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Next Meeting

January 13, 2025

Meeting at 7:00 pm

Beef 'O' Brady's

12479 Adams Rd. (IN-23)

(Intersection of IN-23 and Bittersweet Road)

Granger, IN 46530

Upcoming Events

January 13 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

January 25 (Saturday)

Bowling at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart followed by dinner at Perkins (info on page 4)

February 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

March 10 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

March 29-30 (Saturday/Sunday)

South Bend Auto Show, Century Center, South Bend

April 14 (Monday)

Michiana Mustangs monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's

April 17 (Thursday)

Mustang 61st Birthday Party

April 27 (Sunday)

Hospice 'Coffee Cruise-in for a Cause'

May 1 (Thursday)

Opening cruise-in at Essenhaus in Middlebury

Welcome 2025...



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2025 Event Calendar

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Date	Event
Thursday, May 8	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Monday, May 12	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Friday/Saturday, May 16/17	48 th Annual IN-SAAC 'Spring Fling' at Brown County State Park, Nashville, IN
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day Parades in Osceola, Mishawaka, and Elkhart
Saturday, June 7	Mustang Show at Tapper Ford, Paw Paw (TBC)
Saturday, June 14	West Michigan Mustang Club's 44 th Annual Mustang Show, Grand Rapids, MI
Monday, June 9	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Thursday, June 12	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Sunday, June 15	Granger Missionary Church Car Show
Friday-Sunday, June 27-29	Horsepower in the Queen City MCA National Show, Cincinnati, OH
Friday, July 4	July 4 Parade in Hebron, IN (TBC)
Thursday, July 10	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Monday, July 14	Club Picnic
Saturday, July 19	Old Fort Mustangers 42 nd Annual Show, Ft. Wayne
Friday, July 25	Tom's Car Center Lube-A-Thon for Hospice
Thursday, August 7	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Saturday, August 9	Michiana Mustangs 42 nd Annual Mustang and Ford Show at Essenhaus
Monday, August 11	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Saturday, August 30	Pork Fest Parade in Kouts, IN (TBC)
Monday, September 8	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm)
Thursday, September 11	Michiana Mustangs night at Essenhaus
Thursday, September 25	Season-ending Cruise-in at Essenhaus
Sunday, October 5	Hospice 'Coffee Cruise-in for a Cause'
Monday, October 8	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm) 2025 Officer Nominations at this meeting
Monday, November 8	Monthly meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's (meeting at 7:00pm) 2025 Officer Elections at this meeting

Behind the Wheel

By Scott Lickteig



****Happy 2025! ****

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, filled with joy and quality time with family and friends. As we step into this new year, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the journeys we've taken and the road ahead.

As we embark on 2025, it's crucial to remember the 'how' and, perhaps even more importantly, the 'who'. This club was founded in November 1977 by 15 passionate Mustang enthusiasts who wanted to create a community for fellow car lovers. These founding members shared a common bond over their love for the Mustang, and their vision laid the groundwork for what we have today.

Several early members remain a part of the club and continue to inspire us with their stories and dedication. Their experiences remind us of the rich history we share, and the friendships formed along the way. As we gather for events this year, let's take a moment to appreciate their contributions and the foundations they built.

Looking ahead, we're excited to share a calendar of events, car shows, and discussions that celebrate our shared passion for Mustangs. Stay tuned for updates, and we encourage everyone to participate and bring new ideas to the club!

Starting with the January meeting, if you have one, wear your nametag. I will be bringing blank nametags. Before and after the meeting take a few minutes to introduce yourself to someone you do not know. In February we will start the Members Round Up. This will be a monthly article in the newsletter for members to tell the club about themselves. Art has created a form that I will have him send out so everyone can fill it out and return. What a great way for us to become a stronger club. Of course we will still have our events, shows, and cruises this year.

Here's to a year filled with exciting drives, strong friendships, and unforgettable memories. Let's hit the road together!

Sincerely,
Scott

Note to Board Members: there will be a board meeting at 6:00 pm, before the general meeting.

Notes from Last Month's Party

As usual, there was no 'official' business conducted at the Christmas party, but we did do a few things...



We had approximately 50 members at this year's party.



Alan and Lisa Town showed us examples of the new club apparel that will be available this year (more information can be found on page 9).



Vice-President Bob Goeller (R) presents the 2024 'Pumper' Award to club President Scott Lickteig.

In addition, the club donated \$270.00 plus food to the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, and made a delivery to the 2024 Toys for Tots collection point in South Bend on the morning of the dinner.

Membership News



This Month...

- 7 West Geairn
- 10 Blair Knaak
- 17 Diane Reed
- 17 Marion Williams
- 25 Tina Shanholt
- 29 Kristi Preyer



Anniversaries This Month...

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|----|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 4 | Theresa & Terry Sarul | 56 years |
| 23 | Fran & Art Anderson | 60 years |
| 26 | Tina & Mike Shanholt | 12 years |
| 31 | Vivian & Gary Hughes | 49 years |

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

Membership Anniversaries

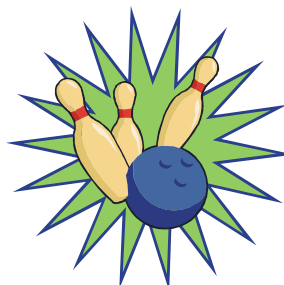
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| Gary & Vivian Hughes | 10 years |
| Diane Shaull | 7 years |
| Jason & Candice Cleveland | 7 years |
| John & Barbara Reihl | 6 years |
| Dave & Pat Martin | 5 years |
| Mike Wiltfong | 2 years |

We remember...

- Paul Houseman (January 14, 2002)
- Bob Kersey (January 31, 2008)
- June Schmidt (January 11, 2018)
- Joe Kraatz (January 24, 2020)
- Carol Podemski (January 8, 2023)
- Ted Sauerbeck (January 15, 2023)

Last Month's Finances

Income	
Membership income	115.00
Total Income	\$ 115.00
Expenses	
MCA discounts	10.00
Donation (Elkhart Career Center)	1,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,510.00
Net Income	(\$ 1,395.00)



Bowling January 25, 2025

Break out those old bowling balls once again and head to Country Club Lanes, 1910 Cassopolis St. in Elkhart. Saturday, January 25 is the day and 12:45 p.m. EST is the time. We'll start bowling at 1:00, giving you time to find a ball and shoes (if you don't have your own) and get a lane to use. The cost is \$ 4.00/game each, covering bowling and any shoe rental. The balls and shoes are sanitized on a regular basis.

Once again, the club will cover the cost of bowling and dinner for the member with the highest score in any one game (up to \$ 25.00 total). There is league bowling starting at 3 p.m., so we need to be finished by then.

We'll be going out for dinner afterwards at Perkins. They are at 107 Northpointe Blvd., at the Toll Road interchange. See the menu at [Menu | Perkins Restaurant & Bakery \(perkinsrestaurants.com\)](http://perkinsrestaurants.com).

Hope you can make it. Let's see some new faces this year! Just want to come and eat with the group? Be at Perkins around 3:15.

Questions? Call Art at 574-612-2333 or cell at 574-326-5099 or email me at art51059@aol.com.

Membership Renewals Due

October (Pending deactivation)

Karen Mann
Donald & Tina Riley

November

F. Brad & Marilyn Robertson
Pete & Marylyn Yoder

December

Nick & Linda Falletta
Debbie & Mike Mittleman

January

Jason & Candice Cleveland
Gary & Vivian Hughes
Dave & Pat Martin
John & Barbara Reihl
Rich Sechowski

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 (De-Activation Month): No Invoice (notice in newsletter)

Dues should be mailed to David Yoder, 1155 N Center St #B, Bremen, IN 46506

Reminder: As of January 1, 2025, dues are \$30.00/year (\$25.00 per year for MCA members with MCA number)



New Members!

Robert & Meressa Chodzinski, from Mishawaka, with a 1988 Mustang

Mike Davis, from South Bend, with a 2024 Dark Horse Mustang

Welcome to the club. We look forward to getting to know you!

For Sale



Rims with tires for sale. (4) 10-hole Fox Mustang rims (top) For P205/65/R15 tires. These tires are shot. Asking \$200 for the set of four.



Ford Explorer rims with tires for sale. Tire size is P235/70/R15. Set of five with good tires. Asking \$500 for the set of five.

I will CONSIDER (not necessarily accept) best offer. Contact Harold Jedrzejewski at 574-315-0589.

Club Support for EAAC



On December 17, the club presented our 2024 donation to the Elkhart Area Career Center. (R-L) Art Campbell, club Secretary, Bob Goeller, Vice-president, Scott Lickteig, club President, and EAAC instructors Pete Lestinsky and Marty Hostetler.

2022 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Code Red Diecast Debuts



By Alexandra Purcell, December 3, 2024

Over two years ago, Shelby American unleashed the [Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Code Red](#), a [twin-turbocharged street-illegal powerhouse](#) harnessing 1,300 horsepower and 1,000 pound-feet of torque. Just 30 of these incredibly powerful pony cars were built – 10 each for the 2020, 2021, and 2022 model years – meaning they're incredibly rare. There's good news for collectors who missed out on the unique build, though, and it's a lot more affordable, too, thanks to the new Hot Wheels 2022 Mustang Shelby GT500 Code Red die cast.



The 2022 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Code Red die cast is a 1:64 replication of the real-life track car. It features an opening hood for a peek at the molded engine, hidden behind its ZAMAC body type. Its body color is called Spectraflame slate, and features Code Red accents just like the real deal. That red-and-black scheme is carried through to the interior, which can be viewed through the light smoke-tinted windows.

The tiny 2022 Mustang Shelby GT500 Code Red gets full-metal base with a matte black chassis and rolls on a set of Real Riders five-spoke modern gloss black wheels. It's packaged on an illustrated blister card and packed in a Kar Keepers clamshell case for collectors who want to keep it looking nice.



"Our latest Red Line Club choice will leave fellow collectors envious and your action figures asking for the keys" reads the product description. "Its opening hood smoothly reveals what makes it the king of Shelby Mustangs, and pays tribute to an incredibly rare street-illegal star. Only 30 were manufactured by Ford, so you'll have a better chance of getting our first-ever die-cast edition, and for a fraction of the 1:1 car's cost."



For just \$25, the Hot Wheels 2022 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Code Red can be purchased on the Mattel Creations [website](#). It's the perfect addition to any Blue Oval die cast collector's fleet, and would look right at home alongside the likes of 1:64-scale [Wrangler 1985 Ford Bronco](#), the [1961 Lincoln Continental Premium](#), and the [1970 Ford Mustang Boss 302](#).

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6 Ways to “Unstick” Your DIY Project

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By Kyle Smith, November 14, 2024



[Kyle Smith](#)

Motivation can be surprisingly fleeting when it comes to DIY projects. The excitement of breaking free the first rusty bolt of the engine swap can dwindle to a full puffy-cheeks exhale as you notice the oil you leaked from pulling the valve covers soaking into the concrete floor. Always buy oil dry at the same time you buy RTV. But I digress.

It doesn't matter how or why it happens; our projects just get stuck from time to time. For me, it's the 1988 Honda XR600R Restomod I started earlier this year. I look at it every time I go out into the garage, have notes in my phone of what works, what has been done and what the next steps are, along with what parts I need and where to get them. And yet... I haven't done anything on that project in months. If we are being honest, there is no real reason. I've spent money that could have gone to this project on other less-pressing items.

So how does one break out of a slump like this? In the past I've used a variety of methods, but this group of six have been the most effective. Use, ignore, or adjust at based on your own projects and needs. And share a comment with other tips that have worked for you as well.

Throw a party



[Kyle Smith](#)

It sounds mighty strange, but, in reality, if you gather a group of your friends around a project there is bound to be enough conversation to put some fresh fuel into the mental project car fire. Hearing other people's thoughts or opinions about the work you've completed and what needs to be done is a fun way to look at the mountain of a project before you and pick your hiking path. Even if you already know your plan, talking it through again with the right group can really bring the drive to pick up tools again.



[Kyle Smith](#)

Sometimes projects grind to a halt because it all gets to feel a little overwhelming. It's very easy to end up with a bench or floor—sometimes both—covered in greasy, grimy bolts and bits. At times leaving everything *just so* works, but if the mind gets distracted for just the wrong amount of time, the whole situation quickly becomes a messy game of pick-up sticks that no one wants to play.

It's the pits. Rather than trying to pick up where we left off, sometimes it's best to just take the mental hit and completely reset. Pick up all the nuts and bolts. Clean everything, put away tools, layout the bits and pieces again, this time in the order they'll go back together. This all effectively re-primers the charge that can propel a project forward again with a big burst. It doesn't feel like a lot to just clean, but sometimes it helps make decisions.

Sell it



[Kyle Smith](#)

6 Ways to "Unstick" Your DIY Project (continued)

One decision you might make when a project stalls out is to magically turn what is currently your problem into someone else's problem. Put that way, it's shocking that this possible solution ever works. Then again, there are a lot of people like me out there who will happily come and pick up whatever old vehicle problem you have, and occasionally pay for the pleasure. There is no shame in admitting that a project has run its course for you. We all get different things from project cars and sometimes the lesson to learn is when to call it quits.

Make a list



[Kyle Smith](#)

If that last one scared you a bit, I'll dial back the suggestion to sell it all and take up golf. Instead, take about the same amount of time it would play the front nine and just take mental stock of your project. Write down what work has been done, what you planned, and what is left, then sort it all out. Use this to chart a course and make your plan to move forward. All projects move at glacial pace at one point or another, having a list is occasionally the only way to visually see progress. Lists can be helpful or overwhelming. Again, choose the right tool for you.

Treat yourself to something nice



[Kyle Smith](#)

If you have the means (or at least the temporary credit limit), sometimes the spark to jump back in can come from buying something you had previously been withholding from yourself, whether for valid or less rational reasons. A slight splurge spent on a new tool can make that rust repair easier, or buying the nicer part or piece for the next task at hand can be a little carrot when the mental stick hasn't been effective. It's worth a try. A new tool or part never hurt, right?

Just do something



[Kyle Smith](#)

Screw the plan, throw out reason, pick something about the project you're excited about doing and do that. This is actually what brought me back to my XR600R recently. I think I just got distracted multiple times in multiple directions and needed to see and experience a nice jump forward.

The seat cover was just the thing. A good quality gripper cover over new foam is trim work I find fun. The material is pretty forgiving, and just a few staples or a little heat with a heat gun can solve most odd pinches or creases. The whole ordeal was just a few hours even when I needed to clean the seat pan, and the bike's look completely changed when I slid the seat on. It was one of those moments where, after cleaning the bench, I took a moment to stare at my accomplishment before shutting off the lights for the night.

Spending the rest of the night remembering my plan for the bike has renewed the drive to work on the 600R's needs. Who'd have thought it would be so simple to unstick this one?

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(editor's note: some pictures in the article were omitted to save space in the newsletter)

2025 Club Apparel



We are happy to announce a revamped apparel web store in cooperation with Logo Boys in Mishawaka, who will be our new supplier. The site address is <https://michianamustangsapparel.itemorder.com/shop/home>. We have expanded the choices to include not only short and long-sleeve T-shirts, but quarter-zip Microfleece in both Ladies' and Men's styles, hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, accessories such as carrying bags, blankets, and more. We haven't forgotten the kids - we've included a couple youth apparel items too. For the T-shirts and sweatshirts, you can have the logo on the left chest only, or, for \$6 extra, you can add the full-size logo on the back. Depending on the item, we've offered every color currently available. The biggest change is that T-shirts are now available in quantities of one piece. All items have an attached sizing chart to help you choose the proper size. As with any printed or embroidered garment, these are not returnable so please be sure to order the proper size. You may pick up your orders at Logo Boys in Mishawaka at 3102 Home St. which runs north and south between McKinley Hwy and Day Rd. Or, you may choose to have your items shipped to your home although that is pretty expensive these days. We will be looking for more items to add to our store as time goes on, if anyone has something they'd like to see please let us know. We hope you find the new store exciting!

Please help with your newsletter!

Tell us your story: Do you love talking about your Mustang; what you've enjoyed most or least; how you bought it and why? Then you're halfway there. Send your story to me with a few photos.

Keep us in the loop: Did you do some great mods to your Mustang, or attend an auto-related event or car show? Take a trip that you'd recommend to others? Send me your photos and a short article on what you did.

Teach us: Did you make some mods to your Mustang or work on a restoration or repair? Take a few photos as you go through the process and send them to me.

How to submit: Email your story and photos to me, or mail them to the address in 'The fine print' in the next column.

Word format is preferable to .pdf; I can handle either, but there's an additional step required to convert the .pdf file. I can also handle things if you just write the story in the body of the email.

There are no restrictions on article length, especially since I'm now doing a separate newsletter for mailing. I can have as many pages as I need for emailing.

It's handier to have pictures attached as separate files. If it's important that the pictures be placed at specific places in the article, put them in place in the article; I can work with it without a problem.

Just been for my first jog of the year and thought people we're cheering me on.

Turns out it was just my butt cheeks clapping together in the breeze.



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