

# Charlotte Mustang News

October 2016

## Looking Thru The Windshield

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Don't forget,  
this is your club.  
Anything you want to  
say can be submitted  
to the editor.  
Pictures, articles, or  
links to Mustang news.

Summer is over and the days start to cool down!!!! But not here in good old Florida. The temperature is still in the 90's, the rain is still in the air. But as we all know it will change. It will get cooler and it will get dryer. Soon I hope. How was your summer? I hope that you all had a really great time this summer, traveling and being with your family and friends. My summer was ok. I didn't do anything special, I stayed home. For those who stayed in the area, we did have a few nice cruises to two nice restaurants. One was Robbie's Reef, a very nice seafood Restaurant. The second one was the Nav-A-Gator Grill up in Desoto county. It was a vey nice cruise in, with some really great food. We will try and do some more cruises to restaurant's as the months go on. If any one has a place they would like to cruise to, bring it to the monthly meeting so that we may try to get it done.

There were some of our members who went to Indianapolis for the MCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. I heard it was some show to be at. I'm sure we will hear a great deal from those members as we see them. We also had some members that went to Indianapolis and cruised with the Great American Pony Drive. They traveled to the New England states as well. Their story will be of interest to all of us who like to travel the US.

Show time is upon us and there are things for us to do with our cars, so get busy. November 12<sup>th</sup> we have the annual Veterans Appreciation Parade. Again this year we will be with the fine members of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). The parade will step off at 10am from the Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda. We need to meet at the high school parking lot around 9am. The parade theme this year is Celebrate The Red, White & Blue, so if you wish to decorate your Pony please do so. If you want to be in the parade please let Peggy know as soon as you can, we need convertibles if you have one. Thanks. Next on our list of things to do in November is also on the 12<sup>th</sup> down in Fort Myers. We have the Gulfshore Mustang Club's annual Christmas Care Car Show at Sam Galloway Ford from 9am to 3pm, registration at 8am. Anyone that needs a registration form please email me and I will send you one. Thanks. Next we have our 15<sup>th</sup> annual car show to be held on November the 13<sup>th</sup> at Fishermen's Village. Registration is from 8am to 10am. Pre registration is \$20.00 and day of show is \$25.00, preregistration ends November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are limited to 100 cars so when we hit the limit that is it, no more allowed. So get your registration in as soon as you can. Then on November the 25<sup>th</sup>, Ponies Under the Palms at Lakewood Ranch is put on by the Mustang Club of West Central Florida from 8 am to 3pm. If you need a registration form please email me and I will send it to you. There are many more car shows about our area so if you can, attend one and enjoy it. Our next Club meeting will be on October the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the upper sales room of Don Gasgarth's Charlotte County Ford. So I hope to see you all there. Here's to you, keep it safe and be careful out there.

Chuck White

President, Mustang Club of Charlotte County

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Club event calendar

<http://mustangclub92.tripod.com>  
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# Meeting Minutes

**September 14, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck White at 7:00 pm with 7 in attendance.

Members were introduced.

## OLD BUSINESS

We had a short discussion about our Christmas Party December 4, Our car show November 13 and donations for the goodie bags for our show.

We also talked about some of the recent shows and the up coming events.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Secretary

Kathy Caldwell

*From the Editor*

# Just Spinning My Wheels

*by Dominic Cretacci*

So where do I start?

Here we go Martha. Dominic is already confused.

Let's give him a minute to collect his thoughts and maybe he will be able to answer the question.

OK, where was I. Oh yea, confused. I don't know why I let that pesky Martha in my column each month. Confused because Kathie & I were on the almost 3 week, almost 5,000 mile trip with the Great American Pony Drive. I think I am back in Port Charlotte sleeping in my own bed. But one can never be too sure. I also may have missed last months newsletter. No wait, I know I missed last months newsletter. I was on an awesome almost 3 week, almost 5,000 mile trip with the Great American Pony Drive....

This month, the newsletter will have photos from the trip.

I may have to break it up into 2 months of columns because of all we did.

That being said here we go.

We started out 8/31/2016 in Ocala where we met our illustrious leader David and his other half Terry. On the way to Indianapolis we stopped at the Smokin' Pig BBQ in Macon, Georgia and Summit Racing in Atlanta, Georgia. We picked up a few people along the way most of them met us in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis speedway was a busy place; we were there from 9/1/2016 to 9/5/2016. Kathie & I got to drive on the track twice. Once to try to break the Guinness world book record for the most Mustangs in a parade, and once for parade laps. Unfortunately we didn't break the record.

From Indianapolis we went to the home and museum of Gale Halderman outside of Dayton, Ohio. For those of you who don't know who he is, Gale designed the first production Mustang. Check it out. <http://mustangthefirst50years.com/int-halderman.html>  
Gale was very hospitable, he answered questions and told stories about his involvement with designing the Mustang. He also had some good stories about Henry Ford and Lee Iacocca. As we were getting ready to leave, we all took pictures under the Running Pony on the side of his barn. I asked him to sign the dash of our Mustang and he cheerfully obliged. His daughter and granddaughter were also there and they showed us around the Mustang museum.

From there it was on to New Stanton PA. to visit the Flight 93 memorial. Visiting that memorial was heart wrenching to say the least. That plane was full of heroes to the American people. Port Jervis, NY was our next stop for the evening.

We left the group at Port Jervis to make a side trip to Daryl's House restaurant in Pawlings, NY. The restaurant wasn't open but Kathie & I wanted to get some pictures. After Daryl's House we traveled the back roads to New Milford, Connecticut to visit Kathie's Aunt Wanda and cousin Glen whom she hasn't seen in over 30 years. It was a nice visit. We then joined up with the group in Worcester Massachusetts. To be continued in next months newsletter.



Pictures from Robbie's Reef and the Nav-A-Gator Grill



Mustang Peeps at Robbie's Reef



Anyone need a fender



Gas N Go



Mustang Peeps at the Nav-A-Gator



Ditto



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Mustangs



Grazing



In The



Grass



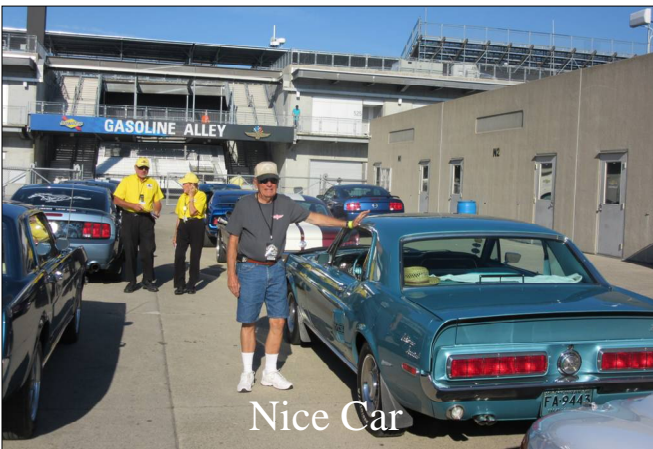
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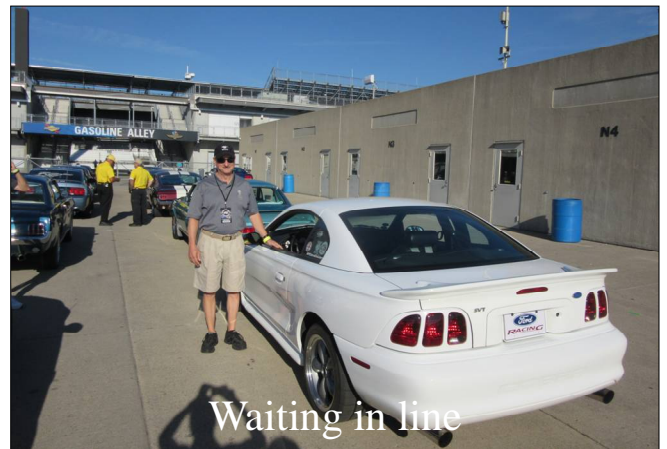
It don't get any better than this folks



Can you say California Special?



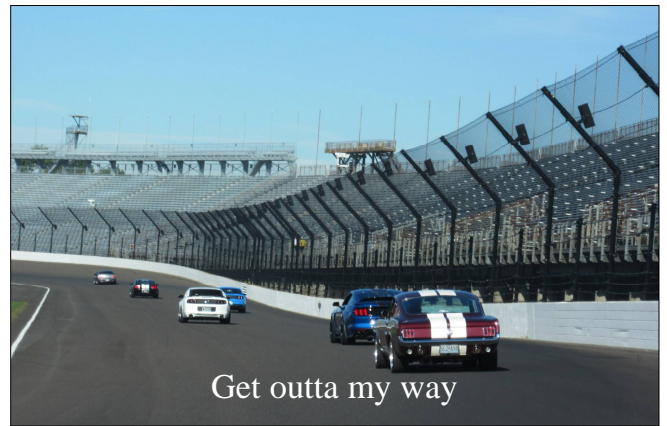
Nice Car



Waiting in line



Let's get this show on the road



Get outta my way



Finish line





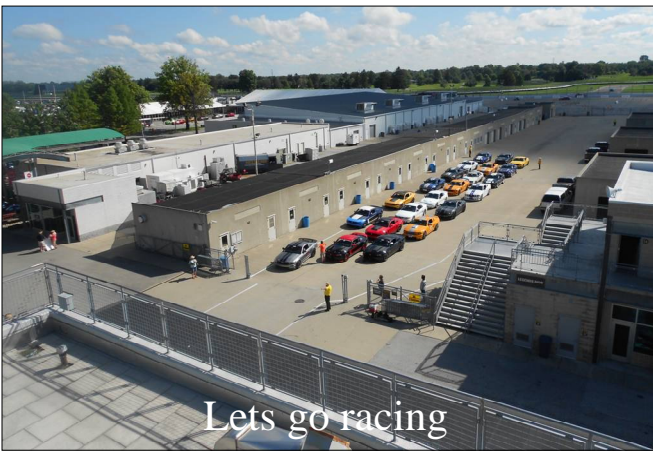
Pictures from The Great American Pony Drive



Let's get this Dog & Pony show on the road



Mustangs as far as the eye can see



Lets go racing



Da Bricks at Da Brickyard



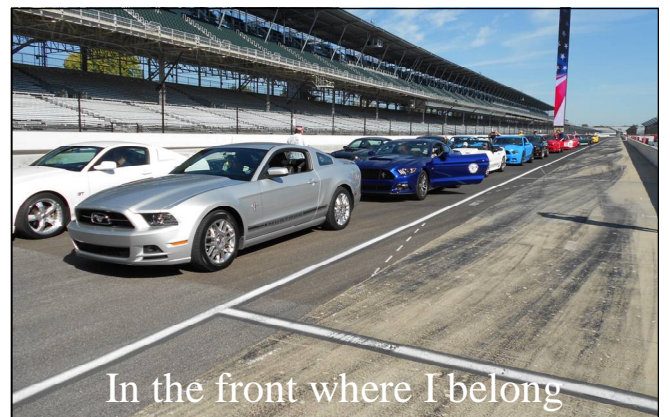
Me signing the Wounded Warrior Mustang. What an honor.



Lego my Mustang



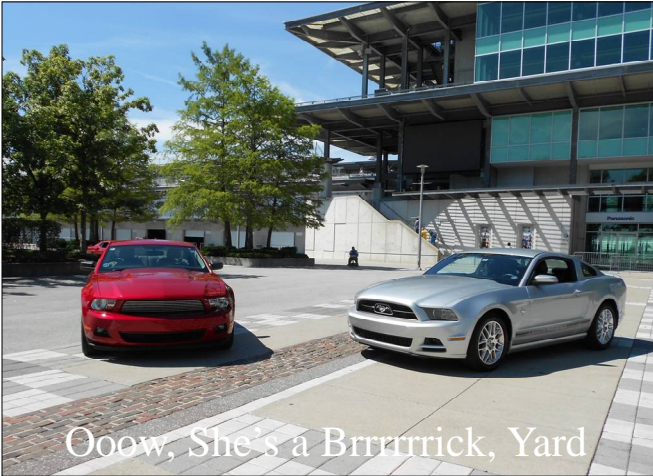
I'm at a lost for words



In the front where I belong



Pictures from The Great American Pony Drive



Ooow, She's a Brrrrrick, Yard



Daryl's House Restaurant



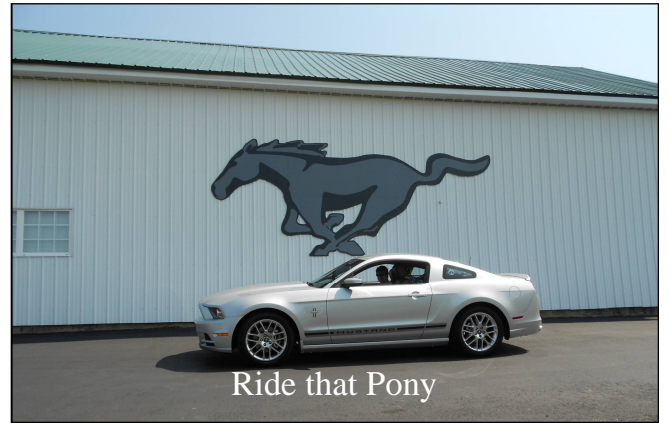
See Ya Sukkas



It says it all



Mustangs at Gale Haldermans



Ride that Pony



Oooh Baby, Oooh Baby Baby



At the flight 93 memorial

# MEMBERSHIP FORM

PO Box 495332, Port Charlotte, FL 33952-4126

**Please fill out the form,** and check if membership is new or renewal.

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ **Due January 1st**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mustang Club of America Member? \_\_\_\_\_ If so MCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$24 per year. Renewal in January. If joining after January, dues are prorated.

Jan. \$24 Feb. \$22 Mar. \$20 Apr. \$18 May \$16 June \$14

July \$12 Aug. \$10 Sep. \$8 Oct. \$6 Nov. \$4 Dec. \$2

Mustangs owned:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*\*\*Please fill out and return to Treasurer with payment.\*\*\*\*\***





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