



Michiana Monthly



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Chartered as a Regional Club since 1978

Next Meeting

March 14, 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

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

May 30 (Monday)

Memorial Day parades in South Bend, Mishawaka, and Elkhart

June 11 (Saturday)

West Michigan Mustang Club Show at Tony Betten Ford, Grand Rapids

June 13 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting



BRAD'S BLOG

Hey, we actually have some sunshine today to melt the snow from last night! When the bare pavement starts to show, it's time to start thinking about those Mustangs in the garage. Now if we can only afford the gas to put in them...

We had a great group turn out for the bowling event on February 5. I believe it was the best ever. Afterwards, we did what we do best, eat, at DaVinci's. Several pizzas, sandwiches and assorted Italian dishes were devoured. Find more on this inside.

We had some new members and guests at the February meeting which happened to fall on Valentines Day.

Elaine treated everyone to a valentine and a sucker!

Next meeting is March 14. Hope to see you then.

Brad Milliken



Mustangs may be coming to NASCAR's highest level (details on page 6)

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2011 Events Calendar

February

- 5 (Saturday)
Bowling at Country Club Lanes, Elkhart
- 14 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

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July

- 11 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs annual picnic at Twin Branch Park, Mishawaka
- 16 (Saturday)
Old Fort Mustangers' show at Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. In attendance were Art Anderson, Howard Barrett, Jim Boal (guest), Art Campbell, Terry Gunderman, Roger & Shirley Kaser, Chris Kern (guest), Elaine Kersey, Rob Killingsworth, Carl Kindig, Hal & Rose McClure, Steve & Cindy Miller, Brad Milliken & Kim Zink, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Ellen Ostrowski, Kenny & Diane Reed, Bob Relos, Ken & Becky Schmitt, Scott & Sharone Smith, Mona Steiner, Mark Taelman, and David Yoder.

Brad reported that the city of Mishawaka has confirmed our reservation of the pavilion at Twin Branch Park for our picnic on July 11.

With the absence of Jim Schmidt there was no MCA report

Our bowling outing saw the most participation of any previous event (the outing is reported elsewhere in the newsletter). To add some spice to the event, the person with the high game of the day would have their bowling and meal provided by the Club. Brad mentioned that for future events, it would be specified that this prize would be awarded to the highest scoring member (Mark Mantel, a former member, won this year's award).

Brad has contacted John Clor at Ford for help in getting us a tour of the Mustang plant. As of the meeting, Brad has not had a response from John.

Contact Brad if you want new Club apparel. Pricing and delivery would be based on interest.

Brad brought up the idea of a New Member kit, including a show shirt, name badge, and perhaps more. The first year membership fee could be raised to cover the expense.

Ken Schmitt has been contacted by the organizers of the car show held in conjunction with the Maple Syrup Festival in Wakarusa. This year's Festival will be held on April 16.

New member Sharone Smith won \$27.00 in the 50-50. Other winners were Mark Taelman (MCA calendar) and Rob Killingsworth (box of candy).

Elaine Kersey presented the members with a Valentine and a sucker to mark the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Last Month's Finances:

Income

Membership Renewals	85.00
New Memberships	20.00
Calendar Sales	5.00
50/50	27.00

Total Income \$137.00

Expenses

MCA Discount	\$15.00
Bowling Prize	37.25
Picnic Pavilion Rental	55.00
Total Expenses	\$107.25

Net Income \$29.75

Quickies

1. How Big?

A farmer, bragging to his farmer neighbor, says, "It takes me two days to drive around my land on my tractor."

The other farmer dryly replied, "Yep. I used to have a tractor like that myself!"

2. A Will

Definition of a will: It's a dead give away.



Membership News



This Month...

- 11 Kim Zink
- 15 Pat Sauerbeck
- 20 Kathryn Schmidt
- 22 Kami Woody



Anniversaries This Month...

- 21 Karen & Howard Barrett 41 years

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



New Members!

- Scott & Sharone Smith, from South Bend, with a 2003 GT Roush clone
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Welcome to the club. We're looking forward to getting to know you!

Membership Dues

January

- Marty & Kristi Hughes
- Blair & Sharon Knaak
- Thomas Phillips
- George & Shirley Wachs

March

- Harold & Loretta Jedrzejewski
- Robert & Pamela Moore
- Mark & Sherry Zerkel

April

- Becky Christena
- Pete & Chris Delchambre
- Vic & Connie Garrison
- Art & Fran Anderson

Membership Anniversaries

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| Mike Sebella | 17 years |
| Joe & Sandy Kraatz | 12 years |
| Connie Dalrymple | 6 years |
| Harold & Loretta Jedrzejewski | 6 years |
| Robert & Pamela Moore | 3 years |
| Paul Rogers | 2 years |
| Mark & Sherry Zerkel | 2 years |



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!

Postcards from the Bowling Alley

A cold and snowy February Saturday saw members of the Michiana Mustangs descend on Country Club Lanes in Elkhart for an afternoon of strikes, spares, splits, and gutters.

In all, 22 bowlers hit the lanes, some literally. Former member Mark Mantel rolled a 168 game for the top score, followed by Brad Milliken with a 155.

As you might imagine, there were a number of bowling styles displayed, as well as a variety of bowling fashions (it's sometimes amazing what you can find at the shoe rental).



While others visited, Brad got down to bowling. Brad had the second highest game of the day, highlighted by a 'Turkey' (three consecutive strikes).



Former member Mark Mantel had the best game of the day

After bowling we all went up the street to DaVinci's for pizza and/or pasta. As usual, DaVinci's didn't disappoint, with a number of huge, wonderful looking pizzas arriving at the tables. All in all, it was a great way to end a fun day with friends. If you missed it, make plans to join us next time.



Ted Sauerbeck goes for a strike



The group kept our server busy

License, please

By BOB GRITZINGER on 2/03/2011

Now comes Georgia State Rep. Bobby Franklin, proposing that his state eliminate the requirement that drivers obtain licenses before wheeling out onto the public highways and byways.

Franklin--clearly no intellectual relation to the esteemed Founding Father--is sponsoring something called the "Right to Travel Act" to eliminate driver's licensing. Franklin's proposal says driver's licenses infringe on individuals' "constitutional right to travel on the roads and highways" of Georgia, and we'd guess by extension, all of these United States.

Franklin is half right--in this country, we do have the right and freedom to travel where and when we choose. But he's confused on the "how" part. If "how" we travel is by motor vehicle on a publicly owned highway, that's a privilege bestowed on those of us who show at least a minimal level of capability **behind the wheel**. Put another way, you're welcome to travel on foot, or by bicycle, or any non-motorized means you'd like without anyone demanding to see your license. But put the keys in your car, fire it up and pilot it down a public highway, and then you have an obligation to the rest of us to meet at least some minimal standards.

Was it always this way? Not hardly. No one thought of licensing someone riding a horse or driving a horse-drawn buckboard back in the day. But since the dawn of the horseless carriage, society has found a need to put limits on travel via this crazy contraption we call a **car**. Remember that early on in motor-vehicle history, motorists were limited to 5 mph and were required to have a flagman running ahead of them to warn the populace.

Regardless of your political views, it is clearly in everyone's interest to make sure drivers meet at least some minimal requirements before we license them to share the road with us. Here at *AutoWeek*, we'd argue that those minimal standards ought to include far more training in the actual practice of driving before said license is issued. More stringent licensing, not zero licensing, is what is needed to cut down on the highway mayhem in the United States.

If ideas like Franklin's take hold, maybe we should all give some thought to walking--and make sure that path keeps us well away from the nearest the highway.

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20110203/FREE/110209953#ixzz1D0zeUHN9>

Ford asks to run Mustang design in Sprint Cup

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Ford Racing wants to field Mustangs in the Sprint Cup Series in 2013 and has asked NASCAR to consider letting it start planning in that direction. Over the past 40 years, Ford has fielded Torinos, Thunderbirds, Tauruses and Fusions in Cup races. The company ran its Mustang in four Nationwide Series races last year and will run it in all 35 Nationwide races this year.

Ford's motive is to race a car that more closely resembles ones that can be bought at any dealership. "We are driving to make sure the car we race is more consistent and more in context with the cars we sell," said Jamie Allison, director of Ford's North American Motorsports program. "We have declared our interest to NASCAR to see the Mustang in Cup [in '13]."

The approval process to replace the Fusion with the Mustang could take most of two years. It might depend on its competitiveness relative to the sedan models currently entered by Dodge (the Dodge Charger), General Motors (the Chevrolet Impala) and Toyota (the Camry).

Four Ford-based organizations will field nine Fusions this year. Roush Fenway Racing with David Ragan, Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards; Richard Petty Motorsports with Marcos Ambrose and A. J. Allmendinger; the Wood Brothers with Trevor Bayne, and Front Row Racing with David Gilliland and Travis Kvapil.

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20110213/NASCAR/110219946#ixzz1Dxlu9tZg>

Postcards in the Snow

I've heard a lot of people complaining about how awful this winter has been and the unbelievable amount of snow we've had. I thought I'd show you a use for large amounts of snow.

These pictures are from my alma mater, Michigan Tech, near the tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Tech hosts a yearly 'Winter Carnival', featuring, among other things, a snow sculpture competition between fraternities, sororities, and other campus groups. This year's theme was "Thousands of Pages Unfold in the Bitter Cold".

As an aside, on February 28 the Houghton area showed a snowfall total of 148". At Carnival time there were 42" on the ground to work with.



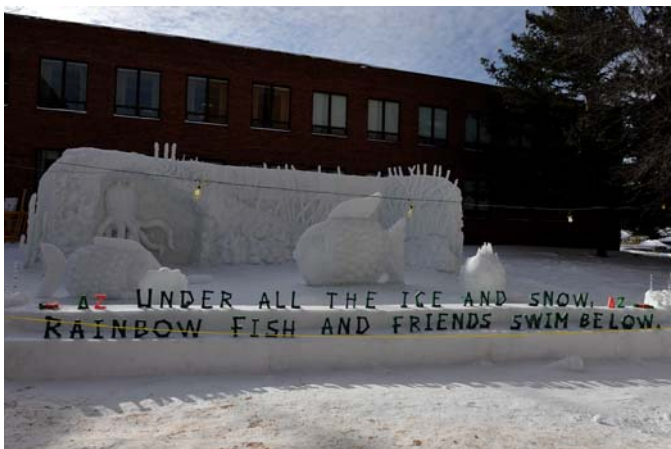
The Little Train that Could also made an appearance



Even Clifford turns white in the snow



The Phi Kappa Tau statue devoted to the Chronicles of Narnia took first in the fraternity division



Hard to imagine anything swimming in the snow and cold.



Air Force ROTC highlighted the plight of the Three Little Pigs

2nd Annual

WAKARUSA MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

Car Show



Saturday, April 16, 2011
Wakarusa, IN



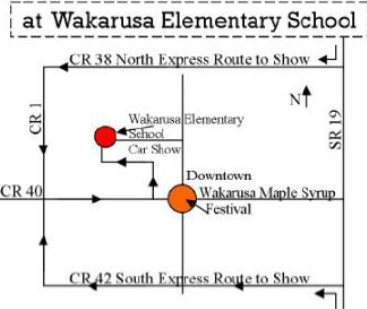
Registration 9:00 am
SHOW 10 am - 2:00 pm (Awards)
Enjoy the 42nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival during Show

\$\$ 50/50 \$\$ Draw-Food-Fun!!

\$10.00 per entry
Dash Plaques to first 50!

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42nd Annual Wakarusa Maple Syrup Festival ~ 2nd Annual Car Show Application

Dash Plaques to 1st 50 Entrants

Complete one application per vehicle.

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ License Plate Number: _____

Neither the sponsor(s) or any committee member including the Town of Wakarusa, Chamber of Commerce, Maple Syrup Festival Committee nor the owner of the property (WaNee School District) at which the show is held shall be responsible or liable for any loss, damage, or injury to all or any part of the exhibitors display, vehicle and/or exhibitor. The exhibitor shall and does hereby waive any and all rights he/she may have against them or anyone for such loss, damage or injury. We have the right to refuse entry.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to: Maple Syrup Festival Car Show

Check and application should be mailed to: Wakarusa Chamber ~ PO Box 291 ~ Wakarusa, IN 46573-9754

Or you can register at 9:00 am day of the show!

Event Contact: ~ Phone: 574-862-4344 ~ Fax: 574-862-2245

Email: chamber@wakarusachamber.com

www.wakarusamaplesyrupfestival.com

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



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 ourmustangs@centurylink.net or call 419-523-5535 (April)



I know this isn't a Mustang, but this Van will make someone in the club a very Nice Van to use to drive back & fourth to the Lake or on summer outing's. This is a 1993 Ford Custom Van, Very Clean, Low Mileage (49,219.0), 351 Engine, 4 captain's chairs with beach seat in back that opens up into a sofa bed. Cloth interior with custom seat. E-mail me at our-mustangs@centurylink.net or call 419-523-5535 (May)

Looking For...

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

Redneck Rules of Etiquette

Personal Hygiene

- While ears need to be cleaned regularly, this should be done in private using one's OWN truck keys.
- Proper use of toiletries can forestall bathing for several days. However, if you live alone, deodorant is a waste of good money.
- Dirt and grease under the fingernails is a social no-no, as they tend to detract from a woman's jewelry and alter the taste of finger foods.

Dining Out

- When decanting wine, make sure that you tilt the paper cup, and pour slowly so as not to "bruise" the fruit of the wine.
- If drinking directly from the bottle, always hold it with your fingers covering the label.

Entertaining in your Home

- A centerpiece for the table should never be anything prepared by a taxidermist.
- Do not allow the dog to eat at the table... no matter how good his manners are.

Dating (Outside the Family)

- Always offer to bait your date's hook, especially on the first date.
- Be aggressive. Let her know you are interested: "I've been wanting to go out with you since I read that stuff on the men's bathroom wall two years ago."
- Establish with her parents what time she is expected back. Some will say 10:00 pm; Others might say Monday. If it is the latter, it is the man's responsibility to get her to school on time.

Theater Etiquette

- Crying babies should be taken to the lobby and picked up immediately after the movie has ended.
- Refrain from talking to characters on the screen. Tests have proven they can't hear you.

Looking Back...

March 1996

- A planned trip to the Dearborn Assembly plant was cancelled by Ford due to 'market conditions'
- The Club's new (and current) logo was ready for introduction
- Montgomery Ward at Scottdale Mall was selected as the new car show site

March 2006

- Bob & Becky Christena's '72 Mach 1 is the 'Pony of the Month'
- The Club held its last meeting at the Four Seasons restaurant; the restaurant had been opening just for us on Monday nights
- The Club had its entry confirmed for the Cavalcade of Wheels

Feedback...

Hi Art,

I really enjoyed your article on "just talking a ride."

It brought back so many wonderful memories of when I was a kid. You see, we used to also "just go for a ride."

My Mom would fry up some chicken and make homemade potato salad and we would just go for a ride, looking at all the beauty the countryside held.

Then we would find a roadside picnic table and have our picnic food, it was so relaxing and such special family time.

That kind of quality family time just isn't attained anymore. You can't get that wonderful time taking your kids to McDonalds, as so many of the families do today.

I still have such a wonderful sense of nature and I am sure that was born from those times we spent outside.

Thank you for the wonderful memories...

Vic Garrison

From the Back Seat...



This and that...

While compiling the data for the "Who we are" article in January I looked at the Anniversary list. I have 29 wedding anniversaries on the list. Of these we have 4 couples with 50 or more years this year, 10 others with 40 or more years, and 7 more that are over 30 years. Once again, I'd hesitate to infer any

great meaning from these numbers, but it's nice to see so many long term relationships in this day and age. Keep up the good work! If you haven't given me your birthdays and anniversaries, let me know so I can add you to this list.

If anyone is interested, I have put together a 2011 Events Calendar for the Club, with meeting dates, shows, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. I plan to keep it updated as the year goes on, adding cruise-in nights and such. The calendar is in Word 2000-2003 format. Let me know if you'd like a copy.

I haven't done it yet this year, so here goes... I'm still (always) looking for "Pony of the Month", and 'My First Mustang' stories, as well as Member Profiles ('Getting to Know...'). I did have a 'Pony of the Month' story in December, but that was only the second one in almost a year and a half. In September, our roster showed 140 cars in the Club. We have had a total of 44 stories since 1997. Somehow I have to believe there are more than a few interesting stories out there. You don't have to be a great writer; I'll help where I can.

Have a good month...



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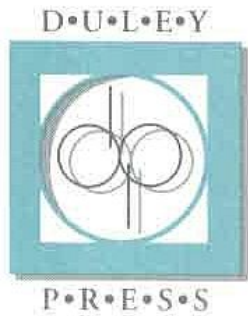
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