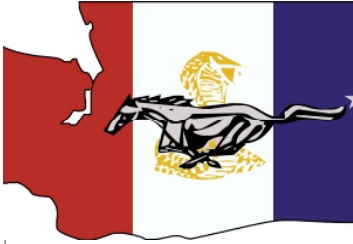


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Stang of The Month: Barry Barton's 2017 GT



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A Dark Horse with Stripes

Ever since the 2015 Mustang was released I've been admiring them. By the time the 2017 model came out I was finally ready to buy one. I figured with already owning a red 1967 Fastback it would be cool to own a Mustang 50 years newer as well.



My only dilemma was simply, what color to get? Well thanks to Doug Pickett and his beautiful '16 Black GT the decision was a fairly easy one. As it turns out, on the way home from the 2016 International Mustang Meet in Calgary I followed Doug and Melanie. By the time we got to Sandpoint I was hooked. Besides, since I already owned three red Mustangs number four had to be different. It was to be Black!



beautiful!

Fast forward to mid November: I said to Francine during our daily morning coffee that I had finally decided to buy a 2017 Black GT with stripes. So I go out to cut the lawn and when I come in three hours later there are four phone messages from my son Brian. I called him and asked him "what's up?" He floored me when he said "surprise, I'm buying a 2017 Mustang today and you need to give me a ride to Moses Lake to get it." I said "Ok that's cool, what color is it?" When he replied Black I told him that he wasn't going to believe this but I decided this morning to buy a Black one as well. Since then Brian has had much fun telling everyone how I copied him. That's cool as although our cars are similar, they are not the same. Both are

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The GT is no longer stock. The exhaust has been upgraded with Borla Stinger Axle back mufflers and an MRT H-Pipe (resonator eliminator) will soon be installed. It sounds nice and quiet at cruise and quite aggressive when you put your foot in it. A Ford Racing Stage 2 Performance Pack has been installed in the engine. The pack consists of a GT350 throttle body and GT350 air intake assembly, plus a special tune. Several engine appearance mods are also in place. On the exterior I've added tinted windows, a side accent stripe, wheel spacers, red caliper covers and rebadged the emblems in black. I must say that this 'Stang is pretty darn quick and sounds great with about 470 horsepower on tap.



I love the new 'Stang. It's a blast to drive or just go for a cruise in. I didn't buy it to win trophies, the goal was to drive it (over 3,700 miles since March) and have fun with it. Oh yea, did I mention fun?

I am honored and proud to be a member of the IEMC family. To me it's the very best Mustang Club there is.



See you out there!

- Barry Barton