

IEMC MUSTANG



'Stang of The Month: Gary Wheeldon's 2017 Coupe

I've had a few Mustangs since I could afford my first one, a 1968 coupe with the 289 V8 that I just sold to a lady from Seattle. I also have owned a 1992 red convertible Fox body feature car with the 5.0, a 2006 black GT premium with the 4.6 V8 and most recently a 2011 GT California Special with the new Coyote 5.0 that I sold last year.



To put it mildly, I missed having a Mustang in my life that I could drive and enjoy. When I had a hip replacement last January as I recuperated I found myself looking at Mustangs in the ads and in particular at Gus Johnson Ford. I researched the offerings at the time (V6, Ecoboost, and the 5.0) and became enthralled with the

Ecoboost, we had purchased a 2015 Ford Escape with the Ecoboost and my F-150 has the Ecoboost in it as well and I was, and am, very impressed with the turbo technology. I compared the GT with the Ecoboost side by side, and decided on the Ecoboost. It had to be a premium package Mustang and I decided on a Ruby Red Metallic paint (Ruby is Ellen's birthstone), it also had to have an automatic and that is what Gus Johnson Ford had on his lot.

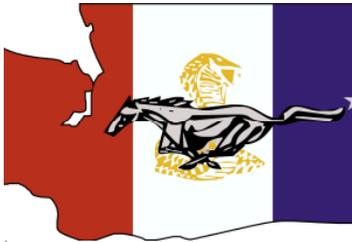
I looked at the Gus Johnson Ford website many times as I was stuck at home and in April I decided to go and look at the Mustang. Ellen and I test drove it and started the deal making process. As we were waiting Gus came in to talk with us (he is such a nice gentleman, he has always taken the time to visit with us whenever we've been in) and see what we were doing. I told him we were buying the 2017 Mustang, he looked at me and said "Gary you must be addicted to Mustangs." We laughed and I guess he was right!

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Stang of The Month (Cont.)



We love the 2017 Mustang, it has plenty of power and torque, gets great mileage (we've actually hit 40+ mpg) and is comfortable to cruise in. It has been to its first International Mustang Meet in Helena, MT and on several cruises with our Mustang Club. I believe that this is the last Mustang I will purchase (insert Ellen's eye roll here) because it is everything we want in a drive for pleasure car.

- Gary Wheeldon

IEMC Tours Buck Knives

On November 16th, about 20 club members took a tour, arranged by Ray Smith, of the Buck Knife factory in Post Falls. We met at Argonne Village and cruised over. I was the last vehicle in the caravan and when I pulled into Buck Knives, all the visitor stalls were filled as some vehicles were parked occupying two stalls. Therefore I had to park on the street which was no problem, then.

The tour begins with an informative visit to their museum. The narrator covered a brief company history and the founder's history. They moved the company from southern California a few years ago. They ship product worldwide. They usually run two shifts per day and sometimes add shifts and days to meet demand. They manufacture in-house nearly every part in a knife, even the brass rivets. They catalog many standard models but they will also do custom variations of knife models. Knives are available with various handle materials and finishes. Handles can be of various wood species, or other material. They even do handles made from antlers. About every three months they receive a pickup truck sized bag of Elk antlers from an Elk farm in the upper Midwest.

For the factory tour we were given the required radios with headphones and safety glasses. The radios are needed to hear the narrator. The tour begins with raw steel roll stock. They use several different kinds and thicknesses of roll steel depending on the knife to be made. The roll steel is cut by machine into sheets. The sheets then go through stamping machines that punch out the initial knife blank. Some of the larger knife blanks are cut with a laser machine due to the steel thickness. The blanks go then go through successive heating and freezing processes which tempers the steel to the desired hardness. After tempering the blanks are loaded into various machines that begin grinding the edge on the blank. Grinding is repeated on successive machines, each one further grinding until the desired edge is achieved. In all the manufacturing steps, blanks are randomly selected for human visual inspection. At some stations in the process, every blank is inspected. Any blanks not meeting specs are scrapped.

Further stations in the assembly process do final blade polishing, add the various other parts as needed and eventually a completed knife is produced. More product inspections assure the desired product quality before each knife is packaged and shipped out. It was noted that some of the production machines were moved from California and are many years old. They keep them in repair but someday they will have to replace them and they didn't sound confident that replacement machines are available.

Most of the work is machine performed, but the amount of human labor used in feeding and running the machines was of interest. I've never understood how anyone can sit or stand at a machine or other type station, and perform the same repetitive task 100's or even 1,000's of times a day, and stay sane. I couldn't do it and I give credit to those who can.

Buck knives have a lifetime warranty. They regularly receive owner's knives for repair and/or refurbishing. If a knife can't be repaired they'll give the owner a new one. All the repairs are done at one or two stations by only a few experienced employees.

They have a sales store on-site where you can purchase from items those displayed, or you can enter an order for anything else. Most sales, however, result from their web site. The tour was very worthwhile and I'd recommend it to anyone. They conduct only one or two tours a day, Monday through Thursday. All tours must be pre-arranged and are limited to 15 people per tour.

I hope your post tour experience is better than mine. Upon returning to my Escape, it was evident the front had been backed into severely. Damage was evident on the front bumper cover, broken grille pieces and more. This was not just a bump, but a hard blow. Marks indicated most likely a pickup had done it. Of course no note was left and no one was there so pointless to call police. The damage did not preclude driving it. There was non-visible damage behind the bumper cover. The final bill was over \$2,100, mostly covered by insurance less my deductible. I'm really glad I did not drive a Mustang for the tour.

- Rocky Gibbs

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January

2nd – Monthly Membership Meeting at Darcy's in the valley - 10502 East Sprague Avenue (In the old University City Mall). The meeting will be at 7:00pm as usual. Come early to eat and visit.

16th - Monthly Run: Rancho Viejo on Sprague Avenue.

February

6th – Monthly Membership Meeting at Darcy's in the valley - 10502 East Sprague Avenue (In the old University City Mall). The meeting will be at 7:00pm as usual. Come early to eat and visit.

20th - Monthly Run TBA

January Birthdays

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| 2-Jack Bean | 21-Jerry Searfoss |
| 3-Chuck Oliver | 22-George Hietala |
| 4-Sue Manly | 22-Trudy Allred |
| 5-Dan Lawless | |
| 7-Lana Smullen | |
| 9-Ben Giardina | |
| 11-Andy Kautzman | |
| 12-Kathy Kautzman | |
| 13-Doug Bender | |
| 13-Mike Murua | |
| 15-Nancy Markley | |
| 18-Mike Taylor | |
| 19-Stefani Hill | |
| 19-LeDawn Heywood | |
| 21-Ben Kruse | |
| 21-Jan Fox | |



The Prez Says...

By Carl Sontowski

I would like to first thank all the people that have served in the club in 2016, all the way from organizing the fun events throughout the year and the elected officers and board members. We donated \$4000 to local charities. I am sure the thank-you notes will be pouring in. Our club is the largest car club in the Spokane area. The Ford Mustang is an icon in the automotive industry and has been in production since 1964. Just think about how many jobs have been created because of our beloved Ford Mustang? I would also like to thank one of our key sponsors throughout the years Gus Johnson Ford. Gus is in my opinion a pillar in our community supporting many veterans' activities and fund raisers for veterans. The outgoing officers and new incoming officers had a transition meeting Dec 14th. I brought up the idea of having a Memorial Day club car show at Gus Johnsons (May 26, 27, or 28th). This club has a considerable amount of veteran's you might say within its ranks. I also would like to thank all that served for protecting our great nation and our beloved constitution.

The club activities and events could not continue without dedicated volunteers. We are looking to fill a few positions as soon as possible. I will just list a few of them. One for Health and Welfare, One for Silvers car auction, a few for our Millwood show, possibly one for the International Committee, one for membership and a couple for the activities committee. I have enclosed in your newsletter a list of the committees and there basic responsibilities, this way you know what is required. You can also tailor these to make things better we are really looking for a successful end result. I also know that previous committee members are always available to help you with good advice and what has been successful in the past.

I am sure everyone really enjoyed our club Christmas party, I have to really say Darcy's hit this out of the park with the food and service. I also want to thank Nadine for her outstanding efforts to organize this event.

We are always looking for suggestions to make improvements, we have a suggestion box or you can always call me to discuss an idea offline. I would ask that if you have an idea just not to dump it out there for someone else to fix. Bring the idea forward with a potential solution since it was your idea you most likely have given it a lot of thought and consideration.

- Carl

Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2017
Shaun Huck



New Members – Nadine Smith:

Travis is here checking out the club, he has a 2013 Boss 302 in school bus yellow. He grew up in a Mustang family but decided to go with a modern one, his step-dad has done several cars, including work on some other members’.

Alan introduced his parents Julie and Monty who will be joining this evening.

President’s Comment

Tom thanked everyone that helped out this year through various committees and volunteer opportunities.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as corrected was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Treasury Report – Treasurer – Jerry Searfoss:

As usual the activity is pretty quiet near the end of the year, we had some income from the 50/50 and door prize drawings.

Activity Report – Nadine Smith and Rose:

December Hot Chocolate Run was to McKenzie River Pizza. 31 people signed up, but only about 15 showed. Please remember to make it out or let Nadine know you can’t make it to events that have sign-up sheets.

Christmas Party December 9th, cocktail hour at 5 with dinner at 6. Dinner will be chicken, prime rib and salmon with all the little goodies that go with it. Nadine has asked Darcy’s to make sure there is ample seating as we have about 90-93 people signed up so far. If you signed up and cannot make it, please call Nadine as you will be charged if you don’t show up. The cost is \$19, but the club will cover \$9 of the member’s meals, so members are \$10 each, kids \$5, and guests are \$15. If you want to be involved in the gift exchange, please bring a gift and mark if it is for a male or female. We will also be gathering donations for the Humane Society and unwrapped gifts for Sally’s house. Denny will send out an email, you can also see last month’s minutes for more details about what to bring.

Activity Committee – We will need someone new to run the activities committee starting in January as Nadine won’t be able to any more. She and several other members have said they are happy to help out, but we really need someone to step up and host a couple Activity Committee meetings and help coordinate the POCs. If you are interested, please let the club know.

January Hot Chocolate Run on the 16th will be at Rancho Veijo on Sprague just east of Evergreen.

Auctions – Carl Sontowski

As Carl will be president next year, we will need a new member to head up the Auctions committee and work with Mitch at Silver’s car auctions. We need to have someone lined up by February.

Health and Welfare – Vicki West, Sue Manly:

Vicki welcomed back Sue Manly who is returning from knee surgery. Chuck Bussell is out for a bit after having a small repair job done. We lost Glen Little last month, he passed away on November 16th. Sharon Marier spoke about his Celebration of Life on Jan. 20th from 2-4pm at Darcy’s. There will be another announcement in the January newsletter, everyone is welcome to join. On behalf of Glen’s family Sharon thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

This year we will be donating to eight charities, the ones selected were Honor Flight, INCCC Scholarship Fund, Shriner’s Hospital, Meals on Wheels, Ronald McDonald House, Spokesman Review Christmas Fund, Union Gospel Mission, and St. Jude’s Hospital for Children.

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Motorsports – Barry Barton, Gary Gunning, Kim Frank, Dave Brink:

All quiet for the season.

International Mustang Meet (IMM) – Carl Sontowski, Doug Pickett, Brad Jordan:

Carl will continue running this committee next year.

Apparel – Doug Pickett and Zac Zaccanti:

Doug and Zac will continue running the apparel next year.

Historian – Michelle Huck:

Michelle is willing to continue this committee.

Website – Barry Barton:

No updates on the website, but Barry has a \$1000 cash voucher towards the purchase of a new car he's offering to anyone interested.

Facebook – Michelle Huck:

No update.

INCCC – Jack Bean:

A gal from the fairgrounds spoke to the INCCC and shared that the public response to the car show at the fair entrance this year was very favorable, so they want to do it again this year. Due to concerns expressed by several of the clubs, there will be more security present next year. They will also arrange things a little differently to help keep the cars together better. Next year they will give one driver, one guest, and one family pass to everyone showing their car, which is a \$79 value. There will also be a people's choice award given out. Ray has volunteered our club to participate again next year. The Show-No-Shine is coming up Saturday February 24th at 5:30pm out at Mirabeau Park Hotel. Parking can be challenging but they usually have a great event. The calendar of events is also due, and INCCC is looking for folks that would like to help put together the calendar, get a hold of Jack if you'd like to volunteer. The scholarship auction has been put on hold due to nobody stepping up to chair the event. Our own Rocky Gibbs' car was chosen to be in this year's calendar of events. Tom received an email regarding the fairgrounds show, they've plugged us in for Tuesday 9/11/2018. We need to make sure we have some people lined up to participate or give the fairgrounds ample notice that we won't be able to.

Hot Wheels Car Show:

Tom reminded us that it's time to start thinking about the club's annual Hot Wheels in Millwood car show. We need to decide as a club if this is something we want to continue, and if so we need a volunteer to help organize the event. It's a great show at the end of July that typically has a good turnout and a lot of fun. It is also one of the big money makers for the club each year.

Newsletter – Kim Frank:

The usual appeal for Stang of the Month, he still needs one for January. If you take your car out on any trips, please get photos for the Ponies on the Trail article as well.

New Ponies & Modifications:

No new ponies or modifications this month.

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Old Business:

Elections were held tonight, the following members won positions:

President – Carl Sontowski

Vice President – Barry Barton

Secretary – Francine Dober

Treasurer – Jerry Dobson

Director (2 positions open) – Tom Eickmeyer and Ken West

New Business:

Prosser Win Cruise – The Best Western has completed their renovations and have invited us back next summer.

Activities Committee – Nadine will help but won't be able to run the Activities Committee next year.

Millwood Car Show – Dave will be stepping down from running the Hot Wheels in Millwood Car Show. He's done a wonderful job of running it for the past 5 years.

Printing and Mailing the Newsletter – Mel and Jana have been printing and mailing the newsletters each month and need someone else to take that duty on. They print and mail about 12 each month.

Club Sign - There was a suggestion last month of having a placard made up to put out front of Darcy's to identify the club meeting and provide information about the monthly meeting. This suggestion will be brought up at the next meeting.

Dues – With the new year, membership dues are due again, please get them in so they can be recorded.

HA Award:

Mark went on a moose hunt in Canada, and when coming back through Customs with his friend, it took a while and they had to provide a lot of information including their passports, which they got back in large envelopes. When he got to the ticket counter on his way to Mexico recently, he pulled out his passport, only to discover it had been switched with his hunting buddy, who happened to be in Tucson at the time. Moral of the story is, always check your documents when you get them back from Customs.

Announcements:

Allen's trailer was stolen out of his driveway. It is a 2016 30ft Grey Wolf Toy Hauler and was taken last Saturday. He wanted to give everyone a heads up to lock down their trailers and boats.

Dave thanked everyone for all the support over the last 5 years with the Millwood car show, he couldn't have done it without you.

Carl's new-found sister came out for Thanksgiving, and they're planning a family reunion next summer. He's also looking forward to being president next year, and encouraged everyone to consider taking over responsibility for the auctions and Millwood car show as they're such great fundraisers for the club and support a lot of the charitable donations we make each year.

Last call for member draw, 50/50, and door prize tickets.

Door Prizes, Member Draw, and 50/50:

Door Prizes – Raised \$170 and were awarded to the winning tickets

Member Draw – \$10 to the member whose name was drawn

50/50 – \$47 drawn and awarded

Submitted by:

Shaun Huck

Secretary, IEMC 2016

Back in the Day...

A look at IEMC Newsletters of the past.

It's good to see that so many early traditions of the club continue on. Substituting names, places and dollar amounts, these meeting minutes look as if they could have been written this year, not 27 years ago.

MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 8, 1981

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Beckwith at 7:30 p.m.

Treasurers Report: IEMC \$1,380.72 International 12 \$1,120.00

It was voted to change the minutes of the last meeting because they were printed in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

A report on the Christmas Party was given by Monica Fournelle. It appears that a good time was had by all with plenty of food and beverages for everyone. There was a round robin gift exchange with some of the gift getters being superior with their gift than others were. A special thanks was given to all that put in their best for the success of the party. A very special thanks to Mike Silver and his crew for the use of their building and for the great beverages.

The annual winter meeting for International 12 will be held on January 19 in Great Falls, Virginia.

NEW BUSINESS

March 30, 1981 Silver Car Auction at the Convention Center. Help will be needed during and after the auction. Contact Mike for more info.

International Meeting at Ralphs. Everything is going fine so far. There are about 40 pre-registered cars at this time. Bruce L. and Dan L. are going to present a slide show to the different clubs in the Inland Pacific area. Motorsports will be doing the cross-country for us during the International.

IEMC received a check for \$20.00 from the Bank of Fairfield New York on the International. Thank Bob for the help.

There will be a Scholarship of Events meeting for IEMC along with the 12 meeting at Honey Springs on Jan. 26 at 1:00. If you have any ideas for the meet or for the coming year please attend.

Members Drawing: Asa Laughton Congratulations!!!

HA Award: Steve Laughton for a blown (all over the plate) header pipe.

Door Prize: Ralph E. and Dan L.

The new newsletter editor is Asa Laughton with a co-editor Mike Beck. If you have anything for the newsletter be sure to call them.

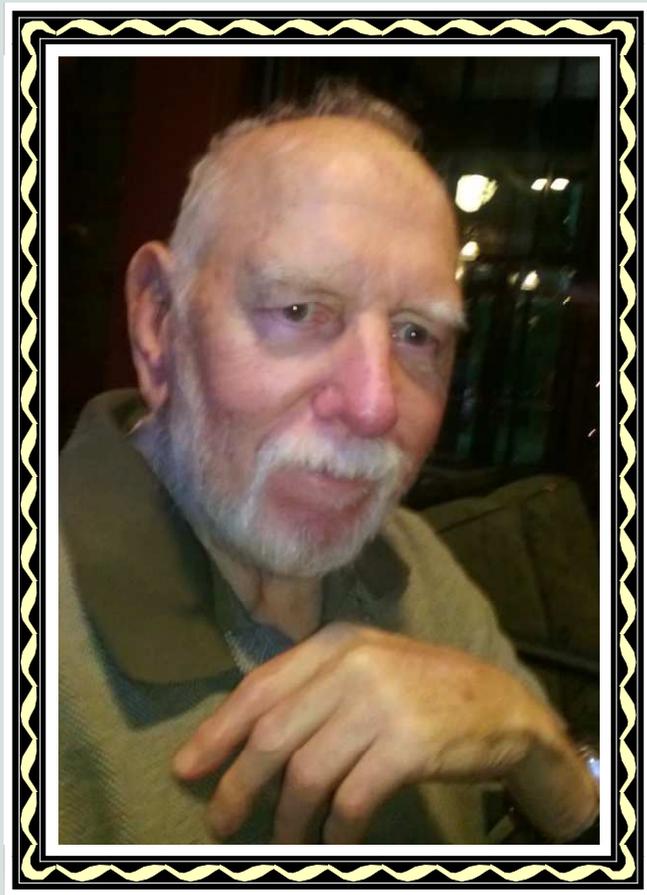
Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Luke, Treasurer IEMC

Celebration of Life
For
Glen Little



January 20, 2018
Darcy's Restaurant
2-4pm

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The greatest compliment you can give is a referral.

Submissions due by the 20th of the month. Classifieds: Free to members or brought forth by member. Renewable every three months. Business cards: \$20 for 12 months.

Send payment to the club Treasurer. E-mail ads to the Editor.

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Club Purpose and General Information

Inland Empire Mustang Club (IEMC)

Club Purpose: Our club exists to promote the enjoyment and preservation of all Mustang automobiles. There's no limit to how many Mustangs or other Ford-powered automobiles you may register. Ownership is not required. However, enthusiasm is definitely encouraged!

Club Mailing Address: VIA Pony Express

IEMC

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Monthly Stampede:

The IEMC holds a monthly get together the third Tuesday of each Month. Check the IEMC website, Activity Alerts and this newsletter for details.

Club Website:

www.inlandempiremustangclub.com

The site features contacts, publications, photos, stories, ads, an updated/current calendar of events and many other items of interest.

Newsletter:

The award winning IEMC MUSTANG is the official club publication. An electronic version is sent monthly to everyone who has an e-mail address. A condensed black and white version is mailed to those members who "opt in" for a hard copy each month. E-mail your contributions (articles, photos, classified ads, business cards) and questions to the Editor by the 20th of the month.

Advertising Policy: Submission deadline is the 20th of the month. Business cards \$20 for one year. Classifieds: Free to members, renewable every 3 months. Send payment to IEMC Treasurer, e-mail ads to the Editor.

Meeting Place: (1st Tuesday, Monthly)

Darcy's Restaurant

10502 E Sprague Ave

Spokane Valley, WA 99206

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. It's an excellent time to meet fellow club members and make new friends. Meetings start at 7:00PM. Come early (by 6:00pm) to eat and visit. All family members are welcome to attend and join the fun.

Membership Dues:

Membership dues are \$25 per calendar year, per household. Your membership includes family members that reside with you that are under the age of 25. Each membership includes one associate family member for voting purposes. Dues are pro-rated, based on what part of the year you join.

Mustang Registry:

Please help us maintain a current Pony registry. This is a real help to the club for planning events and will give you an opportunity to have your ride featured in the club newsletter. Ask any club officer for a copy of the Mustang Registry form. Turn it in at club meetings or mail to the IEMC.

