mail me at <a href="mailto:ourmustangs@centurylink.net">ourmustangs@centurylink.net</a> or call 419-523-5535

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## **Looking For...**

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Ads will run for three months; if you want to keep the ad running, you need to re-submit it.

## Ever Wonder ...

- Why the Sun lightens our hair but darkens our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't we ever see the headline: 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?
- Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?
- Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the "terminal"?

# 1941 Tatra T87 named *The New York Times'* Collectible Car of the Year



The web has spoken and a 1941 <u>Tatra T87</u> has been voted *The New York Times* 2010 Collectible Car of the Year. The rear-engined, air-cooled V8 Tatra beat 30 finalists (overall, there were 651 entrants), including noteworthy cars from Packard and Checker. The T87's owner, Paul Greenstein, was shocked to hear that his car – one of three Tatras he owns – came out on top. Greenstein says the Tatra has a unique allure that can't be matched by other manufacturers. For Americans, rarity factors into that, as the Czech marque was never sold in the United States.

Greenstein picked up his car in 2001 for the princely sum of \$8,000. At the time, the fin wasn't in show-quality condition, so he had the T87 shipped to the Czech Republic for a full restoration. Fringe benefits of having the work done in the old country included cheap labor and parts availability that couldn't be matched in the U.S. Three-and-a-half years and \$60,000 later, Greenstein and his girlfriend had their T87 back. Don't scoff at the cost; recent examples have sold at auction for as much as \$125,000. Fortunately, the *Times'* Collectible Car of the Year award includes a \$5,000 check along with the trophy.

Head over to <u>The New York Times</u> to read the full story, and be sure to also visit <u>Clunkbucket</u> for a few shots of Paul Greenstein's T87 taken prior to its restoration.

(Just when you think you've seen it all...Ed.)

## Looking Back...

### February 1996

- Carl Kindig is profiled as the 'Member of the Month'
- Mustang Museum decals are available by mail for \$5.00
- Our new Club logo is ready for final approval

#### February 2001

- Becky Campbell, Neal Decker, and Rose Johns were elected as the first at-large Board Members as required by the new bylaws.
- Room reservations are almost full for the MCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show in Commerce, GA

## February 2006

- Sign-ups are in progress for the MCA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show in Birmingham, AL.
- The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care is selected as the recipient of our car show donation for 2006.
- A tour of the new Studebaker Museum is scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by pizza at Barnaby's.
- An amendment to Article 8, Section 2 of our Club's bylaws was approved, changing the article from 'Member and spouse shall not serve simultaneously as elected officers of the Club' to 'Member and spouse shall not serve simultaneously as President and Treasurer of the Club.'
- The Club voted to open our car show to six new classes of non-Mustang Fords.

## Insights...

- "The one serious conviction that a man should have is that nothing is to be taken too seriously." -- <u>Nicholas Butler</u>
- A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.
- Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.
- In dreams and in love there are no impossibilities.
- "The secret of happiness is to admire without desiring." -- Francis H. Bradley
- No one is good at everything but everyone is good at something.
- Many people will walk into your life, only true friends leave foot prints on your heart.

## From the Back Seat...



## No particular place to qo...

Even before the 'Storm of the Century' (so far), I was thinking about something that we did as a family when I was a kid; just get in the car to 'take a ride'.

I know, I know; with gas at \$3 or \$4 a gallon, who can afford to drive just for the heck of it?

The very idea is probably considered sinful now as a waste of gasoline, and who has the time any more? If we don't have chores to get done in the evenings or on the weekends, there are meetings or practices for the kids to fit in. Believe me, we're in the same boat.

But at the same time, maybe we're missing something here. Done right, an evening or weekend drive can be a bit of decompressing from the workday, and possibly a way to reconnect with yourself and your family. Then again, maybe I'm just showing my age again.

I can't believe that our family was the only one who did this years ago. If you did too, drop me a line to tell me about some of your trips. If there are places you've been to or would like to go, let's talk about them. Maybe we can get some ideas together and make something old new again.



Once again, I want to ask everyone to make sure we have your updated e-mail addresses and phone numbers. I got quite a few e-mails returned with the mailing about our bowling outing. Please send any changes to Ron Newcomer or me (we'll share the information). If we don't have the correct information, you won't get the information...

Have a good month...



The fine print...

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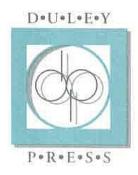
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Send the information to:

Art Campbell 51059 Woodhaven Drive Elkhart, IN 46514

If you are leaving town, enjoy your trip, travel safely, and we'll see you when you get back!





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