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Next Meeting

January 12, 2009

Dinner at 6:30

Meeting at 7:30

**Firefighters Union Hall
4025 Lincolnway West
South Bend, IN 46628**

Upcoming Events

January 10

Board of Director's Meeting @ David & Jane Yoder's Home (11 AM). Contact David for directions (574) 546-5282 .

February 9

Monthly Meeting 6:30/7:30 @ Firemen's Union Hall

March 9

Monthly Meeting 6:30/7:30 @ Firemen's Union Hall

April 13

Monthly Meeting 6:30/7:30 @ Firemen's Union Hall

Comments from the President

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you had a Merry Christmas with family and friends. Now that the holidays are over, it's time to start working on our goals for the year. The board, Brad, and I will be working hard planning an activity agenda. Please email or call me if you have any suggestions on something you might like to do.

I would like to thank Art for serving as President the last two years. I know this past year has been hard with the lost of his dad, working and serving the club. A job well done!

Even though the weather was bad outside, the food and fellowship were warm inside for our Christmas party. Thank you to Becky Campbell, Kathy Bringman, and Neal Lewis for such a festive setting at our party. In addition, an especially big thank you to Marion Williams (a.k.a. Cookie Lady and Becky's mom) for the beautiful centerpieces. I am sure everyone that won a centerpiece in the raffle really enjoyed them for the holidays. Also, during the evening was the presentation of the Pumper Award. Dave Yoder was the winner. Congrats, to Dave as he was our first three-time winner of this award! The club presented a check to the Firefighters Union for \$500. They plan to use this check to help send children to a burn camp.

This year will be exciting as we celebrate Ford's 45th year of the Mustang. For those of you who are planning to attend the anniversary show in Birmingham, the registration deadline is March 31. Also, don't forget your hotel accommodations as they fill up fast. Contact our National Director, Jim Schmidt, with any questions.

We are very fortunate to have a national show right here in Indiana. The Mustang Club of Indianapolis at Raceway Park will host it on June 5-7. We will keep you informed of any updates, as we know them.

Looking forward to an exciting year!

Bob



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Minutes from last month's meeting:

34 brave members ventured out on a night better suited for fireplaces and hot chocolate than Indiana roads. Their reward was a ham dinner with twice-baked potatoes, vegetables, and salad from the Firefighters, as well as an assortment of desserts from club members.

Along with the dinner and fellowship, we had a 50-50 drawing and a selection of door prizes to win. Tandy Nicodemus won \$41.00 in the 50-50; Rose McClure won a Mustang bra; Bob Moore a die-cast model; Wendy Rynbrand won a \$25 gift certificate to Applebee's; Jim Schmidt and Neal Lewis each won a one year club membership.

David Yoder was announced as the winner of the 2008 'Pumper' award. David is the first three time winner of the award and the first to win the award in consecutive years.

The other item of note from the evening was the presentation of a \$500 check to Firefighters Union 362 for the Hoosier Burn Camp for children injured in fires. This money comes from the proceeds from this year's car show.

Earlier in the day, 'Elf for a day' Howard Barrett delivered 82 toys to the Toys for Tots collection point at Concord Mall. Howard had coordinated the collection from members at the October and November meetings. Marines and local Firefighters helped unload toys from the many vehicles lined up in front of the mall. This was the seventh consecutive year that the club has supported Toys for Tots.



Howard Barrett (4th from left) helps unload the club's 'Toys for Tots'

Treasurer's Report: December 2008

Income

50-50 Drawing	\$32.00
Club Sales: Apparel	176.14
Memberships	<u>120.00</u>
Total Income	\$328.14

Expenses

Donation: Firefighters	\$500.00
Pavilion Rental for Picnic	55.00
Engraving (Pumper Award)	5.35
MCA Discount	20.00
One Year Memberships	30.00
Jim Schmidt	
Neal Lewis	

Total Expenses **\$610.35**

Net Income **-\$282.21**



This Month...

- 10 Blair Knaak
- 12 Howard Barrett
- 17 Elizabeth Pasternak
- 17 Diane Reed
- 17 Marion Williams
- 29 Curly Long

Membership Anniversaries

None this month

Membership Dues

November

Matthews, Chris
York, Steve

December

Sarul, Terry & Theresa

January

Knaak, Blair & Sharon
Oram, Jon
Stickley, William & Patricia
Wachs, George & Shirley



Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Terry & Theresa Sarul (39 years)

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

Car Show Calendar

January 17-25

Detroit Auto Show, Cobo Hall

February 13-22

Chicago Auto Show, McCormick Place

April 16-19

MCA 45th Mustang Anniversary Celebration,
Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, AL

May 15-17

32nd Annual INSAAC 'Spring Fling', Brown
County State Park, Columbus, IN

June 5-7

'Race to Indy' MCA National Show, O'Reilly
Raceway Park, Indianapolis, IN

June 13

28th Annual West Michigan Mustang Club Car
Show, Tony Betten Ford, Grand Rapids, MI

July 3-5

'American Stampede' MCA National Show, NC
State Fairgrounds, Raleigh, NC

August 27-30

'Western United States National' (MCA),
Airtel Plaza Hotel, San Fernando Valley, CA

Cruise-In Calendar

As soon as you hear of a cruise-in being scheduled, let me know. I'll list every one I hear about.

Question of the Month

If you could have any three Mustangs in your garage, which three would you select?

Let me know either by e-mailing me at art51059@aol.com or bring your answers to the meeting. I'll share the answers with you next month

My First Mustang

He looked south. He looked north. Then he crossed the intersection. "Alberto" should have looked south one more time, but he didn't. He was driving a red Toyota pick-up. I was riding a Ninja ZX11. My motorcycle was no match for his pick-up. I lost, performing a full gainer over his hood, landing on my helmet, pitching around on the road for about seventeen minutes, finally securing a place in the ditch, right side extremities all splintered and busted asunder, cognitive gears frozen in place.

In the E.R., under the influence of morphine and pain the size of Chicago, I made a promise to Idella: "No more motorcycles." In a blink, she agreed. The accident happened on May 23, 2002. Recovery encompassed nearly a year: surgery; wheelchair; crutches; more surgery. Finally I felt well enough to consider the space in my life that had been inhabited by a mixed breed of hotrods: two Roadrunners, a Camaro, an El-Camino, a Charger, a Kawasaki KZ 900, and three Ninjas. (But never a Mustang.) Now what? I needed another "go faster," but not a motorcycle. I had a promise to keep.

As a teenager, in the sixties, I itched for a 428 Cobra Jet Mach 1, which was placed beyond personal reach by insurance rates, a "compromised" driving record, and income. At the time of the accident, oldest son Kevin, owned a '97 Cobra. I drove it—and liked it. I began to notice a billboard on the north edge of Nappanee: a blue Mach1, slanted sideways, scalding tires. Hmmmm . . .

Son Kevin forwarded information and web sites on the testing and release dates of Ford's new "horse." I spent time on the internet. I browsed magazine articles on the Mach 1, and test drove one at Nappanee Ford. The information I was accumulating seemed favorable. It was time to decide: Azure Blue; automatic; all the options. On April 30, 2003, I wheeled a new Mach 1 out of the Jordan Ford parking lot . . . and *it rained all the way home!*

The purchase of the Mach 1 has returned some unanticipated dividends: grandchildren clamoring for a ride in "Pa Pa's Mach 1;" joining *Michiana Mustangs*; attending cruise-ins and parades. And when I lust for the raw power of another Ninja (0-60 in three seconds, quarter mile in ten seconds, 170+ mph), Idella suggests I visualize the Mach 1 as a cycle with seat belts and air bags. (I try. It's not the same.)

I like the gleaming blue vehicle with the shaker hood scoop that occupies the north side of my garage. Owning one last muscle car has been more fun than I anticipated. But, at the end of the day, what I am most grateful for is life itself. In 2002, doctors screwed, sewed and stapled me back together. But family and friends accompanied me through the long valley of healing and depression, by degrees, giving my "life" back to me. I am a lucky man. Thanks be to God. His mercies are new every morning.

Ruben Chupp



Ruben Chupp and his 2003 Mach 1 in the 2008 Bremen parade

From The Back Seat...

Changes

You probably thought you'd heard the last from me last month, and for the most part, you have. But I did want to talk a bit about some of the changes you see in this month's newsletter and will see in future issues.

Starting this month, I'll try to keep things in the same place each month. I've arranged the 'business' items at the front of the newsletter, since they'll be here every month. Show reports, 'Pony of the Month'/'My First Mustang' stories, etc. will be next, followed by the Classifieds. Hopefully this, along with the 'In this Month's Issue' list at the bottom of the front page will make it easier to find things.

My intent with 'The Question of the Month' is to provoke some fun thought and see what we come up with. Once I see how many responses I get I can decide how to format the results. I may list the answers individually, do a tally of the responses, a 'Top Ten' list; I don't know yet. This is still evolving. I'll have a different question each month. If you have a fun question you'd like to ask members, get it to me for consideration.

Of course I'll be begging for 'Pony of the Month' and 'My First Mustang' stories. I have a few promises from last year that I'll be trying to collect on; if you have not yet done so, please feel free to send me your story. Don't worry if your spelling or grammar isn't great; that's my job. And if at all possible, please include a picture of the car with the story; it makes the story so much better. If all you have is a photo of your car (especially for 'My First Mustang' stories) I can scan it and get it back to you.

I'll throw out another possible topic for stories: 'The One that Got Away'. If you've had a Mustang that you let go and now wish you had back, or had one that you missed out on for some reason, tell us about it. I have to believe there are some interesting stories out there.

As stated on page four, I'll try to have a complete list of shows and cruise-ins every month. If you know of any event in the area that you think we should know about, let me know.

Many of us participate in charitable events during the year for organizations both local and national. If you are taking part in an event, let me know a month or two in advance and I'll list it. This does **not** make it an official club activity, but you may have individual members offer to support you or join you in your cause. If we don't know about it, we can't help.

I hope to have a few other additions to the newsletter in the next month or so. My goal is to use the newsletter as a vehicle to bring the club closer together. With your help, I believe we can do it.

Have a great month.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Out". The letters are stylized and cursive, with a large 'O' and a long tail on the 't'.

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 shin- to1955@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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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 wants these tires, they can e-mail me at phigley@srcsnet.com

Still have a 289 Engine (Block, heads & intake..) Phil M.C.A. member

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

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1 pr. of Mustang II Doors, NO RUST, with glass, inner panels, remote mirrors. Asking \$160 a pair.

Also for the same years (1974-78), Padded Dash, good cond. \$60. or O.B.O. & Plastic instrument cover, good cond., asking \$30.00.

For more information on any of these, please contact Bill Thompson @ 419-294-3739.

Tell him Phil says so. Guy from Swap Meet at Bowling Green meet. Nov. 2.

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Still More for Sale...

- 9" Ford center section—4.56 gear with spool set up for a 31 spline axle \$450.00
- 428 4-barrel intake (C68E) \$150.00
- Set of cast iron factory headers for a '71 429 \$250.00
- 428 FE block (C6ME) \$200.00

For more information call Ken Reed (269) 641-2120

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- Stage 2 Comp Cams

All new components, machine work and assembly by Alternativeauto.com. Receipts totaling \$7700.00, asking \$5000.00. This is a new complete motor all covers , oil pan, etc. For details call Randy @ 574-238-6234 or randysbrok@aol. com.

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

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