



FLMC PONY SHOWCASE

This month Mark Patterson's 1968 Mustang is in the showcase!

My Mustang experience started way back in high school. My first Mustang was a yellow 1967 convertible with a 289. I quickly learned what "buyer's beware" meant when it comes to purchasing an old car, even though back in the late seventies the car wasn't really that old. As it turned out, the Mustang had severe rot in the floor pans and several other locations. At the time, the damage was simply too much for either me or my father to handle and I ended up selling the car. At least it taught me the importance of checking the cowl and floor pans before buying a Mustang!

Soon afterwards, I purchased a dark blue 1967 coupe. This car was very interesting for several reasons. Firstly, it was a genuine K code in pretty good condition with only 60K miles. Secondly, it was a highly optioned car. It had a vinyl top, PB, PS, AC and deluxe interior with a floor and overhead console. All this for \$2000!! I drove this car throughout high school. I owned it through most of college, although it mostly sat in my parent's garage as I couldn't afford to take it north with me to school. Sadly, my junior year of college I parted with the car for monetary reasons. I have tried on many occasions to locate this car over the past couple of decades with no luck as I didn't keep any paperwork and Florida doesn't keep motor vehicle records that far back.

After many years of looking for my old car, and always being envious of the performance variants of the Mustang, I found myself sitting at an auction staring at a 1968 Highland Green GR500KR. At that time, the prices of 60's era muscle cars were sky-rocketing and I feared if they went up any further I would never be able to own one. Fortunately, the car I liked didn't sell. After pondering it for a while, later on I called the dealer who was selling the car and asked if it was still for sale. After a little haggling, we finally made a deal and I had my first Mustang in about twenty years.

A few years later, the prices of muscle cars softened considerably. Again I found myself sitting at an auction ogling a particular car. I had registered to bid, but "just in case", not really intending to bid. When the price of the no-reserve car stalled at a relatively low level, I thought to myself "what the heck, I'll never get it at this price" so I raised my hand. Someone outbid me by \$1000 so I raised my bid by \$1000, intending to stop there. As it turned out, my bidding did stop there – because the hammer came down. Now all that was left was calling my wife and telling her we were the proud new owners of a 1969 Boss 429!!! Well, she always said she wanted a red car??



Join us for our monthly meeting
1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm
Maroone Ford - 1333 Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 4, 2010 – Board Meeting (board members only) – 6:05 pm at Maroone Ford.

AUGUST 4, 2010 – MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AT MAROONE FORD, 7:30 pm
Meetings are held in the old Fleet Building, just north of the showroom. Drive around back and come up the stairs.

AUGUST 28, 2010 – Caladium Festival, Lake Placid Florida. Pre-registration form at www.lpfla.com. Host hotel is Holiday Inn Express in Lake Placid. Rooms are running about \$95 per night.

OCTOBER 2, 2010 – FLMC hosting open car, truck and bike show at Maroone Ford! We need every member to pitch in and help with this huge show. Help is needed with judging, parking and registration. The charity for the show is being decided and donations are needed for goodie bags, prizes and raffles. Rockin Rich will be spinning records and the BBQ will be up and running.

We want to showcase your mustang!

Tell us the story of your pony and how you got involved with the Ft Lauderdale Mustang Club.
Please submit article and picture to marcia.stringert@wfadvisors.com

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER 2 SHOW!!!!

We would like every member to solicit prizes for our October 2, 2010 show. If each member solicited and received one donation each, our raffle and auction will be a huge success.

The Mustang Fillies will be collecting items at each meeting through September. Suggestions for donations:

Gift certificates to restaurants
Hotel stays
Car care products
Wine/ liquor/beer
Beauty products
Spa Gift Certificates
Gourmet Foods

We also need items to stuff goodie bags - pens, pencils, key chains, product samples, t-shirts, hats, coolie cups. Donate items with your company logo, and we will stuff them in the bags! Bring your donations to monthly club meetings, and the Mustang Fillies will handle the rest!

The Mustang Club is going Digital!!!!

If you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter instead of e-delivery, please call Marci Stringert at 954-575-3939. To update your e-mail address, please e-mail web.admin@flmustangclub.com