



# Michiana Monthly



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## Next Meeting

October 8, 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

### October 6 (Saturday)

Fall Cruise to Winona (details inside and to come)

### October 8 (Monday)

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

### 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

### January 14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

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## BRAD'S BLOG



Join us Sat. Oct. 6 for our annual fall cruise. We'll be headed south to Warsaw and breakfast at the Golden Corral at 9:00 AM. Plan to leave at 10 for the artist village at Winona Lake. There is a British car show going on there, too. We'll then follow Mona through the countryside to an Amish home for an early dinner. More details are in the newsletter. Be sure to let Mona know how many to expect.

A great time was had at the Tire Rack last month and we couldn't have asked for better weather. I got there just in time to fire up the grill and cook some hot dogs. They just don't get any better than on the grill, succulent, I might add! Combine them with all the other goodies and I don't think anyone went home hungry. Maybe a little sunburned. Then there was the racing. Elaine even had her Oldsmobile on the track. Lots of fun.

Try to make it to October's meeting for nomination of officers among other things. Not too early to bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots either. Howard will be asking!

I officially became a Grandpa on Sept. 17 when Jessica gave birth to Mason Allen. All are doing great. Look for the pictures inside.

*Brad Milliken*

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## 2012 Events Calendar

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Christmas Party at Honkers (to be confirmed)

## 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)

## Officer Nominations this meeting!

These offices are up for election next month

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Regional Director (MCA)
- Show Chairman
- Head Judge
- Board of Directors (Need three)

## Notes from Last Month's Meeting

Brad Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:12 on September 10.

Attending this month's meeting: Art Anderson, Scott Anderson, Peggy Anson, Charlie & Linda Arnold, Howard Barrett, Art Campbell, John Carlson, Dick & Gloria Cornman, Bob & Pat Goeller, Anna & Beth Greenwalt, Terry Gunderman, Marty Hughes, Elaine Kersey, Rob Killingsworth, Blair & Shari Knaak, Dean & Sandy Lambert, Hal & Rose McClure, Marilyn McClure, Brad & Nancy Milliken, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Arnie O'Blenis, Kevin Price, Kenny & Diane Reed, Robert D. Relos, Shane Reynolds, Frank Schmidt, Jim & June Schmidt, Mona Steiner, Mark Taelman, George & Shirley Wachs, Larry Weaver, and David & Jane Yoder.

Tonight is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry Ford II approving the Mustang project.

There were no new members. Brad then recognized the September members birthdays and anniversaries.

Ron Newcomer then gave the treasurer's report. Brad thanked Ron for all his great work. Ron then asked if anyone has any of the magnet signs and flags that are used for parades would you please return them. Some were found already. Ron also said we need to be thinking about what charity we want to donate to this year.

Jim Schmidt reported on MCA. Everyone that is an MCA member has a ballot in your Mustang Times for directors; Please Vote! He also presented the club with the President's Award for 2011. We have received 3 President's awards.

Show chairman Carl Kindig reported on our very successful Car Show. We had 129 cars and all who attended liked the new location. Suggestions for next year; have the spectator entrance closer to the tents, work on the fence, and spread out further.

Member Participant Vote winners: Beth Greenwalt, Terry Gunderman, Howard Barrett, Kami Woody, Julie Greenwalt, Hal McClure, and Phil & Bonnie Higley.

Member Judged winners: James Neis, George & Shirley Wachs, Bob Relos, Mike Sebella, Nate Levitt, Jim & June Schmidt, and Kevin Price.

Marilyn McClure reported on the Tire Rack event being held on September 15, from 9-3. If you are driving you need a helmet; It costs \$2.00 and bring a dish to pass if you are planning on eating. Please let Marilyn know if you are planning on coming.

### New Business

Howard Barrett reminded everyone to bring Toys for Tots to our November meeting. They need to be new and unwrapped toys.

The Fall Cruise is October 6. It was decided to meet at the Golden Corral in Warsaw (located just off US 30 on the east side of Warsaw) at 9:00 for breakfast buffet; the cost is under \$7:00. We will leave from there around 10:00 to drive to Winona Lake for a day of fun. We will leave there and go to the Amish house for an early supper at 4:00. Please get your reservations to Mona by October 1<sup>st</sup> for the dinner.

Jim Schmidt reminded us that on the second weekend in August 2013 there will be a National Mustang Show in Indianapolis. That is when we have our show so we might want to move the date.

Marilyn McClure won \$36.00 in the 50/50. Brad then asked if there were any car questions. Scott asked if anyone could recommend a place to put a vinyl top on a car. A few suggestions were given.

Brad adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

## Last Month's Finances:

### Income

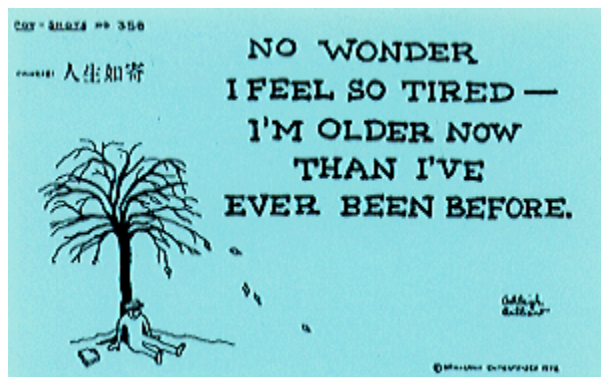
Membership Renewals	\$160.00
50/50	36.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$196.00</b>

### Expenses

MCA Discount	\$10.00
Newsletter Printing	39.80
Newsletter Postage	18.00
Newsletter Supplies	15.51
Car Show Mailing	12.15
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$95.46</b>

### Net Income

**\$100.54**



## Membership News



### This Month...

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



### Anniversaries This Month...

- 12 Becky & Ken Schmitt 10 years
- 30 Rose & Hal McClure 6 years

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



### New Members!

- John & Linda Forbes, from Granger, with a '66 Fastback
- Dawn & Brett McCormick, from South Bend, with a 2008 GT

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

### Membership Anniversaries

- Ted & Pat Sauerbeck 17 years
- Dave & Carol Cooper 13 years
- Steve & Dawn Scarborough 9 years
- David & Peggy Anson (this time) 2 years

### Membership Renewals Due

#### August (will be de-activated if not paid this month)

- Michael & Jennifer Hinchley
- Robert D. Miller
- Tom & Ellen Ostrowski
- Don & Sharon Simmons
- Janet Wade
- Richi Wing

#### September

- Bob Baracani
- Buck & Ann McKesson

#### October

- Chris & Ange Blanchard
- Steven & Dawn Scarborough
- Mark & Judy Taelman

#### November

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

#### 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

## Brad's a Grandpa!



Brad's daughter Jessica presented him with a grandson on September 17. Mason Allen Glick weighed 6 lb, 5 oz. Mother and baby are reported to be doing fine.



Happy new parents Chad & Jessica Glick look relieved.

## Do-It-Yourself

When the office printer's type began to grow faint, the office manager called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he said, the manager might try reading the printer's manual and doing the job himself. Pleasantly surprised by his candor, the office manager asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?"

"Actually it's my boss's idea," the employee replied. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

## Mustang headed to Europe



By Zach Bowman

Posted Sep 6th 2012 10:28AM

We've known for some time now that Europeans love the Ford Mustang. Gray market importers have made plenty of cash by shipping the ponies from the United States to the EU for years, but now it looks as if buyers will be able to sink their teeth into brand-new, factory-perfect examples of the next-generation Mustang straight from Ford.

Ford Europe has announced that the Mustang is officially coming to the old country via a quick, 30-second YouTube video. The launch is part of a 15-model offensive by the Blue Oval in the EU, according to NPR, and the company projects the new sheet metal should help the brand boost its sales by 20 percent across the continent.

We'll have more information for you soon. Stay tuned. In the interim, take a look at the Mustang announcement video below. You'll want to turn up the volume for this one.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1wvacYfN9o&feature=youtu.be>

<http://www.autoblog.com/2012/09/06/ford-mustang-headed-to-europe/#continued>

## Starting the Herd By Darrell Eggers

I've always been a sixties-era, muscle-car, old-school kinda guy. I loved the cars back then... pretty much all of them. The Z-28, Trans-Am, 442, Road Runner, and Chevelle SS, just to name a few but I especially loved the Mustang. It was always my favorite.

A long time passed before I had the opportunity and adequate funding to acquire one for myself. A co-worker and mentor of mine from the UK, had originally purchased her as his second car after his arrival in the states (his first was a 'Vette... didn't like it). One spring, back in the early eighties, he was removing her from storage and discovered that a rodent of some kind (possessed by evil no doubt) had chewed its way through the main wiring harness. "That's it" he exclaimed, "I'm gonna restore the old girl back to her original glory". He tore through her like a "man on fire", down to just short of a "frame-off" job. There were bits and pieces, pistons and pushrods, fenders and doors, seats and mirrors everywhere... all mixed-up in unlabeled boxes, bins and buckets. (He wasn't the most organized chap in the world although he was quite talented). He abandoned the project in 1984. She sat covered and neglected with a lot of parts loaded in and around and in his garage "loft".



He had accomplished a lot however, by the time "she" entered my life, (frame welding, body work, paint job... sort of) but there was still way more to be done in order to finish her revival than I had ever imagined in my wildest dreams. Mind you, I had always been a "car nut" and had even taken vocational auto mechanics and auto body in high school, so all of the parts looked very familiar. "Should be a breeze", I thought to myself, while my eyes scanned all of the part containers; "I'll have her back together by the end of the summer". This was early March. I was so excited it didn't bother me that we were forced to use dishwashing liquid just to get her off the bed of the hired hauler (brake shoes were rusted onto the drums). Even the gas from 1982 still in the tank (this was 1995) didn't faze me too much. After the deal was done and she was "home", the vast number of parts, including engine, body and interior, was already beginning to somewhat over-

whelm me. But it still didn't matter that much. I'm talented. I'm experienced. I'm energetic.



I must pause for a moment to sincerely thank my wife for allowing me to do this in the first place. I had to convince her it was worth it and that I was "up to the challenge" and even though it wasn't a huge amount of money by today's standards, it sure seemed like it was at the time and to us, it really was. Thanks Nan!

It wasn't my favorite model year but it was a fastback and a Mustang... and she was mine! A bright red, 1971 Mach 1 with a 351 Cleveland, 4-barrel, and 4-speed with a set of Hooker headers. Her attributes roll off the tongue like an 18<sup>th</sup>-century love sonnet (in my mind anyway). And so it began... the late nights in the workshop, the skinned knuckles, mashed fingers, wrenches thrown against the wall in frustration, credit card bills and stacks upon stacks of parts catalogs, how-to guides and Mustang-related magazines. What started out as a three or four-month project turned into 3+ years (off and on). I guess I wasn't all that talented, experienced or energetic after all. Although my wife would probably disagree with the energy part. And admittedly, I did neglect my family to a certain extent. I'm sorry, Honey. I'm sorry Lucas. I'm sorry Emily. I'm pretty sure they have forgiven me by now... at least I hope so. I truly believed that forgiveness had been granted when in 1999, my wife bought me a molded "vanity" license plate at the county fair that simply read "GIDDYUP". To this day, that very plate still adorns her chin (the cars' of course).



## Starting the Herd continued



I will not go into all of the details of car restoration trials and techniques but I'm sure many of you that will read this understand all too well the many pitfalls that one encounters along the way. Especially if some of you happen to have made this type of endeavor your primary livelihood. And for those of you who have, I commend you. On more than one occasion I uttered those words to myself, "if I knew then what I know now, I never would have done this". But that was in the past and somehow it all seems worth it now. And yes, there were many things I promised myself and her (the car), that I would go back and re-do later but for the most part she remains as she was when I finally got her road-worthy back in 1998.

What a sense of accomplishment! I had taken a "basket-case" automobile, not much more than a collection of used parts, and re-assembled her almost all on my own, into a classic car "head-turner". Sure, she's not perfect but aside from one difficult issue I had a couple of years later (turned out to be a resistor of all things... and I investigated all of the other possibilities I could think of before that), she starts every time, she has all of her gears, and she has never quit on me nor left me stranded. And with those headers and Flow-masters, she sounds like a million bucks! (I rarely even turn on the radio when I take her out for a spin).

We joined the club (Michiana Mustangs) shortly after that and have remained members ever since, although regrettably, we haven't been active for quite a number of years now. It was a lot of fun back then and I have many fond memories of the people encountered and friends made. Traveling in the group of club "Mustangers" to show-n-shines, nearby Mustang car shows, and participating in our own club show were some of the best and most memorable times of my life. We even managed to collect a few trophies along the way and I got to be a car judge one year. Wish I could go back and do it all over again. If it was possible, and knowing now what I didn't know then, I would prefer to begin that journey in 1998.

The End

## Industry bracing for shortage of top-skilled auto mechanics



By Chris Tutor Posted Sep 4th 2012 8:45AM



What do you want to be when you grow up? If you answered, "mechanic," you're in the minority. But that could be a good thing for your chances of getting a job. As *USA Today* points out, a shortage of mechanics and an increase in the complexity of today's cars means there's big demand for wrenchers.

Kids today are more likely to grow up playing video games and chatting with friends online than they are to tinker with their cars. That means the nation's auto repair workforce is getting grayer and moving toward retirement with fewer replacements being trained.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says demand for auto mechanics will increase 17 percent by 2020, adding 124,800 jobs. The Bureau's last set of data, from 2010, shows mechanics earn an average of about \$36,000, but 10 percent earned more than \$59k. Numbers like that suggest that what few trained mechanics are produced every year are being snatched up as soon as they graduate.

Add in the complexities of new cars like hybrids, EVs and clean diesels, and the number of qualified applicants gets even smaller.

Many high schools have dropped auto repair programs, citing less interest and greater cost in the high-tech equipment now required. But automakers are teaming with educators to encourage interest in car repair careers, hoping to head off a looming crisis. The average age of mechanics at General Motors, Ford and Chrysler dealerships is in the low 40s, and many of the most knowledgeable will be retiring soon.

[http://www.autoblog.com/2012/09/04/industry-bracing-for-shortage-of-top-skilled-auto-mechanics-w-v/?icid=main-grid7%7Cmain5%7Cd15%7Csec3\\_Ink2%26pLid%3D207196](http://www.autoblog.com/2012/09/04/industry-bracing-for-shortage-of-top-skilled-auto-mechanics-w-v/?icid=main-grid7%7Cmain5%7Cd15%7Csec3_Ink2%26pLid%3D207196)

## 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

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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.**



So, do you know why I pulled you over?

'Cause I was going was goin' way to fast in this Badass Mustang, Officer...

(Thanks, Vic!)

## From the Back Seat...



### Sometimes it works...

Every so often my begging for articles pays off. Thanks Darrell, for the story and the pictures.

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### It's that time again...

As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, we will have officer nominations at this month's

meeting. All positions are available (a list of the offices can be found on page 2).

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: **get involved!**

As I've said in the past, if you think that you can't handle a club office, I'll let you in on a couple of secrets. First, you don't do it alone. No matter what office you have, there are other members who can help you through. Many of them have held offices in the past and can pass that experience to you.

The second secret is...it's not as difficult as you think it is. Most of the decisions made by the board are simply based on common sense after looking at the alternatives. Remember; this is a car club - we are not curing cancer or doing brain surgery. Keep your perspective.

One of the best things about being a club officer happens when you see members having a ball doing something you helped create. It's a feeling that I can't describe, but you'll know it when it happens.

Give it a shot...you won't regret it.

Have a great month...

The fine print...

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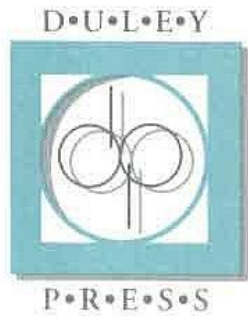
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We finally have another car story! See pages 6 and 7.



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