

# Michiana Monthly

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## Next Meeting

September 12, 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

### September 10 (Saturday)

Track Day at the Tire Rack, South Bend

### September 12 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

### October 6-9 (Thurs-Sunday)

Fall Cruise to Gatlinburg, TN

### October 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(2012 Nominations at this meeting)**

### November 14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(2012 Elections at this meeting)**

### December 3 (Saturday)

Christmas Party at Honkers

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## BRAD'S BLOG

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped at our show at Concord Mall. Things went very smoothly, the weather was just about perfect, and everything went as planned. Good job, Carl, for another year's show!

The only thing I'm a little disappointed with was the number of cars that made it to the show. Down from last year by close to 50 cars. The mall has said that they would like to move the show to the front of their property. That most definitely would make us more visible from the highway and might raise the spectator count. I also would like to see more of our own members present at the show. I know from years past we used to get more help at our main fundraiser, the show, from the members. It was pretty much a given that, if at all possible, you made it there to lend a hand. More at the next meeting.

One thing's for sure, we like to eat! Had a good response to the cruise to Heinnies in Elkhart. We helped with their 60th anniversary and got 10% off our bill. Thanks to them, our two new members who joined at our show, and to everyone that came out. Heinnies wants to do it again next year. Hopefully, the road will be done by then! (pictures on page 3)

Information will be coming on the Tire Rack Race Day on Sept. 10 and our next meeting Sept. 12. Have you made reservations at the Grand Hotel in Pigeon Forge? We'll leave on Thursday, Oct. 6 for a cruise to the Smokies. More info at our meeting. Now, it's off to Kouts and the Porkfest parade.

*Brad Milliken*

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## 2011 Events Calendar

### September

- 10 (Saturday)  
Track Day at the TireRack in South Bend
- 12 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers
- 29 (Thursday)  
Michiana Mustangs Night at Das Essenhaus, Middlebury

### October

- 10 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(2012 Nominations at this meeting)**

### November

- 14 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers **(2012 Elections at this meeting)**

### December

- 3 (Saturday)  
Christmas Party at Honkers

## 2012 Events

### January

- 9 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

### February

- 13 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

### March

- 12 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

### April

- 9 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

### May

- 14 (Monday)  
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

## Notes from Last Month's Meeting

Last month's meeting was held at Concord Mall. Those attending the meeting included Art & Scott Anderson, David & Peggy Anson, Howard Barrett, Art Campbell, Terry Gunderman, Marty Hughes, Chris Kern, Elaine Kersey, Carl Kindig, Blair & Shari Knaak, Hal & Rose McClure, Pete & Marilyn McClure, Brad Milliken & Kim Zink, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil Nicodemus, Tom & Ellen Ostrowski, Kenny & Diane Reed, Paul Rogers, Ken Schmitt, Don Simmons, Mona Steiner, George Wachs, Larry Weaver, and David Yoder.

- Ideas were discussed for tributes to our lost members. This topic will likely continue for some time.
- Brad reviewed details of the upcoming Gatlinburg trip. Each member going on the trip will be responsible for their own hotel reservations.
- Curly and Karon Long are on their way back to Arizona after their summer trip to the Midwest.
- Carl reported that we have worked out an agreement with Carson's (formerly Elder-Beerman) to avoid last years' parking problems.
- Howard will arrange for Subway to supply lunch for those working the show.
- Last month's show in Fort Wayne featured 185 cars. We won the Club Participation award again this year.
- The Ford Collection trailer will be at our show on its way to Dearborn.
- Everything seems to be in order for Saturday's show. Anyone who can help with setup on Friday is welcome at 1 pm.

## Last Month's Finances:

### Income

Membership Renewals	320.00
50/50 Drawing	336.00
Show Income	1,320.22
Club Participation Award from Ft. Wayne	100.00
Ford Shirt Sales	220.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,296.22</b>

### Expenses

MCA Discount	\$25.00
Car Show Expenses	348.11
Club Participation Award	100.00
Ford Shirts Purchased	110.00
50/50 Award	168.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$751.11</b>

**Net Income** **\$1,545.11**

## Membership Dues

### July

Hal & Rose McClure

### August

Kathleen Bringman

Andy & Sandy Dlugosz

James Kendrick

Curly & Karon Long

Alan Wright

### September

Sharon & Bruce Gillis

Kenny & Diane Reed

### October

David & Peggy Anson

Jack Krallman

David & Brooke Lichtenbarger

Steven & Dawn Scarborough

Mark & Judy Taelman

## Mustangs help Heinnies' celebrate 60 years



## Membership News



### This Month...

2	Ken Schmitt
6	Becky Christena
19	Jackie O'Blenis
19	Jane Yoder
20	Becky Schmitt
23	Dawn Scarborough
26	Sandy Kraatz
29	Rose McClure



### Anniversaries This Month...

2	Leslie & Jerry Handlin	45 years
29	Diane & Ken Reed	44 years

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

### Last Requests

Two murderers were led to the execution chamber and given the last rites.

The warden gave a short speech, said a final prayer, and then asked the first murderer, "Do you have a last request?"

He replied, "Yes, sir, I do. I want to listen to Kenny G's latest CD while I die."

"Certainly," replied the warden.

He then turned to the other murderer. "And do you have a last request?"

He said, "Yeah. Kill me first!"

### Membership Anniversaries

Kenny & Diane Reed	17 years
Phil & Bonnie Higley	7 years
Kevin & Janette Price	7 years
Frank & Kathryn Schmidt	7 years
Phil & Tandy Nicodemus	4 years
Buck & Ann McKesson	4 years
Robert Baracani	3 years
Jeffery Phillips	3 years
Terry Perschke	3 years
Bruce & Sharon Gillis	2 years



### New Members!

- Joshua & Shandra Brown, of Milford, with a 2002 GT
- John & Sue Carlson, of South Bend, with a 2008 Mustang
- Ron & Cindy Hestad, of Granger, with a 1969 Mach 1 and a 2012 GT
- Tony & Carol Tavares, of Mishawaka, with a 1993 Mustang LX
- Janet Wade, of Valparaiso, with a 2006 Mustang
- Richi Wing, of Elkhart (she didn't list a car on her application)

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

### Irish Joke No. 4,569

Mick went for Holy Communion.

When the priest got to him, he said softly, "Body of Christ."

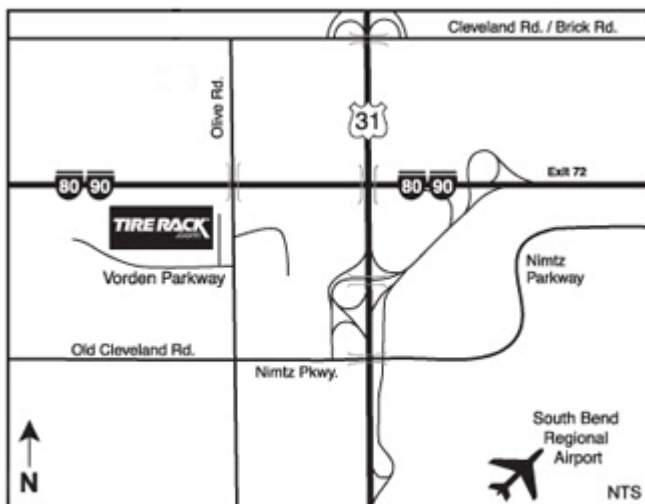
Mick replied, "Yeah, thanks, man. I've been working out!"

## 2011 Track Day

Saturday, September 10, Tire Rack Headquarters,  
South Bend, IN (map below)

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (track opens at 9:00 AM), lunch @  
Noon

- There will be a grill onsite – the Club will provide hot dogs and water: \$1 admission for those who eat (also bring a dish to pass) - all others free admission
- This is an informal event – come and see how you and your car perform!
- The track has been expanded and totally repaved!
- This has been called 'the most fun you can legally have with your car!'
- Only one car will be on the course at a time
- Each run will be timed
- Drivers must be 18 years old
- DOT-approved helmets are required – we will have some available, but we cannot guarantee fit
- Notes:
- Have all loose items out of your car – it's low speed, but things will fly if they're loose. This is not a race track – top speed is 45-50 mph
- Please RSVP (with number attending) to [mcclurewife@frontier.com](mailto:mcclurewife@frontier.com)
- Questions? Call 574-849-5981 or 574-849-5982



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### Views from past events...



## Bizarre Accident Shuts Down Houston Freeway

Ed.— they do things in a big way in Texas...



Posted: Aug 11, 2011

By: AOL Autos Staff



A strange accident brought a Houston freeway to a complete stop.

Apparently, the trailer's hydraulic arm spontaneously activated and -- unbeknownst to the truck driver -- lifted the bed up into the air while barreling down the freeway. The trailer became stuck in an upright position, blocking traffic and intriguing numerous onlookers.

Fortunately no one was injured in the incident.



## Ford Model A foundation makes funding push to get museum launched



A pair of Model A Fords parked in front of the 1928 service station at the Gilmore Car Museum just west of Dearborn, Mich. (picture from GilmoreCarMuseum.org)

By: Michelle Koueiter on 8/30/2011

More than 4 million copies of the Ford Model A were produced from 1927 through 1931. As the Model T's acclaimed successor, it evolved into nine different body styles.

More than 80 years later, there are more than 100,000 Model As said to still be out there, but owners and early collectors are thinning out. The Model A Ford Foundation sees this as a critical time to construct a permanent facility dedicated to preserving the Model A era.

There is an effort to build a museum at the Gilmore [Car Museum](#) in Hickory Corners, Mich., but the foundation is short of funds needed to complete the project.

So far, the organization has raised \$700,000 of the \$900,000 needed to build the museum. It's confident that a groundbreaking on the Gilmore campus is feasible for spring 2012--if enthusiasts are willing to help. The Gilmore campus hosts various collections along with its own, such as the Classic Car Club of America Museum.

Owners and Model A lovers can support the effort to bring the Model A Ford Museum to the Gilmore campus. In addition to making a cash donation, engraved bricks for the museum walkway are available for donors to commemorate the Model A, with space for a 60-character message on each brick. For an order form or to send a cash donation, visit the foundation's Web site at [www.maffi.org](http://www.maffi.org).

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20110830/CARNEWS/110839986#ixzz1Wdogn6RP>

## Pony of the Month



A little story of the purchase of his baby named Nellie Belle. The gentlemen that bought it brand new at Romy Hammes Ford in South Bend, loved the car. He actually bought it for his wife. She loved the color but wanted to know why he had to use his left foot. She was not going to learn how to drive a stick shift! I guess she did not know guys like girls who can drive a stick shift!

David's brother, Bob, bought the car. While he had the car, he went into the Marine Corps. David made the payments while his brother was in the Marine Corps. David ended up making the payments so he told his brother the car belonged to him. He paid as much for the car as if he bought it new.

Nellie Belle got her name from the TV show where Pat Buttram's Jeep was always breaking down. A little trivia; what show was it? Nellie Belle has been a good car, but at times she was like the JEEP!

She was the first Mustang in the Anson Corral. She is a 1969 Mustang Mach I. Gulfstream Aqua for the color. She has a 351W; the only option was her AM radio. David is the third owner.

Nellie Belle used to drag race. She has been road racing in Nevada. Did the road course at the Nashville Super Speedway. Drove Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise. Did a section of Route 66. Drove on the Bonneville Salt Flats, low speed. A little fun on the Tire Rack Track (picture taken by Steve). Lot of just cruising down the highways. Car shows and just plain old taking a drive to go to dinner. We love the looks she gets when we are out and about.

You will meet the rest of the Anson Mustangs in another newsletter. In the meantime, enjoy your MUSTANGS!

Peggy Anson

## Ford lowers Sync price



Sync will be a \$295 option on most Ford vehicles.

By JAKE LINGEMAN on 8/01/2011

Ford is cutting the price of its Sync software, the company said on Monday. The price will drop from \$395 to \$295, and Sync will be available on base trim levels for the first time.

The new pricing rolls out on the 2012 Ford Explorer and Ford Edge base models.

Sync is quite popular with Ford buyers. On the Edge and the Explorer, the current take rate is more than 80 percent. With the lower price, Ford expects that rate to grow to 95 percent.

"Our customers love it and recommend it, and our dealers want it in more products," said Ken Czuby, Ford vice president of U.S. marketing, sales and service. "Sync already has brought hands-free, voice-activated in-car connectivity to millions, helping keep drivers' eyes on the road and hands on the wheel."

The base features of Sync include hands-free, voice-activated phone dialing and voice control of USB music devices; 911 Assist, the automated emergency calling service, and an on-demand vehicle health report. Customers who choose the base package will also be offered a Sync Services subscription that offers turn-by-turn directions, traffic reports and business information with live operator assistance.

During the next three years, the automaker will introduce the new Sync pricing across its entire North American Ford lineup.

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20110801/CARNEWS/110809996#ixzz1TnLKeIVB>

## Driver Damages Cars Worth More Than \$1 Million

Catastrophe in Monte Carlo involved 5 supercars



Posted: Jul 28, 2011

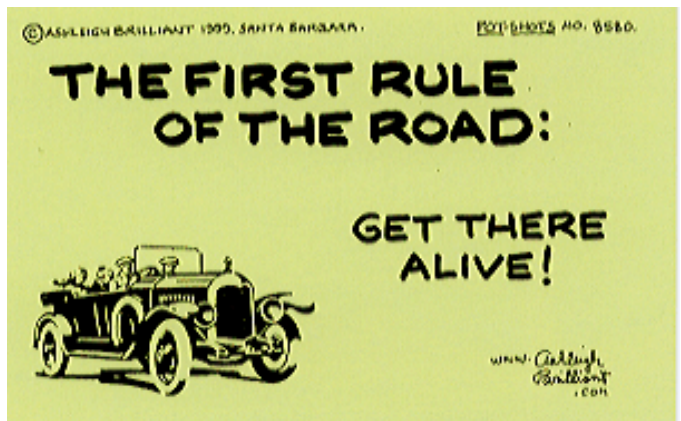
By: Jeff Glucker/Autoblog

A very, very expensive car accident in Monte Carlo (Small World News Service).

Car accidents are never fun and often expensive. In certain parts of the world, accidents can push expenses into the stratosphere, and Monte Carlo has reportedly just played host to such a fender bender. A woman was driving a [Bentley Azure](#) near the Monte Carlo Casino when she doubled-down on a nearby [Mercedes-Benz S-Class](#). That scrape led to the [Azure](#) meeting a [Ferrari 430](#), [Aston Martin Rapide](#) and [Porsche 911](#).

For the drooling bodyshop owners reading along, the UK's Daily Mail notes this collision involves over a million dollars worth of machinery. Total damage estimates are reportedly much more modest, however, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$65,000, but judging by some of the pictures we've seen, such estimates seems laughably low.

Adding insult to injury? The driver and passengers of the Bentley droptop couldn't get out of their car. Hundreds of tourists snapped photos of the carnage while the occupants of the Azure could only sit and smile for the cameras.





## 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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I have a chin spoiler and a rear spoiler for a '99-'04 Mustang; both are OEM parts. The chin spoiler is for an '03 Mach 1; the rear spoiler is from our '03 GT. Sedlling the pair for \$150.00. Call Scott or Sharone @ 574-233-8922 (October)

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1966 Mustang Sprint; 6 cylinder, 3-speed for sale

Rebuilt engine with electronic ignition, rebuilt carb, starter, and alternator. New ring gear and clutch, brakes (including lines and master cylinder), emergency brake cables, gas tank, interior (except carpet), paint, full length floor pans, and both seat risers. Air conditioner works real well. Torque boxes and undercarriage are excellent. The car is a good driver.

I bought the car in November 2007. I have driven the car less than 300 miles since completion. Reason for selling: bought a 2006 GT and have too many other projects. I have a good title and all receipts.

Asking \$7,800.00 O.B.O.

Maury Jones 269-684-3494 (September)



## 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.

## Conservator Award to Schmidts

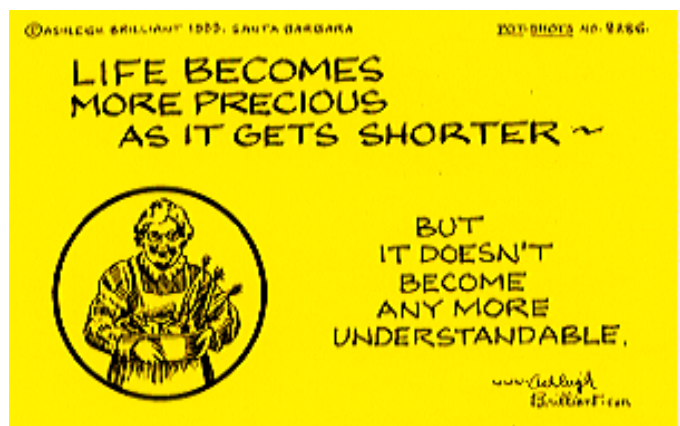


Jim and June Schmidt are the Club's first winners of the MCA's Conservator Award.

The Conservator Award is presented to MCA members who have scored 20 points in MCA National and Grand National shows (2 points for Gold, 1 point for Silver, with 1 additional point in each class in Grand National shows).

The award was presented to the Schmidts at the Mid-West National Mustang Show in Des Moines, Iowa last month. In addition, Jim and June won the first of the ten tags needed to win the 'Conservator de Elegance' award, an engraved Silver Cup. This special Cup is considered the top accolade that MCA can bestow upon one of its members.

Congratulations!



## Looking Back...

### September 1996

- 26 members attend the MCA's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in Atlanta. Approximately 850 cars attend the event.
- Tom and Ellen Ostrowski are featured with their Mustangs as 'Members of the Month'.

### September 2001

- 22 cars caravan to Commerce, GA for the MCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show.
- 22 cars take part in the Elkhart Labor Day Parade
- Ted Sauerbeck is recovering from injuries suffered in a auto accident. Ted's Mustang is totaled in the accident.

### September 2006

- We have our first meeting at the Harris Branch Library in Granger.
- The MCA's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show is held in Birmingham, AL. 11 members attend the event; the car count totals 1081.
- This year's fall cruise will be to the Gilmore Car Museum, north of Kalamazoo, on October 21.

## 2011 Cruise-In Calendar

### Monday

- Beef O'Brady's, Bittersweet & SR 23 in Granger (6 pm)

### Wednesday

- Pizza Hut, 1275 S. 11th Street, Niles (5:30-8:30 PM)
- Simonton Lake Drive-In, Elkhart (5-8 PM)

### Thursday

- Das Dutchman Essenhaus Restaurant, U.S. 20, Middlebury (5:30-8:30 PM) (beginning April 28)

### Saturday

- Heritage Square, Granger (5-9 pm)
- Staples, LaPorte (5-9 pm)

## From the Back Seat



### End of summer mumblings...

If you get a chance to take part in a show put on by the Mustang Club of Central Iowa, do yourself a favor and go. They put on a great National Show last month, with 301 registered cars. You'd never know it was their first National. Well done, folks.

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If at all possible, come out to the Tire Rack this weekend, if only to watch, although if you try it, there's a good chance you'll get hooked. Pete and Marilyn put forth a lot of effort to put this together; let's show them some support.

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In the same vein, let's try to have a good turnout at the last Essenhaus Cruise-In on the 29th. Ken Schmitt has done a great job of organizing these nights for us this year.

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You'll notice we have a Pony of the Month story this month (thanks, Peggy). This is the first one since last December. I know we have more cars out there that have not had their stories written. I'm also waiting (somewhat) patiently for someone to send a My First Mustang story. Please don't make me beg...

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We'll be doing another food drive for the Thanksgiving season. On the whole, things are better than last year, but we all know there is still a need. We've had good responses the last two years, and I hope we can do as well or better this year.

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Start thinking about who you want to lead the club next year; officer nominations will be made at next month's meeting.

Have a good month...

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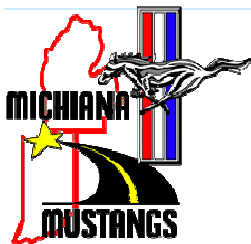
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You think you've had a bad day? (see page 6)



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