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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

January 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting

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



BRAD'S BLOG

I'm writing this from sunny but cool Florida. We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. We started celebrating the Christmas season at our party held at Honkers. It was a good one with plenty of food and fellowship that always comes along whenever this club gets together. The Pumper Award was given and I was shocked to be on the receiving end again. Thanks to those who voted for me for this award and, as president, I hope to bring more fun events to the club this coming year.

Thanks also go out to our previous officers for doing a fine job in 2010. We had a good show again at Concord Mall that also came with an awesome event as Hal got the call he and we all were awaiting for a long time. It was also good to see a couple of old members come back to the club. Welcome back!

I would like to also add a couple more things. Let us know if there are any events this year that you would like to see the club do. Let us know because this is your club. Stay tuned, bowling is coming and a bus trip.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Art on a fine job on our newsletter. Keep sending him things to insert into it.

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2011 Events Calendar

January

10 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

February

14 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

March

14 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

April

11 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

May

9 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers
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

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)
12-14 (Friday-Sunday)
MCA National Show, Des Moines, IA

September

12 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

October

10 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(Officer
nominations at this meeting)**

November

14 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(Officer
elections at this meeting)**

Postcards from Last Month's Party



To no one's surprise, club members supplied a tasty selection of desserts.



Brad Milliken is the second three-time winner of the Pumper Award.

Membership News



This Month...

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



Anniversaries This Month...

- 2 Karon & Curly Long 49 years

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



New Members!

- None this month
-

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

Membership Dues

November

Steve York

December

Patricia & Shawn Long

January

Marty & Kristi Hughes

Blair & Sharon Knaak

Jon Oram

Thomas Phillips

William & Patricia Stickley

George & Shirley Wachs

February

Dick & Gloria Cornman

Membership Anniversaries

None this month



On the mend...

- Things are looking up at the Weaver household. Larry has been released from physical therapy and has joined a local gym to continue his rehabilitation. Shirley's foot has improved to a point that she has been able to lose her boot and is no longer under medical care. Here's hoping this trend continues throughout the year.

Last Month's Finances:

Income

Memberships	80.00
Total Income	\$80.00

Expenses

MCA Discount	\$10.00
Donation: Center for Hospice	500.00
Donation: IU School of Medicine	500.00
Newsletter Copies	76.27
Newsletter Postage	48.80
Office Supplies	100.00
One Year Membership Prize	20.00
Trailer License Plate	42.75
Total Expenses	-\$1,297.82

Net Income **-\$1,217.82**

Indiana University School of Medicine
Nephrology Gift Account
1110 West Michigan Street LO 506
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Our dear friends:

Please allow this letter to serve as a very special thank you for all the work that you do. This past summer a member of our car club, Michiana Mustangs, received a kidney transplant at your hospital. His name is Helmut McClure. We call him Hal.

Hal is doing very well and for that we cannot thank you enough. Every year at this time our club gives a donation to a worthy organization. From all of us at The Michiana Mustangs Car Club we would like to donate the enclosed check for \$500.00 to you very fine organization. We would like for this donation to be made in honor of our dear friend Hal.

I am sure that your work will help others as it has done for our friend and club member Hal.

We wish you all well and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely

Howard Barrett
President
Michiana Mustangs
South Bend, Indiana

Toys for Tots 2010



The 2010 Toys for Tots collection at Concord Mall in Elkhart filled three and a half box trucks, easily a full truck more than usual.

Included in the trucks were the 48 toys donated by club members. This was the 9th year we have collected for Toys for Tots. Thanks to all who participated, and special thanks to 'elf assistant' Howard Barrett for coordinating and delivering our donations.



Local Marines unload our donations to fill one of the three and one half trucks filled that day.

Getting to Know...

Brad Milliken

Family: daughter Jessica, age 24

Location: I've lived in Elkhart since I was 3, coming from out west, South Bend!

Occupation: I have worked at the same company for almost 39 years building musical instruments. Things aren't like they used to be but it's still a job.

Member since: I've been a member of this club since early 1992 when I bought a '65 vintage burgundy convertible in New Port Richey, FL. Since then, we've added a '67 white convertible and an '89 5.0 deep red convertible.

What got you 'into' Mustangs? I got "into" Mustangs when they were introduced in 1964 thinking they were really cool. However, I was only ten at the time and had to wait eighteen years to buy my first one. That was a '73 gold Mach1. After that I had a couple of Mustang II's, a '74 and a '78.

What is your favorite Mustang? It would be hard to say which one is my favorite; probably the next one!

What is your 'dream' Mustang? My dream Mustang is a Shelby convertible.

Your favorite Mustang experience? One of my favorite Mustang experiences would have to be one of the trips with the club. Either the trip to Charlotte Motor Speedway, Atlanta or the Pigeon Forge show. Maybe the Nashville one, too, even though it was bittersweet, as it was Bob Relos' last one. I'll never forget getting us back stage passes to meet Charlie Daniels.

What other activities do you enjoy? Other activities I enjoy are traveling, listening to a good band, eating at a good restaurant and spending time with family and friends.

People might be surprised to know that... (Kim and I) met on a web site called Plenty of Fish!



Phil and Tandy Nicodemus

Family: Son Denny, Daughter Lori

Location: Lakeville **How Long?** 31 years

Occupations: Medical Secretary, Engineer

Member since: 2007

Current Mustangs: '90 LX Hatchback, '67 fastback (in process), '67 Coupe (in process)

What got you 'into' Mustangs? We're a Ford family.

What is your favorite Mustang? '67 Shelby GT500KR

What is your 'dream' Mustang? '67 Shelby GT500KR

Your favorite Mustang experience? Car show at Concord Mall

What other activities do you enjoy? Car event at the Tire Rack

People might be surprised to know that we... like to drag race, work on cars, and take motorcycle trips.



Who we are (2010)

Fifteen months ago we took a look at what I believe was the first real analysis of our club roster. People seemed to find it interesting, so I've updated the information using the September 2010 roster. The demographic information uses the addresses given by the members; the cars breakdown is based on the cars listed by each member, unless I was aware of cars that were added or subtracted by a member. The count does include 'project' cars.

We listed 90 members in September. Of these, 79 had Indiana addresses, 11 lived in Michigan, and one was from Ohio.

Our Indiana members lived in 23 cities in 10 counties. Elkhart is the city with the most members (14); Elkhart and St. Joseph counties each have 28 members. The Michigan members live in 7 cities in 4 counties. Union has 4 members; Cass County has 5 members.

Looking at the cars, we showed 140 cars among our 90 members. By generation:

1 st Generation ('64 ½ -'73)	58	41.4%
2 nd Generation ('74-'78)	0	0%
3 rd Generation ('79-'93)	26	18.6%
4 th Generation ('94-'04)	35	25%
5 th Generation ('05-present)	21	15%
Total	140	100%

Once again the most popular model year was 1967 (13 cars), followed closely by '64 ½-'65, '66, and '69 (10 cars each). Eleven model years have no cars ('74-'78, '80-'81, '86, '93, '95, and 2010). A full 25% (35 cars) would qualify as 'special' Mustangs (Cobra, Boss, Mach, Roush, etc.) led by the first generation Mach 1 (8 cars).

I also have updated our Seniority List as of the December roster. As I mentioned last year, I don't know for

Members with	No.	%
30+ years of membership	1	1.1
25-29 years of membership	1	1.1
20-24 years of membership	4	4.5
15-19 years of membership	9	10.1
10-14 years of membership	22	24.7
5-9 years of membership	16	18
0-4 years of membership	36	40.4

I'm not sure what all of this tells us, but it is an interesting exercise.

New TSA Slogans

- Can't See London, can't see France, unless we see your underpants
- Grope discounts available
- If we did our job any better we'd have to buy you dinner first!
- Only we know if Lady Gaga is really a lady
- Don't worry, my hands are still warm from the last guy
- Wanna fly? Drop your fly!
- We handle more packages than the USPS
- We are now free to move about your pants
- We rub you the wrong way, so you can be on your way
- It's not a grope! It's a Freedom Pat!
- When in doubt, we make you whip it out!
- TSA: Touchin', Squeezin', Arrestin'
- You were a virgin!



Paw Paw body shop paints its future with an eco-friendly investment

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New technology: Gordon Ramlow, paint technician at Shephard Body Shop, demonstrates the state-of-the-art computer technology the shop uses to match new paint to a car's original color. Ramlow, is standing next to the shop's new eco-friendly paint booth. He has been with Shephard Body since 1994 and has been certified in Glasurit 90 Line, the waterborne paint system the shop now uses to help protect the environment.

PAW PAW — The paint booth at Shephard Body Shop looks like something out of a sci-fi movie.

High-efficiency lighting gives it an "other-worldly" brightness, and the doors and walls are swathed in white, 3M insulation.

Huge air blowers occupy the two back corners and a powerful furnace heats the boxy space to a cozy 180 degrees in no time.

"We want to be ahead of the curve, offering customers the leading edge in technology," said Dave Sowers, who owns Shephard Body along with his wife, Lisa.

That resulted in their decision to switch to an eco-friendly, water-borne automotive refinish system and install the brand-new paint booth to accommodate the switch from solvent-based paint to water-borne paint.

Shephard Body Shop, at 34305 M-43, has been in business since 1971.

At a cost of more than \$100,000, the paint booth was not an inexpensive renovation. The Sowers said it was an investment born of their desire not only to meet new air regulations affecting small businesses that spray paint, but to go the extra mile in cutting-edge technology.

As of 2011, new National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants rules will require body shops to reduce their volatile organic compound emissions into the air. Under the new regulations, spray painting must be done within the confines of a booth and not an open shop floor. Additionally, new spray guns and new air filtration systems are required to prevent pollutants from escaping.

"I didn't need the booth in order to comply with the new regulations," Dave Sowers said. "I could have just updated my old prep deck. But it's a win-win situation for me with the new booth. I will be doing the right thing environmentally in using the water-borne paint and it offers many benefits."

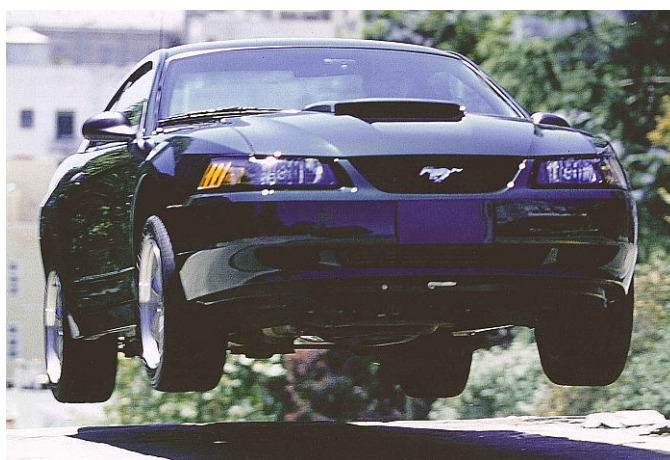
The environmental advantage of water-borne paint is that it emits 80 percent fewer volatile organic compounds than solvent-based paints. But Todd Ely, who supplies paint to the shop, said, "It's just a better paint all around."

"It's healthier, and it provides excellent durability and a phenomenal color match," he said.

Water-based paint is the same type that many car factories are using now, he said, making its use advantageous for body shops trying to match colors.

"We are basically putting back on the car what the car was 'born with,'" said Gordon Ramlow, paint technician for Shephard Body.

Lisa Sowers said, "Our customers aren't just customers, they are also our neighbors. We love what we do and we want to offer the best to the community. We want to be around another 40 years."



For Sale!



1966 Mustang For Sale

This 1966 Mustang is very solid and in very good mechanical condition. Completely restored approximately 5 years ago. The Bright Red paint with Black Pony Interior and Super White Vinyl top gives this Mustang a very appealing appearance. Annual mileage is less than 100. Driven primarily for/to shows, parades, and fun (Sunday drives). Have owned it for 5 years and love the car. This rare first generation Mustang is being offered for only \$14,900.

Please call Terry @ 574-606-6397 (Goshen, IN) (Jan)

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

Looking For...

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

Comparison

I've decided I'm like an old Mustang. My headlights are getting dim, my frame and chassis are rattling, and my paint job could use some touching up, but my engine is still able to start and take a good run.

Marion M. Williams

Car speaks for itself ...

'88 Mustang for sale

1988 mustang with lots of mods
Custom conversion Supra tail lights(???-Ed.)
fiberglass dash and more
custom airbrush work
kicker sound system
8000 or bo



If the car could speak for itself... It would say that this is what you get when bad people happen to good Mustangs

Looking Back...

January 1996

- The Club had breakfast at Diane's Diner on January 13. Kenny was rumored to be on dishwashing detail
- Bob Relos is featured as the 'Member of the Month'

January 2001

- The Club Bylaws were passed unanimously.
- Bob Goeller appeared on WNDU to help promote MADD's 'SafeRide' program.
- Terry & Lola Gunderman were introduced as new members

January 2006

- Dave Cooper is recovering from back surgery
- A tour of the new Studebaker Museum is scheduled in February

Real Headlines

The following headlines are all real headlines that appeared, at one time or another, in either real newspapers or on real news websites.

- March Planned For Next August.
- Lingerie Shipment Hijacked--Thief Gives Police The Slip.
- Queen Mary Having Bottom Scraped.
- Teacher Strikes Idle Kids.
- Lawyers Give Poor Free Legal Advice.
- Nicaragua Sets Goal to Wipe Out Literacy.
- 20-Year Friendship Ends at Altar.
- War Dims Hope For Peace.
- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last A While.
- Blind Woman Gets New Kidney from Dad She Hasn't Seen in Years.
- Half of U.S. High Schools Require Some Study for Graduation.
- Lucky Man Sees Pals Die.
- New Missouri U. Chancellor Expects Little Sex.
- Prostitutes Appeal To Pope.
- Pastor Aghast At First Lady Sex Position.

From the Back Seat...



Some things don't change...

Hope everyone had a great holiday season and are ready for a fresh new year.

It may be a new year, but some things stay the same. For one example, here I am begging again for newsletter material.

I know there's material out there. The December roster showed 89 member families. Of these, 20 have supplied information for the 'Getting to know...' articles, and 26 members have written about 40 cars in the 'Pony of the Month' or 'My First Mustang' stories.

The Member Profiles for the 'Getting to Know... stories are pretty straightforward; the questions are shown with the profiles on page 6. As you can see, there's nothing TOO incriminating... unless you make your murder confession as something we might be surprised by.

The car stories are more open in format. I ask for stories about your current Mustang, your first Mustang, or 'one that got away'.

What's interesting about your car? How did you decide to buy it? What have you done to it since you bought it? Are there any neat stories to tell about the car? It's really not that difficult.

If there is anything car-related you'd like to comment on? Any great trips you've taken? Any interesting places you've been to? If so, let me know. We'll let others in on the information.

Kathy Summers-Harper is the new General Manager at Harold Zeigler Ford Lincoln. We wish her the best; if there are any changes in our relationship with the dealership, we'll let you know.

Have a good month...

The fine print...

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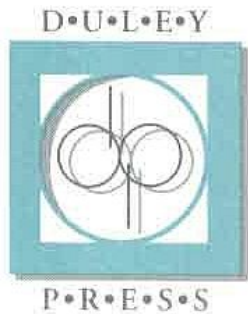
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If you will be heading out of town during the winter and want me to send your newsletter to your winter address, send me the address and the month(s) you want receive your newsletter at that address.

Send the information to:

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

Art



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