



THE PONY EXPRESS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

FLMC Annual Holiday Party a great time

The FLMC held its annual Holiday Party on December 8, 2012 at the home of FLMC President and First Lady, Mark & Lori Patterson.



Some of the festive crowd at the FLMC Holiday Party

The menu included hamburgers, hot dogs, steak and soft drinks provided by the FLMC. Additionally, there were covered dishes brought by the members including chili, black beans and rice, homemade cole slaw, baked ziti and much more.

The party also featured a "white horse" gift exchange. The gifts ran the gamut from practical like car care gift sets and tools to gag type of gifts as well. Participants had the opportunity to steal gifts from other participants if they were not completely satisfied with the gifts they opened. Some of the most popular gifts that were stolen and changed hands often were the car care gift sets, assorted adult beverages and even a Spode gift set as well.

The weather was great for the party and fun was had by all. *The Pony Express* would like to thank our host and hostess Mark and Lori Patterson for opening up their home for this festive occasion.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Albert Salvador- 2012 Boss 302
Mitchell Moser- Ford Econoline
Dave Douthitt- 1993 Mustang LX

Susan Parkhurst made honorary member

Susan Parkhurst, the wife of our late and distinguished past president, Ted Parkhurst has been made an honorary member of the Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club in a unanimous vote by the officers and board of directors. The Parkhursts have been members since July 1995. Congratulations Susan Parkhurst.

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.

Elio & Fran Rossy: 2004 Mustang GT Convertible



Rossy's 2004 GT Convertible

(photo courtesy of Elio Rossy)

This month's Member's Car Spotlight is Elio and Fran Rossy's 2004 GT Convertible.

" We bought our 2004 Mustang GT Convertible, last August 30th," said Elio Rossy "This is the sixth Mustang I purchased, including my son's 1969 Mach 1." Rossy is no stranger to owning Mustangs. He owned two 1965 coupes when he was younger, and before he met Fran.

Fran knows that Eli is what he calls a "Mustang Nut", as he did own two of them when he first met her. At that time, there was a lot of repairs made on the 1966 coupe including the floors, seats, and even the interior roof. The mechanic working on the '66 coupe made Rossy an offer he couldn't refuse, even though it was still not repainted yet. Three weeks later, the '66 coupe was totaled. However, they did keep the '68 coupe.

Fran points out to everyone that this is Eli's "midlife crisis dream." He searched for many months until he found the car. This was because Fran did not like the fastbacks, and it was very difficult to find a convertible in good condition along with low mileage. The car was purchased with only 57,500 miles on the odometer. Eli wanted the GT because, "I enjoy the Mustang's 'growl' when you hit the gas," he said. All of the 2004 Mustangs were built 40 years after it was first introduced. His particular car is one of the Special Edition GT Deluxe models, featuring the Crimson Red paint. That model year also had another shade of red available as well. Other special features included special wheel rims and pony interior amongst other things. Their Mustang is a daily driver, and they only use their Lincoln MKZ when someone is with them and they need the back seat.

Rossy pointed out, "Our car looks like the red convertible on the cover of our *Pony Express* on the top right hand corner."

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jim Smith - Jan. 2
Ralph Wethli - Jan. 14
Gloria Muller - Jan. 28
Marianne Reeds- Jan. 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 5, 2013: Darrell Gwynn Full Throttle Show. Sheehan Autoplex. Lighthouse Point.

January 5, 2013: Pompano Elks Classic Car Show. 11 AM - 4 PM. Russ G Events. \$20. Pompano Elks Lodge. 700 NE 10th Street, Pompano Beach 33060.

January 12, 2013: Weston Town Center Classic Car Show. 11 AM - 4 PM. Russ G Events. \$20. Main Street & Bell Tower Lane. DJ Scott the Music Man. Proceeds benefit the Prestige Club.

January 12-13, 2013: Club Targeted Event - Ford & Mustang Roundup. Silver Springs. Go to www.npdlink.com for more information.

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites. \$69.50/room or \$109/suite + tax. You must make your own reservation at 352-237-0715. The block code has been emailed to everyone. If you didn't get the email, please contact Marci or Mark. Cut-off date December 28th.

There may or may not be a rally from South Florida to Silver Springs. We will rally in the hotel parking lot the morning of the show. Most people generally go up Friday afternoon and depart Sunday morning, with a club outing at

a local restaurant either/both Friday and Saturday night.

January 13, 2013: Ed Morse Sawgrass Annual Car & Truck Show, presented by the Renegade Corvette Club. 10 am - 4 pm.

January 18-19, 2013: Pro-Winter Warm Up. Palm Beach International Raceway. Professional Drag Racing. Visit www.racepbir.com for more information.

January 19, 2013: Club Targeted Event - Reflections In Glass XXX presented by America's Corvette Club. Maroone Chevrolet of Fort Lauderdale. 1300 N Federal Hwy. 10 AM - 5 PM. 54 judged classes. \$25 pre-reg by Jan 11th or \$30 DOS. DJ, vendors, food trucks and more. Visit the following for more information: [American Corvette Club](http://AmericanCorvetteClub)

January 19, 2013: 9th Annual Car & Truck Show at Germain Arena, presented by the West Coast Muscle Car Club. Billed as the largest car show in southwest Florida. Estero, FL 33928

January 19, 2013: Sample McDougald House Antique Car Show. 10 AM - 2 PM. 1970 & older. AACA Fort Lauderdale. \$15. 450 NE 10th Street, Pompano Beach.

January 19, 2013: Stangs vs. Vettes. Seminole Casino Immokalee. 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Free Registration. \$20 Free Play Card. \$10 Food/Beverage Voucher. Approx. 90 minutes from Fort Lauderdale across Alligator Alley. Hwy 846 five blocks south of Hwy 29. 506 South First Street Immokalee, FL 34142. For more info go to www.flhrh.com.

January 20, 2013: Cool Wheels Car Show. Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Shelter # 10. Benefits Youth Automotive Training Center. \$20 Pre-reg, \$25 DOS. T-shirts and gift bags to first 300 cars.

January 20, 2013: Broward Mall Annual Car & Truck Show. 10 AM - 4 PM. Plantation. Dash Plaque first 100 vehicles. \$15.

January 25-26, 2013: River Ranch Run. Saturday show 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Lake Wales. \$15, \$20 DOS. Dash Plaques, Swap Meet, T shirts, Door Prizes, No judging & No trophies.

January 26, 2013: Sunny Isle Classic Car Show - 10 AM - 3 PM. Aventura.

January 26, 2013: Burn Some Rubber Classic Car Show. 9 AM - 2 PM. Russ G Events.

January 26, 2013: Jakes Wayback Burgers Cruise Night. 5:30 PM - 9 PM. 4690 N SR 7, Coconut Creek.

January 26, 2013: Magic City Casino 13th Annual Open Classic Car Show. 10 AM - 3 PM. Thunderbird Club. 37th Ave & 7th Street. Dash Plaques first 200 cars. \$20.

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 prereg, \$20 DOS.

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

February 10, 2013 - Classic German Car Show. Oakland Park.

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

An optional removable hardtop option was considered for the 1994 convertible, but didn't make it into production. This feature reappeared in 1995 for the SVT Cobra convertible.**

***The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2, by Mike Mueller, p.235, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.*

