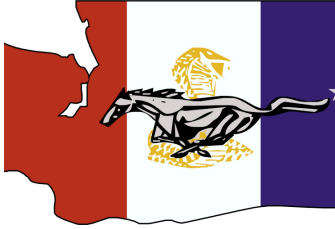
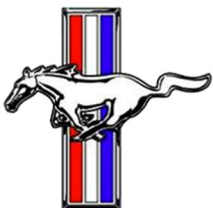


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Ford Commits To Gas V-8's For Mustang

Despite its earlier statements eluding to a hybrid powertrain for the next integration of the Mustang, it now looks like Ford will continue offering a ICE engined Mustang “well into the next decade”, according to Jim Farley, Ford’s CEO. Changes is governmental regulation and a new political climate has, no doubt, changed the direction regarding the forced manufacturing of electric and hybrid cars and trucks, to the extent that Ford recently announced the cancellation of its electric F-150 lightning program. All of this bodes well for muscle car fans and Mustang owners in particular.

Club Ends Year With Christmas Party



2025 ended with a bang of a party as IEMC members enjoyed the annual Christmas get-together and gift exchange at Darcy’s restaurant.

Nearly seventy members were in attendance for a buffet dinner that included ham, chicken fettuccini, salmon, potatoes, green beans, and bread sticks. The dessert was ala Costco sheet cakes in white and chocolate.

After dinner, the club was entertained, as

always, by Ron West as he emceed the gift exchange. Things started easy and simple enough, but once the stealing started, the fun ramped up. The often stolen items Included many bottles of adult beverages, ranging from beer to whisky, with wine and liquors in the mix. Nearly all of them were stolen to the point where they became “locked.”

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Mustang signs and memorabilia were popular steals, and some decorative items and household goods, including tools had more than one owner before all was said and done.

The best part of the evening, however, wasn't the food or the gifts, but the friendship and comradery that has been the basis of the IEMC since its inception. Well done IEMC.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

January

4th (Sunday) - Board Meeting at Illinois St Grill at 5pm.
POC Kim Frank 509-954-4398

6th (Tues) **Note New Start Time-** Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Kim Frank 509-954-4398

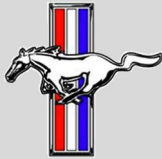
20th (Tues) - Monthly Run to Tomato Street on Division St in Spokane. Meet there at 5:30. POCs: Ron and Diane West 509-467-0205. See the website for

February

3rd (Tues) **Note New Start Time-** Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Kim Frank 509-954-4398

17th- (Tues) - Month Run - Details to follow. POCs: Ron and Diane West 509-467-0205

Be sure to check the website often for schedule changes



January Birthdays

2-Jack Bean

3-Patty Yedinak

3-Sherrell Martin

4-Sue Manley

7-Alex Mandere

11-Andy Kautzman

12-Kathy Kautzman

18-Mike Taylor

19-Stefani Hill

21-Ben Kruse

21-Jan Fox

23-Debbie Siegel

31-Vicki Magee



Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**

With 2025 in the rearview mirror and looking at 2026 through the windshield, things appear different. Certainly not the way I expected things to look, but different nonetheless. I was going along, doing my thing as club secretary and newsletter editor, enjoying my life and just like that, I'm President of IEMC. It happened so quickly I don't know if I should thank or blame those who worked it all out. Kidding aside, I want to thank the Board members, past and present, who have faithfully served this club for so many years, and I look forward to working with the 2026 Board as we endeavor to build on the foundation that has been built over the last four decades.

I want to thank Tom Seep for leading the club last year, for his help this year as he advises me, and for his friendship. I'm sure I'll appreciate him more and more as the year goes on. Barry Barton is another friend to whom I want to show my appreciation. Barry has been encouraging to me and others in service to the club for many years. His knowledge of the innerworkings is invaluable and his experience, priceless.

Now, to you, the club members: You are the driving force behind everything the club will accomplish in the upcoming year. Your participation in the activities and events of the club from monthly meetings, Ice Cream Runs, cruises and parades, to the Hot Wheels car show will ensure that the club will remain viable and attractive to potential future members. Beyond that, the fundraising for charity this club does, through some of the activities, is hugely valuable to our local community. Your participation creates a win-win scenario.

So, what do you want the club to look like in 2026? What activities are your favorites, what should we add, or which should we drop from the list? Are we getting information out to the membership in effective ways? What more do we need to do to honor our club's founding purpose, which states, in part... "to encourage and provide an opportunity to develop friendship, cooperation and pride among Mustang and Shelby automobile enthusiasts.?"

Your input on things like these is important. To that point, I'll be developing a survey soon that will ask these and other questions and I really would appreciate your participation. I'll send out a printable version along with an online version so that everyone can contribute their opinions and ideas in a comfortable format.

Take care of yourselves over the cold winter months. And remember, time goes faster the older you get, so car season will be upon us before we know it.

Blessings.

Kim

'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
December 2, 2025
Kim Frank, Secretary

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7pm by Tom Seep. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

President's Comments:

- Two main topics for the night's meeting... 1) Elections, and 2) Charitable giving.
- **Barry/Elections** Tom turned the floor over to Barry Barton to introduce the nominees and to go over the election process. The following positions/nominees were presented for voting: President – Carl Sontowski; Vice President – Gary Gunning; Treasurer – Bruce Butler; Secretary – Kim Frank; Board Members (voting for 2) – Diane Harwood, Mike Bishop.
- No other names were submitted for nomination by the membership.
- MSC – the membership unanimously voted for the nominees as presented
- Tom thanked the club and commented that he is encouraged and looks forward to the upcoming year.

Charitable Giving: Bruce Butler

- Bruce covered the procedure and referred to a handout listing (attached) of the charities that were recommended by the Board as this year's recipients. He noted that the total of all funds given to charities in 2025 will be in excess of \$14,000 - which includes gifts made under special circumstances earlier in the year.
- Barry Barton made a motion to accept the list as presented.
- The floor was opened for discussion during which a question regarding Light A Lamp was answered, and an invitation was given for more comments and suggested charitable organizations.
- Bruce noted that the Board placed an emphasis on giving to charities that would have the greatest impact on the local community. Several good national charities were considered initially, but because they are well funded, the Board thought that the club's dollars would go further with some of the smaller local groups, even though the national charities do excellent work.
- MSC: A Second was made to the Motion and a vote was taken. The motion carried.

November Meeting Minutes approval: MSC as written.

Guest speakers/Visitors: None to report

New/Potential Members: None to report

Treasurers Report: Bruce Butler

- Checking balance: \$17K+, less the checks to written to charities after the meeting. CD balance: \$9385

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Ron West

- November 18th ICR, to Fieldhouse Pizza was lightly attended, but the food was good
- There will be no "Ice cream run" in December because of the Christmas party. It is scheduled for Sunday December 14, 2025, at Darcys. Happy hour is at 5:00pm, Dinner at 6:00pm and Gifts exchange at 7:00(Gift valued at around \$20.00) Each single member may bring a guest and the cost to you is \$10.00 a piece. The board elected to have the club pay the \$20.00 difference per person. A sign-up sheet will be passed around during this meeting. If you sign up and don't remove your name by December 11, if you can't make it, you will owe the club the full \$30.00. Menu does not include Prime Rib this year due to expense considerations, ham will be substituted.

Meeting Minutes December 2, 2025 (cont.)

- Ron asked if anyone would be willing to pick up a Costco sheet cake for the party as dessert is not included in the menu.

Health and Welfare: Vicki West

- Vicki expressed her appreciation for Shriner's Hospital even though they are not on the club's giving list this year.
- Birthdays were announced and everyone sang "Happy Birthday"

INCCC: Jeff Larson

- Very few activities in the car communities while in the off-season, other than Christmas parties.

Hot Wheels car show: No report at this time

Membership Members Draw: Nadine

- \$10.00 was awarded to Carol Samson

Newsletter report: Kim Frank

- Last month's baby member was Jan Frank
- Please, please, please send in 'Stang of the Month pics and story

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Website report: Barry Barton

- Remember to check the site for updates often
- Barry and Francine ran into Chewelah Police Chief Cochran while out to dinner, he was walking on prosthetic legs and using a cane. He's made tremendous progress since the club honored him earlier in the summer.
- Barry took a moment to honor Tom Seep for his years at the helm of the club. The members applauded the comments in agreement.

Misc.: Tom Seep

- Tom recommends Elite Mobile Tire Service for any of your tire needs. They provided change-over service on his rig, including mounting and balancing tires at his location for a very reasonable price.
- Tom suggested that the monthly general membership meetings start earlier. Some suggested times were offered up. A motion was made to start the meetings at 6:30pm. A discussion took place and the vote was taken. MSC. January's meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Notifications will be sent to members.

New Ponies or Modifications: None to report

HA Award:

- Tom Seep won the award after telling a lengthy and tragically humorous story involving insomnia, edible gummies, the loss of lower partial dentures, dropping his hearing aid in pee, and damaging his garage door while backing out, all while he may or may not have been "under the influence."

Door prizes: Ron West gave out 10 items

50/50: Marsha Sundberg: Marsha awarded \$51 to herself.

Presidents' choice Drawing: none this meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm. Next meeting: 6:30pm January 6, 2026

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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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.

