



The Pony Express

February 2009

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- March 5-8-NMRA Bradenton Motorsports Park
- March 14-Club Cruise-In to Murrays Speed & Custom
- March 28-Suncoast Mustang Club show
- March 29-Sunday-Oldsmar Days Open Show
- March 29-Sunday-Bay Pines VA Hospital Show
- April 11-Mustangs and Mustangs - Fantasy of Flight Show

MCT Members:

We're turning the corner into some nicer weather and the beginning of the spring car show season. There is a lot happening with shows and some new things for the club.

This month is our first of 3 or 4 gatherings at a restaurant where we can fill our stomachs and hopefully have members bring their cars for a less business like gathering. Next Tuesday, 2/24 we will

meet at the Steak & Shake on North Dale Mabry. Cruise starts at 6pm.....so early is good if you can!

Watch the upcoming news and emails about the many shows and events coming this spring. There's a lot to do and enjoy. Get out your Mustang and Go! **Mark**



Meeting/Cruise-In Tuesday February 24

6 pm to 9 pm at Steak N Shake located at 16201 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Cruise on over with your favorite Pony and join your club members for an evening of fellowship and fun. Rumor has it the club will give every member wearing a club shirt \$5 for food. New shirts available at the cruise-in.

Trooper Memorial, by Mark Morley

Last week myself and club member Gerry Rogers met at the Highway Patrol post on McKinley. We met with the new troop commander Major Ryan Burchnell and a rep-

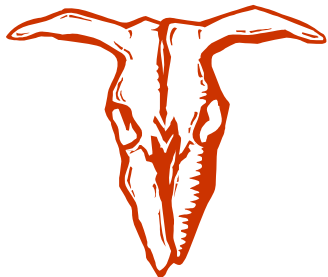
resentative from the landscape design firm that will be doing the work. I'm excited this long overdue project will soon take place and I want to thank Gerry Rogers for

pushing this to move forward. We are hoping to see this completed in time for a memorial service in May which would be wonderful. Stay Tuned!



2008-2009 Officers

President	Mark Morley	813-891-1304
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Website	Jeff Deaton	_____



Still looking for a volunteer
for VP of Programs

Board of Directors

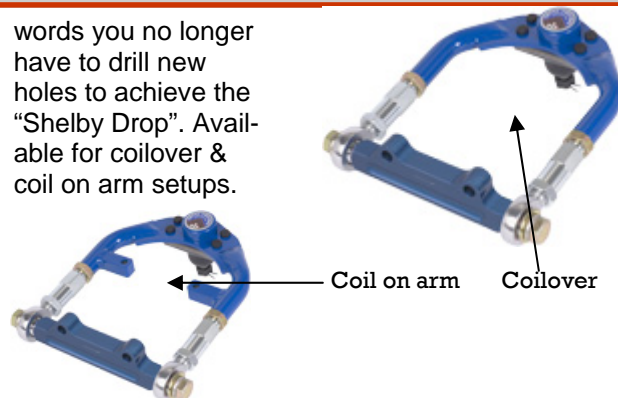
Harry Barker,	Bill Hunsinger
Mark Borkowski	Danny Lewis
Jim Carroll	Bob Perry
Phil Collie	Kevin Riley
Rusty Gillis	

Please keep your
email updated with
Chris Meyer

NEW PRODUCTS

A brand new Total Control exclusive, billet aluminum, offset-pivot-shaft option, enables precise relocation of the upper-control-arm pivot axis, for improved camber gain geometry without the need to drill holes, or risk of error. Another-

words you no longer have to drill new holes to achieve the "Shelby Drop". Available for coilover & coil on arm setups.



Coil on arm

Coilover



Shelby Automobiles Sponsors NASCAR Race

Club meetings at Bill Currie Ford the fourth Tuesday of every month. Located in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the showroom

Shelby Automobiles will sponsor the March 1st NASCAR Sprint Cup Race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

The race will be lengthened by 18 laps and will be called the "Shelby 427". At the event Shelby will market a Las Vegas Motor Speedway Limited Edition Shelby 427 package for the GT500.

This is the first time Shelby Automobiles has sponsored a NASCAR event.

Owners of 2007 and 2008 GT 500's with the Super Snake package can purchase the limited edition "Pace Car" upgrade on a first come, first serve basis by emailing: shelby427@lvms.com

The upgraded package will include Carroll's autograph and many other event related add-ons. Only 427 packages will be available.

Those who purchase the 427 package will also receive special race tickets and other amenities including a chance to serve as the races honorary starter.





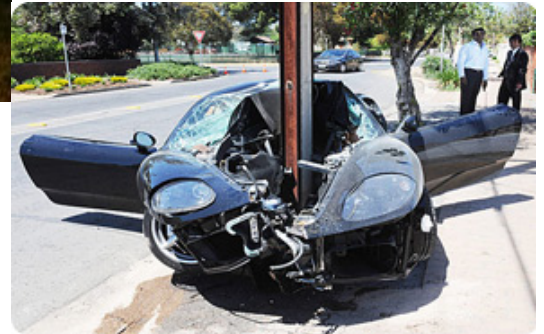
Club membership is now 130

Supercar Carnage!



Wow, it's been a bad week to be an Italian supercar. In the last few weeks this Gallardo ripped itself in half during a collision with a tree.

A few days ago this Ferrari tried to eat a telephone pole!



Important Dates: Some Tentative

Feb 21 - Orlando Mustang Club Annual Show

Feb 24- No Monthly Meeting, Members meet at N. Dale Mabry Steak & Shake Cruise-In.

Feb 28- AACA National in downtown Lakeland – MCT members trip to view the show

Mar 5-8- NMRA Bradenton Motorsports Park
www.nmradigital.com

Mar 10- MCT Board of Directors meeting

Mar 14- MCT Club Cruise to Murrays Speed & Custom show 11-2

Mar 20-21-Pensacola

Mustang Club regional show

Mar 24- MCT Monthly meeting

Mar 28- Suncoast Mustang Club regional show

March 29-Oldsmar Days Open Car Show. Live music by Stormbringer & Robbie Steinhardt from Kansas

March 29– Bay Pines V.A. Hospital show

Apr 11-Mustangs & Mustangs, Imperial Mustang Club regional show

Apr 16 to 19- Birmingham AL, Mustang 45th Anniversary Show

May 2- MCT Club gathering at Ronnie Setzer Cruise at Burger King Anderson & Gunn 7-10 PM

May 12- MCT Board of Directors meeting

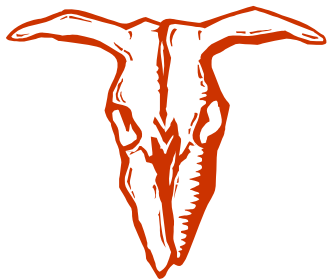
May 16- Jacksonville Mustang Club regional show

May 26- MCT Monthly Meeting - Officer Elections

June 20- MCT Club Cruise to Northpoint cruise-in. Northpoint Shopping Center Hwy 54 east of Veterans Expressway (SR589)

As dates get closer watch newsletter, web site and emails for more info.

Club meetings at Bill Currie Ford the fourth Tuesday of every month. Located in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the showroom



Still looking for a volunteer for VP of Programs

Club Growth, Future and May Elections by Mark Morley

Our club continues to grow at a nice pace. We have just added our 130th member to the roster. I don't know if that's a record, but I do know that a few years ago the club had a dwindling roster of about 70 to 75 members. We have done a lot of positive things to draw more interest in the club and we have been fortunate that the hobby has also grown due to the success of the new Mustang since 2005. The club must continue to maintain a growth attitude. When we had only 75 members it was harder for the club to take on more programs, events and sup-

port charitable groups. At our current size we are able to do more, but we must not become complacent. Our hobby has about a 25% non-renewal rate and we need to keep up the efforts that drive memberships to simply to maintain our current numbers. This May we will have the annual Officer Elections. All Offices and Board positions are available. Many of our officers have held positions multiple times. While these people are happy to remain and help the club, each and every one of them would be overjoyed to step aside for someone new who has

an interest. Most of these positions are not really that time consuming. I can also guarantee that if you take on position, the officer that steps down will be there to offer much assistance and support. I for one am hoping so see some interest from someone new to step into the presidency of the club. I certainly want to remain heavily involved, but I strongly believe we need some new leadership ideas. (Kevin Riley our Past President needs a replacement) Please consider.

Mark

2009 Pony Drive Update: by Jim & Lucy Carroll

The Great American Pony Drive, the only registered Driving Club with MCA, is planning the 2009 trip right now. For further information, go to www.ponydrive.us. This years drive will start on the Monday after the Birmingham Anniversary Show, heading to New Orleans for 2 nights, then onto Beaumont, San Marcos, 2 nights in San Antonio, Lubbock, Roswell, Gallup, Grand Canyon, Williams, 2 nights in Las Vegas, Page, 2 nights in Durango, Sana Fe, Amarillo, Mustang, Oklahoma, 2 nights in Branson, 2 nights in

Hot Springs,, 2 nights in Memphis, and ending in Tupelo on May 17th. Hotels are being arranged as we speak. If you are interested in joining this group, go to the website, and register. Check running ponies on the left of the website. You can join us for a day, week, or the whole trip, whatever your schedule allows. If you would like to join the Florida part of the PD, we leave on Wednesday, April 15, meet with Dave Turnbull in Wildwood, and head to Dothan to meet up with others, and into

Birmingham on Thursday. A hotel for Birmingham is listed on the website. Again, check with running horses on left of website. David's telephone # and email is on website.

Anyone interested in joining the trip to Birmingham, give us a call. Jim & Lucy Carroll (813) 884-8736 (C) 813-598-7481.or email lu-cycrrll@yahoo.com, jims54@aol.com. Look forward to hearing from you!!

Club meetings at Bill Currie Ford the fourth Tuesday of every month. Located in the conference room on the 2nd floor of the showroom

SUNCOAST MUSTANG CLUB'S 3RD ANNUAL "SPRING FLING" MUSTANG-SHELBY-FORD SHOW SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2009

This show is for any Mustang, Shelby or Shelby Cobra, Ford or Ford Powered Car or Truck – whether in show condition or still a “work in progress”.





Show Registration (*Please Print Neatly*)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Body Style (Circle) Coupe – Convertible – Fastback - ___ Door Sedan - Pick-up - Other _____

Color (Exterior) _____ Club Affiliation _____

“Spring Fling” Show Classes (**Check One Only**)

Mustangs

64 ½ - 73: Concours _____ Occasional Driven _____ Unrestored _____ Modified _____

74 – 2005: Driven _____ Modified Driven _____

64 ½ - 2000: Work in Progress _____ **(A class to show off a car that you’re still working on – just because you’re not finished doesn’t mean you can’t put your car in our show!!! Let people see what you’ve done and still have to do.)**

2006 – 2009: “Stock” Condition _____ Modified _____ (This class will be awarded by Participant Votes)

Other Fords or Ford Powered Vehicles

Pre-World War II Ford – “Stock” Condition _____ Modified _____

1946 through 1959 Ford, Lincoln, Mercury - “Stock” Condition _____ Modified _____

1960-through 1979 Ford, Lincoln, Mercury - “Stock” Condition _____ Modified _____

1980 through Current Ford, Lincoln, Mercury - “Stock” Condition _____ Modified _____

1903 through Current Ford, Lincoln, Mercury Work In Progress _____ **(A class to show off a car that you’re still working on – just because you’re not finished doesn’t mean you can’t put your car in our show!!! Let people see what you’ve done and still have to do.)**

Pre-Registered Cars (Must be postmarked by <u>March 21, 2009</u>)	\$20.00
Day of Show Registration (car will be judged)	\$25.00
Vendor Space (approx 10 X 10)	\$25.00



2009 Car Show

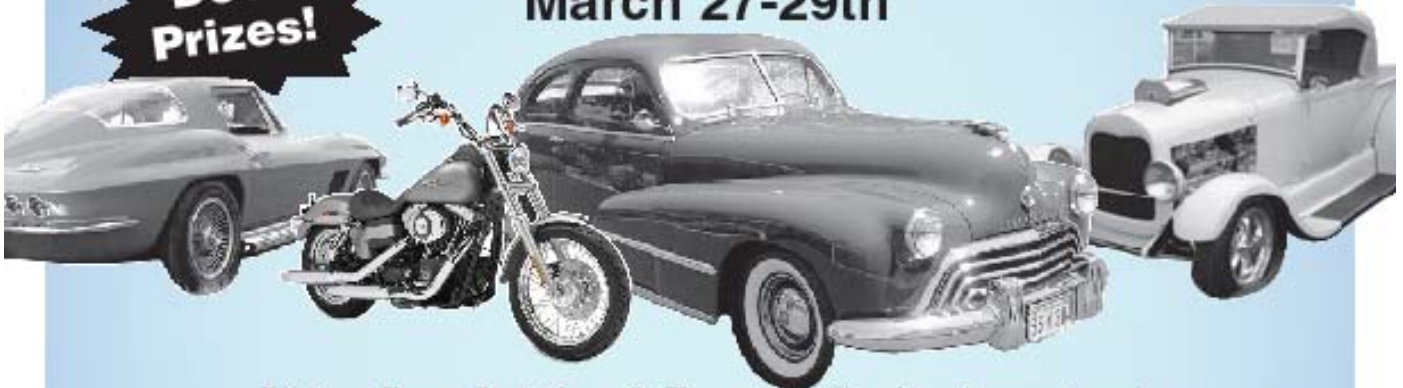
Bike Show Sponsored by



Full Throttle Magazine

R.E. Olds Park
March 27-29th

**Door
Prizes!**



**Vettes Peer Judging & People's Choice Award and
Hogs Best in Class Awards - Friday, March 27 - 5 to 9 p.m.!**
Oldsmobile only show - Saturday, March 28 - Noon to 5 p.m.!
 Peer Judging and People's Choice Awards - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each category
All Comers Show - Sunday, March 29 - Noon to 5 p.m.!
 People's Choice - 1st, 2nd, 3rd plus Judged Best in Class Awards - 1st, 2nd, 3rd - 5 classes

Entry Fee: \$15.00 (\$12.00 if payment received by March 22, 2008) Free dash plaque to first 50 registered cars.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Show participating in: () Corvette () Oldsmobile () Classics () Bike Year: _____ Model: _____

It is agreed that all persons who enter for exhibition and competition purposes in this show will abide by the rules set forth by the show management. It is also agreed that neither the show producers nor the owners of the grounds on which the show is held shall be responsible for any personal injury, damage or theft of any part of entry or display.

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____ TOTAL DUE: \$

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return Forms to: UTB Chamber 163 SR 580 West Oldsmar, FL 34677
 Phone: 813-855-4233 OR Fax to: 813-854-1237 • www.UTBchamber.com



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VETERANS HOSPITAL CAR SHOW

V. A. Hospital Bay Pines, St. Petersburg

Presented by the



8TH Annual

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th, 2009

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Tommy B.
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Advance 
Auto Parts
We're ready in Advance.

Many Trophys PLUS Specialty Trophys

Best Paint 1st & 2nd	Best Orphan 1st & 2nd	Best GM 1st & 2nd
Best Interior 1st & 2nd	Best Painted Flames 1st & 2nd	Best Mopar 1st & 2nd
Best Engine 1st & 2nd	Long Distance Award	Best Fomoco 1st & 2nd
\$200 CLUB PARTICIPATION	Best of Show	Antique Foreign car class 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Brand New - No Billet Rat Rod Class Trophys 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Pre-Registration.....\$20.00 Day of Show.....\$25.00

Before March 15th, 2009 (Remember it is a Benefit Show)

Open Show

FOOD AVAILABLE

All Years: For Customs, Street Rods, Trucks & Classics

Reg. 8:00 AM to 11:45 AM ☺☺☺☺☺ 12:00 P.M. National Anthem

Trophy Presentation at 4:00 PM

Model Car Contest /
Vets and Others

All Proceeds to Benefit the
Vets Recreation Fund. "All
gave some, and some gave
all"

They deserve it!!

Checks Payable to:
Downshifters of Brooklyn
7777 46th Ave. N., #68

St. Petersburg, FL 33709
TEAR ALONG THIS LINE

For More Info:

Ski (727) 243-9120

Greg (727) 207-0939

Twelfth Annual MUSTANGS & MUSTANGS .. Legends Havin' Fun 2009 .. April 11, 2009

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to VISTE of Lakeland, FL

LOCATION: Fantasy of Flight – located off I-4, Exit #44 - Polk City, Florida, Phone 863-984-3500
SHOW HOURS: 10:00 A.M. To 4:00 P.M.
PRE-REGISTRATION: \$30 (Pre-registration must be received before March 29, 2009)
 Two (2) FREE passes to Fantasy of Flight, Goodie Bags/Dash Plaques to first 250 Pre-Registered.
DAY OF SHOW: \$40 Registration hours 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Two (2) FREE passes to Fantasy of Flight

Join **Imperial Mustangs of Polk County** at **Fantasy of Flight** on April 11th for our 12th annual event. All Ford-red vehicles are **WELCOME**. “Mustangs & Mustangs-Legends Havin’ Fun 2009” is a Mustang & All-Ford Show. Joining will be several legendary P-51 Mustang Airplanes. If you require an overnight stay, contact one of the following:

Gateway Inn, Exit #55, I4 & Hwy 27, Davenport; 863-424-2596. Mention **Mustangs** code when making reservations. \$59 a night

Days Inn, Exit #33, North Socrum Loop, Lakeland; 1- 877-683-5095. Mention **Mustangs** code when making reservations. \$69 a night

Days Inn Main Gate 4 Corners, Exit #55, I4 & Hwy 27, Davenport; 800-225-3351. Mention code when making reservations. \$99 a night

Mustangs & Mustangs

We are planning on a modified judged format this year. Only pre-registered cars will be judged and 2008 & 2009 will be a tie for vote. Remember, this event is designed to be fun, so consider it the most exciting show in Florida! Fun and excitement guaranteed for everyone!

MUST arrive by 10:00 AM to guarantee a picture of your show vehicle with a P-51.

Dine in the Compass Rose restaurant or one of the concession stands.

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR PETS ALLOWED AT THE SHOW.

Pre-Registration Forms to:
 Imperial Mustangs of Polk County
 Overhill Drive
 Davenport, Florida 33511
 Cell: june&joe@verizon.net
 863-585-1431

For Vendor and Sponsor info contact:
 Pat Rego / e-mail: pats7up@aol.com
 863-838-6817 between 8 A.M. –10 P.M.
 Fax : 863-666-5348

NAME _____ TELEPHONE # _____
 ADDRESS _____ CLUB AFFILIATION _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TYPE: (PLEASE PROVIDE VEHICLE MODEL, YEAR, & COLOR)
 MAKE _____ Boss _____ Shelby _____ Mach I _____ OTHER FORD _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

REGISTRATION:

REGISTRATION THROUGH March 29: \$30

for you

Includes two (2) free passes to Fantasy of Flight a \$62.00 value (children under 5 are free)

Payment NOT

for Sale Space: \$10 Additional

for (Per 10' X 20' Space): \$50

Individual Admission Fee: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child

Event Tee Shirt: S, M, L, XL \$15, XXL \$17

Registration Fee.....\$ 30.00
 Individual Admission Fee.....\$ _____
 for Sale Space (\$10 X #).....\$ _____
 for Space (\$50 X # of Spaces).....\$ _____
 Individual Vendor Admission.....\$ _____

A dyno will again be on site for

**racing guys and gals.
 Cost: \$60 for 2 pulls;**

necessary.

I agree to abide by all the rules of the show. I also agree that I am responsible for my car and merchandise. I agree to release Fantasy of Flight, Imperial Mustangs of Polk County, and all participating sponsors and companies from any and all liability. This must be signed below:

Credit Card # _____
 Type of Card _____ Exp. Date _____ CVS Code _____
 Signature _____ Date _____



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If you have an event
or article to publish,
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ampeg1@verizon.net



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FOR SALE

If you would like to place a For Sale or Want Ad in the newsletter please contact me at: ampeg1@verizon.net. Thanks, **Paul**

One pair of door speakers. They will fit 1965 through 1968 Mustangs. New in box's \$20 save \$8.

One pair of door panel speaker grills. They will fit 1965 & 1966 Mustangs. New \$25 save \$10.

For more info contact:
Harry Barker 352-518-5230
hgbarker@gtefcu.net

Custom Autosound USA-6 AM-FM Radio and Custom Autosound trunk mount 10 disc CD Changer. Will fit all 1965 & 1966 Mustangs. Used

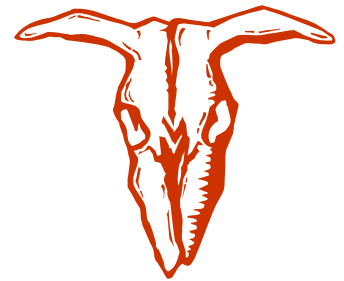
for one year. Works great, all cables and owners manual included.

\$250 for both. Paid over \$500 new.

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Misc D.J. and band P.A. gear. Subwoofers, 16 ch snake, rack mounted dual CD player & mixer, rackmount effects, patch cords etc.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MOSI

Free passes to MOSI available to all club members. To use passes contact Mark Morley-President.

mytang66@yahoo.com