



THE PONY EXPRESS

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Large turnout at 2012 FLMC Annual Picnic

The FLMC held its annual club picnic on October 20, 2012 at Topeekeegee Yungnee (TY) Park in Hollywood. The menu of hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken was cooked to order by our grill masters; FLMC Secretary George Toth and FLMC President Mark Patterson. The vast spread of food also included standard picnic favorites like coleslaw, potato salad and baked beans. There was also some other goodies including devilled eggs, fried chicken, tossed salad, chili and a lot more. There was also an array of tasty desserts as well.



Grill masters George Toth & Mark Patterson (photo by: Bruce H. Solov)

There were approximately eighty people in attendance to the event, including members of America's Corvette Club. There was also parking on the grass for those FLMC Members who drove their ponies to the picnic. There was a total of six Mustangs that were on display at the picnic ranging in model years from 1964½ to 2011. There was even a Mustang that was small enough to park on one of the picnic tables.



The day's activities included horseshoes, cornhole toss, badminton, and even an all-men and all-women tug-of-war. Of course there was the radio controlled Mustang which featured a horn, the start-up sound of the actual Mustang and even gears. There were other radio controlled cars being played with as well.

The editorial staff at *The Pony Express* would like to thank our grill masters George Toth and Mark Patterson, our cashiers Shirley Lyons and Marci Stringert, our cleanup crew Derrick & Shelly Boroday, "covered dish" coordinator Lori Patterson and last but not least all who brought a dish to the picnic. The picnic was a success and

the weather was nothing short of perfect for a picnic. A great time was had by all.

The Roaring 20's make a haunting visit to the 21st Century

The annual FLMC Halloween party was held on October 27th at FLMC Members John & Marci Stringert's Coral Springs Speakeasy. The party was complete with flapper girls, gangsters and a visit by Al "Scarface" Capone.



Flapper girls in attendance (photo by: Bruce H. Solov)

The party was complete with great food, great people, 1920's trivia, a costume contest and above all, an all around great time. The winner of the costume contest was FLMC member Nye Woodhouse, who came to the party in a beach outfit from the 1920's.



The party was not short on activities including pinball machines, video games such as Pac Man and Galaga, and even an old jukebox, spinning an eclectic array of tunes.

The party's festive fare included: chicken wings, chili, baked ziti, sandwiches, and an array of salads and side dishes as well as a vast array of Halloween-themed desserts.

The staff of *The Pony Express* would like to thank our speakeasy host and hostess, John & Marci Stringert for a great time that was had by all who came.

FLMC members attend "Christmas for Kids" benefit

by: Gene Barrineau

The Sunrise Elks Lodge 2273 held their annual "Christmas for Kids" benefit on October 28, 2012. The

benefit included a craft show and a children's Halloween party.

There were four FLMC members along with two cars in attendance at the event. Trophies were awarded in no particular order to the top 25 cars. There were additional trophies awarded in specialty categories.

Gene & Carrie Barrineau and Eddie & Janet Colon won trophies in the top 25 best car category. Eddie & Janet Colon also won the Best Late Model Mustang Award with their 2010 Mustang.

The weather during the event was fantastic, and a great time was had by all.

FLMC monthly meetings now being held in a new meeting room

Starting with the October 3, 2012 meeting; the FLMC's monthly meetings have been moved to a new place.

The meetings will still be held at Maroone Ford in Fort Lauderdale, but our meeting room has been moved to the new conference room located on the ground floor of the main showroom. Club members should park on the north side of the showroom or across from the service department.

Please remember to check our website www.flmustangclub.com for updates on club events. The bottom of the first page is continually updated with all the latest information regarding club targeted shows, rally locations & times and much more. It will also be posted if a last e-mail was sent. If you are not receiving blast e-mails, or do not want to, please contact Mark at admin@flmustangclub.com.

An Important Message from the Blue Oval Office

FLMC President, Mark Patterson

- Registration is now open for the 2013 MCA Grand National Car Show in Orlando. The hyperlink below is the online registration form for the Mustangs at the Mickyard: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?llr=67f54qkab&oeidk=a07e6d3wvga0bb8a60e>
- The FLMC Christmas/Holiday party will be December 8 from 6PM-10PM, with dinner being served at 7PM. The Party will be at the President's house. The address is located in both the club roster and in the blast e-mail. All club members are invited and are requested to bring:
 - * One covered dish
 - * One present for a gift exchange, not to exceed \$15. and may or may not be a gag gift
 - * BYOB
 - * Club is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and picanya steak

Each month, *The Pony Express*, will showcase the car of a current member as well as the story behind that member's car.

Mark & Lori Patterson 1969 Boss 429

This month's Member Car Spotlight is Mark & Lori Patterson's 1969 Boss 429. Mark & Lori are the FLMC's President & First Lady.



Patterson's 1969 Boss 429

(photo courtesy of: Mark Patterson)

"My very first car was a 1967 Mustang convertible," said FLMC President, Mark Patterson. "I purchased it at age 14 from mowing lawns." With Patterson not knowing much about cars at that age, it quickly turned out to be a bad purchase, he said. After his father looked over the car, it was determined that it had a wide range of issues including severe rust in the cowl and visible sagging in the middle. The car was sold off at a relatively small loss to Patterson.

With Patterson's fifteenth birthday fast approaching, which in Florida is that age at which a teen can obtain a learner's permit, he quickly went out and purchased a replacement. The replacement was a fully operational, blue 1967 Mustang coupe with a deluxe interior and featured the rare overhead console. He also later found out what the "K" stood for in the VIN# and it was determined that it didn't have the original engine. During the late 70's/early 80's his high school parking lot was full of 60's Mopars, Goats, and others, but said the Mustangs were still the coolest.

A couple of decades later, Patterson decided to get back into a Mustang. With the prices of Shelby's escalating for years, he had to decide immediately because it was close to the height of the market and "figured it was now or never," he said. Thus jumping into the market. A few short years later, the entire economy took a turn in the other direction. Patterson was determined not to repeat that mistake.

Patterson, has annually attended RM auctions for years. One day while at one of the auctions, he noticed a pair of Boss 429's with no reserve. He decided to register to bid, just in case, but figured the opening bid would be too rich for him. Surprisingly, there was very little interest in the car, and after a couple of lowball bids, he raised his hand and was immediately outbid by \$1000, so he raised his hand again, thinking it would merely get the ball rolling. "In one of those moments I will always remember," Patterson said. "The auctioneer yelled, 'third and final time...SOLD', and just like that I owned a 1969 Boss 429." After going back to look at the car, he now noticed that the twin was listed with a reserve.

He soon realized that paying for the car was just the beginning. He quickly learned that auction houses take liberty with their originality claims, and Boss 429 parts are by and large unique. With unique comes expensive, "but that's a story for another newsletter," Patterson said.

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

Update on hotel accommodations for Silver Springs

submitted by: Marci Stringert

The club has reserved a block of rooms at the Country Inn and Suites again this year for the All Ford Event in Silver Springs. The event will be on January 11-13, 2013. Rates are \$69.50 /night, plus tax for a king or double bed room and \$109.00/night, plus tax for executive suites.

You must make your own reservation by calling the hotel at 352-237-0715 and mention block code: **201301FLMC**.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Gauch - Nov. 7
Chris Sharkey - Nov. 15
Mark Patterson - Nov. 18

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11, 2012: Classics & All Ford Car Show & Food Drive hosted by MSM. Gus Machado Ford of Kendall. 12562 SW 120th Street, Miami 33175. \$15 or equal value in canned goods to benefit the Salvation Army. Top 20 awards.

November 15, 2012: Club event - New date for November monthly meeting, coincides with "Go Further with Ford" event. A blast email has been sent with more details. If you didn't get the email, please contact Mark.

- Free buffet on the showroom floor
- Event hours 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM. You can come early and eat before the meeting if you wish.
- FLMC meeting will take place at regular times: 7:00 PM Board Meeting, 7:30 PM General Meeting in the Main Showroom Conference Room
- You may be entered into a drawing to win tickets to a live taping of American Idol
- You can also enter for a chance to win a 2013 Ford Fusion
- Ford will make a \$10 donation to Miligro Center for each person who registers.

November 15, 2012: Seminole Hard Rock Cruise Night. 6 PM - 10 PM. FREE. Russ G Events. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

November 17, 2012: Jakes Wayback Burgers Classic Car Saturday Night. 5 - 9:00 PM. FREE. 15% discount on food. 4690 N State Road 7.

November 17, 2012: Phil Smith Chevrolet Open Classic Car Show. Fort Lauderdale. Russ G Events.

November 18, 2012: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead Speedway. There will be a car corral inside the oval. If anyone is interested contact Mark.

November 18, 2012: Art for the Animals Car Show. Royal University Plaza, 2556 North University Drive. Benefits Tri-County Humane Society. DOS \$10. 10 AM - 5 PM.

November 22-25, 2012: Daytona Turkey Run. Admission for General Public: \$15 Th-Sa, \$10 Sun. \$40 Pre-reg, \$45 DOS. Show hours 8 AM - 4 PM. Car Corral, Swap Meet, Food Vendors. Go to turkeyrun.com for more information.

November 25, 2012: 3rd Annual Turkey Soup Rod Run. Spanx the Hog BBQ Restaurant. 147 S Cypress Rd, Pompano. Noon - 4 PM. \$10.

November 29, 2012: "Where the Cars are Thursday Night Cruise". Presented by AACA. Limited space, pre-registration required. Cars 20 years or older. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

December 2, 2012: Festival Holiday Classic & Foreign Mega Car Show. 10 AM - 4 PM. Festival Flea Market. Pompano. South Florida's Largest Car Show. Vendors, food, prizes, giveaways, music. 1st 300 registered get \$10 gas card, \$10 food voucher, \$20 Festival Dollars. After 300 get same minus the gas card. Hospitality Tent with free coffee, donuts, bagels, etc. Pre-reg \$25 until Nov 28/DOS \$30.

A full listing of the Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club upcoming events along with any links can be found at www.flmustangclub.com. Also, the club newsletter may be downloaded from the front page of our website.

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

A trendy T-top roof became optional in 1977 for 2+2 hatchbacks only. It cost \$629 for standard 2+2 models. The price was \$587 when added atop the Cobra II.**

**The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2, by Mike Mueller, p.179, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.

