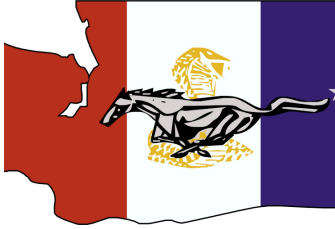


# IEMC MUSTANG



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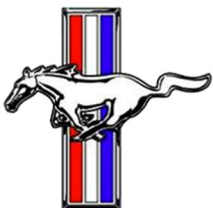


Photo Credit: Ford WHQ Car Show

## Ford Celebrates New World Headquarters

An amazing car show, featuring Ford Cars and trucks manufactured over the last 100+ years, added to the celebration at the recent opening of Ford's new World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.

The iconic "Glass House" that served as Ford's home office since the 1950's will soon be demolished, having dutifully served it's purpose. The new WHQ encompasses more than 2 million square feet and will anchor Ford's development, design, and engineering departments. Blue Oval fans, by the thousands, from across the region – including Ford executives, employees, retirees and their families, as well as business leaders, elected officials, owners, clubs and countless enthusiasts and community members – came together on a cold November afternoon to join in the gala.

The day-long event included all kinds of immersive tours, vehicle displays, autograph sessions with Ford Racing drivers, food

trucks, and live entertainment.

The new WHQ is designed with 12 acres of green space, including walking paths for employees, along with another 100,000 square feet of outdoor courtyard areas within the complex. A new dining area boasts 7 food stations and markets, including coffee bars (of course). The dining hall will accommodate up to 4000 employees when its complete in a couple of years.

The new WHQ is part of the modernization plan that Ford has been working on globally for several years now, in which factories, workspaces and executive buildings have been receiving significant upgrades. The improvements will mean that by 2027, 90% of Ford's office employees will be working in new or remodeled spaces.

The culmination of the event was the revealing of the famous blue oval on top of the new WHQ by Exec. Bill Ford and CEO Jim Farley.

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Grand opening at Ford's new WHQ in  
Dearborn, MI



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## ***IEMC Thank You to Corwin Ford***

Corwin Ford has been our main sponsor you several years. In 2025 their support helped us achieve the best Hot Wheels Show in the past 25 years with 267 entries and over \$7,700 raised for charity. Additionally, their assistance at our Spring Silent Auction Dinner helped us set a new record for money raised. Our club, helped by their support, teamed together in a dedicated effort to provide over \$16,000 for charity this year.

Recently 2025 Hot Wheels Co-Chairs Tom Seep & Barry Barton had the honor of presenting Spokane Corwin Ford Spokane General Manager Tyler Goutermout with a gift from our club in appreciation of their support.



Corwin Ford gives back and has stepped up and committed to be there for the IEMC in 2026.

***If you want great service and very fair prices, check them out!***

## **ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

### **December**

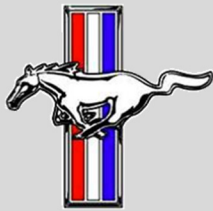
**2nd** (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. Annual IEMC Officer & Board Elections night. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

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

### **January**

**6th** (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.

**20th** (Tues) - Monthly ICR. TBD. See the website for updates to the calendar.



### December Birthdays

- 1- Greg Fosse**
- 6-Danny Aldecoa**
- 8-Gary Rosman**
- 11-Ken West**
- 12-Shannon Goeden**
- 15-Johnny Ward**
- 17-Greg Goeden**
- 19-Catherine Eickmeyer**
- 20-Buzz LaBret**
- 21-Sharon Jones**
- 27-Vicki West**
- 27-Mark Szacik**
- 28-Ryan Moore**
- 29-Christine Ippolito**
- 30-Ed Looker**



## **The Prez Sez...**

By **Tom Seep**



I guess it's safe to say that winter has arrived (La Nina) and the ponies are snug in their beds for their long winter naps!

End-of-year activities are at hand for our club. While some people are snowbirds and leave for warmer temperatures others go skiing and snowboarding, we on the other hand are going to be holding elections, making charitable donations, and partying. Speaking of partying, the IEMC annual Christmas party will be at Darcy's on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The cost per member is \$10.00 (the club will pay the additional \$20.00 per member); if you are single, you may bring one guest. Please remember that if you sign up for the dinner and don't go, you will owe the club \$30.00 each. I hope to see many of you there for good food, camaraderie, and—not to be missed—the traditional gift exchange. If you participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift valued at about \$20.00 for each of you to participate.

At the monthly meeting on December 2nd, we will hold elections for Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (one-year terms each) and for two Board members (two-year terms each). You can either vote for candidates listed on the ballot or write in candidates of your choice.

Also at the meeting, we'll vote on charitable giving. The Treasurer will present a breakdown of what the Board has decided for this year's giving. These donations will be approved by membership vote (per the club by-laws).

I'm encouraging each of you to attend the December meeting to vote on items that will affect the future of our club and our community.

Carpe, diem, Mustangers!

Tom Seep

### **'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](mailto:kfrank@valley4th.com)



**IEMC Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2025**  
**Minutes by Diane Harwood**

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

**2025 Board Members Present:** Tom Seep, Gary Gunning, Barry Barton, Diane Harwood, Kelly Ryan, Bruce Butler, Carl Sontowski.

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

**President's Comments:**

- We have a group called the "Pit Crew" made up of officers and board members that is available for you to talk to. We want your input about any ideas, questions, or concerns you may have for the club. Please feel free to talk to any one of the members of the Pit Crew at any time.
- Elections will be held at the December meeting for our 43<sup>rd</sup> year as IEMC. We have 6 positions open which include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2-2 year positions on the Board. We also need a Chairman for the "Hot Wheels 26" car show and someone to take care of the welcome packages and name badges.
- Our nominating committee members are Barry Barton, Kelly Ryan, Jeff Larson and Tom Seep.
- Name tags for new members that have been made are up on the front table in alphabetic order if you haven't gotten yours yet.

**Barry/Elections**

We encourage you to consider running for any of these positions if you would like

We have nominations for these positions right now.

President-Carl Sontowski	Vice President-Mike Bishop	Secretary-Kim Frank
Treasurer-Bruce Butler	Board member-Jeff Larson	Board member-Diane Harwood

**October Meeting Minutes approval:** MSC as written.

**Guest speakers/Visitors:** None to report

**New/Potential Members:** None to report

**Treasurers Report:** Bruce Butler

- Checking balance: \$17,716.00
- CD balance: \$9359.00

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Ron West

- October 21 - 23 people went to Rons drive in organized by Diane and Hunter Brown.
- November 18<sup>th</sup> Ice Cream run is at the Fieldhouse Pizza at 5:30

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 for the club to 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 if you cant make it by December 11 you will owe the club the full \$30.00.

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**Health and Welfare:** Vicki West

- Please let Vicki know of and illness or injuries within the club.
- Elmer Bensinger was in the hospital with a Environmental infection but is home now
- Mary Jo fell and broke her humerus and possibly a couple of ribs. She is home and recovering.
- Jodee Piersol is recovering from a knee injury.
- The Board is meeting this month to decide on the charities we will donate to this year. A list was compiled by the members for the board to choose from.

Birthdays were announced and everyone sang "Happy Birthday"

**INCCC:** Jeff Larson

- They are holding their elections now and have the upcoming "Show no Shine" banquet.

Hot Rod Hall of Fame for Washington meetings are at Darcys the last Tuesday of every month.

**Hot Wheels car show:** No report at this time

**Membership Members Draw:** Nadine

\$10.00 was awarded to Tom Seep who donated it back to the penny jar

**Newsletter report:** Kim Frank

Kim was not present at the meeting

**OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Website report:** Barry Barton

- Barry has featured Barry Samsons new Mustang on the website
- Melissa has agreed to do our club ads for the INCCC calendar

**Show No Shine:** Melissa

She reported that it is themed "Prom Night" and will be February 21, 2026 at Mirabeau. It will be at 5:00pm at the cost of \$65.00 a ticket. Please send your prom pictures to Melissa. They will have a photographer at the banquet to take your picture that night as you arrive.

**New Ponies or Modifications:** None to report

**HA Award:**

Bruce won the award for running over a mattress on the highway at night.

**Door prizes:** Ron West gave out 6 items

**50/50:** Marsha Sundberg: Diane West won \$48.00

**Presidents choice Drawing:** none this meeting

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:45 PM. Next meeting: 7 pm December 2, 2025

## ***IEMC 2026 Election Ballot***

### **President - Vote for 1 only**

- ☐ Carl Sontowski
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Vice-President - Vote for 1 only**

- ☐ Gary Gunning
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Treasurer - Vote for 1 only**

- ☐ Bruce Butler
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Secretary - Vote for 1 only**

- ☐ Kim Frank
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

### **IEMC Board - Vote for 2 (the 2 with the most votes will be elected)**

- ☐ Diane Harwood
- ☐ Mike Bishop
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

# 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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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

P.O. Box 13591

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](http://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.

