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In Memory of

Carl Lind IEMC Founder

June 4, 1933 - January 22, 2024

I heard it mentioned before, everyone has a Mustang story and here is mine:

I believe the first Mustang rolled off the assembly line March 9th 1964 in Dearborn Michigan. Sixty years ago this year. I ironically was born March 2nd 1964 in Lincoln Park Michigan, just one week before the Mustang and just miles away from the Dearborn Mustang facility. At the time my dad worked for Ford and we lived in Allen Park Michigan minutes away from the Mustang facility.

I was recently made aware that one of my first outings was with my parents on a tour of the Mustang assembly line at just few months old. That same year, my Uncle Rick Henriksen purchased a red mustang convertible at the Colville Washington dealership, He had insight that one was going to show up there. He was prepared to spend the night in the parking lot to secure the coveted model. Rick has passed, however my cousin still owns the car that my uncle used as a daily driver for years.

My other uncle, Uncle Ron owned a white Chevelle Malibu in the late 60's; and I eventually owned that car until I had to sell it in my junior year of college to finish my degree. The Malibu was in need of a rebuild and needed funds invested in it to keep it running. It would have required me to postpone school or get a student loan. My family encouraged me to sell it and assured me that it was the responsible thing to do; and that some day I would be able to own another Chevelle. Even though that did not happen I was able to purchase what I view as a compilation my two uncles' cars.

I like to think our white Mustang GT convertible is somewhat a combination of and a homage to the 1969 white Chevelle Malibu and the 1964 1/2 convertible Mustang; and a tribute to my father, all whom have passed.

Fast forward to the lovely Covid years. My wife and I had to keep delaying a booked trip to Maui. We finally made the decision to cancel our trip and to use the funds for a down payment on a Mustang and a trip to Vegas. So we hopped on a plane, picked up the car, spent some time in Vegas, made a visit to the Shelby facility, and drove the car back. On the way home we even stopped in front of the Mustang Monument in Nevada and took a picture. We starting referring to the Mustang as the Covid relief car and enjoyed open air car rides through the pandemic years.

We have thoroughly enjoyed it and look forward to many more years of driving it and interacting with other Mustang and car enthusiasts.

- Steven Tesdahl



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# Celebration of Life Service Carl Lind

June 4, 1933 - January 22, 2024

All members are invited join together to celebrate the life of our club founder Carl Lind. The service will be at 11am on Saturday March 9th. The location is Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3606 S. Schafer Rd. Spokane.

Carl has done so much more than just start the club in 1983. What our club represents today is largely a reflection of the guidance and devotion he provided all through the IEMC's formative years.





He set the standard to give back to the community and be a club family that cares for all members while having fun doing so. It's a big part of why our club has been so successful for the past 40 years.

Stay tuned for an IEMC alert with more details on if we will meet up to arrive at the Church together. Hopefully the weather will be good enough to get the Mustang's out in support of Carl and his family!

# Mustang's Success in UK Leads to New European Series Teams

After proving it's capabilities in the UK GT4 racing serious in recent years, the Ford Mustang is now ready to equal its success in the European GT4 Series. British racing team Academy Motorsports has signed drivers to pilot the new 2024 S650 GT4 Mustangs to victory in the challenging series. Last year Ford won the UK GT4 series in the "old" Mustang, and expects to repeat its winning ways with this brand new version of the worlds most famous muscle car.



# **ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

March

5th (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

9th (Sat) - IEMC Founder Carl Lind Celebration of Life at Redeemer Lutheran Church (606 Schafer Rd, Spokane Valley, WA)

19th (Tues) - Monthly Run to Moon's Mongolian Grill - 6429 N Division St Spokane. POCs: Diane Harwood (509) 951-9787 & Gary Gunning (509) 951-9786.

25th (Mon) - Hot Wheels Committee Meeting at Darcy's: Meeting starts at 6pm. All members involved with helping to put the show on are invited to attend. POC: POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

#### **April**

**2nd** (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

**16th** (Tues) - Monthly Run to Longhorn BBQ - 2315 N Argonne Rd - Spokane Valley. Meet there at 5:30 PM. POC: Tom & Marcia Morris -- 509-924-5544

27th (Sat) Shakedown Cruise: Details to follow. POC: Barry & Carol Samson - 509-262-8988

29th (Mon) - IEMC Board Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. Come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

FYI: We purposely leave open time each month so that we can do "spur of the moment" activities such as cruises, car shows, get-togethers, picnics and more that members would like to do at the last minute.

## March Birthdays

- 2-Steven Tesdahl
- 5-Justin Stelzer
- 6-Barry Barton
- 6-Ron West
- 9-Vi Sundin
- 10-Susan Ragon
- 11-Allen Bunge
- 12-Brian Barton
- 12-Diane West
- 14-Linda Wert
- 15-Dan Baker
- 17-Denny Jones
- 23-Larry Lawton
- 28-Kathy Thomson
- 29-Rocky Gibbs
- 31-Michael Easterday

# The Prez Sez...

By Tom Seep



Ahhh, March Madness...Should we "Beware the Ides of March" or look for the "Luck of the Irish" this month?

Mustangers, start digging in your closets, storage units, and garages for "treasures" that can be used for our Silent Auction coming up on Sunday, May 19th. Also, a "shakedown cruise" is planned for the end of April, weather permitting. Stay tuned for details

As I mentioned last month, it's time to renew your IEMC membership. Club dues are payable for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. You can give your payment to our Club Treasurer at the next meeting and save a stamp. To avoid being dropped from the roster, make sure you are current in your dues payments, thanks.

I'm still looking for volunteers, i.e., chairpersons and team members for upcoming club events. There is the Speed and Custom show on April 12-14 and the Hot Wheels Car Show on August 3rd. Together we can make these shows great and very successful. We'll be discussing these volunteer opportunities at our next Club meeting.

Carpe diem, Mustangers!

- Tom

## Welcome New Members

Melissa Kautzman, 1967 Coupe, Blue

Marvin Conn, 1994 GT Pace Car Edition, Red

#### 'Stang Of The Month Wanted

Want to see your car featured in the newsletter? It's easy to do. Just send a story about yourself and your car, including any relevant history and interesting details, to the email address below. Don't worry about grammar or spelling, the editor can handle that for you. Include several good quality pictures, or you can arrange to have pictures taken.

Send your items to: kfrank@valley4th.com

# **IEMC Meeting Minutes February 6, 2023**

Darcy's Restaurant. 10502 E Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley, WA. 7:00 PM.

**2024 Board Members Present:** President Tom Seep, Vice President Jeff Larson, Grag Goeden, Dianne Harwood, Kelly Ryan, Barry Barton, Kim Frank, Bruce Butler, Tom Eickmeyer, Gary Gunning..

**Meeting called to order** by President Tom Seeps. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership. A moment of silence was observed in respect of the passing of founder Carl Lind.

#### **President's Comments:**

- Tom introduced all Board Members to general membership.
- Reminded membership that dues are due by April 1, 2024

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Scheduled guest speaker postponed to a future time.

January Meeting Minutes: MSC as published with amendment.

#### **New Members:**

- Marvin Conn, 1994 GT Pace Car Edition, Red.
- Melissa Kautzman, 1967 coupe, blue
- Potential new member, Ralph Wesley, 1966 work in progress.

#### Treasurers report by Bruce Butler

- All financial accounts are healthy.
- Treasurer name-change Issues with STCU have been resolved.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### Activities by Ron West.

- Ron introduced new committee members. See the complete list in the newsletter or website.
- The committee is working on some new ideas for 2024.
- Next run: February 20, 2024, at Tecate Grill. Meet there at 5:30pm
- The March run will be at Moons Mongolian Grill on the 19th,
- The club's silent and live Auction has been rescheduled to Sunday, May 19th. Will allow ordering from the menu.
- Other future events include a Shakedown Cruise, Mystery Cruise, Indians Baseball game, and the Christmas Party on Sunday December 15, 2024.

#### Car Auctions by Carl Sontowski.

No Activity.

#### Spokane Speed and Custom Show: Jeff Larson

- A time-critical decision needs to be made regarding participation in the club display competition for the show.
- Discussion on theme, cars, participants, helpers and set-up took place.
- A Motion was made by Carl Sontowski to allow an expenditure of Club funds in the amount of \$100 per vehicle to produce a display. The Motion was Seconded but tabled during discussion.
- A meeting of those interested in participating and helping with the show was called, which followed the conclusion of the general membership meeting.

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#### Meeting Minutes February 6, 2024 (cont.)

#### Health and Welfare: Vicki West.

- Vicki read more thank-you letters from more of the recipients of the club's charitable giving, including HRC Ministries, Salvation Army, Free Rein Therapeutic Riding, UGM, Wounded Warriors and SCOPE.
- Vicki will try to set up a tour of Lighthouse for the Blind on an afternoon in March for those interested.
- Toni Bean is undergoing dialysis and dementia care, Jack is present a gave a brief update. Cards and notes to Toni are appreciated.
- Birthday names were read, and Happy Birthday was sung.

#### **Carl Lind Memorials:**

- VA Cemetery in Medical Lake on February 8, 2024, at 10:30am
- Redeemer Lutheran Church in the Valley on March 9, 2024, with an appeal for a strong IEMC turnout
- Pam Stotts made a Motion to make a donation of \$400 from club funds to Sally's House in the name and honor of Carl Lind. MSC.

Hot Wheels report: The club is committed to hosting the show. More details to come.

Membership. Members Draw by Nadine Smith.

Tom Eickmeyer won \$10

#### **Newsletter report** by Editor Kim Frank.

- Thank you to Rocky Giggs for the story in this month's issue.
- Seeking more content.

#### **OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:**

#### Club Apparel and Merchandise by Tom Eickmeyer.

- New hats are available for sale, \$16 ea.
- Tom introduced Denis Hill who is selling/taking orders for etched-glass steins featuring Mustang images and are available with the IEMC logo at \$15ea. IEMC-etched glass purchases will include a \$5 kickback to the club. Contact Denis for orders 509-879-4398.

#### Facebook: Rocky Gibbs

• Activity breeds activity, please post and share as much as possible.

#### INCCC report: Jeff Larson.

- There are some new car shows on the calendar this year.
- Show-No-Shine tickets are still available, but not for long. \$55ea.
- SEMA battling states restrictive vehicle laws and regulations continues.
- The INCCC Scholarship Show has moved to the Fair Grounds for 2024
- Miss Shifters is involved with Marti-Bras donation at T's Lounge on Feb 10th.
- The INCCC Picnic will be held on June 30th.

#### Website report by Barry Barton.

- A printable version of the tribute to Carl Lind is available from the website.
- Check the site for updates.

#### OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

#### New Ponies or modifications.

Tim has a 1986 GT T-top that needs a throttle body.

Back Yard Mechanic is still napping.

HA Award: No takers.

Door prizes: Five prizes were awarded by Ron West.

**50/50:** Marsha awarded \$63 to Barry Barton for his lucky ticket for the second month in a row.

#### President's Draw:

- Carl Sontowski won a \$25 gift certificate to Tecate Grill.
- Denis Hill also won a \$25 gift certificate to Tecate

#### Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: March 5, 2024

Submitted by Kim Frank

# Mustang Stories, News & Events

# My First Cruise with IEMC

By Francine Dober

After purchasing my 2004 Mustang GT convertible in 2010, I researched area car clubs and decided to check out IEMC. I showed up at the scheduled meeting place being the SCC Clock Tower and was warmly greeted by a group of girls anxious to check me out! As the guys were lifting hoods and kicking tires, I was basically being interviewed by the girls. Personal questions about family and career were the basis of the conversation.

The cruise destination was a short run to D'Lish on Division Street that night. As I entered the restaurant, I was greeted again and introduced to two members who had similar hobby interests and a chair was saved for me so I could sit by them. All that interviewing finally made sense. Being welcomed in such a caring way was totally unexpected. I was impressed. I drove home feeling confident that I would enjoy being a member of IEMC.

I remember my first membership meeting as well. Meetings were held at Prospectors restaurant at Wandermere back then. I walked into a packed banquet room to find members already seated, dining and visiting. It was literally standing room only for me that night. I was recognized as a new member and ask what I drove. The feeling of comradery was undeniable. I was honored being nominated to run for secretary the following year.

I remember the girls that greeted me that first day as well as the couple that I sat by; some don't attend meetings anymore but still stay in touch. Those members gifted me a heartfelt memory of my first cruise with IEMC and for that I am grateful.



Dark Horse Fetches \$350K

At Barrett-Jackson, Scottsdale



Ford and Barrett-Jackson Auctions have teamed up again to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation during the resent auction in Scottsdale, AZ. The relationship between Ford, Barrett-Jackson and JDRF began many years ago and always results in raising big money for the foundation.

For it's part, Ford donates a first-production vehicle, with a low VIN serial number to be auctioned to the highest bidder at the event. Barrett-Jackson promotes and displays the vehicle throughout the week to build anticipation for the bidding. The total bid amount goes to the JDRF in their efforts to find a cure for Type-I Diabetes.

This year Ford provided a fully optioned Mustang Dark Horse, VIN 001, and the bidding was hot right out of the gate. It quickly surpassed \$100K, then \$200K, then more and more, until it finally hammered at \$350,000.

During the week, Ford brought other Mustangs,

Broncos, and EV's for their demonstration area where fans could watch the cars in action. Professional drivers from Ford Racing Team gave rides in a Mustang Dark horse to those who shelled out the dough to feel the thrill.



# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

List your items for sale here. Send the info to the editor (kfrank@valley4th.com). All items are welcome, not just Mustang-related. Classified Ads are free to IEMC Members

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

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Hot Wheels Car Show:

# 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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Spokane Valley, WA 99213-3591

# **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:

Individual and family members: \$25 for a 12 month membership. Dues are payable April 1st and shall become delinquent after May 31st. Membership includes one additional "associate" family member for the purpose of voting. Such individuals must reside with the member and be at least 16 years of age. Individuals, other than the member's spouse or significant other, that have reached 25 years of age are not eligible for "associate" status and must obtain their own membership.

# Mustang Registry:

IEMC maintains a current member Mustang registry. This is a real help to the club for planning events and will give you the opportunity to have your ride featured in the club newsletter "Stang of the Month" article. Contact the webmaster for a registry form or more information.

