



THE PONY EXPRESS

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THE INAUGURAL EDITION



FLMC Newsletter undergoes a metamorphosis

New Look, New Name and New Editor...

The New Year brings new beginnings to an integral part of our organization. The all-important newsletter.

It was determined at the January 2012 FLMC meeting, that Bruce Solov, is the new editor of our monthly newsletter. Also, the newsletter has a new name, *The Pony Express*. Getting its name from the moniker that the Ford Mustang has had since its birth at the end of 1964.

Subsequent newsletters will be as aesthetically pleasing to the eye, unique and fun to read as this inaugural edition. Most importantly, will be filled with useful information, with something for everyone. It is also important to note, that *The Pony Express*, will be in its evolution process for quite some time. With that being noted, there will be an initial deadline for submissions to be in the newsletter, by the beginning of the last full week of the current month.

From the Editor's Desk...

Deadline for submissions to *The Pony Express*, will be no later than the Sunday of the last full week of the current month, for the following month's newsletter. All submissions can always be given to me in person, or emailed to me: bsolov@hotmail.com.

I look forward to being your editor for a long time and making our newsletter the best.

Thank you,
Bruce H. Solov, *Editor*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mike Ford- February 15
Mary Lou Toth- February 21

"Mustangs at the Mickyard" MCA Grand National Show to be held

There will be an MCA Grand National Show to be held in Orlando in the fall of 2013. "I think this is likely the

closest a Grand National will ever come to South Florida," said FLMC President, Mark Patterson.

The show is slated to be scheduled for the 2013 Labor Day Weekend. There will be lodging available for this event at the Coronado Springs Resort The resort reportedly set aside a block of 500 rooms with a discounted rate of \$99/night. The rate is good from August 26, 2013 thru September 5, 2013. Reservations will be accepted, for this event, beginning April 17, 2012 (a pertinent date, April 17, in the history of our beloved Mustang). The discount code is G0605618. Book early and online ASAP for the discount. (current rate is showing at \$164).

The show is still more than a year away, and much of the details still remain to be set. As more information becomes available, *The Pony Express* will deliver it.

FLMC Wins First Place at Reflections In Glass car show

The Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club won first place for club participation at the 2012 Reflections In Glass Car Show. Show took place on January 21 at Maroone Chevrolet in Fort Lauderdale. The show was put on by the America's Corvette Club and sponsored by Maroone Chevrolet.

The FLMC won the first place trophy and a \$100 cash prize. There was a total participation of 18 cars, belonging to FLMC members, on exhibit at this event. FLMC President, Mark Patterson then donated the prize money to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. After doing so, the club was given \$100 worth of 50/50 tickets.



by Bruce H. Solov/Editor
Victor Bon Jovi's 2008 Shelby GT500

Unfortunately, the club did not have the winning ticket. Additionally, five of our members won trophies in individual categories.

Victor Bon Jovi won for *Best In Show, stock 2007-2012* with his 2008 GT500. Other winners included: Mark Patterson who won for *Stock American Car, 1958-1969* with his 1968 GT500KR, George Toth who won second place for *American Car, modified* with his 2007 Shelby GT500 Convertible, John Stringert who won *Best in Show,*





by Victoria Jovi

A part of FLMC's representation at Reflections In Glass 2012

stock 1986-2004, with Marci's 1988 Convertible, and Nye Woodhouse who won first place for *Best in Class, semi-modified* with his 2003 GT Convertible

The weather was perfect for this Club Targeted Event and fun was had by all.

Annual club dues are now due

It is that time of the year again, membership dues are now due. The renewal dues are \$20.00 for the year, and entitles your spouse to membership as well. Also, you get a full year of the new, *The Pony Express* club newsletter by e-mail. Members who joined on or after August 1, 2011, are not required to renew this year, thus their memberships will extend until 2013.

You can renew online at: <http://www.flmustangclub.com> Renewal can be done by Paypal, or mailing in the application which is on the above website. All dues payments are directed to our Treasurer, Marci Stringert, who will handle the renewals on an individual basis.

Get Well Soon Ted Parkhurst

It is with great sadness that we need to pass along that FLMC Member, Ted Parkhurst has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Ted and Susan Parkhurst have been members since July 1995. Please keep Ted in your thoughts and prayers, through this difficult time.

Sugar Rod Run Festival slated for April

The Sugar Rod Run Festival is slated for April 14, 2012 in Clewiston. The club either rents a house or stays in a hotel for this event. You can also drive up and back on the same day. The driving time is about 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

If you are interested, please let Barbara Gauch know as soon as possible. She is organizing our lodging arrangements this year, and needs an accurate count so that there will be enough accommodations for everyone.

Feature: Member's Car Spotlight

A new feature has been added. 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



by Bruce H. Solov/Editor

Solov's 2004 Convertible

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4, 2012:

- Downtown Miami Flagler Classic Car Show. Hosted by AACA. 10 am - 3 pm.
- Project CS 5th Annual Car Show. 11 am - 3 pm. Sportplex, Coral Springs.
- Jimbo's Sandbar Saturday Night Cruise. Dania. 4 pm - 8 pm.

February 5, 2012: Lefty's Super OBowl Party Car & Truck Show. 10 am - 3 pm.

February 11, 2012:

- TMS Car Show, 10 am - 3 pm. 6601 Lyons Road B7, Coconut Creek 33073
- Oceans Eleven Monthly Beach Cruise Night. 4 - 8 pm. Hollywood.

February 12, 2012: Diamond Dolls Annual Open Car Show. 10 am - 4 pm Pompano Beach.

February 18, 2012:

- **Club Targeted Event** Zooming for Zoe Benefit Car Show. East Coast Mustang Club Car Show. Lake Worth.
- MFMC 25th Annual Mustang & Ford Round Up. Waterford Lakes, Orlando. 300+ cars. 7:30 am - 4 pm. \$25.

February 19, 2012: Broward Mall Classic Car & Truck Show.

February 23 -25, 2012: Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Shelby Cobra. Show cars by application only. Go to their website for more information - www.bocaratonconcours.com.

February 26, 2012: Seminole Hard Rock Classic Car Show. 10 am - 4 pm. Hollywood.

March 3, 2012: Jimbo's Sandbar Saturday Night Cruise. Dania. 4 pm - 8 pm.

March 3, 2012: 1st Annual Open Benefit Classic Car & Truck Show. 1 pm - 7 pm. Lou Bachrodt Chevrolet. Coconut Creek. Hosted by Corvette Club of South Florida.

March 7, 2012: Club Meeting & Outing to Xtreme Karting. 7:00 pm. Further detail TBA.

March 11, 2012: - Car of Dreams Benefit Show. 131 US 1, North Palm Beach. Hosted by South East Rods & Customs. Pre-reg \$20, \$25 DOS - includes 2 museum tickets.

March 16-18, 2012: Auctions America by RM. Fort Lauderdale Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd, Fort Lauderdale 33316.

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

In 1969, The Ford Mustang 'E', which was their economical version of the Mustang, debuted. This car featured a six-cylinder engine, coupled with a "highway axle ratio" and an automatic transmission. Only 96 of these were built, and only came as fastbacks.**

**The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2, by Mike Mueller, p.106, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.

