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Next Meeting

January 14, 2013

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Honkers Restaurant

211 E. Day Road

(SE Corner; Day Rd. & Main St.)

Mishawaka, IN

Upcoming Events

January 14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

February 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

March 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

April 8 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

May 13 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

June 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

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From the front seat of my Red GT

Happy New Year to everyone and I sincerely hope everyone had a good Christmas Day. How blessed we are to be able to celebrate Christmas with family and friends.

First I want to thank Brad for the time and dedication and work he has given to the club these past two years. I believe I can speak for all when I say thank you and a job well done.

Another new year and many exciting things are ahead for this year, including Cruise-In's, car shows, Brown County, Tire Rack, fall cruise, and parades. I will be planning a trip this spring (with Brad's help) to either the Gilmore Museum or to Henry Ford Museum and Fairlane Mansion. I should have all the details by our January meeting. I am checking into the cost for transportation and I will announce this information in January.

We did have a great time at our Christmas party which was attended by many members. I also want to thank all who donated toys for Toys for Tots and the currency and food items for the Food Pantry. We really can be pleased that we have very generous members in our car club.

Don't forget to read you next newsletter to see what is happening and I hope to see you at Honkers on Day Road in Mishawaka on January 14th 2013 with supper at 6:00 and the meeting will start around 7:00.

I will also plan on having a Board of Directors meeting after our regular meeting just for a few minutes for all of us to get acquainted with each other.

Sincerely,
Howard

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2013 Meeting Dates

January 14
February 11
March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8 (Picnic at Twin Branch Park in Mishawaka)
August 5 (to be confirmed)
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 2 (to be confirmed)

January 2013 Meeting Itinerary

1. Call meeting to order and welcome
2. New members present?
3. Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Club Anniversaries
4. Treasurer's report
5. MCA report
6. Old business
7. New business
 - Fall Cruise Set-up?
 - Trip to Gilmore Museum sometime in late April?
 - Henry Ford museum?
8. Adjourn meeting and proceed to the board meeting.

Agenda for board meeting

1. Show date?
2. Show shirts?
3. Trophies?
4. Other show related needs

Last Month's Finances:

Income

Membership Renewals	\$40.00
Josh Brown: MCA Dues	40.00
Total Income	\$80.00

Expenses

Christmas Party Tip	\$120.00
MCA Dues (Josh Brown)	40.00
MCA Discount	5.00
Total Expenses	\$165.00

Net Income **(-\$85.00)**

Scenes from the Christmas Party



This club loves to eat; as usual, the folks at Honkers provided lots of good food for everyone. A special thanks to those who brought desserts to share. (Carol Cooper photos)



Nothing says Christmas like the Stooges, right Vic?
(Carol Cooper photo)



George and Shirley Wachs were in the holiday spirit.
(Carol Cooper photo)



Brad Milliken is the Club's first four-time winner of the Pumper Award

The following members won door prizes:

- Club Calendar made by Peggy Anson: Hal McClure
- 1-year Memberships: Chris Kern, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, and Ken & Diane Reed
- T-shirts: Linda Arnold, Howard Barrett, Art Campbell, and David Yoder

Thanks to everyone that came to the party; as always, it was a great time! Thanks also to Carol Cooper, who bailed me out when my camera went on the fritz.

Membership News



This Month...

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



Anniversaries This Month...

- 2 Curly & Karon Long 51 years

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



New Members!

- No new members this month
-

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

Membership Anniversaries

- Marty & Kristi Hughes 4 years
- Thomas Phillips 3 years

Membership Renewals Due

January

- Brody Brown
- Marty Hughes
- Blair & Shari Knaak
- Shane Reynolds
- Bill & Patricia Stickley
- George & Shirley Wachs

February

- Dick & Gloria Cornman
- Dale Shoemaker

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

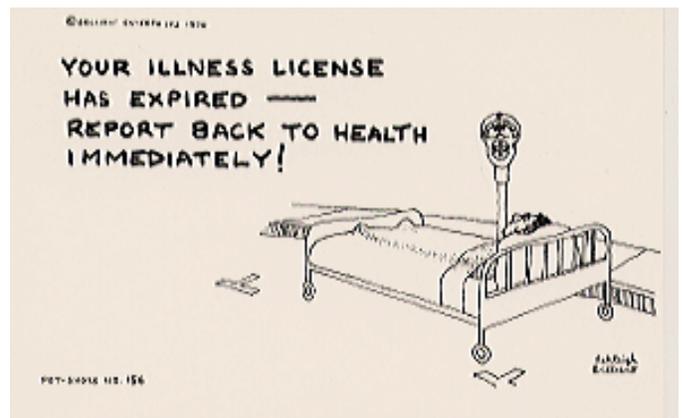
Month #3 (Grace Month): No Invoice

Month #4 (De-Activation Month): No Invoice

Dues should be mailed to Ron Newcomer, 58375 Westleaf Manor Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46517

Keep them in your thoughts...

- Pete and Marilyn McClure's daughter Kelly has had a setback in her recovery from brain tumor surgery. Follow-up tests revealed some malignant tissue that will require more treatment.



2013 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Convertible review notes



A 662-hp convertible? Sounds good to us

By: Jake Lingeman on 1/02/2013

ASSOCIATE EDITOR JAKE LINGEMAN: This 2013 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 convertible has a really cool-looking silver-and-red paint job. There are too many blue and white, white and black, and blue and black GT500s. The weather was cool, so I didn't put the top down but I'm sure it would look even sweeter, like all convertibles do.

I had the car in the rain. It's basically undrivable in those conditions. Slipping the clutch as smoothly as possible will get you into gear, but any throttle pressure lights up the tires like nobody's business. I was a bit surprised, too, because the tires seemed relatively fresh. In any gear, at any rpm, a jab of the throttle will turn the traction control light on.

It is damn fast though. The next morning in dry weather, the back tires would still get loose in second and third gear. I almost think our hardtop version was tuned down as this drop-top feels much faster. And it shouldn't, because it weighs more than the hardtop. I'll be interested to know if anyone else thinks the same.

Other than that, I love the suede on the steering wheel, the shifter is the best in the pony car set and Sync seems to be working better than ever. So for \$64,000 you get 662 horses? That sounds like a good deal to me.

NEWS EDITOR GREG MIGLIORE: Packing 662-hp in a pony car is almost unbelievable. It's a spectacular output for a relatively small package, and a challenge to drive in some conditions. Like stop-and-go in rush hour -- no thanks. Once past that that accident-strewn mess, the fun began.

And when I dropped the top and blasted into work later, it was a truly sporting experience. It's a rocket. The engine sounds amazing. The chorus as you down-

shift is intoxicating. On one stretch of the expressway I dropped down a gear, jabbed the throttle and just *felt* the whole experience. It's an outstanding engine. The six-speed manual has quick, precise shifts, and is actually pretty agreeable to work at speed. The heavy clutch is formidable in the traffic, though, and you literally need to be on your toes. Looking out over the long hood is exciting, and driving this thing requires a harnessed energy, concentration and focus. I find it rewarding.

It's righteous to make hard turns, and the back end will swing impressively if that's what you want to happen. It's also an involuntary reflex, so it's important to stay sharp. The chassis is tight as heck, and it feels a little unsettled at times. But it also has a true, raw dynamic, which I like. The steering could be a bit stiffer, however, for my taste. The interior is solid. The seats, materials and accents all make for a setting that says Shelby. And yes, it's a blast to drive. I'd say this one would truly make Ol' Shel grin.

2013 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Convertible

Base Price: \$59,995

As-Tested Price: \$63,490

Drivetrain: 5.8-liter supercharged V8; RWD, six-speed manual

Output: 662 hp @ 6,500 rpm, 631 lb-ft @ 4,000 rpm

Curb Weight: 3,970 lb

Fuel Economy (EPA City/Highway/Combined): 15/24/18 mpg

AW Observed Fuel Economy: 16.6 mpg

Options: Rapid spec 821A SVT performance package including Torsen differential, 3.31 axle ratio, unique 19-inch painted forged-aluminum front wheels, 20-inch painted forged-aluminum rear wheels, Bilstein cockpit selectable dampers, unique rear springs (\$3,495)

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20130102/carreviews/121229992#ixzz2GqDanI8v>



Ford tops 2 million US sales in 2012



By Jeffrey N. Ross Posted Jan 2nd 2013 11:32AM

Ford won't be snagging the best-selling-car title away from Toyota just yet, but in addition to what should be another runaway best-selling-truck title, it can also boast being the top-selling brand in the US last year. While year-end sales totals aren't even in yet, Ford has already confirmed that it hit a big milestone by selling more than two million sales in the US for the year.

Following the November numbers that were up 5.4 percent year-over-year and were only about a month's worth of Escape sales short of the two-million-sales mark (1,961,177) to begin with, this didn't come as a huge surprise, but what is noteworthy is that Ford is the only brand to eclipse this mark since 2007 (and it has done so two years in a row). Chevrolet and Toyota are the closest competitors to Ford having sold 1,684,555 and 1,674,802 units, respectively, through November, but this doesn't include sales from other brands. Looking at automakers as a whole, General Motors should have top sales with almost 2.4 million units tallied at the end of November while Ford and Lincoln combined just barely passed two million sales during this same period.

Putting things in a bigger scale, Ford also says that, as of September, the Focus, F-Series and Fiesta models were three of the top five in global sales based on data provided by [Polk](#).

Ford Press Release

DEARBORN, Mich., Dec. 30, 2012 – The Ford brand is on track to top 2 million U.S. vehicle sales in 2012 for the second straight year – the only auto brand to do so in America this year.

In addition, the Ford Focus is on track to become this year's best-selling global nameplate, while the Ford Fiesta is on pace to be this year's best-selling global B-Car, giving Ford the best-selling B and C-Car in the world, based on the latest Polk global industry data –

through September.

Global Focus new registrations totaled 737,856 through September, making it the world's number-one selling vehicle nameplate. Fiesta new vehicle registrations totaled 560,061 for the same period, making it the world's best-selling B-Car, according to Polk.

"Focus and Fiesta represent the best of our One Ford plan," said Jim Farley, Ford's executive vice president, Global Marketing, Sales and Service and Lincoln. "In just three years, Ford has transformed our global small car lineup and started winning over customers worldwide with vehicles that are not only fun-to-drive but also fuel-efficient – largely thanks to our award-winning EcoBoost engines."

Ford is on track to sell more than 520,000 EcoBoost-powered vehicles by year-end since the engine's introduction in 2009. Already available in Europe in Fiesta, Ford's new 1.0-liter, 3-cylinder engine arrives late next year in the new Fiesta in the U.S.

Winning lineup

Ford is the only brand to have three of the top 10 best-selling vehicles worldwide, through September 2012, the most recent reporting of all markets globally by Polk.

In addition to Focus at No. 1 and Fiesta at No. 5, F-Series is the fourth best-selling global nameplate at 576,339 vehicles, according to Polk global new vehicle registration data.

"Customers around the world are rewarding Ford for investing in fuel-efficient new vehicles, from our fun-to-drive EcoBoost-powered small cars to our hard-working, capable F-Series pickups," Farley said. "No other automaker in the world shares Ford's extensive volume or range of EcoBoost engines – from the 1.0-liter that drives our small cars to the 3.5-liter that has been a winner with truck and large crossover owners around the globe."

About Ford Motor Company

Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures or distributes automobiles across six continents. With about 172,000 employees and 65 plants worldwide, the company's automotive brands include Ford and Lincoln. The company provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company. For more information regarding Ford and its products worldwide, please visit <http://corporate.ford.com>.

http://www.autoblog.com/2013/01/02/ford-tops-2-million-us-sales-in-2012/?icid=maing-grid7%7Cmaing5%7Cd12%7Csec3_Ink1%26pLid%3D251888

Hyundai working to replace car keys with smartphones



By Zach Bowman Posted Dec 28th 2012

Hyundai is working on technology that may allow you to access your vehicle with nothing more than a swipe of your smartphone. The automaker's i30 Connectivity Concept boasts an embedded NFC tag that allows the user to open the doors with a quick swipe. Drop the phone in the center console, and the driver can pair with the on-board touch screen and start the car. An inductive charging plate takes care of keeping the phone alive without having to fuss with cords or adapters. What's more, Hyundai says that the system can recognize individual smartphones, which means each user can have a customized experience.

Using the company's MirrorLink, the car can automatically sync not only contacts and apps, but also navigation destinations and streaming audio. More interestingly, the system uses technology available right now, and Hyundai says the system will be available on its next-generation of vehicles starting in 2015. While we're all for sending bulky key fobs to the scrap heap, hurdles like previous owner security concerns and the hitch of what happens if your phone dies before you can make it to your car will need to be overcome. You can read the full write-up over at *Wired*.

<http://www.wired.com/autopia/2012/12/death-to-the-key-fob/>

Scary Mustang?

Surely you remember the 'students' in National Lampoon's Animal House? Classic movies like that are rarely forgotten. In case you were wondering, here's what today's Faber College students are up to...



Lingerie Shopping

A man walked into the Women's Department of Macy's in New York City and told the saleslady, "I would like a Baptist bra for my wife, size 36B."

With a quizzical look the saleslady asked? "What kind of bra?"

"A Baptist Bra," he repeated. "She said to tell you that she wanted a Baptist Bra, and that you would know what she wanted."

"Ah, now I remember" said the saleslady. "We don't get as many requests for them as we used to. Mostly our customers lately want the Catholic bra, or the Salvation Army bra, or the Presbyterian type."

Confused, and a little flustered, the man asked, "So, what are the differences?"

"It is all really quite simple," replied the saleslady. "The Catholic type supports the masses, the Salvation Army lifts up the fallen, and the Presbyterian type keeps them staunch and upright."

He mused on that information for a minute, and then asked "So, what is the Baptist type for?"

"They", she replied, "make mountains out of mole-hills."

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

Looking For...

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

Tool Refresher

Two-ton Engine Hoist: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

Phillips Screwdriver: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper and tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt. Can also be used, as the name implies, for stripping out Phillips screw heads.

Straight Screwdriver: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

Pry Bar: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove to replace a 50¢ part.

Hose Cutter: A tool used to make hoses too short.

Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most-expensive part adjacent to the part we are trying to hit.

Utility Knife: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and plastic or rubber parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

From the Back Seat...



Some things never change...

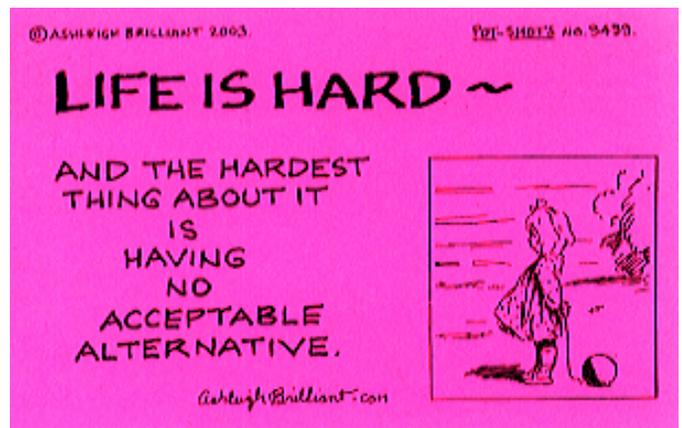
It may be a new year, but some things stay the same. For one example, here I am begging again for newsletter material. I ask for stories about your current Mustang, your first Mustang, or 'one that got away'.

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 everyone else in on the information.

Have a great month...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Just".



The fine print...

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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



A 2013 GT 500 is test driven. Details on page 5.



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