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CDTC slated to have a Thanksgiving Food Drive

submitted by: Marci Stringert

It is coming fast, The all important 2012 Holiday Season, will soon be at our doorsteps. That means the selfless giving of oneself to those that are less fortunate and/or going through a crisis.

The Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC), which is the primary charity of the FLMC is having a Thanksgiving Food Drive. All FLMC members are urged to bring donations of non-perishable food items to the October and November meetings. These donations will be used to make a great Thanksgiving dinner for the patients and their families

This is an abbreviated list of what can be donated to this great cause:

- rice mixes
- stuffing mix
- corn
- green beans (and other items for casserole-cream of mushroom soup & French's onions)
- boxed potato mixes
- instant mashed potatoes
- gravy (jars or mixes)
- cranberry sauce
- muffin or corn bread mix
- canned sweet potatoes or yams
- marshmallows
- chicken broth
- evaporated milk
- pumpkin pie filling
- boxed pie crust mix
- foil roasting pans
- fire extinguisher
- foil pie pans
- canned fruit

Any and all donations of these above items will be greatly appreciated. Let us all join in and bring donations.

Details of the 2012 FLMC Club Picnic released

by: Lori Patterson

On October 20, 2012 the FLMC will be holding its fall picnic. This year's venue will be TY Park, Shelter #9, at 3000 North Park Road in Hollywood. The picnic will take place from 11:00am - 3:00pm. This event will be FREE for all FLMC members and their immediate family (spouse & children). If anyone wishes to bring extended family members and friends, the donation schedule below will apply.

Your FLMC treasury will be funding the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, buns, condiments, soda, water, plates, plastic ware, paper towels & cups, charcoal and lighter fluid.

Each FLMC member/couple is requested to bring one covered dish. Please coordinate your choice of what to bring with Lori Patterson, that way we will not end up with 20 sides of potato salad. There will be electricity available at the shelter for those who need it to keep hot sides hot and such, again, please coordinate with Lori. Her e-mail is Lori@ims-site.com.

The picnic will be BYOB and only beer and wine are permitted in the park and glass containers are prohibited as well. The FLMC will provide several large coolers with ice for the BYOB.

Separate grass parking will be available so feel free to bring your Mustang. There will also be games and music. If anyone has any suitable picnic-style games you are encouraged to bring them. Additionally we are looking for lawn darts, large boom box/CD player. We have also invited several other area car clubs to join us.

The donation schedule for all non-FLMC members and extended family and friends of FLMC members is as follows:

- Adult-\$8, children 8-12 years old- \$5, under 8 years old is free.
- PLU-TY Park admission on the weekends is \$1.50 per person/ \$8 maximum per car.

Our event volunteers are as follows:

- Event Coordinator: Lori Patterson, 954-658-3001
- BBQ Grill: Christian & George
- Cashier: volunteer needed
- Set up/Early arrival: Volunteers needed
- Clean up/trash: volunteers needed

FLMC monthly meetings to be 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.

From the Editor's Desk...

I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the newsletter this month. Keep them coming.

Thank you,
Bruce H. Solov, *Editor*

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.

Herb & Barbara Gauch 1968 Mustang Coupe



Gauch's 1968 Mustang Coupe (photo courtesy of Herb & Barbara Gauch)

This month's Member Car Spotlight is Herb & Barbara Gauch's 1968 Mustang Coupe. Herb & Barbara have been members since August 1989.

"The year was 1978, the month was June, and there we were," said FLMC Board Member, Herb Gauch. "The Gauch family in our 1976 Ford van to sunny Florida." After the Gauchs got settled and acclimated to the climate and Herb to his new job; he realized that the van was not the ideal vehicle for commuting between Hollywood and Ft. Lauderdale. This was because gasoline was an "outrageous 60 cents a gallon," said Gauch. He was wondering how they would survive, because he was filling the tank in the van twice a week. With this dilemma of gasoline being expensive; he sought the advice of his co-workers. One of those co-workers suggested a Mustang because of its fuel economy and the he predicted that Gauch's car would increase in value. "Sounded like a winner," said Gauch.

Since becoming a licensed driver at the age of 17, he



only owned Fords (no Mustangs though), and felt this was the way to go about it. After responding to several newspaper ads, he came across a 1968 that a Queens, NY school

teacher, had owned. It was exactly what he was looking for. Some of the criteria was low mileage (the odometer was at 22,931 when he bought it, six cylinder, automatic, power steering and AM radio. What more could one ask for, he thought.

The only downside to the car was a sagging headliner, no big deal. He and the Queens school teacher settled on a price, and he was off.

Being a self proclaimed "shade tree mechanic", the first thing he did was order a shop manual, which proved to be a smart move. The first order of business was to have the headliner replaced at the shop, he was told that the windshield would have to be removed. Gauch did his homework, and knew this conflicted with what was noted in the shop manual. As a result he made the repair himself. Another major problem with the car was leaking air vents, which was common in Mustangs. Because there were no repair kits at that time, he fabricated his own using copper roof flashing. Apparently, these vents had leaked before, and someone attempted to seal them using bondo..

After that, all the subsequent repairs were more like routine maintenance (oil changes, tune-ups, tires, etc.). Additionally the front seats were reupholstered on more than one occasion, while the original back seat remained. Then there were the upgrades which included a 1971 Ford, AM/FM radio, transmission cooler, rear air shocks, cassette player, an A/C system from a '66 Mustang that was converted to a street rod, and even a trailer hitch to tow Gauch's 21-foot sailboat. For the A/C compressor, he needed a different mount, which he found on a 1971 Maverick, in a junk yard.

The upgrades didn't stop there, deluxe door panels, and a tilt-away steering column (which was a Christmas gift from Barbara), and with the help of fellow FLMC member John Stringert, was installed in one afternoon. The list continues on from there featuring wire wheel covers and a grille with fog lights, most of which were bought at flea markets.

By 1986, the odometer was reading over 130,000 miles, he decided to give the Mustang a rest. He then purchased a less sportier car, a four-door Pontiac. The Mustang did get a new paint job in May 1985, which changed the car's color from Metallic Gold to Ford Red, it felt like he had a second new car.

In July 1989, the Gauch's joined the Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club, and "our lives took off to a whole new world," said Gauch. The Mustang currently has a little over 186,000 miles with the original engine still "purring away".

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Dwight Tilman - Oct. 5
Eric Keating - Oct. 13
Michael Piazza - Oct. 14
Mickey Wethli - Oct. 19
Susan Parkhurst - Oct. 25

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 6, 2012: Mother of Our Redeemer Church Car Show. 8445 NW 186 Street, Miami, 33015.

October 7, 2012: Downtown Hollywood Car Show, on Hollywood Blvd just west of US1. 10 AM - 2 PM.

October 14, 2012: Lefty's Semi Annual Classic Car & Truck Show. Davie.

October 19-21, 2012: Lake Mirror Classic Auto Festival, Lakeland, FL. Concours d'Elegance, Car Auction, Festival, Car Show, Road Tour.

October 20, 2012: Club Event - Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club Picnic.

- TY Park Hollywood. Shelter #9. 3300 North Park Rd, Hollywood, 33021. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The park charges \$1.50 admission on weekends.
- Adult - \$8, children 8-12 years old - \$5, under 8 years old free
- Unlimited hamburgers, hotdogs, BBQ chicken, soft drinks & water + "covered dishes"
- BYOB beer & wine, large coolers with ice will be provided. No glass containers allowed in park
- FLMC club members each bring one "covered" dish, please coordinate with Lori
- Limited electricity available at the shelter
- Not necessarily a "car event" but hopefully some will show up. Separate grass parking is available.
- Horseshoes, games and other "family-style" entertainment
- Anybody willing to volunteer, please contact Lori

October 26-28, 2012: Ocala Pumpkin Run. Ocala. Sponsored by NPD.

October 27, 2012: Mustang, Shelby and Ford Round Up. Tampa Mustang Club. Lazydays RV facility off I-4 east of Tampa, East Sligh Ave & SR579. Pre-reg \$25, DOS \$30. Only pre-registered cars are judged. DOS entries get top 15. First 75 get free T shirt.

October 27, 2012: Taste of Tamarac Car & Motorcycle Show. 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM. 8601 West Commercial Blvd, Tamarac. \$20 Registration, includes 2 tickets to Taste of Tamarac. Free Food, raffle, kids activities, raffle and more.

October 28, 2012: Sunrise Elks Christmas for Kids Annual Classic Car Show. Elks Lodge 2273, Sunrise.
November 3, 2012: New Covenant 6th Annual Benefit Car Show. Benefits 4 Kids of South Florida. Pompano.

November 3, 2012: Teamsters 769 5th Annual Picnic & Car Show. 12:00 noon - 4:30 PM. Markham Park 16001 W SR 84, Sunrise. \$25 includes food and drinks, chicken, ribs, beer and soda, plus unlimited hamburgers and hotdogs. Collecting dry non-perishable items for Feeding South Florida.

November 4, 2012: Cars of Dreams Museum "Shop with a Cop" Car show. **THE LAST SHOW BEFORE MUSEUM CLOSES AND INVENTORY SOLD OFF by RM!!** 133 US 1, North Palm Beach 33408. Show 10AM - 3PM. Registration 8 - 10AM. Pre-registration \$30 includes t-shirt, 2 museum admissions. \$35 DOS.

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

Convertible Mustangs reappeared for 1983 after a 10-year hiatus. A GT convertible (available only with the HO V-8 was base priced at \$13479 that year. The rare 1983 Turbo GT hatchback cost \$9714.**

**The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2, by Mike Mueller, p.201, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.

