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Chartered as a Regional Club since 1978

Next Meeting

November 12, 2012

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

November 12 (Monday)

Club's 35th Anniversary!

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers (**2013 Elections at this meeting**)

December 1 (Saturday)

Michiana Mustangs Christmas Party at Honkers starting at 6 pm.

January 14 (Monday)

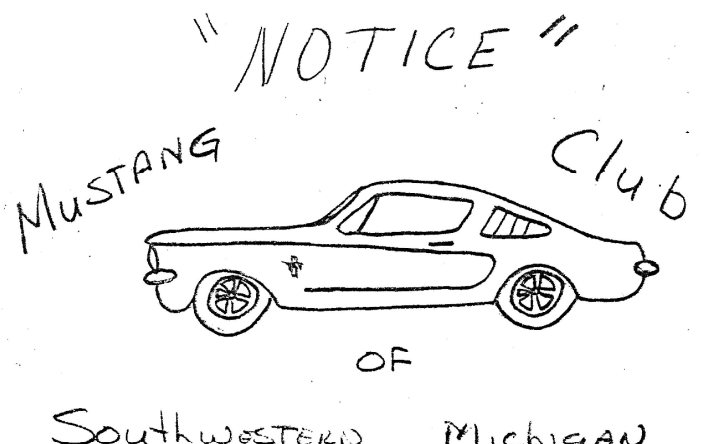
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

February 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

March 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers



Now forming and accepting Members, Saturday Nov. 12, 1977 at Campbell - Farr Ford, Buchanan Michigan. ANYONE interested in the preservation and enjoyment

of the original "Pony Car"

• • • Please Attend • • •

DRIVE YOUR MUSTANGS
there will be prizes!

9:00 to 4:00 Registration 2:00

Nov. 12, 1977 SATURDAY

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2012 Events Calendar

November

12 (Monday) **Club's 35th Anniversary!**
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(2013 Elections at this meeting)**

December

1 (Saturday)
Christmas Party at Honkers 6 pm

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)

Real Life Adventures by Gary Wise & Lance Aldrich



BRAD'S BLOG



Things are wrapping up for this year as I have closed the pool, put away the patio furniture and got all the leaves raked. Then there are picking up a new toy for Toys For Tots, planning our Mustang Christmas party, getting ready to elect our officers

for next year and bringing food for the less fortunate.

Our fall cruise for this year is now history. We had a great time and you can read about it inside. As we wind up another year, we'll be asking for more ideas on what you would like to do as a club. I happen to think Michiana Mustangs is a pretty cool organization and that I wouldn't have remained a member since 1992 if I felt otherwise. We appreciate all the help we get from our members and sponsors as we couldn't do it without you.

Come to our next meeting to vote and pick the next "Pumper Award" winner.

(And don't put away the Mustang 'til you have to.)

Brad Milliken

Don't forget...



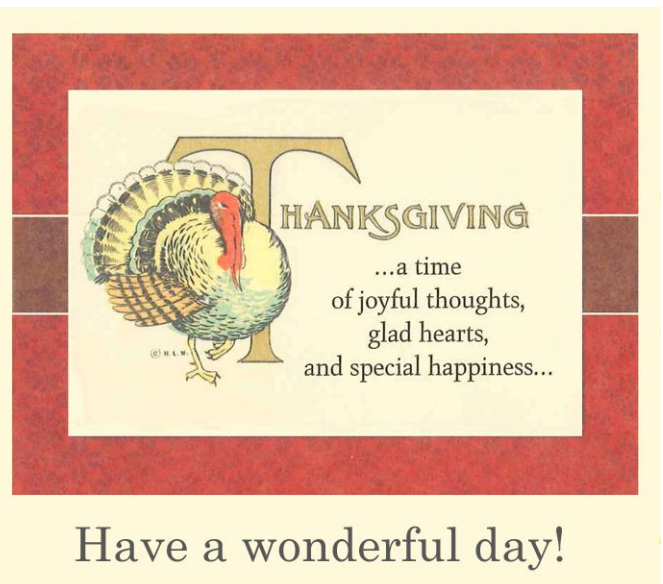
Please donate this month. New, unwrapped toys, cash, or a check to Toys for Tots and non-perishable food, or cash or a check to the Food Bank. \$25.00 to the Food Bank will provide 200 meals. Thank you for your support.



Veterans' Day!



To veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces: thank you for your service to our country. You have helped make us what we are today.



Auto Repair

A woman dropped her car off at an auto repair shop, complaining to the service manager about a clunking noise whenever she went around corners.

The manager sent the auto mechanic a repair order that said to check for a clunking noise when going around corners.

The mechanic took the car out for a test drive and made a right turn, then a left turn, each time hearing a loud clunk.

Back at the shop, he returned the car to the service manager with a note that read: "Removed bowling ball from trunk."

Notes from Last Month's Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. Attending the meeting were Charlie & Linda Arnold, Howard Barrett, Art & Rebecca Campbell, Dick & Gloria Cornman, Vic & Connie Garrison, Terry Gunderman Roger & Shirley Kaser, Elaine Kersey, Carl Kindig, Dean & Pam Lambert, Valerie Malecki, Hal & Rose McClure, Brad & Nancy Milliken, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Kenny & Diane Reed, Robert D. Relos, Jim & June Schmidt, Mona Steiner, Larry Weaver, Alan Wright, and David & Jane Yoder.

Dick and Gloria Cornman brought in an anniversary cake in recognition of their 50th anniversary next month, as they will not be at the November meeting. Many thanks for a great desert after dinner.

Ron Newcomer reported that this year's car show turned a profit in excess of \$1200.

Jim Schmidt reported on the last MCA meeting:

- The average regional club has 72 members, 18 of which are MCA members.
- A proposal has been made to allow lifetime member awards for regional clubs.
- Starting next year, all entries at MCA shows will be pre-registered, allowing judging to begin on Friday.
- Attendance at national shows will count toward the MCA President's Award.

Brad reported on the Fall Cruise which took place last Saturday. Everyone at the meeting who participated in the cruise agreed that it had been a fun day.

Reports were also made on last month's Track Day at the Tire Rack. A total of 26 cars participated during the day, including a South Bend police officer. Once again, the participants enjoyed the day.

The club's parade signs and flags are now accounted for.

Donations will be collected at next month's meeting for The Food Bank of Northern Indiana and Toys for Tots.

This year's Christmas Party will be at Honkers in Mishawaka at 6 pm on Saturday, December 1. Bring deserts.

Officer nominations were made for next month's election. Val provided entertainment while the nominees were tabulated.

Terry Gunderman won \$26.50 in the 50-50 drawing.

Last Month's Finances:

Income

Membership Renewals	\$60.00
50/50	26.50

Total Income **\$86.50**

Expenses

MCA Discount	\$10.00
Newsletter Printing	39.80
Newsletter Postage	18.00
Car Show Trophy Mailing	15.61

Total Expenses **\$83.41**

Net Income **\$3.09**

Officer Nominations for 2013

President: Howard Barrett, Brad Milliken

Vice– President: Howard Barrett, Josh Brown, Phil Nicodemus, George Wachs

Secretary: Mona Steiner

Treasurer: Ron Newcomer

MCA Regional Director: Jim Schmidt

Show Chairman: Carl Kindig

Board of Directors (choose 3): Scott Anderson, Peggy Anson, Josh Brown, Art Campbell, Dick Cornman, Elaine Kersey, Dean Lambert, Marilyn McClure, Phil Nicodemus, Bob Relos, George Wachs

The Ugly Suit

When the store manager returned from lunch, he noticed his clerk's hand was bandaged, but before he could ask about the bandage, the clerk had some very good news for him.

"Guess what, sir?" the clerk said proudly. "I finally sold that terrible, ugly suit we've had so long!"

"Do you mean that repulsive pink-and-blue double-breasted thing?" the manager asked.

"That's the one!" said the clerk.

"That's great!" the manager cried, "I thought we'd never get rid of that monstrosity! That had to be the ugliest suit we've ever had! But tell me, why is your hand bandaged?"

"Oh," the clerk replied, "after I sold the guy that suit, his seeing-eye dog bit me."

Membership News



This Month...

- 18 Valerie Malecki
- 19 Nicole (Nikki) Delchambre
- 23 Phil Nicodemus
- 28 Lisa Ippolito



Anniversaries This Month...

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 2 | Peggy & Dave Anson | 38 years |
| 4 | Gloria & Dick Cornman | 50 years |
| 8 | Jackie & Arnie O'Blenis | 9 years |
| 10 | Shari & Blair Knaak | 40 years |
| 12 | Michiana Mustangs | 35 years |
| 17 | Charlotte & Ron Newcomer | 50 years |
| 20 | Shirley & George Wachs | 42 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

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Jim & June Schmidt | 14 years |
| Rob Killingsworth | 10 years |
| Jon Oram | 10 years |
| Alex & Elizabeth Denysenko | 5 years |
| Allen & Bobbi Johnson | 2 years |

Membership Renewals Due

September

- Bob Baracani
- Buck & Ann McKesson

October

- Chris & Ange Blanchard
- Mark & Judy Taelman

November

- Dave & Carol Cooper
- Steve York

December

- Terry & Lola Gunderman
- Ron & Charlotte Newcomer
- Jim & June Schmidt
- Marion Williams

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...

- From Alex Denysenko: Sorry about missing so many meetings, but I am not sure if anyone informed you that I had a massive stroke on May25th then spent 31 days in St. Anthony's hospital then lots of re-hab since so I have been pretty much out of commission including no racing this season since April which is killing us...
- Mona Steiner lost her brother Steve to cancer on October 28.

1977: A look back...

Cost of Living:

- New House: \$49,319.00
- Average Income: \$15,070.00
- New Car: \$4,785.00
- Gasoline: 65¢/gallon
- Vitamin D Milk: \$1.67/gallon
- Hamburger: 85

National News:

- The U.S. Department of Energy is created to address the growing energy crisis.
- Gas station attendants stop washing windshields and checking oil.
- The Department of Defense develops NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS).
- Nonsmokers win a court battle with Eastern Airlines, requiring planes to have at least 65% of their seats designated as non-smoking.
- The first MRI scanner is tested in Brooklyn.
- David Berkowitz is arrested for the Son of Sam killing spree in New York City.
- Convicted murderer Gary Gilmore is killed in Utah by a firing squad, the first execution in the U.S. in 10 years.
- Jay Leno makes his debut on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson.
- Janet Guthrie is the first woman to qualify for the Indianapolis 500.
- The first personal computer, the Apple II, goes on sale.
- New York City experiences a 25-hour blackout.
- Three members of the Lynyrd Skynyrd rock band die in a plane crash.

World News:

- The Concorde makes its first flight from London to New York.
- Widespread protest against apartheid leads to a crackdown by the South African Government.
- Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her 25th anniversary as Queen of England.
- Egyptian President Anwar Sadat becomes the first Arab leader to visit Israel.
- President Carter and Panamanian President Torrijos sign a treaty that will transfer control of the canal to Panama at the end of 1999.
- French is adopted as the official language of Quebec.
- The Vatican bars women from the priesthood.

1977 Mustang News:

In true Mustang tradition, options and add-ons became the rule for 1977. For the Ghia it meant the "Sports Appearance Group" in black or tan exterior paint, and chamois or black half-vinyl roof; vinyl insert bodyside moldings, pin stripes and luggage rack with black or chamois straps and bright buckles. Color-keyed components included the console; three-spoke sports steering wheel; cast aluminum wheels with chamois-colored spokes; "lacy spoke" aluminum rims in chrome, or with white-painted spokes and red trim rings. The Ghia's Silver Luxury Group was dropped for 1977.

For convertible fans wanting fresh air in their hair, Targa-type or T-roofs were introduced for fastbacks only. Removable roof partitions could be stored in the trunk. Replacing the Stallion package was the "Appearance Decor Group" with black paint with gold accents and two-tone paint became optional on most Mustang IIs for the first time.

The Rallye Package was reprised for all but four-cylinder models and included extra cooling package; Traction-Lok limited-slip differential; competition suspension, adjustable shocks, rear stabilizer bar, and chrome-tipped dual exhausts. Other add-ons were white-letter tires; digital quartz clock; anti-theft alarm; four-way adjustable driver's seat; blacked-out grille; brushed aluminum instrument panel appliqué; electric rear window defroster; fold down rear seats and AM/FM radio with cassette player.

The success of the Cobra IIs inspired Ford to move production from an outside vendor to within the Dearborn plant. 1977 Cobra IIs added either a green or red paint scheme to complement the basic white exterior. Based on the appearance of a specially-built Cobra II in competitive racing circles during 1976, a showcase Cobra, built to IMSA (International Motor Sports Association) specifications, was shown that year but it never entered the production cycle.

Horsepower for the three basic Mustang II engines remained unchanged, but in order to ensure a steady air/fuel mixture and high air velocity, a new variable venturi carburetor was developed to enhance performance for V-6 and California-bound V-8 Mustangs.

Production for 1977 tailed off by 34,400 units, reaching 153,173 for the year. Typical prices that year were \$3,745 for the two-door hardtop; \$4,016 for the fastback; \$4,099 for the luxury Ghia, and \$4,485 for the Mach 1 fastback.

Editor's Note: Information for this article was provided by Hi-Tech Software's 'Mustang Anthology', and www.seekpublishing.com.

Fall Cruise 2012

Everyone met at the Golden Corral in Warsaw for a great breakfast from their buffet. They even made omelets to order and Dick especially liked their Eggs Benedict! Nothing like having ice cream at ten in the morning, either. After breakfast Mona led us down to Winona Lake and a car show going on there featuring British cars. Plenty of Jaguars, MG's, BMW's, Triumphs and the like.



We checked out some of the stores along the channel and bought kettle corn.



It was a little chilly and pretty soon we were ready to head out for something different. Mona took us back downtown to a couple of antique places for some more shopping and to kill some time until we could go for dinner at the Amish people's house.

We headed north following Mona for dinner. We were graciously welcomed by our Amish hosts who took drink orders and began bringing out coffee and spearmint tea. Wow, I really liked that! Then came salads and rolls, followed by the main course of chicken and poor man's steak. Naturally, all the trimmings of mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, stuffing, and corn were passed. Don't forget four kinds of pie, homemade peanut butter and bread pudding. Stuffed again!



Following our meal, we were entertained by Mose and Levi on harmonica and some singing. Levi did some yodeling, too. He then taught Val how to yodel but had to quit when all the dogs in the neighborhood were howling! Many thanks to Mona for setting everything up. We all had a great time. Many have asked me to make this an annual event and I'd vote yes.



The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



Track Day at The Tire Rack

25 cars made runs during the day under some of the best weather we've ever had for the event



Cars were lined up early to get started



Jim Hauschild and his daughter Erica brought a pair of the General's products out to play



Former member Darrell Young was one of the fastest cars throughout the day



Elaine Kersey and her Olds was one of the day's highlights



Jason and Mike Nichols held nine of the ten fastest times of the day in their '68 race car.

Of the 25 cars making runs during the day, 7 were not Mustangs. We were joined by a Corvette, Firebird, Challenger, Oldsmobile 98, Scirocco, a Subaru, and a full-size Chevrolet Police Car.

2012 Track Day (continued)



Josh and Shanda Brown are getting their boys ready to lap the course in the years to come.



Lunchtime is always a popular part of the day



Officer Ramirez had been stationed in the parking lot for most of the day. When we invited him over, he enthusiastically joined us for a couple of trips around the course.

Thanks to all who came out. We hope to see you again next year!

"Body crash" uses acrobats to build mangled sedan

Sculpture created to discourage low-level speeding



By: Graham Kozak on 10/24/2012

The Motor Accident Commission of South Australia is concerned about the negative impact that low-level speeding has on pedestrians. To encourage drivers to slow down, they teamed up with body painter Emma Hack to create a temporary sculpture designed to "creatively show that every one of us are part of the issue."

That must be conceptual-artist talk for "build what appears to be a crashed Volkswagen out of 17 body-paint-covered people," because that's exactly what ended up happening.

The result is bizarre, striking and informative: If participants are supposed to represent those directly affected by low-level speeding, the average Australian pedestrian is as fit as an athlete and limber as an acrobat.

It's thought provoking, too. What if real cars were as flexible as one made out of painted gymnasts? A twisted arm here, an ab crunch there, and your mangled Jetta would be looking showroom sharp.

Believe it or not, this isn't the first time people have been used to create motor vehicles. The Progressive International Motorcycle Show recently grabbed our attention with their "human motorcycles" video.

Call us cynical, but we suspect we know the real reason brands and causes use body art to advertise: It's tantalizingly close to nudity while still remaining somewhat safe for work. In any event, it brings together talented artists and skilled athletes in a uniquely eye-catching way.

Watch the obligatory making-of video to see how this spectacle came together, and then watch out for pedestrians while on the road.

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20121024/carnews01/121029919#ixzz2AKbBGDMz>

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.

Fifty Bucks is Fifty Bucks!!!

Ed and his wife Norma go to the state fair every year, and every year Ed would say, "Norma, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Norma always replied, "I know Ed, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Ed and Norma went to the fair, and Ed said, "Norma, I'm 75 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Norma replied, "Ed, that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say one word it's fifty dollars."

Ed and Norma agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard.

He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word...

When they landed, the pilot turned to Ed and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Ed replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Norma fell out, But you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

From the Back Seat...



As part of the research for this month's newsletter I went back into the MCA's 'Mustang Times' archives. The first time I could find a listing of all MCA clubs was in May 1979. In that listing we were one of 22 clubs in the MCA.

As best I can determine, 13 of these clubs are still in existence based on club names and location. Three of these clubs do not list a formation date, one club was founded in 1975, three in 1977, three more in 1978, two in 1979, and one went away before being reformed in 1984.

So, and this is based on the circumstantial evidence above, we seem to be one of the seven oldest clubs in the MCA. What does it all mean? Probably not much, but this knowledge and a five-dollar bill will get you a cup of coffee in most restaurants.

Please come to the meeting and vote for next year's officers. I know there are many uncontested positions, but you can still have a say in the total board for next year. While I'm at it, I want to thank those who are not running for re-election for their service to the club this year.

As usual, if you're leaving town for the winter and have your newsletter mailed to you, please send me your alternate address to prevent unneeded delays in getting the newsletter to you.

Because of next month's party date, I'll try to have the newsletter out a week earlier than usual. If you have something to contribute, please take note.

Have a great month...

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

The fine print...

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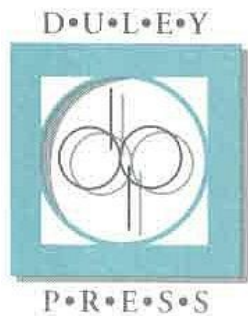
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Art Campbell

51059 Woodhaven Drive

Elkhart, IN 46514

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

Art



1977's Cobra II was only one of the Mustang offerings for the year. We take a look back at the year on page 6.



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