



MICHIANA MONTHLY



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**Next Meeting
May 12, 2008**

**Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Upcoming Events

May 12: Michiana Mustangs
monthly meeting

May 16-18: 31st Shelby Spring
Fling, Brown County State Park

May 24: Campbell Ford Dan
Gurney Signature Saleen Event
9am—5pm

May 26: Memorial Day Parades
Stay tuned for further info

June 9: Michiana Mustangs
monthly meeting

June 14: 27th Annual West
Michigan Mustang Club Show

June 20-22: MCA National
Show, Columbus, OH

June 20-21: Mishawaka Grand
Prix

June 28-29: 29th All Ford Car
Show, Mustang Club of Indian-
apolis

July 12: Eby Ford Lincoln Mer-
cury Show and Shine

From Where I Sit...

May 2008

We lucked out (for the most part anyway) yesterday for the Neal Decker Show and Shine at Zeigler Ford Lincoln Mercury. The anticipated rain never showed and we had sunshine for most of the day. Now if the wind had died down and we had about 10 more degrees... Still, we had our usual great time there. It was good to see some folks we hadn't seen in a while (welcome back Curly and Karon!) and it was good to get together with everyone who was there.

As many of you learned by e-mail, we have been invited to Campbell Ford Lincoln Mercury on May 24 for the unveiling of the new Dan Gurney edition Saleen Mustang. Those of you who have followed auto racing over the last 40-50 years certainly recognize Dan Gurney. He is one of the very few drivers to have won in almost every form of circuit racing in the world, including Indy Cars, NASCAR, Grand Prix, and Sports Cars. Dan is scheduled to be at Campbell Ford on the 24th for this event. Please let me or Becky know if you are planning to attend, as we need to get a count to Ron Ward at Campbell Ford.

We will pass around sign-up sheets for the Memorial Day parades at the meeting. We hope to be doing three parades this year: South Bend, Mishawaka, and Elkhart. If you can't make the meeting, please let us know if you plan to join us for any or all of the parades.

I will look for confirmation, but there is a listing in the May Mustang Times for an Old Fort Mustangers show at Ivy Tech on July 19. Last fall we heard that there would be no Fort Wayne show this year, but apparently the club was able to get enough people to go ahead. We'll get you further information as we get it.

One last topic from yesterday's Show and Shine; Buddy King from Oldies 94.3 arrived at Noon to do reports from Zeigler's. He mentioned how much he enjoyed our club and the spirit of the group. Frank Grisa, General Manager the dealership, told me he was proud to be associated with our club. Neither of these comments surprised me; Becky and I have known this for almost nine years, but it is nice to hear these comments from 'outsiders'. I thank you once again for being such a wonderful group of friends.

Hope to see you at the meeting...

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Minutes from April 14, 2008 meeting:

President Art Campbell opened the meeting. We met new members Tim Janowiak with a 1965 Mustang convertible and Fred Garofalo with a 2000 Mustang GT convertible.

Members and guests present were:

Art Anderson	Sandy & Joe Kraatz
Scott Anderson	Valerie Frances Malecki
Howard Barrett	Rose & Hal McClure
Art & Becky Campbell	Brad Milliken & Roni Niedbalski
Ruben Chupp	Charlotte and Ron Newcomer
Matthew Craven	Diane & Ken Reed
Toni Estrada	Bob Relos
Fred Garofalo	Bo Sands
Connie & Vic Garrison	Ted & Pat Sauerbeck
Terry Gunderman	Mona & Dick Spitaels
Tim Janowiak	George & Shirley Wachs
Harold Jedrzyjewski	Shirley & Larry Weaver
Elaine Kersey	Jane & Katie Yoder
	Darrell Young

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written and the treasurer's report was also approved.

MCA Regional Director Jim Schmidt was not in attendance.

Harold Jedrzyjewski and Howard Barrett reported on the Cavalcade of Wheels event. 1st place trophies went to Harold and Blake Pierce, 2nd place to Kevin Price, and 3rd place to Howard. Our club display "Michiana Moonshiners" took 2nd place with a \$400.00 prize. A special thanks to Harold for all of the set up work and scenery design.

Brad Milliken reported on the pizza party at Bruno's held April 12. There were 18 club members and friends in attendance. The pizza was tasty and the company was excellent.

April 2008 Minutes (continued)

Mona and Rose are still collecting recipes for the club cookbook.

Sweatshirts with the club logo can still be ordered at the May 12th meeting. See Brad Milliken or Art Campbell to place your order.

Brown County Spring Fling event is the weekend of May 16th. Several members plan to attend. A sign-up sheet was passed around at the April meeting.

A Tire Rack Driving event is scheduled for September 20, 2008 pending insurance approval.

50/50 Winners were Art Anderson - \$31.00. Other car products and shirts were won by George Wachs, Mona Spitaels, Larry Weaver, Ron Newcomer, and Matt Craven.

A motion was made and passed that we adjourn.

Becky Campbell, Newsletter Editor for June Schmidt, Secretary

Elkhart Memorial Day Parade

This years theme is Elkhart & Its Veterans: Enjoying 150 Years Of Freedom.

The date is Monday, May 26, 2008 and the parade kicks off at 2:00 PM.

I will check us in at Stone's Service at the corner of Lexington & Third after 12:00. Please line up on Third St. no later than 1:30.

Any more information call Brad at 574-674-4321 (home) or 574-612-5060 (cell).

Hope you can make it.

My First Mustang

Becky Campbell

In the fall of 1984, I found myself in need of a car. My beloved 1975 Nova had been totaled in a hit and run accident. It was a bright blue metallic 2 door with the 350 V-8 that Chevy did so well. My first instinct was to visit the Chevy and GM dealers in Kalamazoo. My Dad was a tool and die maker for GM for many years and had retired in 1979. It seemed like a good idea to continue with GM products. Many visits to many dealers did not yield anything that I was happy with. Finally, Art suggested a trip to Don Seeyle Ford in Kalamazoo. He had purchased his 1982 Mustang GL there and was very happy with it. Feeling I had nothing to lose, we went to the Ford dealer. I wanted to try out a 1985 Mustang GT. This girl has to have a V-8. There was exactly one 1985 GT on the lot and it was the demo car. It was parked tight up to the building between the wall and a security lamp. No one was going to get near that car. A salesman had to come out and move it before I could even look at it. He handed me the keys and Art and I took off. It was a dark charcoal gray metallic Mustang, the same color as the sky that November day. With snow trying to fall, we headed out. Within a few miles, I was hooked. We returned to the dealership and tried to purchase that car, but we were told that we would have to order one because that car was not available for sale. So, I took a brochure and built the car that I wanted. I was torn between black and Canyon Red. The salesman convinced me that the Canyon Red was really not the best color, so I ordered black with the gray interior. I wanted a stick shift, so my Mustang was equipped with the 5-speed manual transmission and 5.0 HO engine, with a Holley 600 CFM carb. I didn't want cruise control, but did opt for A/C and the rear window defroster. This was Michigan after all and this would be a daily driver. I gave them my deposit money and went home to wait. And wait. There was a trucker's strike in the late fall and early winter of '84/'85. Somehow, my Mustang was on a transport truck at an impound lot in Chicago. I did not understand how a car that was built in Dearborn and due to be delivered in Kalamazoo ended up in Chicago. Art and I attended the Detroit Auto Show in January of 1985 and at the Ford display was a black 1985 Mustang GT, equipped exactly like the one I had on order. I was convinced that it was my car. Art had to persuade me that it could not possibly be mine. We returned home and I waited impatiently for the phone call to come saying the car was in Kalamazoo. That call came on February 15, 1985. Kalamazoo was recovering from a major snow storm. Snow was piled several feet high along all of the main roads. We arrived at the dealer and there she was, a gorgeous black Mustang against a backdrop of white snow. It was love at first sight. As I left the showroom with the keys in my hand, the salesmen were taking bets on whether or not I could get that rear wheel drive V-8 out of the parking lot. They didn't know me at all. I carefully cruised home with her and parked in our driveway that had snow piled 6 feet deep on both sides. We didn't have a garage. I would drive her for 9 years, in all kinds of weather. We would race at Martin US 131 dragstrip.

We would cruise to Northern Michigan and back every year on a fall color tour. I loved my Mustang and gave her the very clever name of "Sally". Sadly, Sally began to decline. Years of Michigan winters had taken a toll on her panels. Rust was setting in and even though I took her to different body shops, no one really wanted to work on her. "You are better off buying a new car" I heard time and time again. Silly me, I believed it. In May of 1994, Sally was used as a trade-in on a 1994 Emerald Green Metallic Thunderbird LX V-8. As I pulled away from Simmons Ford in Vicksburg Michigan, I looked in the rearview mirror of the new car. There, sitting forlorn, was Sally. I burst into tears and cried all the way home, feeling like I had abandoned my best friend. (Con't on next page)

I missed her every day for the next 12 years. Mr. Simmons' wife had taken the car and they did a pretty nice restoration job on her. I would see her at show and shine type events and kick myself for letting her go. I knew that at least she was in good hands. Fast forward to October 2006. Art and I were leading a group of Michiana Mustangers to Hickory Corners MI. One of the older cars in our group didn't care for the highway travel so we turned off at Vicksburg MI and planned to take the back roads the rest of the way. Some of you already know the end of this story, but for those who don't, it is a dream come true. As we approached the 4 corners in Vicksburg that make up the car buying area, Art said "wouldn't it be something if Sally was on the sale lot". I said something along the lines of "yeah, when pigs fly". Well friends, there she sat in the feature car spot, for sale. I re-routed our caravan into Simmons Ford, ran to Sally and then into the showroom. I had a price I could live with and the original title in my hands! They had never titled her, always throwing a dealer plate on for car shows, etc. She had gone on the lot Friday night, and I found her Saturday morning. Fate. In the words of Peaches & Herb, we are "reunited and it feels so good".

Neal Decker Memorial Show and Shine at Harold Zeigler Ford

Saturday, May 3rd was cool and windy, but we had sunshine for most of the day. 22 pretty Mustangs turned out for the show and shine at Harold Zeigler Ford Lincoln Mercury. The oldest Mustang was a nice 1966 coupe and the newest was a 2007 convertible. We had white Mustangs, black Mustangs, and a rainbow of colors in between. Buddy King from Oldies 94.3 came out and did a live broadcast with us. As always the staff at Harold Zeigler Ford Lincoln Mercury treated us very well. They provided sub sandwiches and chips, and Marion "Cookie Lady" Williams provided dozens of her wonderful home made cookies. We had a number of people stop to look at the cars and signed up one new member, Chris Kern with his 2002 Mustang convertible. It was a great day to get the ponies out and visit with our friends. Special thanks to Frank Grisa, General Manager of the dealership, for organizing this event and warmly welcoming the club.

Becky Campbell

April Dues

Anderson Art & Fran
Christena Bob & Becky
Fosdick Steve & Christine
Garrison Vic & Connie
Hook Dave

May Dues

Feliciano Andre & Maria
Goeller Bob & Pat
McClure Pete & Marilyn
Ragsdell Jerry & Linda
Ross Randy & Lorelei

June Dues

Anderson Scott & Chris
Brewer Eva & Wayne
Campbell Art & Rebecca
Chlebek Rodney & Stephanie
Chupp Ruben & Idella
Compton Sean
Eggers Darrell & Nancy
Ernest Daryl & Kimberly
Johnson Robert & Stephanie
Kindig Carl & Brenda
O'Connors Carol
Shimkus John & Jena
Spitaels Dick & Mona
Streeter Gary & Nicole
Watkins Michael & Madeline
Woody Kami & Chad

Treasurer's Report April 2008

Income	
50/50 Meeting	31.00
Cavalcade Prize	400.00
Membership	<u>220.00</u>
Total Income	651.00
Expenses	
MCA Discount	30.00
Memorial/Sympathy	65.67
Newsletter	
Copies	31.50
Postage	<u>17.83</u>
Total Expenses	145.00
NET INCOME	<u>506.00</u>



May

1	George Wachs
3	Shirley Wachs, Dick Cornman
9	Hal McClure
10	Becky Campbell
15	Sadie Estrada
19	Bob Goeller
23	Pat Goeller, Pete Delchambre
24	Harold Jedrzejewski
25	Bob Christena

If we missed your birthday, please let us know. It is hard to keep up with all the members at times. Thanks!

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 shinto1955@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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(2) 2008 Mustang GTs: one automatic, the other manual transmission.

2005 Mustang GT convertible

For more info contact Bremen Ford Ph: 574-546-2727

More...

I still have 5 like new P195/75R 14" 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 what these tire, 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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1983 Mustang GL convertible. Bittersweet with black interior and light beige top. V-6, automatic, power brakes, power steering. 118,200 miles. Stored winters. For details, call Ted Sauerbeck at 574-273-8513.

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

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