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Approx. 2 years ago, I decided I would like to add one, last, beautiful hunk of rare metal to my garage. I decided it had to be a 1957 Corvette - a '57 was my first Corvette - a 1937 Ford Street Rod- love the rare body style- a Shelby GT500, my favorite Shelby, or a Shelby Snake. These are my four favorite rides I just have an LOVE/LUST affair with. For 40 years, Carol and I have had a Corvette AND a Mustang in our garage. Still do.

I Found a beautiful 1957 Corvette in Maryland, but health issues slowed me down and it sold before I could get to it. I Found a fabulous 1937 Ford at Volos Motors outside Chicago. I still lust for that beast, but I have found street rods are a volatile market and risky to play in. I Found a few Shelbys across the country, and even a couple nice ones close to home here, but none Grabbed me and said TAKE ME HOME.

So there I sat, late at night, thinking I will not find an affordable ride I want. I don't really need another car. I just WANT one. At my age I have taken to doing what I want, if at all possible, as I am certainly not getting any younger and you only go around once.

So, because of my lack of success at finding a ride, I am kind of pouting in my recliner with a small shot of hootch. As I am surfing I spot an ad for a Shelby Snake. What catches my eye is the car is not 1,000 Or 2,000 miles away like most, but almost right here in my own backyard in Hermiston, Oregon. The price is reasonable, although more than I will spend. Then I am jolted again, almost out of my chair. It is Orange, almost the same color as the Mustang we currently own and I love the color as it is so different. It is a Twister Orange Bold Edition of which only 30 were produced. It would look so good next to our Grabber

I was expecting it had an automatic as most do, but it had a six speed stick like my current ride. I am now wide awake way past my bedtime. And the final clincher that really blew me away, was the 2020 Shelby Snake was a one owner. Originally sold by the same dealer - an approved Shelby dealer at their Seattle location- and the car had 415 miles on it total & verified. I did not sleep well that evening,

Orange Saleen. Grabber & Twister!



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and I practiced over & over on how to inform my wife the next morning on how we must leave for Hermiston, Oregon immediately.

I Told her I just wanted to go look at it.

She said "The minute they fire it up you will have your checkbook out."

My wife was partly correct. When they fired the Snake up, my blood pressure went up with it along with my desire to take that car home. With 825hp talking to me and the car in perfect condition -415 miles on it- But I was still hesitant about their pricing and it had two computer software issues the dealer had not corrected.



First problem was the dealer rejected my offer. And my second offer. So we left and headed back to Spokane. I was not a happy camper at all. Long story short, the dealer sent a salesman to Spokane and accepted our offer over a D'Lish hamburger dinner he bought. The offer was contingent upon all software being brought up to date.

Unexpectedly, that took over two weeks to accomplish. The car was actually restructured & manufactured at Shelby America in Las Vegas, not built by Ford as a Shelby GT500 is. Shelby America was great to work with and got us all the codes we needed.

Time came for my hired outfit to pick the car up in an enclosed semi truck and deliver to Spokane. Leaving Portland heading for Hermiston and Spokane, the truck was involved in an accident and put out of service.

My carrier called and gave me the bad news. I could get the car delivered the following week for the same price, or they had a fellow who would go out of his way and deliver the car not to Spokane, but to my house (20 miles out of Spokane) but it would be \$75 extra. I paid him the \$75 and bought him lunch.

Finally. Got. My. Sssnake.

- Barry Samson





ACTIVITY CALENDAR

November

4th (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.

6th (Thurs) - IEMC Board Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. We have the back room from 5pm. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

18th (Tues) - Monthly Run to Fieldhouse Pizza, 4423 W Wellesley - Spokane. Meet there at 5:30pm. POCs: Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205.

December

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

14th (Sun) IEMC Annual Christmas Party at Darcy's in the Valley. Details to follow. POCs: Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205.

Be sure to check the website often for schedule changes

<u>Novembe</u>	<u>r Birthdays</u>
1- Marcia Morris	14-Jean Bohr
1-Marianne Bensinger	19-Shawn LeBret
2-Michael Mitchell	20-Nadine Smith
4-Joy Lawton	20-Julie Vandervert
5-Diana Brink	24-Christine Binkley
6-Tara Tippett	24-Colleen Szacik
7-Nan Bishop	25-Marcia Dorwin
8-Candido Arellano	26-Steve Baeumel
10-Doug Eastwood	28-Francine Dober
11-Steve Stuart	30-Sheryl Etchart
11-Scott Tracy	30-Jeff Larson
12-Matt Baun	
12-Anita Hewett	P

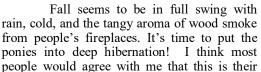
14-Kari Lidbeck

14-Mark Lidbeck

14-Hunter Brown

The Prez Sez...

By Tom Seep





favorite time of year, when you can break out the flannels (shirts, PJ's, bed sheets etc.) and feel the cool, brisk air on your morning walk or out on your patio with that first hot cup of coffee in the morning.

Now let's get serious for a moment, it is election time and we have 8 (eight) positions open. So please consider running for office or committee chair position--it is a challenge and rewarding at the same

Your nominating committee members are; Barry Barton, Jeff Larson, Kelly Ryan and Tom Seep. If you are interested in a Officer position, a Board position or committee position please contact one of the nominating committee members for details.

The following Officer positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are also two Board of Director positions open. In addition, we have Committee positions open such as Hot Wheels 2026 Chairperson and Name Badge/Welcome Packets person. So, as you can see, there are a lot of positions to fill for the clubs 43rd year.

As mentioned last month, elections of our club Officers, Board Members and new Committee positions will be held at the December meeting. So start thinking about who you'd like to nominate or whether you'd like to serve the Club in some role.

As Thanksgiving nears, we can all be grateful for fast cars and the people who love driving them, and also for our families who put up with us! Stay safe in your travels as the weather changes.

> Carpe, diem, Mustangers! Tom Seep

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Ronald Eastwood - 1967 Mustang Coupe, blue

'Stang Of The Month Wanted

Want to see your car featured in the newsletter? It's easy to do. lust 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 October 7, 2025

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

2025 Board Members Present: President Tom Seep, Jeff Larson, Barry Barton, Dianne Harwood, Kelly Ryan, Kim Frank, Bruce Butler, Gary Gunning, Doug Pickett, Carl Sontowski

Meeting called to order by Tom Seep. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

President's Comments:

- Tom expressed thanks to those club members that joined him for the PNWMC car show in Prosser, WA. He noted the very nice CNC machined metal trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, and the color-coded class parking system which worked well.
- Tom recapped the Walla Walla show: 608 cars displayed, great location and a good time despite the rain.
- Jeff Larson gave details about the Hot Rod Hall of Fame dinner on Oct 4th during which Mustang Andy and Chuck Little were inducted. Andy had more than 50 supporters present. Nine \$2K scholarships were handed out to students in the trades, and \$8K was given the Venessa Behan Crisis Nursery. The dinner will return to Spokane next year.

Guest Speaker #1:

Leni from Fine Image Portrait Art displayed a couple of his "Light Painting" car photos. He offered a donation to our charities
for every sign-up. The portraits are priced at \$3000 and up. Samples can be seen at their website www.fineimage.net

August Meeting Minutes Approval: MSC as written

Treasurer's report by Bruce Butler

Book balances are: Checking \$17,503 in checking, \$9,331 in CD's.

New Members/Visitors: Nadine – none at this meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Ron West

- The club picnic on Sept 13th saw a good turnout, great weather and the brown bag auction raised \$196 for charity.
- The Run on September 16th to the Pint House in the Valley drew about 24 people. Good food and conversation reported.
- The Run on Oct 21st will be to Ron's Drive In. Meet there at 6pm. An email reminder will be sent out.
- The Run in November will be to the Field House Pizza. Details to Follow.
- The Christmas Party is set for December 14th at Darcy's. The price of the dinner for members is \$10ea, the club will pick up the balance of the \$30 meal cost. Sign-up at next month's meeting.

Health and Welfare: Vicki West

Vicki handed out a sheet with the names of the charities being considered for year-end donations. The board will select and
present the nominations to the membership for approval at the December general meeting. The charities nominated are:
Children's Cancer Coalition, Family Promise, Honor Flight, Helping Captives, INW Wounded Warrior Project, Joya School.
Lighthouse for the blind, Meals on Wheels, Scope, Spokanimal Care, Tunnel 2 Towers, Union Gospel Mission, Sally's
House, Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, Shriners Hospital for Children, Turning Point USA, and the Hot Rod Hall of Fame.

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- Helping Captives Ministries is preparing to open at the old Dishman theater in October of 2026. They work to rescue people from human trafficking in the Spokane area.
- Vi Sundin is improving and hopes to attend a meeting sometime soon.
- Let Vicki know of health issues, surgeries, or other needs.
- The October birthday roster was read, and Happy Birthday was sung.

Car Auctions: Carl Sontowski - Done for the year

INCCC: Jeff Larson

It is election season for INCCC and most clubs.

Membership. Members Draw-Nadine

- \$10 was awarded to Kerry Drews
- T-shirts available at meeting for \$15ea.

Newsletter report by Editor Kim Frank.

- 'Stang of the Monthe needed for December.
- Send in interesting news items

Facebook: Melissa

- Send photos in to Melissa for posting on FB and cross-publishing in the website and newsletter. Any and all pics from car shows, car projects, or events are welcome.
- The Show-no Shine in February is a fun event and a great way to help INCCC keep the banquet more affordable. There will be a drawing for a stay in the hotel and other goodies. Please plan on attending and supporting the show.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Website report by Barry Barton.-

The Website is alive and well.

Hot Wheels:

- Barry Barton announced that he will not be able to continue as the chair or co-chair for Hot Wheels, due to health and other
 considerations. He asks members to please step up and take the lead. He's willing to provide information and some assistance but cannot run the show committee.
- Tom Seep noted that 2 dates are available for next year's show according to the Parks and Rec department, August 1st or August 15th. After a discussion, **a motion** was made to commit to the 8/15/26 date due to the excessive number of local car shows on Aug 1st and considerably fewer shows on the 15th. **MSC**
- Bruce Butler will notify the Spokane Parks and Recreation Dept. of the Hot Wheels date change.

Tom Seep reiterated that he thinks we can get 300 cars to the show. Please volunteer to help.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

New Ponies or modifications. Barry Samson purchased a 1-of-30-produced 2020 Shelby Super Snake with 415 miles on it from a collector in Hermiston. The car is Twister Orange.

Meeting Minutes October 7, 2025 (cont.)

HA Award: Bruce Butler keeps the award because he forgot to bring it back to the meeting.

Guest Speaker #2: Jacquie Witham from the INCCC talked about the 2026 Calendar of Events and the chance for members to get their car on the front cover: Raffle tickets are available for purchase from Jeff Larson. The drawing will take place in November.

Other Business: None

Door Prizes: Ron West gave out 5 items

50/50: Marsha Sundberg: Awarded \$45

President's Draw: None this month

Meeting Adjourned Next meeting: 7 pm November 4, 2025

Submitted by Kim Frank, Secretary



Mustang Supercar Wins Down Under



The Australian Supercar version of the Ford Mustang was victorious at the recent Bathurst 1000 race in New South Whales, Australia. The grueling 621 mile course is a test of endurance and speed, and the Mustang proved to be up to the task. Drivers Matt Payne and Garth Tander advanced from their 18th starting position and outlasted the field as many other teams experienced problems. Payne, with a 25-point advantage, and six other Mustang drivers now advance into a three-round championship series that will soon crown the 2025 Supercar Champion.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: \$27,500 Mustang Convertible 2 dr. Rare ALL original motor, transmission, interior, steering wheel, gauges, etc. 3 speed manual transmission with 289 V8 motor. Runs great and sounds Awesome! New windshield, Mustang floor mats and trunk liner, radiator, fuel pump and rear shocks. Have original hub caps and lug nuts. Owner since 1989, always garaged, Clear title. 97,625 miles. Contact Louise Bates (509) 990-2768



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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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:

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.

