

CELEBRATING THE FORD MUSTANG

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Introduction

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. This newsletter will chronicle the activities of the *Hoosier Mustang Club* that has its members centered in and around Columbus, Indiana. Articles for this newsletter will showcase the Ford Mustang both within and outside of our club. We hope you enjoy reading the *Hoosier Pony Times*.

HMC "Feature Car"

This month's "Feature Car" belongs to Chuck Butler. It is a 1965 Fastback 2+2 Portofino Blue, with Viper Blue stripes Mustang.

See the full article of this feature car on pages 3 & 4 of this edition of the

Hoosier Pony Times.



Mustang Generations

Following the 1973 model year, the Ford Motor Company ushered in the **Second Generation Mustang** era, which represented a fundamental change from previous edition muscle cars. In a significant shift in its vision of the past, the newly dubbed "Mustang II" was based on the design of the Ford Pinto and was designed to compete against imports that were growing in popularity as a direct result of the fuel crisis.



The new platform and shorter wheelbase certainly distinguished the Mustang II from its predecessors visually, but arguably the biggest changes came under the hood. For its inaugural year, the Second Generation Mustang did not offer a V8 engine option for the first and last time in the pony car's history. 1974 Mustang owners could choose between four-cylinder and V6 engine choices, which, not surprisingly, churned out unimpressive horsepower numbers (92 & 105, respectively).

From its exterior to design flaws to its lackluster performance numbers, the Second Generation is a period of time that many Mustang fans view as a black eye of the otherwise riveting history of their favorite vehicle. With the wonderful amenities and technological innovations in the years that followed, it is common for classic automotive supporters and muscle car aficionados alike to cast a dark shadow over the Mustang II entirely.

"Blast from the past pics"

May 3, 2014

50th Anniversary show at Bob Poynter Ford - Seymour



Upcoming Events

13 - HMC Monthly Meeting - 6-8pm - Chicago Pizza

16 - Shelby Spring Fling Car Show - 8:30am-4pm - Brown County State Park

23 - Rumble on the River Car Show - 7am-4pm - Madison, IN

Mustang - "More than a Car"

Starting with this Edition, this section of the newsletter will be dedicated on the topic of "**Mustang, *More than a Car***".

I would like each of you to think of how the Mustang is "more than just a car" to you.

When the Mustang was introduced on April 17, 1964, the advertisement read: "***Presenting the Unexpected, Mustang has the look, the fire, the flavor of the great European car. Yet it's as American as its name... and as practical as its price.***"

So to start this series on "*More than a Car*", I would like to say that Mustang is a **symbol of American design**. From the early sketches of Gale Halderman, to now the S650, the Mustang has always been about the design! Every Mustang has DNA in its design that ties one generation to another. Therefore, everyone knows a Mustang when they see it, even if there are no badges on it, like the Bullitt.

So to continue this discussion I would like for each of you to submit to me *an email* that will answer the question of: "Why is Mustang *More than a Car*? I will then compile your answers and add them to future editions of the newsletter.



Basic Car Information:

1965 Mustang Fastback 2+2

Engine: 289 2V V8 200 h.p. w/9.31 Compression

Transmission is a 3-Speed Automatic

It's been painted a Portofino Blue w/ Viper Blue Stripes with Black interior.

It was Assembled in San Jose, California.

The Original Sticker Price was \$2,639!

Feature HMC car

Chuck Butler

1965 Fastback 2+2 Mustang



The History:



I purchased the car in 2012 locally from Jim Cash.

It had been sitting in his barn for about 20 years.

When we tried to push it out the front wheels were locked up. So we had to drag it out and have it towed on a flat bed.



Feature HMC car

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1965 Fastback 2+2 Mustang

The Restoration:

I searched for about 3 months to find a reputable shop to do the restoration.

I came across a shop in Connerville Indiana. They did a complete restoration on the car. It took 24 months to complete.

We did everything from putting new floor pans in to replacing the rear quarter panels.

I kept the original 289 and had it completely gone through.

Actually, except for Fiberglass hood and trunk the car is original.

Why did I pick this car to restore?

When I was in the 3rd grade in Mrs. Ryan’s class I looked out the window at the teachers parking lot and saw a 1965 Mustang Fastback.

I fell in love with that style of car! My Uncle had a 1965 coupe, and friends of my parents had a 1967 coupe. So I was already a big Mustang fan!

But when I saw the Fastback **I knew that was the car I wanted** when I got older.



Favorite Things:

One of my favorite things to do is to **go to car shows with this car**. I love listening to the stories people tell me about when they had or knew someone that had a 1965 mustang.

It brings back memories to them, and **it is so interesting listening to what they have to say about the Ford Mustang, and being a part of that!**



Club Happenings

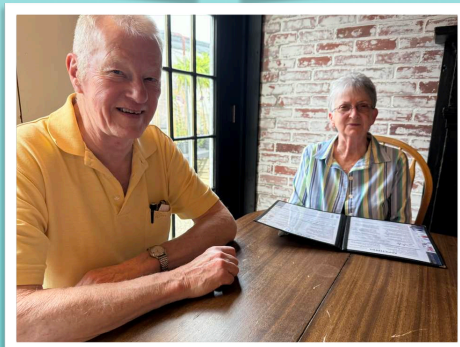
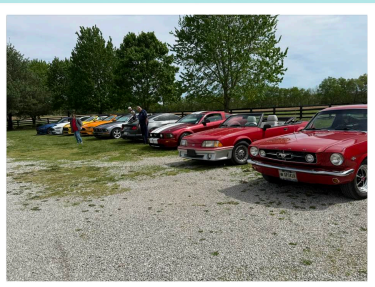
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April 8th Monthly Meeting -29 Members attended!

Mustang Day 2026 Cobweb Cruise - Freeman Army Airfield Museum

After 16 of the HMC members met, we hopped into our cars and drove to Seymour. We spent the morning at *Freeman Army Airfield Museum*; followed by a beautiful cruise. We drove by Dudleytown and Uniontown route to *Spring Cliff Farms* where we had tasty lunch and lots of fellowship. It was a wonderful day.

Thanks to Terry Thomas for organizing the event!



IHR Block Party Car Show - Columbus Airport

Eight members of the club showed their cars at this unique event on April 25th. The event organizers said there was over 2000 vehicles at this "Block Party" Car Show. \$13,000 was raised for 2 charities.

