



# THE PONY EXPRESS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE MUSTANG CLUB



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## March 2012 Monthly Meeting to be an "extreme" one.

The March 2012 FLMC Meeting will be a field trip to Extreme Karting in Fort Lauderdale. The event will begin at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 7. There will be a club race, followed by a buffet style dinner. If you still have not RSVP'd, please RSVP to Mark Patterson as soon as possible.

### From the Editor's Desk...

The Pony Express now has its own e-mail for all submissions to the newsletter. That email address is: [flmcpnyexpress@hotmail.com](mailto:flmcpnyexpress@hotmail.com) Please make a note of it. Of course, I will also gladly accept submissions to the newsletter in person.

As a reminder, the 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.

Thank you,  
Bruce H. Solov, Editor

## FLMC Makes a showing at the Zooming for Zoe Benefit Car Show

The 2012 Zooming for Zoe Benefit Car Show was held February 18 at Wayne Akers Ford in Lake Worth. Proceeds from this year's show to benefit Sebastian Jazmin, leukemia patient and Citrus Grove Elementary student. Eleven of our cars were on hand at this club targeted event.

The group met at the West Palm Beach Service Area on the Florida Turnpike to caravan to the show. Everything went as expected, but, what was unexpected, is the mini car show; more specifically Mustang car show that took place at the service area. While waiting for everyone to arrive for the 8:45am roll-out, people who were there began to get their cameras and photograph our fine show cars. As the group was rolling out, onlookers were waving to the caravan.



The judging at this show was a "peoples' choice" each entrant was given a ballot to vote for the car they would most want to be

driving. Additionally, ballots were given to the show's guests. There was a 50/50 and other prizes as well. While no prizes or trophies were awarded to FLMC members for their cars; FLMC Secretary George Toth won a \$50 gift card. Congratulations George!



(Left to Right)  
Top: Barbara Gauch, Bruce Solov and George Toth.  
Bottom: Stacey Jovi, Marci Stringert, Ralph & Mickey Wethli.

The weather was perfect and was a perfect day for a car show put on for a charitable cause. Lots of fun was had by all who were there.

## Chevy in a Mustang Parade

by: Ralph Wethli, FLMC Member

The following is a member's account of this year's annual Pony Drive, infused with a little humor. "When humor is handed out, I want to be first in line.", wrote Ralph Wethli.



This year's drive was to cruise, explore, and see the sights of the Great Lakes Region. The rally point was

St. Louis, MO. The route included the west side of Lake Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie, down the east side of the lake to three days of activities in Dearborn, MI, which included a tour of the Ford Mustang factory and the annual Woodward Cruise. Reaching a total of 3100 miles from our North Carolina home, and 16 days on the road. With our Mustang tucked away in our South Florida garage, we opted to take our Lincoln on this year's Pony Drive. Our friends are tolerant with us old folks, and after all, it is a Ford. We strived to bring up the rear in order to not slow down the parade.

We arrived at our motel in St. Louis on Friday night. Saturday was a layover day reserved for any late arrivals

and catching up on telling past years' stories. After all participants were present and accounted for, the drive was planned to depart early Sunday morning. When we emerged from our room, the space where we parked the Lincoln was empty! Out of all the beautiful cars in that lot, ours was the thief's choice. This was from a lot that was full of late model Mustangs and Shelbys. One of them was a New Zealand couple's two week old Shelby. We therefore bid farewell to all of our friends and spent Sunday cancelling the credit cards and bank accounts that were in Mickey's briefcase. Since we were unable to contact our insurance agent until Monday morning, we spent another night in St. Louis.

Even though our insurance did not cover car rental, they graciously offered us a month's rental with Enterprise. With that offer, we chose to complete the Pony Drive. Once at the rental office, they informed us they only had a Chevy HHR, which is that funky, retro-looking, 1936 bread delivery wagon and a strong contender in a competition for most ugly. Mickey loudly protested, advising the agent that we were part of a Mustang caravan. However, we had no other option, at which point she called it a tin can.

We caught up with the drive in Springfield, IL; where they spent two days visiting Abe Lincoln's home and had a cruise in with the local Mustang Club on Route 66. Our rented Chevy was the brunt of a few jokes, but we were welcomed back. It was an incongruous addition to a Mustang caravan. While still wanting the rear position, the Chevy had problems keeping up, and they therefore placed a Lubbock, TX couple behind us. We think it was because those Texans are good at rounding up strays.

Then came the Mustang factory visit in Flat Rock, MI. Other Mustang clubs were invited, with a total of at least 100 cars. We cruised on to Ford property, with Mustangs both in front and behind us, and our Chevy stuck out like a wart on a homecoming queen. The Ford property road was well over a mile long, before reaching the lot for the factory tour. As we turned into the lot, a guard stepped in front of us and politely stated that he would hold traffic while we made a U-Turn. The Chevy's welcome came to an end. No Chevys in the Mustang lot, and were forced to park in the visitors' lot a mile back. We had to walk a mile back to the tour starting lot in the August heat. I expressed our discontent with the guard, showing him our Pony Drive ID and explaining our circumstances. He was sympathetic, but rules are rules. The factory tour was worth the grief, fascinating, and a fond memory. We were taxied back to our Chevy after the tour. That is Ford Friendly.

The police found our car approximately five days later, stripped of all its contents. The car was towed to a storage lot, where it remained for another week. Our insurance company paid for the towing, storage fees and cost to transport it to a body shop near our North Carolina home. We got the car back 48 days after that fateful Sunday morning. It was in show hape, but it was hard to welcome back to our family. We were violated, greatly inconvenienced and thus the car seemed tainted. The thief took all 50 of our favorite CD's and left us a trashy Rap one in its place.

Thus, another Pony Drive goes into the history book in our memories. Needless to say, we did not enter the Woodward Cruise.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Linda Silvey - March 15  
Tim Hodges - March 24

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

*The Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club and The Pony Express, would like to welcome the following new members to our organization...*

Paul Mercier - '70 Mach 1

## 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.

### *Jimmy & Arlene Chejanovski: 2012 Ford Mustang California Special GT*



*Chejanovski's 2012 "California Special" GT*

This month's Member's Car Spotlight is Jimmy & Arlene Chejanovski's 2012 Mustang "California Special" GT. Jimmy and Arlene have been members since October 2011.

"Well, I guess my love for the Mustang all began in 1969," said Jimmy Chejanovski. He went with his parents purchased his first vehicle at a used car lot. His \$1600 bought him a 1966 Mustang with a 289 V8 and an automatic. The vehicle had no air conditioning and no power steering.

When Chejanovski originally bought the car, it was a "pretty burgundy", but a year later, he had the car painted Grabber Blue. Ironically, that color is popular today, he said. He kept the car a few years, even racing it on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway in New York City, much to the chagrin of their police force. He eventually sold his "first love", and purchased a 1970 Torino, and then bought a 1972 Gran Torino, (which was made famous by the 1970's TV series, *Starsky & Hutch*). "With the limited product available in the 70's, I lovingly applied silicone spray to the white interior, although my wife didn't appreciate the hard stops and fast starts," said Chejanovski. After Jimmy got married, his purchase of fast cars had to wait until his son graduated college in 2009.

After doing extensive research online, he bought a 2009 Mustang GT in Torch Red, with a 5-speed manual transmission. "As we all know, you never stop looking and changing," he said. With that sentiment in mind, he purchased flush mount window louvers and honeycomb rear deck lid at the Silver Horse Racing facility in Melbourne, Florida. But his car buying days didn't end there. After he read about the improvements to the 2012 model, he traded his 2009 for a 2012 "California Special" Mustang GT, with a 5.0 liter Coyote engine coupled with a 6-speed manual transmission, in Race Red. "I have finally got my Mustang mojo going," Chejanovsky said. "Thanks to the Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club, I have fellow 'Stang' lovers to share my passion."

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

### *In Memoriam*

*It is with deep sorrow that we need to announce the passing of Ted Parkhurst on February 26, and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends:*

A former FLMC President, his sense of humor and knowledge of the Mustang will be missed by all of us. Flowers have been sent on behalf of the club.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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. \$20, DOS \$25.

**March 4, 2012:** Dream Car Classic Downtown Hollywood, featuring pre-1980's classic cars and 1981-2012 modern & custom cars. First Sunday of every month through June. \$10 registration 8 - 10 am at 20th Ave & Tyler Street.

**March 7, 2012: Club Targeted Event** - Club Meeting & Outing to Xtreme Karting. 6:30 pm. There will be a club race followed by a buffet at the track.

**NOTE: A blast email has been sent with details about how to RSVP. If you did not get the email, please contact Mark ASAP.**

**March 11, 2012: - Club Targeted Event** - 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.

**March 17, 2012:**

- Suncoast Mustang Club's 25th Annual Mustang, Shelby & Ford Show. Concours judging pre-registration \$25. DOS and non/judged \$10. Registration 8 - 10 am. Judging 10:30 am - 2:30 pm. Awards 3:00 pm. 2500 N 34th Street, St. Petersburg, 33713.

- Oceans Eleven Monthly Beach Cruise Night. 4 - 8 pm. Hollywood.

**March 24, 2012:** Cruz N America Open Benefit Car Show. 10 am - 3 pm. Boca.

**March 31, 2012: Club Targeted Event** - 15th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs Show, Fantasy of Flight, Polk City. \$40/\$45 DOS - includes picture with a P-51. Dash Plaques first 250 vehicles. NOTE: Please contact George Toth ASAP regarding room availability at the Tuscana Resort, not later than 2/6 for group rates. Non-group rates are \$149 two bedroom condo, \$159 three bedroom condo + cleaning fee.

**April 1, 2012:** 15th Annual Mustangs & Mustangs Continuation Show at Richard Petty Speedway, Orlando. \$45/\$50 DOS - includes 4 parade laps and starting line photo, 30% discount for Richard Petty Experience & Ride along. Click [here](#) for more information about the event. Click [here](#) for Disney World information and group rates. NOTE: Please see note above regarding the Tuscana Resort.

**April 1, 2012:** Dream Car Classic Downtown Hollywood, featuring pre-1980's classic cars and 1981-2012 modern & custom cars. First Sunday of every month through June. \$10 registration 8 - 10 am at 20th Ave & Tyler Street.

**April 1, 2012:** Festival Flea Market Mega Car Show. Pompano Beach.

**April 5 - 8, 2012:** Barrett-Jackson. South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach 33411

**April 14, 2012: Club Targeted Event** - Sugar Festival Rod Run - Clewiston.

NOTE: Please contact Barbara Gauch ASAP if you wish to attend and reserve a room at the Clewiston Inn, \$89.99/night. Most members stay overnight or for the weekend. However, this show is drivable in a day if desired.

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**

1974 was a year of great change for the Mustang. These changes included the debut of the Mustang II, which was honored as *Motor Trend* magazine's Car of the Year. Additionally, 1974 was the first year that four-cylinder and V-6 engines appeared under the hood. Finally, 1974 was the first model year a convertible was not offered, and the only year that a V-8 Mustang was not offered. \*\*

\*\**The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2*, by Mike Mueller, p.167, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.



**Big Lake Cruisers**  
**321 Saginaw Ave**  
**Clewiston, FL 33440**

Confirmation notices will be mailed after early registration ends

Registrations must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2012 to qualify

**\*Please do not send cash!**

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Car Information:	Make	Model	Year
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Club Affiliation			

**Entrants and Participants:** With your signature of this form, you release the Big Lake Cruisers, the Sugar Festival Committee, the City of Clewiston, their officers, and anyone connected to the Rod Run from any and all known/ unknown damages, injuries, losses, claims, or judgments from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any participant to his/her person or property. **No entry will be permitted without a signed registration form.**

*Rain or Shine—No refunds*

**Signature of Entrant**

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<b>Cars - Trucks</b>	
Early Registration (through March 31, 2012)	\$20
Day of show (Registration ends at noon)	\$25