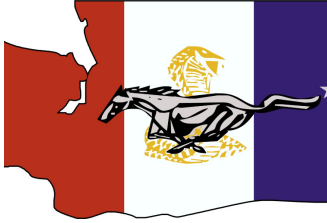


# IEMC MUSTANG



**'Stang of the Month: Denis Hill's 2016 Convertible**

**Time for a change.** Have you ever found yourself thinking: Why does everything have to change? Personally, I'm not a fan of change. I like predictability. Although you would never guess that I do, when halfway through a Hallmark movie with Stefani, you will hear me grumble, "this stuff is so predictable, it's ridiculous!" P.S., I secretly like Hallmark movies, but don't say anything.

But I digress. I love the predictability of coming home from work every night to my lovely wife and home, and the anticipated warmth on a cold winter night.



shows over the years and produced some surprising wins, including the Spokane Speed and Custom Show and even the Goodguys show.

So, now on to the new-to-us 2026 Ingot Silver convertible with a 2.3-liter twin turbo Ecoboost engine. It doesn't have the iconic V-8 rumble, but it is equal in power with our former 2006 GT with its 4.6-liter V-8. To tell the truth, it's nice to have the top down with just the sound of the wind in our hair. Okay, those of you who know me know that I have no hair, but Stefani has enough for both of us (LOL).

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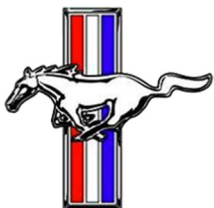


So, when it came time to sell our red 2006 Mustang GT, to say the least; it was an emotionally heart-tugging and unpredictable time, like saying goodbye to an old friend. It wasn't just a car, it was darn near a family member. It had been around for 13 years. That's the better part of my daughter's childhood, and it was here when all of our grandbabies were born. It brought us to the IEMC and all the quality friends I'm proud to have met through the club. I was also certainly a big part of fun and entertainment for our family. The car was present at many car



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## “Stang of the Month” (cont.)

It seems that the older I get the more I enjoy quieter things and just spending time with my girl. I named the car “Bad Larry”, because it just looks like a Larry to me; a Larry that’s just a little bit naughty.

As for plans for the new car, it’s going to be all about the fun bolt-on parts, all the car shows, and trips with my girl to the ocean or wherever our hearts desire to go. I just hope that it will bring as many fond memories with family and friends as the last one did. And, as for the change in vehicles, I think this will be a good one. So, here’s to our old 2006: thanks for all the memories. And to Bad Larry: we’re looking forward to the memories and friendships to come.

- Denis Hill



## Group Cruises On National Mustang Day - by Editor



There’s no better way to commemorate the occasion of National Mustang Day than to gather together a bunch of America’s favorite pony cars and hit the road for a leisurely cruise through the countryside. That’s exactly what happened on April 17th with several IEMC members and friends.



Doug Pickett carefully planned and led the route from Cabella’s at Stateline, ID up to Albeni Falls Dam, and on to Sandpoint, ID where the group stopped for a picnic.

As we all know, PNW weather can be iffy in April, and the wind and cool temperature proved the point at the morning meet-up time. But, the sun shone most of the day and made the scenery look spectacular.

The cold air temp also helps cars make HP and better fuel efficiency, as proven by the pic of the dashboard fuel MGP display on my ‘16 5.0 GT. No one buys a V-8 Mustang for its gas mileage, so reaching over 30MPG was a shocking bonus, for which I gladly accepted the spontaneously-created “Best Gas Mileage Award”.



Another spur-of-the-moment award was earned by Vicki Magee for spending the most in preparation for the cruise. Here’s the story in her own words:

“I had taken my 69 into my mechanic to get the oil/filter changed days earlier and he proceeded to tell me that my car needed new tires badly. I said to him, ‘But there are only a few thousand miles on those tires and I thought they were OK.’

“He said, ‘Lady, the code on the current tires shows they were made in 1999 so that makes them 27 years old and you are lucky you didn’t have a blowout by now!’”

“He also told me that all the bushings were cracked and my tranny pan was leaking so I told him to order me new tires please with the raised white lettering (which are very hard to find in size 14 inches,) and to put new bushings and the pan on the car while he had it in the air. So all in all and with a full tank of non-ethanol fuel, it cost me \$2,100 to make it safe for the Mustang Anniversary Run on April 17th that I so



badly wanted to take with my ‘69 that I have had for 39 years now.”

Vicki Magee

# ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## May

**5th** (Tues) - 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.

**13th** (Wed) Big Sky Auto Auction in Airway Heights at the DAA facility. This is an important fund raiser for the club. A signup sheet was at the April club meeting and will be available at the May meeting as well. POCs: Carl Sontowski (by text) (509) 788-0731, Kim Frank (509) 954-4398 & Barry Barton (509) 953-3608.

**16th** (Sat) - Annual Shakedown Cruise. MEET AT 10AM - LEAVE AT 10:30 sharp. We'll meet at the Whiskey Glasses Bar & Grill on the corner of HWY 2, MM306. It's located behind the Ameripride Chattaroy Quick Stop @ 28312 N. Newport Hwy. From there on to Super One Foods in Oldtown Idaho. This is a quick stop -15 minutes- for whatever needed and last potty break till we arrive in Chewelah. Then on up to the beautiful scenic Flowery Trail Road leading to 49 Degrees North pass and Chewelah. 13 miles up the road we will pull over onto a large parking area for photos on the left side of the road. This has been a favorite spot many times for all. Enjoy! More details to follow in an alert. POC: Barry Samson. (509) 262-8988.

**16th** (Sat) - Lilac Festival Torch light Parade Honoring Veterans. Need to meet approximately between 5 and 5:30. Details to follow. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

**19th** (Tues) - Monthly Run to Market Street Pizza. It's on the southwest corner of Bowdish and Sprague. Meet there at 5:30pm. Hunter will rope off parking for our Mustangs. POCs: Diane & Hunter Brown (509) 998-1105.

**20th** (Wed) - IEMC Board Meeting. Details about place and time to follow. POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

**27th** (Wed) Hot Wheels Committee Meeting. Details about place and time to follow. POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

## June

Please check the website ([inlandempiremustangclub.com](http://inlandempiremustangclub.com)) for more calendar events and updates.

# Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**



Well, here we are, already in May. Before you know it we'll be bemoaning the end of summer. So, we've got to make hay while the sun shines (as my grandfather would say). And we're off to a good start: Just days before this publication, a group of Mustang owners took advantage of the occasion of National Mustang Day (April 17th) to take a cruise, organized by Doug Pickett, to Albeni Falls in North Idaho (see article, page 2). Just before that, on the weekend of the 10th-12th, the Spokane Speed and Custom Car Show took place at the fairgrounds, with hundreds of amazing vehicles on display.

Our Hot Wheels Car Show committee met in April to get a progress report and to explore the areas that need a little more volunteer labor. Barry Barton has put together a sign-up sheet for those attending the monthly meeting to bolster some of the needed positions and I want to appeal to those of you who may not be able to attend meetings but would like to help on the Saturday of the show (8/15): Please contact myself or Barry Barton with your availability as we can always place you with a POC who would love your help.

The Shakedown cruise and the Spokane Lilac Parade are next up on the calendar and I'm hoping that many of you will enjoy the events with us. Several other opportunities to get your Mustang out will be happening soon, so keep checking Facebook and our website as the events calendar is dynamic and changes happen often, especially this time of year.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on May 5th at Darcy's.

Blessings

- Kim



## May Birthdays

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1-Dick Armstrong      | 23-Victoria Balmes |
| 1-Tim Pelton          | 24-Hank Bishop     |
| 1-Coleen Kruse        | 27-Chuck Oliver    |
| 1-Carol Samson        | 29-Joel Collie     |
| 2-Rachel Justiss      |                    |
| 6-Jill Kenkman        |                    |
| 6-Mike Bishop         |                    |
| 8-Jane Gould          |                    |
| 9-Ann Armstrong       |                    |
| 11-Maurita Henrickson |                    |
| 12-Brunelle Piersol   |                    |
| 15-Gil Justiss        |                    |
| 17-Jodee Piersol      |                    |
| 19-Jolene Collie      |                    |
| 19-Rebecca Prahl      |                    |



## '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)

## Long-Time Member Visited By IEMC

**Editor's Update:** Sadly, just after this article was written, it was learned that Sue passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Arrangements are being made to spread her ashes at the family farm. Club members will be notified, according to families wishes, when and where to show our respects.

A little rain fell on the last Sunday afternoon in March, but it didn't dampen the spirit of friendship and comradery when twenty-three IEMC Mustangers made their way to The Grove Adult Family Home in Spokane to spend a little time with beloved member Sue Manly. Sue is facing the



Sue and Lyle also attended over 25 IMMs representing our club and made many close friends within the US and Canadian club community. Both Sue and Lyle were always there to help. Both were plain spoken and straight forward. You didn't have to wonder what she was thinking because she would tell you and not mince words one way or the other. That quality endeared her to members.

Many of you may not know her, or Lyle, who passed away several years ago. Sue is a wonderful quality lady. She is 84 years old and unfortunately time is short. Sue once again, "telling it like it is", said "well, soon I will get to be with Lyle and I'm ready and looking forward to being together again".



challenges of aging, but wanted the company of the people she has grown to love over so many years of involvement with the club while she can still enjoy the visit and the conversations. The interaction with her friends was precious and very much appreciated.

Sue and her husband Lyle joined the IEMC in 1993. With them came Sue's pride and joy "Red Pony", a beautiful 1965 red fastback. Over the years they added several other Mustangs to their collection. From the beginning they were very active in club activities and dedicated workers that helped ensure over 20 Hot Wheels car shows and the International Mustang Meets (IMMs) we hosted in 1997 and 2011 were huge successes.



A cupcake and snacks reception was hosted at the home, where numerous remembrances of the Manly's involvement in the club were expressed. The coolish weather forced most of the participants indoors, while a few hearty ones stayed outside where they talked about all things Mustang amidst the impromptu display of cars.

## New “Run” Location Gets Thumbs Up

### Beautiful Day and Terrific Food

A number of our Club member’s got their cars out and took a small drive on a beautiful day to the Northern Quest Casino on April 21st to enjoy the hospitality of the Pan Asian East Restaurant. We were greeted by a welcoming staff and were shown the area they had prepared for us to enjoy our dinner. Extra staff were on board to quickly take our food and beverage orders. There is a very large meal selection on the menu. Most couples ordered a mix of different items as to take the leftovers home for another complete meal.



The average meal cost is around \$20. The staff took excellent care of all our needs. They all had great personalities and were eager to take the time to make us feel welcome and were very appreciative of our business. They made a point of inviting us back, and hoped to see us again. I’m sure this will become one of our more favored monthly runs.

Tom Morris

Activities committee member

**IEMC Meeting Minutes**  
**April 7, 2026**  
**Francine, Secretary**



**Attending Officers:** President Kim Frank, Vice President Gary Gunning, Treasurer Bruce Butler and Secretary Francine Dober.

**Attending Directors:** Past President Tom Seep and Past Vice President Jeff Larson. Elected Directors: Barry Barton, Diane Harwood, Kelly Ryan and Mike Bishop.

**President Kim Frank calls the meeting to order.** 6:30pm at Darcy's restaurant at 10502 E Sprague Ave. Spokane Valley, WA. 99206.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

**PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS:**

- Welcome everyone. We have lots of fun things coming up including cruises and car shows and we hope you will plan on joining in.
- April 10 to 12<sup>th</sup> is the Spokane Speed and Custom Show at the Fairgrounds.
- April 16<sup>th</sup> is a Hot Wheels committee meeting at the North Spokane Library 44 E Hawthorne Rd. Open to all members. 6pm.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> is the car auction in Airway Heights where members can drive cars across the auction block.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual Shakedown cruise.
- The Lilac Parade is also on May 16<sup>th</sup>. There should be enough time to make both. It's an opportunity to give Veterans a ride in the parade.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> is a Board meeting.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> is a Hot Wheels committee meeting.
- Members have been generous. Thank you.

**TRIVIA is back!** Denis Hill and Mike Bishop had correct answers scoring some fabulous prizes. Questions presented by Diane Harwood. Gary Gunning awarded the prizes.

**March minutes:** Approved with motion, second and favored by the membership.

**Treasurer's report:** Everything is looking good. By Bruce Butler Treasurer.

**New members:** Doug Eastwood joined last year and is attending his first meeting. He has a blue 67 coupe. He lives in Post Falls. Nadine Smith Chairperson.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** Chairman Ron West reporting:

- Last month we had our annual club Auction on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Members were generous raising \$2200 for charity.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Run went to Longhorn BBQ. 25 members attended and had a good time.
- April 21<sup>st</sup> monthly Run goes to East Pan-Asian Cuisine at Northern Quest Casino. Meet there at 5:30pm. POC Tom and Marcia Morris. 509-939-4459.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> is our annual club Shakedown cruise. Flowery Trail to Chewelah Park. POC Barry Samson. 509-262-8988. Details to follow.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Lilac Parade honoring Veterans. Should be time to make both events. POC Tom Seep. 509-953-3983. Drivers almost dodged the rain last year.

## Meeting Minutes April 7, 2026 (cont.)

- May 19<sup>th</sup> monthly Run to Market Street Pizza at Bowdish and Sprague. 5:30pm. POC Diane and Hunter Brown 509-998-1105.
- Mystery Cruise in June.

**Health and Welfare:** Chairperson Vicki West reporting.

- Explanation to new members. We gift generously to charities each year.
- Mike Taylor had surgery and is doing OK.
- The club visited Sue Manly with a small car display at The Grove adult family home where she is living.
- Vi Sundin also joined the visit with Sue. Vicki has both addresses if you want them. Vi sent a nice Thank you card following her Birthday.
- April Birthdays remembered; none were present.

**Car auction:** Club fundraiser held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet is passed around.

**INCCC:** Representative Jeff Larson reporting. There's lots going on.

- The INCCC Scholarship program will award 21 / \$2000 student scholarships this year.
- Over 30,000 Calendar of Events booklets have been delivered for distribution.
- A swap meet is scheduled.
- The Spokane Speed and Custom Show is April 10 – 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds. Some members have entered their cars.
- SEMA Jay "Leno's Law" if passed will ease emissions restrictions on classic cars.

**Members draw:** Shawn LeBret won \$10. Awarded by Nadine Smith.

### **OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:**

**Facebook:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Always appreciates Stang of the Month submissions. Kim Frank Editor.

**Website:** Keep checking for calendar changes. The newsletter is also there. Barry Barton Webmaster.

**Club merchandise:** No report.

### **OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:**

**New Ponies?** Tim Ippolito is moving and has lots of spare pony parts if interested.

**HA AWARD:** Stays with Bruce Butler. He returned it but no one else earned it so it stays with him.

**Door prizes:** Girl Scout cookies awarded to 5 lucky winners. Stefani Hill donated IEMC monogrammed ink pens to each winner. (Pens are available for \$1 club donation, POC Francine). Awards by Ron West.

**50/50:** Member Diane Brown won \$34. Awarded by Marsha Sundberg.

**Meeting adjourned by President Kim Frank.**

Next meeting is Tuesday May 05, 2026. Same place and same time.

Hope to see you there. Thanks for attending, you are valued and appreciated, Francine

# CLASSIFIED ADS



For Sale: 1991 Mustang GT Convertible, One owner, original car except paint. \$15,990. See Roger Humphrey Family Automotive Sales and Service 1820 W. Hayden Ave Hayden ID 83835 208-518-3800 familyautohayden@gmail.com

For Sale: Ford Fairmont 2 door Street/ Strip rolling body. Ladder bar Dana 60 differential, light weight wheels, SBF headers. \$3500. 509-924-9824 Andy Kautzman

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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 6:30PM. Come early (by 5:30 - 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.

