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The intrigue and legend of the Ford Mustang goes global

The Middle East has local Mustang Clubs

"It's always interesting to see bits and pieces of Americana when travelling around the world," said FLMC President, Mark Patterson. "The people of Bahrain and Kuwait have long been known for their fondness of American cars." One can surmise that it may be partially due to gasoline being a mere 70 cents per gallon versus our \$3.49 per gallon here in the states.

Patterson was surprised at the popularity of the Mustang in some parts of the Middle East. This revelation came one evening while he was out and about in Bahrain, and noticed a number of Mustangs rumbling by. The variety of them ran the gamut from models of the early 1990's all the way up to the brand new 2013's. There was also Shelby's and Roush's in the mix, to further broaden the spectrum. After some investigation, Patterson discovered that both Bahrain and Kuwait have local Mustang Clubs, although none of them are associated with the Mustang Club of America, (MCA).

While in Bahrain, he managed to establish contact with the Bahrain Mustang Club. The club members primarily communicate via a website forum. The group is very active with the exception of the summer months, "which is understandable," he said "most ponies don't like to perform when the temperature is 125°." Their club is mostly track oriented which, Patterson said, is understandable since the club rents out a very nice track from time to time. He found that one of the club's members has a very extensive collection consisting of over a dozen vehicles including a mint-condition 1969 Boss 429 in Royal Maroon. "Must be nice to be an oil sheik!", he joked.

"Kudos to Ford for developing interest in its products on the other side of the planet and in a culture much different than our own," Patterson concluded.

Editor's Note: The web address for the Bahrain Mustang Club is www.gulfgt.com

FLMC holds first ever Club Family Cruise

by: Antonio Simon

On July 22, 2012 the FLMC held its first ever Club Family Cruise. Ten FLMC members and six members of other clubs were in attendance. Everyone met at the Latin America restaurant. They were gracious enough to cordon off a section of their parking lot in the very front of the

restaurant. Everyone was able to safely park their cars away from other patrons' vehicles.

Once seated inside the restaurant, at the reserved tables, everyone had a chance to introduce themselves. The group was briefed on directions, safety procedures, and what to do if anyone needed a pit stop. As well as printed directions were handed out all while everyone was enjoying their delicious cooked to order breakfasts. The reasonable tab was graciously picked up by the Reverend for those who "showed their intestinal fortitude" by driving their vehicles in the rain.

After breakfast the group began their cruise which began at South Beach's Art Deco district, with some people taking pictures from the sidewalks as the caravan drove by. As the weather continued to deteriorate, they headed towards Star Island. Upon arrival at the guardhouse, guard asked Simon to state the group's business, and who they were there to see. "I replied truthfully," said FLMC member Antonio Simon. "Really, no one that we were car enthusiasts out on a scenic drive, and if he would be so kind to let our ten cars in so we can see the mansions." After the guard asked Simon what he was doing driving a car like this in the rain, Simon merely replied that it is the only car he has. As the guard shook his head in dismay, he told Simon to proceed, and let all ten cars in.



photo by: Antonio Simon

"Folks, the homes in this establishment are just beyond comprehension to say the least," Simon said. "But just an unbelievable opportunity he [the guard] gave us." He did take some photos, to show what exactly he meant by that.



While the group was roaring down the causeway, a call came in for a bathroom stop. With that, the group pulled over near Jungle Island and used their facilities. The caravan then proceeded to drive through Downtown Miami, Bayside, by the American

Airlines Arena and Brickell Avenue. At this point the rain was relentless, and the group stopped across from Vizcaya, at the Children's Museum/Planetarium. Upon stopping around 1:00pm a vote was taken, and it was decided to call it a day, due to the inclement weather.

Overall, it was a good time. The group viewed many places and most importantly there was lots of comradery.

The enduring mystery of the "lost" 1965 Bertone Mustang

by: Justin Hyde
Senior Editor of Motoramic
Friday, July 20, 2012

Editor's Note: This article was submitted to The Pony Express, by FLMC Member Antonio Simon. I have put the exact article as originally written by: Justin Hyde, Senior Editor of Motoramic, published Friday, July 20, 2012. The webiste is: <http://autos.yahoo.com/blogs/motoramic>

The death last month of L. Scott Bailey, the founder of one of the most esteemed automotive publications in the 20th Century, revived a long-standing mystery surrounding this car: a one-off Ford Mustang styled by Italian coachbuilder Bertone and then-unknown designer Giorgetto Giugiaro. I'd show you a more modern picture than this, but the car hasn't been seen in public for decades. Yet there's evidence it's still intact, somewhere.



1965 Bertone Mustang

Bailey, 87, founded the advertising-free Automotive Quarterly in 1962. Less a magazine than a series of books, AQ set a standard for automotive writing that's not been met since. Every issue was filled with a level of care and obsession that simply can't be found today, from exhaustively researched stories by noted historians to high-quality paper and beautiful photography. In 1964, at the height of the Ford Mustang launch, Bailey had an idea after a meeting with Italian designer Nuccio Bertone: what could Bertone do with a Mustang chassis?

The result was unveiled at the 1965 New York Auto Show, and the Bertone Mustang was hailed as an instant success, winning a "best in show" award. In the next AQ, Bailey wrote about the design and the car, running a picture of himself, Bertone and "younger designer-in-charge" Guigiaro -- a few years before Guigiaro would leave to start his own firm that would steer supercar design in a new direction throughout the 1970s.

Since 1965, little's been seen of the Bertone, and it's not been viewed in public in decades. Many concept cars are destroyed, and the value of a one-off Mustang such as this wouldn't have been apparent for Bailey himself apparently

once launched a search to locate the car several years later to no avail. Today, thanks to its uniqueness and design from two of the greatest automotive stylists, the Bertone Mustang might be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, or more, depending upon its condition.

After his passing rekindled a few memories, one forum poster on a Mustang message board left this enigmatic note: "The car in question, and it's location are known by a select few. The current owner does not care to speak with anyone about it (as of January 2010) as it is his/hers." We can only hope to see it again soon; no car this stunning should stay out of the limelight for so many years.

Please remember to check our website www.flmustangclub.com for updates on club events. The bottom of the first page is continually updated with all the latest information regarding club targeted shows, rally locations & times and much more. It will also be posted if a last e-mail was sent. If you are not receiving blast e-mails, or do not want to, please contact Mark at admin@flmustangclub.com.

From the Editor's Desk...

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the newsletter this month. Keep them coming.

Thank you,
Bruce H. Solov, *Editor*

Feature: Member's Car Spotlight

Each month, *The Pony Express*, will showcase the car of a current member as well as the story behind that member's car.

Wayne Harlow 1970 Ford Mustang Fastback



Harlow's 1970 Mustang Fastback

(photo by Wayne Harlow)

This month's Memeber Car Spotlight Wayne Harlow's 1970 Mustang Fastback. Wayne has been a member since December 2011.

"It's a 1970 Mustang Fastback in Grabber Blue." said FLMC Member Wayne Harlow. Appropriately named color as the Grabber Blue, certainly "grabs" your attention.

Harlow's car was originally built, at the San Jose, California Ford Factory with the 220 hp, 302 cubic inch V8 with a 2-barrel carburetor, coupled with the "C4", medium duty, 3-speed automatic transmission. Now the car has the 250 hp, 351 cubic inch V8 with the Cleveland 4-barrel carburetor, coupled with Ford's, heavy duty "C6", 3-speed automatic transmission. The car also has black interior, power front disc brakes, power-assisted steering and classic air.

Harlow found the car online in October 2011, and after testing the car out, bought it. He thought he was stealing the car because of the price he had paid for it, until he got it home and really started to drive it.

The car spent most of its life in Southern California, because of where it was originally made. The person, in Southern California, who owned the car had it on a "rotisserie" and repaired and/or replaced just about every part on the car, however did not put the car back together. "Either he ran out of money or just lost interest," Harlow said. Later, a guy in South Florida bought the car, put it back together and gave it a new paint job. Harlow said that the reassembling of the car was not done correctly.

Since Harlow has had the car, he too has replaced, repaired, inspected, tightened or adjusted just about everything on the car from bumper to bumper. He did concede that sometimes it is fun and other times it is not, but the work is to be expected on a classic car. "You will always be fixing something on it," said Harlow. "So you could say I have a new 1970 Mustang now."

Stay tuned for next month's Member's Car Spotlight. If you would your vehicle spotlighted, please let the editor know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! *AUGUST BIRTHDAYS*

Larry Wechsler -August 15

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 25, 2012: Battle of the Brands (Ford v. GM) Car Show. 4 - 9 pm. Strikers Family Sportscenter, Sunrise.

September 2, 2012: Seminole Casino Hollywood Labor Day Weekend Car & Truck Show.

September 8, 2012: Club Targeted Event - 9/11 Tribute Cruise to Islamorada. Formerly an all Mustang cruise, now an open cruise to Holiday Isle. Cruise starts at Tower Shoppes, typically has a police escort through Broward county on I-595 and turnpike. The cruise terminates with a car show. Most people make it an overnight affair, continuing the party down in the keys.

September 23, 2012: PGA National Resort Open Car Show by the Gold Coast Corvette Club. 10 - 3 pm. Registration starts at 8:30, ends at 11:30. \$30/\$35 DOS. Awards, door prizes, music, food/drink. Special golf, hotel and spa prices for participants.

October 20, 2012: Club Event - Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club Picnic. Details TBA.

October 14, 2012: Lefty's Semi Annual Classic Car & Truck Show. Davie.

October 26-28, 2012: Ocala Pumpkin Run. Ocala. Sponsored by NPD.

A full listing of the Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club upcoming events along with any links can be found at www.flmustangclub.com. Also, the club newsletter may be downloaded from the front page of our website.

As a reminder, FLMC Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30pm at:

Maroone Ford of Fort Lauderdale
1333 North Federal Highway
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

Meetings generally last about one hour, for more details and directions, visit our website.

Monthly Mustang Factoid

A blacked-out hood with tie-down pins was standard for the 1969 Mach 1, as was a nonfunctional conventional hood scoop. The shaker was optional.**

**The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2, by Mike Mueller, p.111, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.

