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President's Message

Well time is upon us and the weather is turning bad. Sounds like the fall cruise went well and a big thanks to Brad for organizing that event.

We will meet at our current site for the November meeting at the Library in Granger. I have made arrangements for our Christmas party to be held at the South Bend Firefighters Union hall (the old Moose Lodge on US 20). I will have the date at our next meeting. According to my conversations with the officers of this Union it looks very promising that we can start having our monthly meetings at this location. I will confirm this at our next meeting in November. There are a few details to work out in reference to having meats or just using the site as a meeting place.

Do not forget we have our election of officers for next year at this meeting. Also we will need to vote on who you would like to see to be presented with the Pumper Award for this year.

As I stated that at our last meeting I will not be seeking to have my name on the ballot for next year's officers. I would like to take this time to thank several people who have helped me these past two years. A special thanks to Art Campbell for his friendly reminders about things that I totally forgot about. I want to thank Dave Yoder also. He has helped me greatly with his input for our meetings. A special thanks to Terry, Larry and Ted. Whenever I ask these fellows to help me they were always willing to help me. A special thanks to Becky Christina for her moral support. She has been a great encouragement to me. Big thanks to the whole club for the support given and shown to me over these past two years. I want to wish our new President and other officer's good luck with the upcoming year as we move on with our club functions.

Sincerely

Howard



October Minutes

President Howard Barrett opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. at the Harris Branch of the South Bend Public Library.

Members and guests present were:

Howard Barrett	Liz and Chris Pasternak
Art Campbell	Blake Pierce
Becky and Bob Christena	Diane and Kenny Reed
Gloria and Dick Cornman	Pat and Ted Sauerbeck
Connie Dalrymple & Lindsey	
Jim and June Schmidt	
Pat and Bob Goeller	Becky and Ken Schmitt
Terry Gunderman	Mona and Dick Spitaels
Elaine and Bob Kersey	George Wachs
Sandy and Joe Kraatz	Larry Weaver
Pete McClure	Jane and Dave Yoder
Rose and Hal McJohns	
Charlotte and Ron Newcomer	
Brad Milliken and Veronica Niedbalski	

There was one correction to the minutes: Members are reminded of their dues by a notice sent out one month before the month that they are actually due; a reminder is put in our monthly newsletter, and then, if the person has been a member for more than a year, another reminder is sent out the following month. These reminders are sent to you in the manner that you receive your newsletter -- by E-mail or by the postal service.

Jim Schmidt, Regional MCA Director, reminded MCA members to vote for board members. The ballot is a postage-paid card in your Mustang Monthly magazine.

Howard has been working on getting a permanent site for our monthly meetings. He recently spoke with someone from the Firemans' Union. They are the group who purchased the former Moose Hall where we met. They may have it ready for our January meeting, or possibly in time for our Christmas Party.

Brad Milliken, Events Director, has a Fall Cruise planned for Saturday, October 21- rain or shine! Those who want to breakfast with the group should meet at 8 A.M. at the Cracker Barrel in Elkhart. The group plans to leave there by 9.

Bring a CB if you have one available. They will head for Kalamazoo and the Gilmore Car Museum. Some new things have been added since the last time the club was there.

Dave Yoder has dash plaques available for those members who did not receive one at our show day.

Joe Kraatz mentioned that the October Mustang Times has an ad for an auction for Thunderbirds and limited model Ford Products. He says the pictures of the cars look great.

Bob Christena reported that he and Vic Garrison had attended the Kokomo Club's car show. Vince Springer, one of our members has helped the club get back on their feet. There were about 75 cars at this show.

Chris Pasternak reported that there is legislation being passed that will allow you to purchase a license plate with your car's year of manufacture, for cars over 25 years old. You can check this out at oldironplates.com.

Liz and Chris also reminded us that they will be walking in the Diabetes Walkathon and would appreciate any donations you could make to the group.

A motion was made by Bob Christena, seconded by Mona Steiner, and passed that we donate \$500.00 from our show funds to the St. Joe County Hospice.

Board Meeting Notes:

Carl Kindig, Car Show Chairman, reported that about \$455 was made from our Car Show.

Dave had looked into getting insurance for our club trailer, but all agreed that the \$520 premium was excessive for the little that the trailer is out on the road. It was decided to limit the use of the trailer to car show weekend only.

Dave was given permission to remove the names of former sponsors from the trailer..

Neil Decker's daughter and her husband came to the meeting to discuss their Dad's scholarship fund and to get things in order for applications to be taken. Larry Weaver and Ron Newcomer are in charge of that project.

50/50 - cash - Art Campbell \$25 gift certificate to My Mustang - Kenny Reed Invisible Glass Cleaner -Pete McClure

T-shirts - Brad Milliken, Bob Christena, Gloria Cornman

Nomination ballots were passed out for elections next month.

Please let Howard know if you wish to help with our Christmas party in December. We will plan to bring toys for Toys for Tots as in previous years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

June Schmidt

Secretary

Fall Cruise '06

Becky Campbell

Let me begin this story with a big thank you to the club members who came on this trip and allowed me to indulge in some nostalgia. Thanks to Brad Milliken who made the arrangements for this cruise by setting things up with the Gilmore Auto Museum in Hickory Corners, MI. Due to scheduling difficulties, Brad was not able to make the trip ahead of time to learn the route. He asked if Art and I would lead the way, since we are from that area. Okay, no problem. A group of us met at the Elkhart Cracker Barrel for breakfast and some shopping. A few more joined up and we departed from Elkhart. Brad led us on the first leg of the journey, and when we got to Schoolcraft MI, I took over. We actually stopped at the McDonald's in Schoolcraft for a potty break and standing in line in the ladies room, I told Lola Gunderman that there were a lot of other things I would rather be doing than driving around Michigan in the rain. Little did I know that a few minutes later I would be eating those words. We took the side roads from Schoolcraft MI to Vicksburg MI with the intention of heading north to Hickory Corners and the Gilmore Museum. As we were approaching the main intersection of Vicksburg, where the cars dealerships are, Art said "wouldn't it be something if your old Mustang was on the lot, for sale?" I had traded in my black '85 GT hatchback for a '94 V-8 T-bird in May of 1994. My response was, "yeah, right, like that will happen". Well, folks, believe it or not, front and center was my '85 GT for sale. The dealership owner's wife had been using it for the past 12 years as her summer fun car. The car has lived at Simmons Ford all of that time. It is mechanically sound, and has had a paint job and different wheels added, but she is my old girl. I detoured the caravan into the Ford lot, and 10 pretty Mustangs on a rainy Saturday morning made the sales staff sit up and take notice. After checking to make sure that "she" was my car, I went

The first person I spoke with made the easiest sale of his life when I asked the price and said "SOLD" with no hesitation. The car had never been re-titled and always wore a dealer plate. They handed me my original title and registration work and asked me if I recognized it. By this time, I was shaking and crying tears of joy. Only other car people can understand this. Our club members patiently waited while I wrote out a deposit check and made arrangements to pick the car up. Upon leaving the dealers showroom, I gave the group a thumbs up and they all congratulated me on reuniting with my first ever new car and first Mustang. Some dreams do come true.

After getting myself together as much as I could, we got back on the road and continued on to Hickory Corners. The weather was not very nice. It was gray and gloomy with rain most of the way. As anyone who has been in a caravan can tell you, keeping the group together is not always easy. We had a few stops to regroup and eventually got to the museum. The Red Barns are a collection of antique barns that have been reassembled and now house a marvelous collection of autos ranging from Ford Model T's to Dusenbergs, to Auburn Boat Tail Speedsters, and a muscle car barn with Mustangs and other classic muscle machines from the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Being that we are a club that runs on our stomachs, we snacked at George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner, a restored diner on the grounds. While we were eating, a Porsche club came into the grounds and there was a rainbow of 911's from the late 60's and early 70's.

Our Mustangs were lined up with the Porsches. What a sight! By this time, the weather was improving. The rain had stopped and the sun was trying to come out. We had spent a few hours at the museum and were ready for the next stop – dinner!

We went to the Club Car Restaurant in beautiful “downtown” Alamo. It is a restored railroad dining car that has a restaurant built onto it. Art called ahead to warn them that we were headed their way. They set us up in the dining car and we all enjoyed a great meal.

The wait staff was terrific. Art and I have eaten there many times in the past since it is just down the road from our former home in Kalamazoo.

We wound our way back to Indiana, with CB reports of the Notre Dame/UCLA game coming through every so often. The Notre Dame fans in the group were happy with the outcome of the game.

It was a wonderful day spent with great friends. As Brad put it on the drive home, “Breakfast at Cracker Barrel = \$16.00. Admission to the Gilmore Museum = \$5.00. Finding and buying back your first Mustang = PRICELESS.” Now it is time to put the ponies into storage and start dreaming about spring.

Becky Campbell



Membership Dues

November

Cooper David & Carol
 McClure Hal
 Wertz Herb & Barbara

Long Adis & Jane
 Sauerbeck Ted & Pat
 York Steve

December

Gunderman Terry & Lola
 Newcomer Ron & Charlotte
 Williams Marion

Long Patricia & Shawn
 Sarul Terry & Theresa
 Schmidt Jim & June



If we missed your birthday, please let us know. It is hard to keep up with all the new members at times. Thanks!

NOVEMBER

KEVIN BLAKE 6TH

SUE FILSON 11TH

LISA IPPOLITO 28TH

KATHY KRIZMAN 29TH

Treasurers Report

Oct 06

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

50-50 Meeting 20.00
 Interest 2.93
 Membership 100.00
 Total Income 122.93

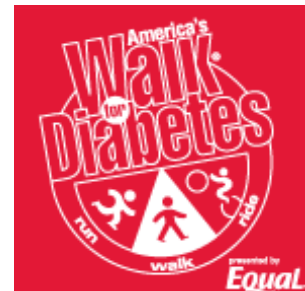
Expense

CAR SHOWS - Expense

Supplies 31.80
 MCA Discount 10.00
 Miscellaneous 88.00

Newsletter

Copies 31.85
 Postage 39.00
 Total Newsletter 70.85
 Total Expense 200.65
 Net Income -77.72



Update on the walk for diabetes.

We had a great time at the walk for Diabetes! There were friends, family members and company supporters at the walk. Healthy meals were served to the walkers both breakfast and lunch. People that attended the event from our family were:

Chris, Elizabeth, Tarynn, Bethany, Nikoli, Pam, Angel and Stasia Pasternak .

From our Michiana Mustang Club family, we collected a total of \$50! Thank you so much for your support in this important event!

Elizabeth Pasternak

October Fall Cruise

Brad Milliken

On the third Saturday in October, tables were put together at the Cracker Barrel in Elkhart to feed a bunch of hungry Ford Mustang lovers (and one Oldsmobile fan).

Dick and Gloria definitely got the "coming the farthest" award. Being in the central time zone, Dick said he was up at 4:30 AM and then had an hour drive to Elkhart. Now that's devotion!

After a good breakfast, we were ready to head into Michigan. It started out a little damp and dreary, however, ten cars with CB's on channel one headed north. US 12 to M 40 to M 60 in Jones and then picking up 131 in Three Rivers. After a quick break in Schoolcraft, Art and Becky informed me that this was their ole stomping ground. They knew a shortcut around the east side of Kalamazoo, so I said, "we'll follow you." We hadn't gone but a couple of miles when I heard over the radio to turn left at Sprinkle Rd. Becky got to the flasher but immediately turned right. Right into Simmons Ford. Just before the Campbell's got to the flasher, Art had said "wouldn't it be funny if your old car was sitting on the lot for sale." So, she thinks she sees her old '85 GT on the lot for sale. I guess she knows her old car when she sees it! Even if it's been 12 years since she last saw it. Art radios for me to take the rest of the group on up to the museum and they'll catch us there. I radio him back telling him 'I don't know where the hell we are since this is your shortcut!"

Ten cars pull into Simmons Ford as the salesmen on a slow, dreary day come running out. Cameras in their hands, it looks like a parade, as they're snapping pictures of the Mustangs pulling onto the lot. Becky knows that's her old '85 out there on the corner. Especially after seeing her name on the title where she had signed twelve years earlier. The car had remained in the dealership's family and had never been titled. Becky had always said she wished she had never sold that car. Boy, in this hobby haven't we heard that a time or two.

About half an hour later, the car was her's again and we headed north once more.

We had a nice, scenic ride following the Campbell's shortcut around some lakes and farmlands and finally pulled into the Gillmore Museum. If you've never been, add this place to your list of things to do. It's a bunch of beautiful red barns all housing old cars. There is also a diner serving good ole chili dogs and chili on the property. Most of us stopped in to get warmed up and have a snack to hold us over until dinner.

The sun eventually came out as did a group of old Porsche's. Our cars looked good on the beautiful manicured lawn. There is also an old Shell gas station that is pretty cool.

The last barn is quite a ways walk so they have a free shuttle to take you to that one. Some of us drove done. The sixties muscle cars are in that one.

Next and final stop was the Club Car restaurant, way out in the country. Art and Becky's old stomping ground! It is a 1910 Denver Rio Grand Railroad car turned into a fine eating establishment. Prices were as good as the food. When the bell started clanging and the steam started blowing, Shirley Wachs thought we were leaving the station! All aboard!

We headed home after dinner taking more back roads coming into Paw Paw and then taking M 40 south. It was dark when we got home, one of the latest fall cruises to date.

We had a great time and Notre Dame won.

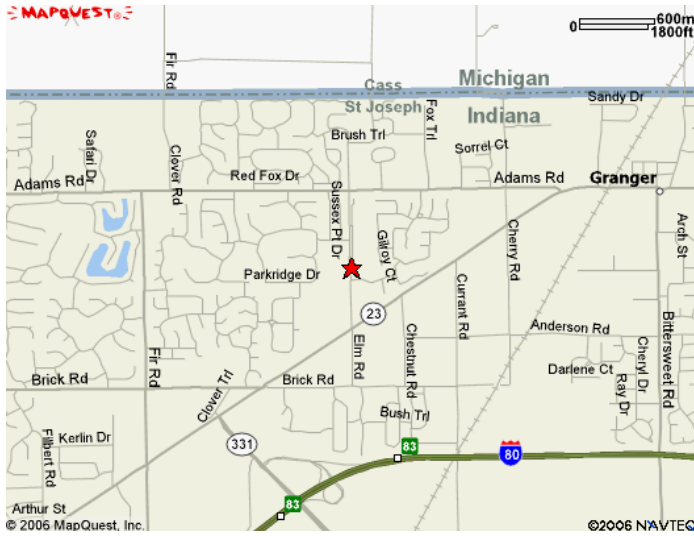
Breakfast for two: \$16.47

Admission to the Gilmore: \$5.00

Buying your old Mustang again: PRICELESS!

Map to the new meeting place...

Harris Branch Library 51446 Elm Rd. Granger IN



Take St rd 23 to Elm Road ,(Fire house on corner) turn left and go about a 1/4 mile to Library OR Take Toll Rd 80 to exit #83, go through toll booth, turn right to StRd 23, turn right and go about one mile to Elm Rd, Turn left down to Library on right.For Help call Library at 574-271-3179 (Sept. and Oct.)

Wanted

Used Power Steering pump or bracket system for my 1965 Mustang V8, (no a/c) , complete system or separate parts. Used or rebuilt, Please call Ted Sauerbeck at 574-273-8513, or email at tedpat71@aol.com. Also front seat belts for a 1987 to 1993 Mustang convertible.

Free to good home

Rich Davis has a 200 engine from a Mustang that he is rebuilding. He was driving the 66' Stang until he decided to rebuild it. The engine is free to anyone who wants it. His phone number is 219-762-2489 Again, no cost, just remove.

For Sale:

Engine plenum cover for '05 and up Mustang GT, silver in color. \$50.00 David Cooper 219 956-3177



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