



# THE PONY EXPRESS

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## Rainy weather dampens turnout at Reflections In Glass Car Show

*But, all FLMC attendees win trophies.*

The turnout of both cars and visitors at the Reflections in Glass XXX Car Show, was dampened by the rainy weather. The show was held January 19, 2013 at Maroone Chevrolet in Ft. Lauderdale and put on by America's Corvette Club.



(top left to bottom right) Nye Woodhouse, Jimmy Chejanovski, Gene Barrineau, Carrie Barrineau and Bruce Solov

The FLMC had three cars entered in the judging. Nye Woodhouse's '03 GT Convertible, Gene & Carrie Barrineau's '66 Convertible and Bruce Solov's '04 Convertible. There were additional cars there as well including a 1971 Fastback and Jimmy Chejanovski's '12 California Special.

This year as entrants came to the show, they were positioned in front of a green screen where their picture was professionally taken, and superimposed on a variety of different backdrops for a nominal cost. Additionally there were the usual things that makes these car shows enjoyable, such as food trucks, other vendors and the obligatory DJ, trying to sing the music as he was playing it.



While the weather was not so stellar, it didn't prevent the three FLMC entrants from emerging victoriously.



Barrineau won 2nd Place for 1958-1969 American Car-Stock, Solov won 2nd Place for 2002-2006

American Car-Stock and Woodhouse won 1st Place for 1997-2006 American Car -Semi-Modified. Other club winners included Albert Salvador, for his Camaro.

The rain may have dampened the cars, but not the spirits of the attendees. All in all it was a great time.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*The Board of Directors would like to welcome the following new members to the club...*

Charles Smith-2012 Mustang Coupe, 1989 Mustang LX Convertible

## FLMC Members attend the 2013 Silver Springs Car Show

*by: Lori Patterson & Marci Stringert*

On January 12 & 13, 2013, FLMC Members traveled up to Ocala, Florida to participate in the 2013 NPD Ford and Mustang Roundup. The show took place at Florida's Nature Theme Park-Silver Springs, which is the home of the world-famous Glass-Bottom Boats.



Most of the group arrived on Friday night to get a "good night sleep" before "our long day at the show," said First Lady Lori Patterson. Of course the group went to dinner, swam in the indoor pool, and hung out in the hotel's "living room", and had some family time.

Bright and early the next morning, the caravan headed to Silver Springs. Once at they park, they were directed to where to park their 'stangs. "Low and behold, they put us right next to the bar and a 20 X 20 tent," Patterson said. The Mustangettes immediately sequestered the tent,

ensuring that it wasn't used by vendors and thus the FLMC having the best seating in the park.

There was a vast array of over 1,500 Fords and Mustangs on display; as well as a plethora of activities, combining to make a fun-filled day for members and friends. Additionally, the group beheld a sight that is not seen everyday. They had spotted a Kodiak bear, and were awestruck by the creature's hulking stature. "Seeing them on TV is one thing," she said. "But in real life, watch out!"



The group returned to the hotel in the early afternoon. "We all celebrated our great day at the show with libations in the pool and hot tub," said FLMC Treasurer Marci Stringert. The group then went to dinner at Cody's Original Steakhouse. This is a "fun place where you can throw peanut shells on the floor," Stringert said. "Taxi cabs were ordered and arrived, and the group of fifteen happy Mustangers stampeded off." One of the cab's drivers was Santa Claus, (editor's note: Santa has to do something in the off-season). The company and conversation kept dinner lively, thus translating into laughs and good times.

After returning to the hotel, the group gathered back in the "living room" for snacks and cocktails. Sunday morning came bright and early, and everyone reluctantly headed home. "Another great Silver Springs experience," said Stringert.

## Membership renewals and dues are due April 1st

Renewal time for memberships are quickly approaching. Membership dues will be due by April 1, 2013. FLMC Treasurer, Marci Stringert will be sending out a blast e-mail after our February 9 Car Show.

## Broward Mall Cars Show yields a sunny day and award winners

by: Lori Patterson

There was a car show held at the Westlake Broward Mall on January 20, 2013 in Fort Lauderdale. "The weather was perfect," said FLMC First Lady Lori Patterson. "A beautiful sunny day."



(photo by: Lori Patterson)

Showcasing their cars were FLMC members: Herb and Barbara Gauch, John & Marci Stringert, Eli & Fran Rossy, Shirley Lyons, Lori Patterson, Gene & Carrie Barrineau

and new member Mike Ruby. Kevin & Marianne Reeds stopped by with their puppy Merlin.

Several club members won awards for their cars. Marci & John Stringert won Best Interior for their 1988 GT Convertible. The other award winners were Herb & Barbara Gauch, Gene & Carrie Barrineau, Lori Patterson, and new FLMC Member, Mike Ruby.

The Plantation Kiwanis Club was on hand at the event selling hamburgers and hotdogs. Additionally, a few vendors were on hand as well to sell their wares. "But the main attraction was the cars, and for us, the awards," Patterson said. "We had a great time and most members got an award!"

"We always have a great time at shows," she said. Be sure to check the website calendar and join us at any "Club Event", or let us know of any shows/car activities that we will not want to miss.

## 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.

### **Bruce Solov:** **2004 Ford Mustang Convertible** *(Originally printed in the February 2012 edition)*



Solov's 2004 Convertible

(photo by: Bruce H. Solov)

This month's Member's Car Spotlight is Bruce Solov's 2004 Convertible. Bruce has been a member since March 2011, but has had a love for the Ford Mustang and convertibles since his childhood. Being raised in Northern New Jersey, the climate was such that a convertibles and rear wheel drive cars were simply not practical.

"I have always had a hankering to have a both a Mustang and a convertible," he said. Prior to acquiring this car, he was driving a 2005 Toyota Corolla XRS. That all changed on the morning of December 16, 2010. Here is the story.

Solov was on the way to pick up his daughter in Pompano Beach. While stopped at a traffic light, his car was hit from behind by a Lexus (also stopped) behind him, which was hit by a cube van type truck. Fortunately neither he nor any of the others involved were injured.

It was a typical accident scene: police, fire-rescue, witness accounts, people on their cell phones outside their cars, etc. What happened in the aftermath was far from

typical. Solov knew that several thousand dollars of damage was done, but had no idea that he would be told by his insurance company, that his car was a total loss.

"At that point, I decided I was going to find the number one car on my list of dream cars," he said. Thus, Solov was unexpectedly thrust into the market for a car. After searching for over a week, he found his "dream car" online, and was at a local dealership. He was sold just on the test drive, but only for the right price. The right price was reached, and the 2004 Convertible was his, completely paid for by insurance money. Needless to say, he will always own a Mustang convertible, and he has his sights set on getting the 50th Anniversary model in 2014, while still holding on to the car that "opened a lot of doors" for him.

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mike Ford-Feb. 15  
Mary Lou Toth-Feb. 21

### From the Editor's Desk:

HAPPY ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY to *The Pony Express*. It was a year ago, this month that the Official Newsletter of the Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club, underwent its metamorphosis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of *The Pony Express* in the past year.

I look forward to the continuation of the success of our newsletter, and all members are invited to submit articles/features for this publication. The newsletter's email address is: flmcponyexpress@hotmail.com .

Thank you,  
Bruce H. Solov  
Editor, *The Pony Express*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 2, 2013: Club Event** - Basket making party at Shirley's house for the car show. 2:00 PM.

**February 2, 2013:** Project CS Annual Benefit Car Show. Coral Springs. \$15 pre-registered, \$20 DOS.

**February 9, 2013: Club Event** - Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club Charity Benefit Open Car Show. 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

**February 9, 2013:** Monster Truck Jam. Sun Life Stadium. 7 PM.

**February 10, 2013:** Classic German Car Show. Oakland Park.

**February 10, 2013:** Hooters & Horsepower Custom Car & Truck Show. Noon - 4 Pm. Free. Boca.

**February 11 - 16, 2013:** Classic Car Cruise aboard the Jewel of the Seas, sailing from Tampa, FL. Various people from different walks of life and interest in classic cars get together and take a cruise on a passenger ship. For more information, visit the following website: ClassicCarCruise.com.

**February 16, 2013:** Zoomin' for Zoe 5th Annual Car Show. Wayne Akers Ford West Palm Beach.

**February 17, 2013:** Road Knights of South Florida Benefit Car Show. 9 AM - 3:30 PM. VFW Post #1966 350 SW 25th Str, Fort Lauderdale 33315. \$15. Dash plaques to first 50 cars. Benefits our veterans. DJ by Rockin Rich.

**February 28, 2013:** Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. Spectators \$50.

**February 28, 2013:** "Where the Cars Are" cruise night. Las Olas Blvd, Ft Lauderdale. 6 PM - 9 PM. 20 years or older. Must pre-register. Free. Contact info 954-771-0729.

**March 3, 2013:** Lou Bachrodt 2nd Annual Car Show. Noon - 6 pm. Corvette Club of South Florida. Coconut Creek.

**March 10, 2013:** Our Town America 35th Annual Car Show. 12:00 - 4 PM. Coral Springs Sportsplex.

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

The biggest news for 1996 involved the GT's standard power source. In place of the venerable 5.0-liter pushrod, V-8 was the new 4.6-liter mod motor with a single overhead cam in each cylinder head. Base price for the 4.6-liter SOHC GT Coupe was \$17610 in 1996, Production was 31,624.\*\*

\*\**The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2*, by Mike Mueller, p.242, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.

