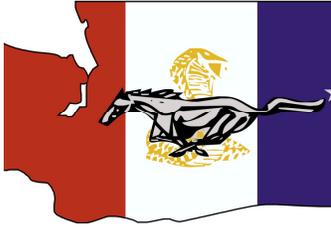


IEMC MUSTANG



'Stang Of The Month: Tom Upchurch's 2017 GT



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Editor's Note: How many times do we assume that folks who join the IEMC who were born in the middle part of the last century must have a history with Mustangs? Surely there's a string of past and present collectable and daily-driven vehicles about which they can tell numerous stories, or so the thinking goes.

Let me introduce Tom Upchurch to you. Tom is now 82 years old, but let me take you back a couple of years to the good ol' days (pre-COVID) when Tom was 80. Tom was on a routine trip to FAFB to pick up his prescribed medications when he passed by a car lot in Airway Heights. He took notice of an orange Dodge Challenger and decided to give it a test drive. The hemi-powered car had plenty of oomph, but it was very loud and he knew his wife would never go for that. So he turned his attention to a Mustang that was parked right next to it.

It was a beautiful black convertible. He says that the car had low miles, a very strong motor and drove like a dream. So, he bought it and the very next week he took it on a trip to Arizona. He says that he's always wanted a Mustang, and now he finally has one. It just goes to show that it's never too late to enjoy America's favorite pony car. Congratulations Tom!

NEXT GEN MUSTANG PERFORMS WELL IN NASCAR BIG RACE

The new NASCAR Mustang looked great at Daytona, taking wins in both qualifying races and at the 2022 Daytona 500. The new car is a far cry from last year's model in technology, design and capability: The body shape is much closer to an actual showroom Mustang; The suspension starts with new 18-inch single-center-nut BBS wheels and low profile Goodyear tires specifically designed for the new chassis; Also included are rack and pinion steering and an independent rear; Performance is enhanced by a new sequential 5-speed transmission and much larger brakes; A new flat underpan and rear diffuser add to the aerodynamic characteristics of the car. Time will tell how the car stacks up against the NASCAR models of the past, but the Mustang is certainly off to a great start.



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March

1st (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit.

15th (Tues) - Monthly Run to Tecate Grill, 2610 Northwest Blvd, Spokane. Excellent Mexican food! Meet there at 6:30. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

26th (Sat) - Silent Auction Charity Dinner at Darcy's. Happy Hour at 5pm, Dinner at 6, you may come early to set up your auction items. There will be a 50-50 instead of Bingo. Dinner: Lasagna, Chicken Fettuccine, Salad & Bread. \$18 per person (includes tax & gratuity). If you haven't signed up yet, contact Ron or Diane. POC(s): Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205 plus all IEMC Board Members.

April

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.

8th - 10th (Fri - Sun) - Spokane Speed and Custom Show at the Fairgrounds. Our club will be displaying 5 cars. If you are interested in displaying yours or helping, contact Jeff. More details to follow. POC: Jeff Larson (509) 456-8565.

19th (Tues) - Monthly Run - Details to follow. POC(s): Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205.

30th (Sat) - Shakedown Cruise - Details to follow. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

Check the IEMC Website for updates to the Calendar

March Birthdays

5-Justin Stelzer 29-Rocky Gibbs
6-Barry Barton 31-Michael Eaterday
6-Ron West
8-Pam Lafrenz
9-Vi Sundin
10-Susan Ragon
11-Allen Bunge
11-Misty Dolezal
12-Brian Barton
12-Diane West
14-Linda Wert
17-Denny Jones
17-Patty Wieber
18-Mark Turner
19-Richard Snyder
23-Larry Lawton



The Prez Sez...

By **Tom Seep**

Should we "Beware the Ides of March" or look for the "Luck of the Irish" this month? Take your pick---party hearty or quake in your boot.

Thanks to all who braved the elements and came out for Ray Smith's memorial service. It was nice to see all those Mustangs out there. (Some came out of storage just for the occasion.) The service was a fine tribute. Farewell, dear friend; rest in peace.

Start digging in your closets and storage units for "treasures" that can be used for our Silent Auction coming up on Saturday, March 26. Also, a "shakedown cruise" is being planned for April 30, weather permitting, so stay tuned for details.

As we mentioned last month, it's time to renew your IEMC membership. Club dues are payable for the period April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Just give your payment to our Club Treasurer at the upcoming meeting and save a stamp.

Carpe diem, Mustangers!

- Tom

'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

**Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2022
Francine**



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

Officers: Tom Seep-President, Allen Trusley-Vice President, Mary Jo Beck-Treasurer, Francine Dober-Secretary.

Directors: Barry Barton, Tom Eickmeyer, Gary Gunning, Bruce Stirn, Ed Thomason (absent) and Ron West.

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

President's comments. Tom thanked everyone for coming. We have a good crowd tonight. Condolences for loss of loyal club member Ray Smith. A moment of silence was honored. Tom told a story of how Ray was instrumental in helping him decide to buy his first Mustang; a 2012 Black GT coupe.

Three returning members are attending:

Bruce Butler freed from a previous conflicting commitment. Has two 1966 Mustangs. Renewed.

Dan Loeffler recovering from back surgeries and can attend again. Renewed.

Vicki Magee is interested in coming back. Has a 69 coupe and a 2001 Bullitt.

January minutes are approved. Motion, second, favored.at

Treasurers report by Mary Jo Beck. Reminder that dues are due by April 1st. The penny jar is passed. She has INCCC scholarship forms if you want one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS by Ron West.

- Last month's Run went to Tomato Street. 15 attended. Weather was a factor.
- February 15 Run will be to Selkirk Pizza. Show up at 5:30.
- March 15 Run to Tecate Mexican restaurant. Show up at 6:30.
- March 26 Dinner and Silent auction at Darcy's. Buffet \$18 per person. Signup sheet passed.
- If you sign up and don't attend you are still responsible for payment. This is a club fund raiser. Put on by your Board members.

Health and Welfare report by Vicki West. Card sent to Jerry Dobson. Card sent to Nadine Smith and family. Reminder that members are free to send personal cards any time. Jerry Searfoss moved into a retirement home. Reddinger's and Thomason's are absent due to illness.

February Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Members draw by Rhonda Giardina. Hank Bishop won \$10.

Motorsports report by Kim Frank. Autocross schedule is on line. Asnw.org. It's a lot of fun. Kim is available if you need more information.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Hot Wheels report by Bruce Stirn. We will have a show this year. It will be at Franklin Park on August 6th. Permits are in. We have the SW corner.

Speed and Custom Show at the Fairgrounds. Show of hands how many are interested. April 8-9-10. Cost is \$65 per car, club picks up half.

Shakedown Cruise is planned for April 30th. Weather dependent. POC's Tom Seep and Mark Lidbeck.

Website report by Barry Barton. The calendar is up for the next 4 months. We will have 50/50 at the Silent auction instead of Bingo this year. Details for Ray Smith's memorial service on February 17th shared.

Facebook report by Barry. Misty LeBret absent. Ed Thomason will team up with Misty. Rocky Gibbs thanked for helping with the F/B site. Allen Trusley suggested adding IEMC to your F/B page also.

INCCC report by Jack Bean. Show no Shine is coming up on February 26th. \$90 a couple. Calendars will be available there and at Napa and other auto parts stores. Downtown car show is back on for July 21. Scholarship forms are available. Inductions into the Hot Rod Hall of Fame. Check INCCC website for more details and events.

Newsletter report by Kim Frank. Show of hands, How many have not done a Stang of the Month? Selection made. Non-delivery of e-mail problems is being addressed.

Merchandise report by Tom Eickmeyer. Visit Zome Design for apparel options. zomedesign.com. Spokane Valley Industrial Park.

Tom Eickmeyer was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as club President for the past 3 years through the Pandemic challenges. Thank you Tom E.

New ponies. Ben Kruse got a 1970 Mustang Boss 302 originally purchased at McCullum Ford Spokane but he bought it out of Grand Rapids Mi. Calypso Coral with white interior.

"Back yard mechanic". Introduced by Allen Trusley. New item on the agenda. If you need help with car issues you can throw it out at the meeting giving members an opportunity to volunteer their help. Can talk after the meeting. The Prez shared his story resulting in need of a new convertible top.

HA Award. No nominations.

Door prizes awarded by Ron West.

50/50 by Tom Eickmeyer. Hank Bishop won \$67.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is March 1, 2022 at Darcy's. 7PM.



Silent Auction

SOLD

*You are cordially invited to an evening of Fun
Dining, Bidding, Socializing and Fund Raising*



MENU
Lasagna
Chicken
fettuccine
Salad
Bread

Saturday March 26, 2022
Darcy's Restaurant

Buffet dinner \$18 per person
Happy hour 5pm - Dinner 6pm
50/50 drawing
Silent and Live auction

Hosted by your IEMC Board members

Suggested auction items
New or Like new items - Clean and in good repair

Items that would start a bidding war
Items that you would fight to win
Items that would benefit fund raising

Please RSVP
(If you already signed up at the meeting your in)
Ron and Diane West POC's
509-467-0205

Hope to see you there!





Even more FUN this year

It's a Silent
and
LIVE Auction

March 26th at Darcy's

BID

Here's an example of what
will be offered for LIVE
bidding

A scrap parts table lamp
custom created by your
IEMC secretary, Francine

It's one of a kind and
priceless!

An evening of Fun and Fund
Raising!

Hope to see you then.



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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:

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.

