



# Michiana Monthly

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## Next Meeting

October 11, 2010

Dinner at 6:00

Meeting at 7:00

**Honkers Restaurant**

**211 E. Day Road**

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

**Mishawaka, IN**

## Upcoming Events

### October 11 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting (**Officer Nominations for 2011 at this meeting**)

### October 23 (Saturday)

Fall Cruise to the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, Angola

### November 8 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting (**Officer Elections for 2011 at this meeting**)

### December 4 (Saturday)

Michiana Mustangs Christmas Party at Honkers in Mishawaka

### January 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs Monthly Meeting

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**From the front seat of my red GT...  
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## Dick Spitaels (1946-2010)



Richard "Dick" E. Spitaels of Warsaw, Indiana passed away on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 5:57 p.m. in Warsaw at the age of 64.

He was born on August 30, 1946 in Grosse Point Farms, Michigan to Peter A. Spitaels and Irene (Crowhust) Spitaels.

Dick had been a resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana since 1985, and was the regional manager for Ameritech-Warsaw, Indiana. He was a member of the Mustang Club of America, and he loved his horses and his dogs.

He will be lovingly remembered by his three daughters: Heather (husband Ken) Brengman (China, Michigan); Patti Roland (Harrison Township, Michigan); Meaghan (husband Jason) Wingate (Mooresville, Indiana); one son: Pete (wife Diane) Spitaels (Roseville, Michigan); eleven Grandchildren; and his beloved Fiancé: Mona Steiner (Warsaw, Indiana). He was preceded in death by his parents.

A service will be held at a later date.



Dick & Mona's 'wedding: Spring Fling 2005

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## 2010 Events Calendar

### October

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### November

8 (Monday)

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4 (Saturday)

Michiana Mustangs Christmas Party at Honkers

## 2010 Meeting Dates

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11 (picnic at Twin Branch Park in Mishawaka)

August 8 (pre-show meeting—to be confirmed)

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 3 (Christmas Party—to be confirmed)

## From the front seat of my red GT...

It's October already and time sure is flying by. Hope this letter is finding all doing well and healthy. We had a great time at the show and shine at Harold Zeigler with 22 cars present. We had a special moment when Hal and Rose drove in with their 69 Mach One's. It a great sight to see, especially after Hal's medical treatment and all the time over the past years in getting that car ready to put back on the road. It was also a treat to see Larry Weaver there also. Larry seems to be doing better. The weather was chilly but hats off to Nelson and his crew for showing us a great time. Nelson also cooks about the best hot dogs you will ever want to eat.

Our next meeting will be October 11<sup>th</sup> at Honkers on Day Road and our next special event will be the fall cruise going to Auburn. We are to meet at The Essenhaus in Middlebury at 9:00 for breakfast and will depart around 10:00.

Don't forget our next meeting which the main focus will be nominations of officers for 2011.

See you at Honkers; dinner at 6:00 and the meeting will start at 7:00

Howard



MY LIFE BROKEN DOWN INTO SEGMENTS



## Fall Cruise

We will meet at the Das Dutchman Essenhaus on US 20 in Middlebury on Saturday, Oct 23 at 9:00 AM EDT for breakfast. We will then plan to leave around 10:00 AM for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN. After checking out the museum, we will head for the town of Topeka and eat a late lunch at Tiffany's. We will be driving through a lot of Amish country and may stop at a local pumpkin/fruit stand. I have a limited amount of buy one get one free coupons for the ACD museum.

Bring your cameras and a CB radio if you have one. Hope you'll be able to make it as this museum is truly worth seeing. For more information contact Brad at 574-674-4321 or [bradmill@aol.com](mailto:bradmill@aol.com)



Have breakfast at Das Essenhaus



Spend the morning at the ACD Museum



Lunch at Tiffany's in Topeka

## Notes from Last Month's Meeting

President Howard Barrett opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests. Howard requested a special moment of silence for deceased member Dick Spitaels (significant other of Mona Steiner) who had passed away.

All were pleased to see Mona join her "Mustang Club Family" at this meeting. Condolences to Mona and her other families.

Members and guests present were: Art Anderson, Scott Anderson, Howard Barrett, Kathleen Bringman, Art Campbell, Ruben Chupp, Dick Cornman, Bob & Pat Goeller, Anna Greenwalt, Beth Greenwalt, Terry Gunderman, Marty Hughes, James Kendrick, Elaine Kersey, Sandy & Joe Kraatz, Valerie Malecki & Lawren Nalepinski, Pete McClure, Robert Miller, Steve & Cindy Miller, Brad Milliken & Kim Zink, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil Nicodemus, Kevin Price, Kenny & Diane Reed, Robert D. Relos, Pat & Ted Sauerbeck, Jim & June Schmidt, Ken Schmitt, Mona Steiner, George & Shirley Wachs, Alan Wright, and Dave Yoder.

September birthdays were Sandy Kraatz, Rose McClure, Becky and Ken Schmitt, Jane Yoder and Anna Greenwalt

Diane and Kenny Reed are celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary this month.

Membership anniversaries were: 18 years for Shirley and George Wachs; 13 for Alan Wright, Jane and Dave Yoder 12 years and Karon and Curly Long 10 years.

MCA Regional Director Jim Schmidt reminded MCA members that there is a ballot in their latest Mustang Times for voting for the Board of Directors.

While Jim had the floor, he filled us in on the MCA National Show at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N. C. which June and he attended over the Labor Day Weekend. The show was held in the parking lots on the 8000 acre grounds surrounding the Biltmore Mansion. The entrance fee to tour the mansion was part of the show package. That Saturday 7000 people were on the Biltmore Estate -- 1000 plus would have been the Mustangs attending the show. That number was a new attendance record. Five hundred three Mustang owners had signed up for the show, but only 474 attended. It was felt that those not attending stayed away because of the impending hurricane heading up the coast. By the time it came anywhere near the shore, it was 800 miles away from Asheville. One evening's entertainment, sponsored by Steve Saleen, was a group of young (30 and below) musicians, the Pink Flamingos, who entertained for about 4 hours. They

encouraged audience participation and everyone of any age could not help but enjoy their enthusiasm. The weather was perfect, the crowd was definitely Mustang-minded and all of Jim's hard car cleaning earned him a Gold Award.

The minutes and the treasurer's report were approved as reported.

Car show chairperson Carl Kindig reported that all went well at our August show. The only complaint was from a mall customer who had complained to a store about the parking inconvenience. Arrangements were made that day to correct that "problem". About 120 cars attended.

Marilyn and Pete McClure did their usual great job with the Tire Rack Event. About 22 cars participated this year compared to less than a dozen last year. A suggestion was made that it not be held on the Labor Day weekend, so that more could attend rather than miss their holiday family activities. Thanks again Marilyn and Pete and crew for your work.

Upcoming events: This Saturday, September 18 will be the final Show and Shine for the year, held at Ziegler Ford from 8:30 to 2. September 30 will be the final show at Das Essenhaus.

Event Director Brad Milliken is planning a fall cruise for October 23. More information will be coming by Email.

Jim Schmidt won \$33.50 in the 50/50 and Dick Cornman won a \$25 gift certificate.

Our next meeting will be October 11th with NOMINATION OF OFFICERS being the main subject for the night. Eat at 6, meet at 7 -EST.

June Schmidt, Secretary

## Finances: September 2010

### Income

50-50 Drawing	33.50
Memberships	180.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$213.50</b>

### Expenses

Trophies	129.79
Web Page	106.35
MCA Discount	30.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$266.14</b>

**Net Income**                    **-\$52.64**



### This Month...

- 4 Alan Ippolito
- 12 June Schmidt
- 17 Connie Dalrymple
- 20 David Yoder
- 21 Beth Greenwalt

## Membership Dues

### August

- Neal Lewis
- Bob & Chiaki Noggle

### September

- Blake & Angie Pierce
- Jill & Jason Sisk

### October

- Jack Krallman
- Steve & Dawn Scarborough
- Mark & Judy Taelman

### November

- Dave & Carol Cooper
- Alex & Elizabeth Denysenko
- Ted & Pat Sauerbeck
- Steve York



### Happy Anniversary!

- 12 Ken & Becky Schmitt (8 years)
- 30 Hal & Rose McClure (4 years)

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

### Membership Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Ted & Pat Sauerbeck      | 15 years |
| Dave & Carol Cooper      | 11 years |
| Steve & Dawn Scarborough | 7 years  |



## Getting to know...

**Names:** Ron & Charlotte Newcomer

**Family:** 2 Children, 4 Grandchildren

**Location:** Jimtown ( Elkhart ) 3 yrs.

**Occupations:** Ron: Tool & Die ( retired ); Charlotte: Daycare ( retired )

**Members since:** 1995

**Current Mustang:** 1994 GT coupe

**First Mustang:** We bought a new 1964 1/2 Red coupe (base model) in late April in 1964 and drove it to the Indy 500 in May. We've been in love with them ever since

**Our favorite Mustang** was a 1966 Ivy Green GT Fastback , 4 speed Hi-Po. We sold it (BIG MISTAKE) for a 1969 Torino GT that would never start after it warmed up.

**Our Favorite Club Experience:** The MCA's 25th Anniversary Show in Commerce Georgia, 2001. 25 cars in a "pony trail" all the way from South Bend to Commerce.



## New Members!

- David and Peggy Anson of South Bend, with a '69 Mach 1, a '69 Boss 302, a '94 GT, and a '69 Funny Car. David and Peggy were two of the founding members of the Club, and David designed and built the original Pumper Award (which he and Peggy won in 1981). Welcome back!
- David and Brooke Lichtenbarger of South Bend, with a '99 GT

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



## On the mend...

- Shirley Weaver is continuing to deal with a broken foot, and will be out of commission until the end of the year. Larry is continuing to recover from his stroke.
- Hal McClure continues his recovery from a kidney transplant. So far, everything is going well. You can follow Hal's progress at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/halmcclure>

Postcards from Kouts...



9 cars await the parade's start



Heading for downtown



Do we really need a driver's meeting?



As usual, the crown was large and enthusiastic

## Postcards from the Tire Rack

15 cars and 20 drivers braved a windy, fall-like Saturday at the Tire Rack. This year's course used more of the total track than usual and, in somewhat a surprise, was faster than any configuration we've used in the past.

Drivers totaled 154 laps throughout the day. David Anson logged the most laps; 22. Pete McClure followed with 16.



There was usually a line waiting for their next run



David Anson proved that 1st generation Mustangs could be quick around the track



It took most of the day, but Pete McClure set the fastest time of the day at 48.4 seconds.



Ken Schmitt hustled his Mach 1 to some respectable times



Bill Sailors had one of the two Shelbys to make runs



Sharon Gillis had a grand time on the course, as did Bruce

Thanks to everyone who came out for the day, and to Pete and Marilyn McClure for their work in organizing the event. A special thank you goes to the Tire Rack for allowing us to use their facilities for the day.



## Postcards from Harold Zeigler Ford Lincoln Mercury



Hal's back!



It was a good day for visiting



Part of the 22 cars on site during the day



Not everyone has 'his and hers' Machs



Some discussions lasted most of the day...

## Shelby announces 2011 GT500 Super Snake with up to 800 horsepower



by [Drew Phillips](#) ([RSS feed](#)) on Sep 14th 2010 at 1:29PM



When we tested the 750 horsepower [2010 Shelby GT500 Super Snake](#), our man Jonathon Ramsey declared it the "new king" of Mustangs. Surprisingly, he found that the suspension was able to – barely – keep up with the engine, but we figured that the Super Snake had just about all the power a street-driven Mustang could handle. We thought wrong, at least according to Shelby.

O! Carroll has upped the ante in the horsepower wars once again by offering up to 800 horsepower in the newly-released 2011 version of the Super Snake. Of course, there are more sane options including 660 horsepower and 750 horsepower variants, but the 800 horsepower version will undoubtedly be the must-have for the guy (or girl) who needs the biggest and baddest 'Stang on the block. Also new for 2011 are the optional anthracite wheels, white stripes and new side scoops. The Super Snake package starts at \$30,245 (just \$250 less than the cost of a brand new 2011 Mustang GT) and can be built at Shelby's Las Vegas facility or at any of their official Mod Shops around the country.

## Looking Back...

### October 1990

- 10 cars participated in the City of Firsts car show in Kokomo. Five members brought home six awards.
- Over 20 members toured the S. Ray Miller Museum in Elkhart.
- 18 members got together at Raceway USA for Kart racing, miniature golf, video games, air hockey and pool. Later the group dined at Shoop's in Plymouth.

### October 1995

- 9 cars (one a new '96 from Harold Zeigler) took part in the Elkhart Labor Day parade. The Club won the 'Classic Car' trophy.
- 17 cars participated in the City of Firsts car show in Kokomo. Six members brought home awards.
- An 'Adopt-a-Highway' trash pickup is scheduled for October 7 along a section of US 31.

### October 2000

- The club's first meeting at the South Bend Moose Lodge was considered a success.
- The Bylaws committee has completed their work and the bylaws will be voted on at next month's meeting.
- Rose and Brad have put together a 'Mystery Cruise' for October 7.
- The MCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show was announced for September 2001 in Commerce, GA.
- Brad will demonstrate seat upholstery at Ted Sauerbeck's house on October 21.

### October 2005

- The club's first meeting at the Four Seasons was considered a success.
- 11 cars participated in the Crazy Horse Mustang Club's car show in Markle. Members brought home twelve awards.
- The Club voted to purchase folding tables for use at our car show.
- The MCA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show was announced for September 2006 in Birmingham, AL.
- The Neal Decker Scholarship has been established. So far we have one applicant for the first award.

## For Sale!

I am thinking about selling my 1999 Mustang GT convertible. It is the anniversary edition and has the thirty-fifth placards on the side. It is a dark green stin metallic five speed with parchment leather interior. It came with key standard equipment and many options. It is in excellent condition and all original with 4,700 miles. It has been stored winters and kept in the garage when not driven in the summer. I have the thirty-fifth anniversary gifts that came with it. I also have the widow price sticker.

I drive it in the summer in this area. I still enjoy it, but drive it less every summer.

If you know anyone that would be interested in it, I will sell it for \$25,000.00

Thanks.

Greg Deitchley [DEITCH45@comcast.net](mailto:DEITCH45@comcast.net) (Sept)

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## 1973 Mustang Convertible for sale.

This is an original 1973 with less than 48000 miles, Red, White Interior, Black Top. 302 V8, power steering, power brakes, 3-Speed manual transmission. All original (except radio) runs and drives great. This is a great car and has been in the family since 1975. Always garaged and stored in the winter. Asking 13,900 but make me an offer. This car still has vintage tires. Please contact me with any questions. Chris Ferro 574.849.4883 or [cferro@homanlumber.com](mailto:cferro@homanlumber.com) (Nov.)



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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](mailto:likethebluebird@comcast.net)

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(4) Continental 245/45ZR17 ContiExtremeContact ultra-high performance all season tires for sale.

Tires have less than 10k miles and 3/16 tread depth.

Will fit 2000-2004 Mustang GT with Bullitt rims.

\$200 for set

Call Roger at 574-229-5146. (Nov.)

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## Looking For...

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

## Royal Marine Appraisals of Junior Officers

1. "This officer doesn't have ulcers, but he's a carrier'."
2. "He has a knack of making strangers immediately."
3. "This officer brings joy to others, when he leaves the room."
4. "When his I.Q. reaches 50, he should sell."
5. "If you see two people talking and one looks bored - he's the other one."
6. "A photographic memory, but with the lens cover left on."
7. "This officer is a prime candidate for natural de-selection."
8. "This officer has two brains: one is lost, the other is out looking for it."
9. "If this officer was any more stupid he'd have to be watered."
10. "If you gave this officer a penny for his thoughts, you'd get change."
11. "It's hard to believe that he beat a million other sperm."
12. "Some officers drink from the fountain of knowledge; he's only gargled."
13. "This officer would have to study for a month to pass a urine test."

## From the Back Seat...



### Miscellaneous mumblings...

As I mentioned last month, we'll be doing another food drive for the Thanksgiving season. There were stories in the paper last month's papers mentioning that some food banks were seeing even higher demand than last year. Again, I know we can't solve the problem, but we had a wonderful response last year, and I hope we can do as well or better this year. I'll have a needs list from the Food Bank of Northern Indiana in next month's newsletter.

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**We can rebuild it; better than before...** The 'Member's Cars' section of our web page, that is. Carl wants to collect new pictures for the gallery. If you want your car(s) included, send your pictures to [ck67stang@comcast.net](mailto:ck67stang@comcast.net).

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Let's have a big turnout for the cruise to Auburn. Brad always puts a lot of work into these events, and sometimes our response has been less than stellar. In addition, we're going to see a group of classic American cars; wouldn't be neat to pull up to the museum with a large group of classic American cars?

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Have a good month...

## Eve's Side of the Story

After three weeks in the Garden of Eden, God came to visit Eve. "So, how is everything going?" inquired God. "It is all so beautiful, God," she replied. "The sunrises and sunsets are breathtaking, the smells, the sights, everything is wonderful, but I have just one problem. It is these breasts you have given me. The middle one pushes the other two out and I am constantly knocking them with my arms, catching them on branches and snagging them on bushes. They are a real pain," reported Eve.

She went on to tell God that since many other parts of her body came in pairs, such as her limbs, eyes, ears, etc. ... she felt that having only two breasts might leave her body more "symmetrically balanced," as she put it.

"That is a fair point," replied God, "but it was my first shot at this, you know. I gave the animals six breasts, so I figured that you needed only half of those, but I see that you are right. I will fix it up right away." God reached down, removed the middle breast and tossed it into the bushes.

Three weeks passed and God once again visited Eve in the Garden of Eden. "Well, Eve, how is my favorite creation?"

"Just fantastic," she replied, "but for one oversight on your part. You see, all the animals are paired off. The ewe has a ram and the cow has her bull. All the animals have a mate except me. I feel so alone."

God thought for a moment and said, "You know, Eve, you are right. How could I have overlooked this? You do need a mate and I will immediately create a man from a part of you. Now let's see... where did I put the useless boob?"

Now doesn't THAT make more sense than that crap about the rib?

### The fine print...

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