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Next Meeting

September 10, 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

September 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers

September 15 (Saturday)

Track Day at the TireRack in South Bend (see page 8 for more info)

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)**



BRAD'S BLOG

What a busy month August turned out to be, starting with Nancy & me getting married on the fourth in the backyard. You might recognize Terry Gunderman as the preacher! Everything went quite well, although it was pretty hot, until the storm rolled in. But, being the Mustangers we are, we know that you can never count on the weather!

The following Saturday we could count on it as it was an almost perfect day for our show. Got a little windy towards the end, as I have *never* seen Vic move that fast to grab a tent from crashing into some vehicles. I think I shall call him "Bolt" from now on! The new show site worked pretty well; loved the better exposure from the highway as well as the electricity instead of generating our own. Have a few things to resolve for next year but they should be simple fixes. Everything I've heard so far regarding the show has been favorable. Many thanks to all the volunteers helping (and having fun) to pull off another show. Come to the meeting and we'll discuss more.

Track Day at the TireRack in South Bend is coming on Saturday September 15. This really is a fun event if you can make it. Look for more information inside.

Next meeting - back at Honkers in Mishawaka. Eat with us there at 6 PM with the meeting following dinner at 7. We might have a guest from the past, a former member from when the club started. He was impressed when he and his wife came to our show and would like to talk a little about the old club and how it's evolved into the Michiana Mustangs of today. We'll also discuss the upcoming TireRack Event, the fall cruise and Amish dinner. I'll be there!

Brad Milliken

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2012 Events Calendar

September

- 10 (Monday)
Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Honkers
- 15 (Saturday)
Track Day at the TireRack in South Bend

October

- 6 (Saturday)
Fall Cruise to Winona
- 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)
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)



Notes from Last Month's Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 at the new show site. Attending this month's meeting were Art Anderson, Scott Anderson, David & Peggy Anson, Charlie & Linda Arnold, Howard Barrett, Art Campbell, Robert Gay, Anna Greenwalt, Beth Greenwalt, Terry Gunderman, Chris Kern, Elaine Kersey, Carl Kindig, Blair & Shari Knaak, Dean & Sandy Lambert, Hal & Rose McClure, Brad, Nancy, and Maxine Milliken, Ron & Charlotte Newcomer, Phil & Tandy Nicodemus, Arnie O'Brien, Ron Olson, Kenny & Diane Reed, George & Shirley Wachs, Larry Weaver, and David Yoder.

It was nice to see Brad's mom Maxine at the meeting. She looks to be recovering well from recent hip surgery.

After introductions and reviewing the month's birthdays and anniversaries, Brad took care of one bit of old business from the picnic. Hal McClure was presented the 2012 Paul Houseman Award for his '69 Mach 1.



The 2012 Paul Houseman Award goes to Hal McClure.

As usual for the August meeting, Show Chairman Carl Kindig took over the meeting to review show preparations.

- The Ford Collection trailer has confirmed their participation, as have a group of T-bird clubs with up to 23 cars.
- The mall has re-sealed the part of the lot where the show will be held and they have asked us to not screw our fence posts into the pavement. Ron Olson volunteered to supply cement blocks to hold the posts in place.
- Everything else seems to be in place for Saturday.

Everyone was reminded that Thursday, August 30 is a Michiana Mustangs night at Das Essenhaus.

Carl also announced that Bremen Ford had renewed their club sponsorship for another year. Thanks, Laura!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Last Month's Finances:

Income

Membership Renewals	\$200.00
50/50	210.00
Club Sponsorship	200.00
Pop, Water, & Coffee Sales	40.30
Show Shirt Sales	733.00
Car Show Registration	65.00
Show Entries	1,897.00

Total Income **\$3,345.30**

Expenses

MCA Discount	\$25.00
Newsletter Printing	47.51
Newsletter Postage	26.00
Joy's Johns	174.00
NW Indiana Mustangs (Club Participation)	100.00
Pop, Water, & Coffee	80.11
Food & Ice	253.40
Misc.	21.39
Paul Houseman 2012 Award	9.63
Web Site Expense	134.13
Car Show Mailing	9.00

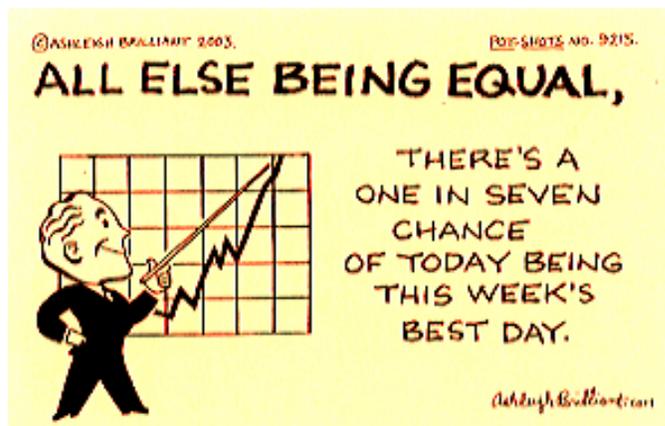
Total Expenses **\$880.17**

Net Income **\$2,465.13**

Pull Over!

A California highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the crowded freeway. Glancing at the car, the officer was astounded to see that the young blonde woman behind the wheel was knitting. She was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, so the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, "PULL OVER!"

"NO," the woman yelled back, "IT'S A SCARF!"



Membership News



This Month...

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



Anniversaries This Month...

2	Leslie & Jerry Handlin	46 years
30	Diane & Ken Reed	45 years

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



New Members!

- John & Elizabeth Crume, from Granger
- Dean & Pam Lambert, of Cassopolis, with a '74 Mach 1, a '90 GT, and a '92 LX Convertible
- Steve & Amy Langner, from Mishawaka, with a '69 Mach 1
- Richard Stern, from St. Joseph, with a '72 Mach 1

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

Membership Anniversaries

Ken & Diane Reed	18 years
Phil & Bonnie Higley	8 years
Kevin & Janette Price	8 years
Frank & Kathryn Schmidt	8 years
Phil & Tandy Nicodemus	5 years
Buck & Ann McKesson	5 years
Robert Baracani	4 years
Jeffery Phillips	4 years

Membership Renewals Due

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

Steve & Cindy Miller

August

Joshua & Shanda Brown
Michael & Jennifer Hinchley,
Curly & Karon Long
Robert D. Miller
Tom & Ellen Ostrowski
Don & Sharon Simmons
Janet Wade
Richi Wing

September

Bob Baracani
Buck & Ann McKesson
Jeffrey Phillips
Frank & Kathryn Schmidt

October

David & Peggy Anson
Jim & Elizabeth Beckert
Chris & Ange Blanchard
Jack Krallman
Steven & Dawn Scarborough
Mark & Judy Taelman

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

Postcards from Our Car Show

Despite a day-long wind, Saturday, August 11 brought us the best weather in several years for our car show. We also had the best turnout (125 cars) we've seen in a number of years. I wonder if that's a coincidence?

A rainy and windy Friday limited the amount of set-up work that could be done. The poles were located and the fence was stretched out, but that's about all that could be done, with the rest finished early Saturday morning.



The Registration tents before the winds struck.

The new show location, in front of the mall instead of to the west, seemed to work well. We were definitely more visible from US-33, especially with the Ford Collection Semi parked parallel to the road.



Eleven T-birds made a grand entrance into the show, arriving in chronological order.

The Ford classes were definitely larger than we have had in the past, including Model T-based street rods, pickups, Broncos, Fairlanes, and Galaxies.

The Mustang club from Northwestern Indiana once again took home the Club Participation award, this year just beating out the Old Fort Mustangs.



F-100s were well represented.

Show teardown started earlier than usual. The day long winds increased just before it was time to present trophies. One gust lifted the top of the Registration tent and sent it sailing toward cars parked outside the show site. Quick action by several members caught the roof just before it made contact with any parked cars. As a precaution the remaining tents were also taken down before anything else could happen.



Ready for the raffle prizes and trophy presentation.

Once again, thanks to everyone who helped with the show!



Dale Shoemaker's '65 fastback was declared 'Best of Show'

Brad Milliken and Nancy Mitchell marry

Brad Milliken and Nancy Mitchell were married Saturday, August 4. Reverend Terry Gunderman led the ceremony in front of a small group of family and friends at the couple's home in Elkhart.



Left to right: Nancy's granddaughters Kayla and Madison, daughter Wendy, granddaughter Brianna, Wendy, Brad, Brad's brother John, and Rev. Terry Gunderman

Brad and Nancy are planning a winter cruise for their honeymoon.

Fall Cruise

This year's Fall Cruise is scheduled for Saturday, October 6. The first destination for the cruise is The Village at Winona, southeast of Warsaw. In addition to the village's Fall Festival, described as 'A popular fall tradition featuring artisan demonstrations and shopping throughout The Village', we will be there for the Fall Out British Car Show. Members of the Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club will have their cars on display.

From Winona we will head to Nappanee for lunch provided by an Amish family.

More details will be provided at the meeting and by mail and e-mail before the cruise.

Track Day at The Tire Rack



When: Saturday, September 15, starting at 9 AM (track opens) Runs starting at 10.

Where: Tire Rack headquarters near the intersection of US 31 and the Toll Road west of South Bend

There will be a grill onsite – the Club will provide hot dogs and water –\$2 admission for those who eat (also bring a dish to pass) - all others free admission.

This is an open entry – Michiana Mustangs membership is not required

Only one car will be on the course at a time

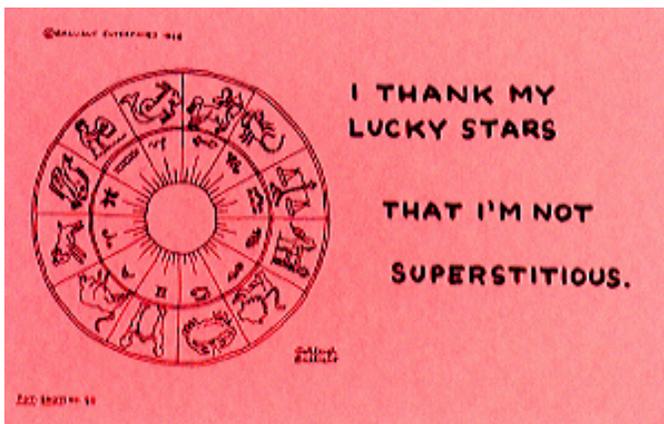
Each run will be timed

Drivers must be 18 years old

DOT-approved helmets are required – we will have some available, but we cannot guarantee a fit.

Please RSVP (with the number attending) to mmcclure7215@gmail.com

Questions? Call 574-849-5981 or 574-849-5982



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.

Another case of 'What were they thinking?'



I know my 'with it' factor is somewhere south of zero, but I didn't know you could buy 30" wheels and tires.

Questions abound:

- How do you get in the car?
- Does it tip over in the least amount of side wind?
- What was someone smoking, drinking, or inhaling that 'helped' them think this was a good idea?

Stolen, chopped Ford GT is the saddest thing you'll see all day



John Gibbins, U-T

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The Ford GT is one of the best American sports cars in ages, and also one of the most desirable.

No, the Ford GT didn't make the list of "most stolen vehicles," but that doesn't make it immune from theft, as this report from U-T San Diego makes painfully clear.

Case in point: These remains of a 2005 Ford GT that was stolen in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

The 800-mile example was bought in 2004 and was supposed to be a family heirloom. But someone had other plans.

After being stolen from its owner's home, the car was "recovered" a matter of weeks later.

Sadly it was too late, as thieves had dismantled the car and hacked the frame to pieces. Parts from the car were found in multiple locations, and those responsible have been arrested.

For more details and a full photo gallery, visit [U-T San Diego here](#).

Read more: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20120829/carnews/120829815#ixzz24yBZ0MAM>



Cruise-In Information

Monday Nights

- **Culvers**
2726 Emerson Drive
Elkhart
5:00 - 7:00pm

Tuesday Nights

- **Texas Roadhouse**
3015 Brittany Ct.
Elkhart
5:00 - 8:00pm

Thursday Nights

- **Das Dutchman Essenhaus Cruise-In**
4:30 - 8:00 pm
Middlebury, IN

Friday Nights

- **Dairy Queen in Nappanee**
on the 2nd Friday of each month 5:30 - ?

Local Shows

- **Saturday, September 8: Downtown Baroda, MI** Barodafest Car Show, Free to Enter. For details, call 269-326-0990 or e-mail ifixit310@yahoo.com

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

1. Employment applications always ask "who is to be contacted in case of an emergency." I think you should write down, "a good doctor."
2. Sadly, I have gotten the dreaded "furniture disease." That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!"
3. When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want say, "No, it's for company!"
4. Wives should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans... that's assuming they want him back.
5. If you're on a fixed income and can't afford one of those trendy cell phones everyone else has clipped on, just do what I do, clip your garage door opener on your shirt pocket.

From the Back Seat...



Audience Participation?

I haven't whined about this for a while now, but your vacation is over.

I just want to remind everyone that members are allowed, no, strongly encouraged to submit material for use in this newsletter. We have, as of this month, over 100 members. Surely SOMEONE has done something interesting this summer or has a car story we haven't heard

yet.

What made you buy your car? Why is it special to you? What fun things have you done with it? As an ad said a few years ago, 'Inquiring minds want to know!'

Don't worry if you don't come up with a super-slick polished story; I can help with that. Also, pictures are always good with a story.

We have a lot of new members, so I'll probably be sending out my 'Member Profile' form again soon. If you haven't done this before, please do. It's a good way for us to get to know each other better.

On a related note, it would be great to see a big turnout for the Fall Cruise. It's another way to get to know your fellow members

One other thing, and this is a bit personal. PLEASE take me off of your mailing lists for political messages.

I've had enough messages saying that so-and-so is going to cause the collapse of the world if elected, or that we're all going to hell in a hand basket if this person wins. And before anybody asks, I don't care who the candidate is. I'm just up to here with the lack of respect we display toward anyone running for office these days. I grew up when it was still honorable to serve in government.

I am the first to agree that you have the right to your opinions; I just want to exercise my right to not hear them.

Have a great month...



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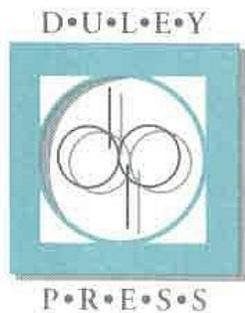
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