



## Newsletter March 2007

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### NEXT MEETING

**March 27th, 7:00 pm, Bill Currie Ford**

#### MCT Members

Don't miss this meeting. Club member Craig Ross will come back again to discuss some of his vintage road racing experiences and show video from some of those events. Last month we saw some really unique video that Craig brought, but we had some technical difficulties with some of the formats and he informs us he is set up now to show us those things. This is one of our better meeting programs so don't miss out.

We have some good shows coming up and some important events so please read this newsletter and participate in upcoming activities.

Hope to see you at our events. Mark

#### Fall Show Planning is Underway

At our recent Board meeting we discussed a number of things about the show. Last year we made a major improvement in our registration process. This year we want to evaluate our awards format which has grown to be a huge expense of approximately \$2500 because we give virtually every car that attends our show an award.

While there is some good to giving out awards to satisfy more people, others feel it takes away from the significance of the award, especially for the better cars. We are exploring options like offering a greater variety of classes and then giving a Best of Class in each class and a variable number of Awards of Excellence depending on the size of the class. As an example a class with 10 or 12 cars would have a Best of Class winner and may receive 5 to 7 awards of excellence. In this format we could afford to give out nicer awards and possibly show greater profit from the show and increase our charitable contributions.

### **Show Judges Needed**

To revamp our awards process will require us to have more members involved in the judging process. The judging will not be more difficult, it will just take more man hours. If we could draft about 20 to 25 people to judge it will go quickly and smoothly. Please, please, consider helping us judge. It's not difficult, especially judging the average street driven car, which is 95% of the cars at our show. If you can look for dirt, examine body panels for waves and alignment you are qualified!!!

As a result we will be holding some judges clinics to train people. Clinics will be available for both street driven and concourse judging. Street driven is really very simple and has nothing to do with originality. Street driven is based simply upon cleanliness, workmanship and condition. Correct parts like type of plug wires or finish on the hood hinges is not an issue. This type of judging can be used for all types of cars. Concourse judging is a different issue and does require knowledge of correct parts. Watch for more information on this in the future.

### **MCT Trip to NPD**

About 15 members traveled to Ocala to NPD where we were given a private tour of the collection of cars owned by Rick Schmidt and his father. What a collection. There are some very unique cars with almost no miles on them and some other cars of interest such as the 100,000,000 Ford and a few cars from the Ford family. Rick was a great host and all enjoyed the day and the shopping opportunity. A few pictures have been posted but not yet on our web site. To see them go to Kodak.com, click on Easy Share, then check "already a member" and use the club sign in which uses my email address, [mytang66@yahoo.com](mailto:mytang66@yahoo.com) and then for password type in "mustangclub"

## **Suncoast Club Spring Fling Mustang and Ford Show Pinellas Park, April 28, 2007**

**Watch for more information and flyer on this in the near future.**

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### **May Gathering at Rusty Gillis Classic Mustangs Restoration Shop**

MCT member Rusty Gillis has invited us on Saturday May 12 to visit his shop. We can see his current projects, some of which are our members cars and see how he does his restoration work. Also enjoy a BBQ with burgers and hot dogs. Bring your Mustang and we might even have a few interesting awards. Stay tuned for more details on location,

### **May Officer Elections**

It's fast approaching and we have a few positions we would like to recruit. We are in need of a program director, newsletter editor and interim web master. If you are a current officer and will

not run again for your position please contact Mark Morley. Please consider helping out this fine organization. We pay well!

### **Keep Your Email Address Updated**

If you received this newsletter as a hard copy in the mail and you have email, then we do not have your current email address. We regularly communicate important club information and news by email when time does not allow inclusion in the newsletter. We would also like to email this newsletter as it is less work and allows the use of color images and photos. To update your address send an email to [mytang66@yahoo.com](mailto:mytang66@yahoo.com) and as always please reference the club so it will not be discarded as junk email.

### **Mustangs and Mustangs at Fantasy of Flight**

Hosted by the Imperial Mustangs of Polk County, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't miss this Ford and Mustang Show held at one of the most unique show venues in the country.

*Below is my article from this newsletter after we attended the event last year. It seemed that this covers the program pretty well and describes what you miss if you do not attend*

### **(Last year, 2006) MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA at FANTASY OF FLIGHT SHOW**

MCT had 10 members attend the Imperial Mustangs of Polk County Annual Mustang and Ford Show on April 1 at the Fantasy of Flight museum east of Lakeland. Six MCT members gathered early in Tampa and caravanned to the show. As they arrived 4 others from MCT happened to show up at the same time which enabled us to park together.



The sky was clear and the temperatures warm. Our canopy was a welcome oasis on a show field devoid of shade. There was a great turn out of Mustangs and a variety of Fords. We took the opportunity to pass out flyers to our show and invite many of the car owners personally. Everyone entering the show received a picture of their car with a P-51. Ironically the photographer hired and prepaid by the club failed to show up and Mark Houlihan who is a club past president and the Editor of Mustangs and Fords Magazine stepped up and took pictures with some

assistance of Mustang Times editor Mary Jean Wesche. In my opinion the pictures were much better than those taken in past years by the paid photographer. Many thanks to Mark and Mary Jean for the great pictures and the entire Imperial Mustangs Club for an enjoyable day.

Check out more pictures from the show on our web site taken by our webmaster Jeff Deaton. Jeff's camera captured the above P-51 as it buzzed over at less than 100 feet. What a great picture this is with the clouds in the background and if you blow it up a little bigger you can even see the face of the pilot. If you have not been to



the Fantasy of Flight it has many great old airplanes. There were three P-51's outside with a B-24 Liberator. Inside you can go through the famous B-17 which is part of a static display and see up and close one of the few flying Ford Tri-Motors that remains. This the worlds largest privately owned collection of vintage planes.

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**If Someone Asks about the club don't forget to refer them to our  
Web Site: [mustangcluboftampa.com](http://mustangcluboftampa.com)**

## **2007 CMT Calendar and other Events of Interest for Mustangs**

Below is an early list of all our meetings this year, MCA National shows and other events that may be of interest

- Mar 27 Monthly Meeting
  
- Apr 14 Mustangs & Mustangs at Fantasy of Flight Museum  
20-22 MCA National, Mustang, Oklahoma  
24 Monthly Meeting  
28 Suncoast Mustang Club Show
  
- May 8 BOD  
22 Monthly Meeting - Officer Elections  
25-27 MCA National, Louisville, KY
  
- June 26 Monthly Meeting  
22-24 MCA National, Concord, CA
  
- July 10 BOD  
20-22 MCA National, Springfield, IL  
24 Monthly Meeting
  
- Aug 28 Monthly Meeting  
31 MCA National, Augusta, GA
  
- Sept 11 BOD  
25 Monthly Meeting
  
- Oct 13 MOSI Show Date  
23 Monthly Meeting
  
- Nov 13 BOD

20 or 27 to be determined - Monthly Meeting

Dec Holiday Party - Date to be determined.