



# THE PONY EXPRESS

*THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FORT LAUDERDALE MUSTANG CLUB*



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## FLMC presents check to CDTC

*Over \$6000 donated to the local charity*

The Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club, held its annual Benefit Car Show on February 9, 2013. "The official results are in," said FLMC President Mark Patterson. "It was a success." From that show, a total of \$5200 was raised. In addition, Autonation donated an additional \$1000, bringing the grand total to \$6200 to benefit the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC).



*Check presentation to CDTC*

*(photo courtesy of Mark Patterson)*

Patterson attended a luncheon at the CDTC, where he and First Lady Lori Patterson, presented the "big" check. "Everyone was very thankful for our donation and complimented us on a great show," Patterson said. There were over 120 cars and trucks on display at the show. He also stated that all FLMC members should be proud of our accomplishments.

All in all, the weather, cars, attendees and visitors made for a very fun and successful car show. A good time was had by all.

## Barrett-Jackson Auction held in South Florida

*Barrett-Jackson's the right way*

*Submitted by: Mark Patterson*

The West Palm Beach Barrett-Jackson auction was held April 4-6, 2013. Since the Mustang's 50th Anniversary is fast approaching, they were the featured cars at this auction.

The FLMC was contacted to provide cars representative of the various years and versions of the Ford Mustang. Rich and Albert volunteered theirs as show pieces and

were selected. Consequently, all the visitors got to walk past two FLMC members' cars: Rich's 1992 LX Convertible and Albert's 2012 Boss 302. This served as some great advertising for our club as well.



In exchange for displaying their cars, both Rich and Albert received VIP passes to the auction, which included access to the Ford skybox. This is the way to

fly, so to speak. On a busy Saturday afternoon, the main floor is a teaming mass of humanity, all trying to catch a glimpse of the auction. Up in the skybox, you are above the commotion, with a commanding view of the auction block, plus hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Their passes also allowed them to access the stage during the auction. If you were paying close attention, you might have even seen Rich or Albert on the Speed Channel.

## Dates for annual FLMC club trip have been set

*Submitted by: Marci Stringert & Mark Patterson*

The FLMC annual trip to Ft. Meyers Beach has been set. The trip will take place from Friday, June 21 to Sunday, June 23, 2013. For those members that have never attended, this is not a car show or even necessarily a Mustang event. It is a weekend getaway to relax and have some fun. The majority of the club members stay in a hotel in the Fort Meyers Beach area and hang out, party, BBQ, etc.

Most drive over on Friday morning to spend the time in Sanibel or spend the day at the resort, and then check in on Friday evening. Also, on Friday and Saturday nights, we go out to a local restaurant for a group dinner. On Saturday morning, we rent one or more boats and go cruising. We usually rent pontoon boats and stay in the bay. Some years we have rented normal boats and have gone over to Sanibel. The club treasury and the 50/50 drawings from our meetings, partially subsidize the boat rental. We will then usually beach the boat somewhere and have a picnic lunch on Saturday as well. Sundays are a day of leisure.

A block of twelve rooms have been set aside under "Mustang Club" at The Harbour House at The Inn. They can be contacted at 1-866-998-9250 or on the web at [www.harbourhouseattheinn.com](http://www.harbourhouseattheinn.com).

Sometimes they are hard to get a hold of, so leave a message if you get the machine. The staff will return your call. As always, make your reservations early, rooms tend to go quickly.

The room rates are as follows:  
2 bedrooms/2 baths: \$141.75 + tax / night (3 units)  
1 bedrooms/1 bath: \$96.75 + tax / night (3 units)  
6 studios: \$96.75 + tax / night (6 night)

For more information, please contact Marci at 954-575-3939.

## Death of a Pony

*FLMC member has horrific accident, member ok, car not so much...*

April 5, 2013, started out like any other day, FLMC board member and *Pony Express* Editor, Bruce Solov; get up, go to work, come home, the usual things.

After work, Solov was asked to meet a friend for dinner up in Delray Beach, so he got in his 2004 Mustang Convertible, and headed on his way. The weather that day had rain on and off, all day long, so putting the top down was not an option for the drive to Delray.



The drive started out uneventful, was fully focused on the road, and was going the posted speed limit. The road was a little wet from the rain earlier in the day but nothing to cause

concern. As he passed Exit 81 on the Florida Turnpike, North, the left rear tire blew out, and sent him and his car into a spin, crossing several lanes of traffic. "I saw my whole life flash before me," Solov said. "I thought I was a goner." After the car spun five or six times, it came to rest after hitting a concrete barrier. No other cars were involved, and Solov was slightly hurt with a mild head injury. He was transported to West Boca Medical Center, by ambulance where he was treated and released. He was lucky to be alive. That is the happy part.

His, prized possession, his 2004 Convertible, not so lucky. The car was completely destroyed.



*Solov's car after accident on Florida's Turnpike*

The car was loaded onto a flat bed and towed away to a tow lot up in Delray Beach. A Florida Highway Patrol Officer took the accident report and a statement from Solov, before he was taken to the hospital for treatment.

The car was deemed to be a total loss, and Solov had to sell the car to a junk yard in order to pay the three days of storage fees plus the towing fees that were incurred.

"I am lucky to be alive," he said. "But I miss my Pony dearly." Currently he is using a family member's car to be able to get around. But, he knows that sometime soon, he will have another Pony.

## 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.

### Nye & Linda Woodhouse: 2003 GT Convertible



*Woodhouse's 2003 GT Convertible*

This month's Member's Car Spotlight is Nye & Linda Woodhouse's 2003 GT Convertible.

About four years ago, Linda & Nye Woodhouse decided to find a small car just to have fun with. Since they live in South Florida, the obvious choice was a convertible. Nye's brother is a used car dealer in the Naples area, so they asked him to be on the lookout for something.

The call came; his brother told him of a garage-kept, 2003 red Mustang Convertible with low mileage. Even though the car was priced a little over their budget, the pictures they saw of the car convinced them to give it a look. So, the Woodhouses took a ride to Naples. After test driving the car, they immediately fell in love with the car and bought it on the spot. This was the only Mustang they ever owned.

Having grown up in the "muscle car" era of the 1960's; Nye was disappointed with the overall performance of the car. He felt that a V-8 should do more than this one did. After discussing the performance issue with his brother, it was suggested they find a speed shop and even join a club to meet and talk with other Mustang enthusiasts — which they did.

The speed shop had made various recommendations to improve the vehicle's performance. Not only were some of these completed, but cosmetic touches were made to enhance its overall appearance. While the car performs and looks so much better than when it first came home; they feel the car is still a work in process.

When they joined the Mustang Club, they met more people with different ideas. It also opened up an area never before dreamed of. That new area was the world of car shows. Since Nye is retired, (or unemployed, as Linda says), the Mustang has introduced them to very exciting times with many wonderful people. With those introductions, the Woodhouses developed numerous friendships over the last few years.

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

## **And now for something completely different...**

### *Korean Military Exercises*

*Submitted by: Mark Patterson*

It seems that there is a lot of interest in what is happening in Korea. "I thought I would use a little space in our car club newsletter to talk about something not too car related," wrote FLMC President Mark Patterson.



Although a L.A.R.C. is basically a car, it is really big and amphibious. It also needs fuel just like our mustangs do. Since there are no gas stations on the beach, the fuel has to be pumped ashore from a ship several miles away. That yellow pipeline extends from eight miles along the sea floor right up to the beach.

There were also lots of other things landing on the beach as well as above it.



There might have been things below the waves, "but if I showed those pictures," Patterson wrote jokingly. "Well you know what I would have to do to you."

## **FLMC Members attend several area car shows in March & April 2013**

*Submitted by: Gene Barineau*

### *Diamond Lanes: March 17*

On March 17, 2013 there was a car show at the Diamond Lanes in Pompano Beach. Several FLMC members attended the show. The attendees were: Gene &

Carrie Barineau, Nye & Linda Woodhouse, Eddie & Janet Colon John Stringert, Herb Gauch, and Blake Angrove.

Parking was somewhat limited, but there was a diverse showing of various cars. All the vehicles on display were of show quality. The sponsoring club offered \$1 hot dogs, \$2 hamburgers and plenty of beer to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A leprechaun was even on hand to visit most of the cars. As the day wore on, the hamburgers ran out, prompting John Stringert's now immortal words, "Hold the mayo!!!!"

### *Pompano Beach Elks Lodge: March 23*

On March 23, 2013 there was a car show on the Pompano Elks' 15 acre plot. "This is a great place to have a car show or any other kind of 'get together' function," wrote FLMC member Gene Barineau. There was ample parking and shade trees to be had. You were able to park your car next to a picnic table under a tree and enjoy the show. The total number of cars on display was hard to estimate due to the size of the place. The Elks provided the food and beverages for the event, including a pig roast in addition to the usual fare of hamburgers and hot dogs.

Gene & Carrie Barineau and Eddie & Carol Colon, represented the FLMC at the event. Gene won a trophy for best early model Mustang and Eddie won a trophy for best late model Mustang. The weather cooperated and a great time was had by all.

### *Mardi Gras Casino: March 24*

On March 24, 2013 there was a car show at the Mardi Gras Casino in Hallandale Beach. All the proceeds from the show to benefit The Chris Evert Children's Hospital. The car show was an "add on" event to the Smile Ride for Kids, with the motorcycle portion ending at the casino.

There was ample entertainment on hand including three live bands, a vendor mall, flea market, stunt bike riding and three motorcycle drill teams. There was also a plethora of food trucks, offering just about any kind of food that anyone may want. The casino being open for indoor dining and/or trying your luck.

The weather was not so cooperative with winds gusting up to 30 mph. The turnout was much less than expected. Gene & Carrie Barineau represented the FLMC, and won a trophy for being in the top 20.

### *Mustangs and Mustangs: April 13*

The annual Mustangs and Mustangs show was held on April 13, 2013 at the Fantasy of Flight Museum in Polk City, FL. There were about 450 Mustangs on hand of all shapes, sizes, and vintages available for your viewing pleasure. Also on hand were P-51 Mustang airplanes on display for your visual pleasure as well. (*Editor's note: I am not sure what I would have spent more time looking at...the cars or the planes. I am a student pilot as well.*) There were demonstrations of various aircraft throughout the day. There was an array of vendors available for various items associated with both cars and aircraft.

The FLMC was represented by Gene & Carrie Barrineau, Larry Wechsler and his son Robert. In spite of

the forecast, the weather cooperated with only some clouds, but no rain, and a breeze for most of the day. A good time was had by all.

## FLMC slated to make another summer trip

*Submitted by: Mark Patterson*

Another summer weekend trip that the FLMC usually makes, is to the Calladium Festival in Lake Placid, FL. This year's festival is July 26-28, 2013 with the car show being held on July 27. Pre-registration is \$15 and closes at noon on 7/26. On the day of the show, registration is \$20, with dash plaques being given to the first 100 cars. There will be food and live music at the festival. The typical turnout at this show is usually 100 cars.

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn Express: 863-465-9916. Most people stay up there on Friday night and drive home Saturday evening, however the show can be done in a day. Lake Placid is only a two hour drive from Fort Lauderdale. Nothing formal is planned at the moment. If you are interested, please contact Marci for more information or perhaps we can put something together. You can also visit [www.visitlakeplacidflorida.com](http://www.visitlakeplacidflorida.com) for additional information.

## Autonation Ford to provide t-shirts for FLMC members

*Submitted by: Mark Patterson*

As many of you may have heard, our has undergone a name change from Maroone Ford of Fort Lauderdale to Autonation Ford of Fort Lauderdale. Perhaps you have heard one of their TV or radio ads where they squeeze Autonation in place of Maroone in the familiar jingle.

One possible side benefit to this transformation is a possibility that Autonation may, on a one time basis, provide club members with a logo'd shirt similar to what the Autonation employees currently wear to work. The shirt will have Autonation and our club name on it, perhaps not our logo. At any rate, each club member MAY get one shirt. Please inform Mark what size shirt you request.

## Tentative Schedule for the Mustangs at the Mickyard Show

*Submitted by: Mark Patterson*

FRIDAY – Aug 30	SATURDAY – Aug 31	SUNDAY – Sep 1	MONDAY – Sep 2
2 pm – 6 pm Car Registration Open	9 am – 2 pm Car Registration Open	9 am – 6 pm Dream Builders Marketplace open	8 am – 10 pm Rise & Shine Breakfast \$25 pp
4 pm – 9 pm Dream Builders Marketplace open	9 am – 6 pm Dream Builders Marketplace open	7 pm- 11 pm Night of Dreams street party FREE	9 am – 3 pm Dream Builders Marketplace open
7 pm – 11 pm Green Light Kickoff Party \$45 pp “Cadillac Kings” perform	4 pm – 11 pm Epcot Fireworks & dessert party \$34 pp + gate admission	9 pm – 11 pm Car movie in the park	1 pm – 2 pm Giveaway Celebration

7 pm – 11 pm MCA Welcome BBQ \$42 pp	7 pm – 11 pm Moonlight Beach Party \$45 pp (1 ticket included with registration)	????? evening MCA Awards Banquet \$50 pp	5 pm – 8 pm Downtown Disney Splitsville Bowling Party
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BLUE FONT – MCA EVENTS

BLACK FONT – DREAM CAR WEEKEND EVENTS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Barrineau - April 1  
Nye Woodhouse - April 1  
Gary Smith - April 10  
Linda Woodhouse - April 14  
Rich Samolewicz - April 30  
Carl Mahler - May 16  
Jeff Silvey - May 19  
William Muller - May 20

## Letter From the Editor

I just wanted to take this opportunity to apologize to the membership for not putting out a newsletter last month. I was unable to do so due to many circumstances beyond my control.

I still look forward to remaining your newsletter editor, and look forward to continuing the excellence, in news reporting that *The Pony Express* has started. I am extremely embarrassed by the fact that there was no April 2013 edition of our beloved newsletter. For this reason, is why this edition is covering both April and May of 2013.

Thank you for your patience and continued readership of *The Pony Express*. Of course, I welcome all articles, suggestions, and so on that will help to continue and improve our newsletter.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Bruce H. Solov  
Editor, *The Pony Express*

## From the Editor's Desk:

We have not been receiving the features as we were hoping for. As the editor, I make this plea to all members of our organization to let *The Pony Express*, feature your car.

All members are invited to submit articles/features for this publication. The newsletter's email address is: [flmcponyexpress@hotmail.com](mailto:flmcponyexpress@hotmail.com) .

Thank you,  
Bruce H. Solov  
Editor, *The Pony Express*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**May 11, 2013:** North Perry Airport Car Show. 7:30 AM - 3 PM. FREE. includes music, food trucks, kids activities, etc. Arrive between 7:30 - 8 AM 25-30 vehicles will be parked on the runway alongside vintage aircraft. Others will be parked on the grass. Fire Extinguisher required. Register by April 15th to [rengelfried@gmail.com](mailto:rengelfried@gmail.com).

**May 11, 2013: Club Targeted Event** - Corvette Club Annual Picnic. FLMC is invited. \$10 PP donation requested. 10 AM - ?. Quietwaters Park, Deerfiled Beach, Pavillion 5. RSVP to Victor by May 3rd.

**May 18, 2013:** Shoppes of Beacon Light Annual Classic Car Show 10 AM - 3 PM. Pompano

**May 18, 2013:** 11th Regional Mustang & Ford Show. Jacksonville. Bozard Ford & St. Augustine Outlets. 11 AM - 2 PM. Jacksonville Mustang Club. For more information, visit <http://www.jmcmustang.net>.

**May 25-26, 2013:** Track Guys Sebring 3.7 mile road course.

**May 25, 2013:** Wings Over Miami Air Museum Benefit Car Show & Festival. Tamiami Airport. 11 AM - 5 PM. \$15. \$30 DOS, (\$10 if 15 or more cars) includes lunch for one person, entrance to museum, Dash Plaques, T shirt, goody bag. Museum tour. Bluegrass Music. Vintage Aircraft flyovers. Vehicles must be parked by 10:45. Maximum Capacity of 97 vehicles. Fire Extinguishers required.

**May 26, 2013:** Cheetah Open Car & Truck Show, Hallandale

**June 1-7, 2013:** Power Tour, starts in Arlington, TX and ends in Charlotte, NC.

As a reminder, FLMC Monthly Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:30pm at:

AutoNation 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**

The 225 horsepower HO V-8 made hay on the street scene from 1987-1992. Roller lifters and tubular headers helped this hot little small block handle anything a Camaro driver could throw at it.

The GT Convertible became the first Mustang base priced beyond \$20,000 in 1992. The sticker for the 5.0 liter LX coupe, meanwhile began at \$13,422

\*\*.*The Complete Book of Mustang, Every Model Since 1964 1/2*, by Mike Mueller, p.220, 2010 MBI Publishing Company.

