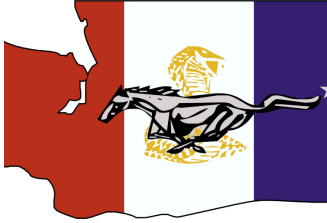
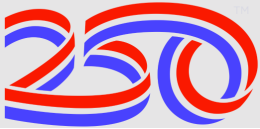


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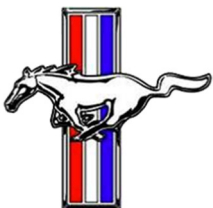


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'Stang of the Month: Alan Skimming's 2003 GT

Editor's Note: Last month I featured one of our newer members, Patty Skimming's 2007 Mustang GT. Keeping in the family, this is one of her husband Allen's cars.

I bought the car in 2003 from the original owner. I used the car when I worked for the county as an undercover vehicle and now I typically only use it for parades and maybe a drive around the lake once in a while. I should drive it more but I don't.

I've taken very good care of it with new tires, brakes, front end pieces and so forth, and it has just over 100,000 miles on the odometer. Everything works as it should. I've made some modifications to the motor, exhaust, air intake and so forth.

I have several other Classic cars and my wife has a Mustang GT. Also I've had many Mustangs in my lifetime, Mach 1's and GT's, and I've enjoyed all of them. I am a Ford man for sure, only drive Ford pick ups.

- Allen Skimming



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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

September

1st (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.

3rd (Thurs) – Tour of the Buck Knife Plant, 660 S. Lochsa Street Post Falls. Tour starts at noon. Stay tuned for more details at the club meeting and an alert to follow. POCs: Diane Harwood (509) 951-9787 and Gary Gunning (509) 951-9786.

11th (Fri) - IEMC Annual Spokane County Interstate Fair Car Display, 404 N Havana Street Spokane. 10 cars have already been picked to honor that special day. Stay tuned for more details at the September club meeting. POC: Diane Harwood (509) 951-9787.

12th (Sat) IEMC Annual Picnic at Edgecliff park - 800 S Park Rd Spokane Valley. Meet there between 10:30 and 11:00 AM. We will have our brown bag auction and will have a signup sheet at the September meeting with details on what to bring. POC: Tom & Marcia Morris (509) 939-4459.

15th (Tues) – No Monthly Run this month due to the club picnic. Ron West (509) 467-0205.

18th (Thurs) Our club has been graciously invited to tour Kodiak Aviation in Sandpoint Id, where they design and build airplanes. It is a very informative tour from start to finish. We will have a signup sheet at the September meeting for 20-25 people to join in a cruise to Sandpoint. More details to follow. POC: Diane Harwood 509-951-9787.

19th (Sat) - **IEMC will be inducted into the Greater Northwest Hot Rod Hall of Fame at Mirabeau Park Hotel.** The event starts at 4pm. Get Tickets at <https://gnwhrhof.ticketspice.com/greater-northwest-hot-rod-hall-of-fame-banquet>

October

6th (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.

20th (Tues) – Monthly Run. Details to follow. POCs: Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205.

'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.

Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**



Well, it has been an eventful summer.

Even though we've become accustomed to the smokey skies in the PNW summer months, this year the wildfires hit at the heart of our community, destroying hundreds of structures and displacing thousands of people and animals. Several of our own club members were affected and two lost their homes to the unforgiving flames. We're thankful that human life was spared and there are hero-stories aplenty, as the firefighters and the Spokane community responded in huge ways to meet the needs of those who suffered loss.

I'm so proud of our club for responding in such a compassionate way to financially assist one of our long-time members after learning that their home was lost. Thank you to all who generously contributed to that effort.

On a more positive note, the Hot Wheels Car Show took place as scheduled on August 15th and our club showed its flexibility by changing-up the format to a new one that was more friendly to car groups who want to park together, easier to set up, and more relaxing for all involved.

Overall, the show received positive input from the attendees. As with any large event, there's always room for improvement. I'm scheduling a follow-up meeting with the key Hot Wheels Committee members in mid September to insure that we continue to provide a quality show. Thank you to all of you who were a part of this year's team effort!

September Birthdays

9-Randy Harms

9-Pamela Fosse

10-John Tippet

10-Patti Bishop

10-Cristy Moore

14-Dan Loeffler

20-Nellie Burns

21-Nance Danforth

27-Peggy LeBret

30-Gaby Tilley

30-Evan Ernst



Events: IEMC Hosts Hot Wheels at Franklin Park

It was a busy few weeks in the Spokane Area.

Folks were dealing with the aftermath of devastating fires that tore through the north and west side of the city. Some of the IEMC's own members suffered the loss of property and many narrowly missed serious damage. Others were temporarily evacuated from their homes. Questions ran through the minds of club leaders regarding the practicality of continuing with the planned Hot Wheels show considering the poor air quality in the days leading up to the show, and the possibility of fires reigniting or new ones starting.



The skies cleared and the hard work of the firefighters from all over the country enabled most of the people to return to their homes. It might have been understandable if the Hot Wheels car show attendance would have been a fraction of last year's, especially considering other car shows happening around town. But, over 190 vehicles populated the show field, and many of those were of superior quality, including a number of classics, a new Mustang GTD, and an original Shelby Cobra.



The show went very well despite a few minor glitches at the start of the day. Those attending enjoyed themselves and made mostly positive comments.



The new, simpler format made it easier on the club members who work so hard to put on a high quality show, and the custom laser-cut metal trophies (sponsored and commissioned by Gary Gunning) were a hit with the winners. The club experimented with new classifications for the show while keeping many Mustang classes. Some of the non-Mustang awards allowed for cars that may not fare well in traditional classes to be considered for a trophy.



The number of Mustangs attending the show was amazing. Two and half rows were used to show them all. IEMC 'Stangs were well represented, but many were non-club cars. Perhaps some of those owners will accept the invitation to join IEMC.



Thanks goes to **all** the committee members and helpers who made it all work. Barry Barton, Gary Gunning, Melissa Birkeland, Diane Harwood, Cristy Moore, Jeff and Carol Larson, and Nadine Smith went above and beyond what was expected of them. And, of course Bruce Butler, Mike Bishop, Kelly Ryan, Nellie Burns, Jean Bohr, Francine Dober, Dennis and Sherrell Martin, provided invaluable contributions to the success of the event



Wildfire Assistance for IEMC Members

Unfortunately, two of our members had life changing losses from the fire. Denny and Sharon Jones, 20+ year members, lost everything including their home and truck. They evacuated only with a ehicle, some clothes and their dog.

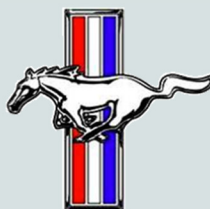
At the August club meeting we passed the hat and did a \$100 challenge. Members were very generous and a significant amount was raised just from individual donations. The next day Melissa Birkeland did a great job gathering up two gift baskets, one from the club and the other from Halletts Chocolates filled with helpful items.



Denny & Sharon were so thankful for all the club had done. It was a heartwarming, emotional time for Gary Gunning, Barry Barton & Francine Dober visiting with them and having the honor to present the club's gifts.

A second member, John Mandere's home was completely destroyed. Fortunately, friends of John plus Gary Gunning and Diane Harwood's family were able to rescue fifteen high value collector vehicles from one of John's storage buildings. Gary stored all the vehicles and helped with their return when the area was safe. John was so thankful for the help.

Once again, the IEMC family was there to make a difference!



IEMC Support for the Camaro Show

On Saturday August 22nd our club was a big part of helping the Camaro club have a very successful show to raise funds and items for several charities.



File photo

Sixteen of our members volunteered to help. Our support included parking, judging and 50-50, plus registration and kitchen area support. Parking and judging were extensive tasks as our club did pretty much all of that work at the show.



As a thank you our workers received a free lunch and significant praise, multiple times over the PA system and in person. Additionally, the Camaro Club invited all IEMC members (present or not at the show) to an after the show get-together BBQ. That was a nice gesture and much appreciated.

All together we had 27 entries and five members were awarded trophies. The proud members included Gary Gunning, Tom Morris, Mike Bishop, Ben Kruse and Dale Swanson.

Another fun time and a definite well done by our members!

IEMC Member Dave Elbert Needs Some Help

(Perhaps a special opportunity for one or more of our members)

Dave Elbert has had some bad luck. He drives trucks for a living. Unfortunately, he was injured on the job several months ago and is currently unable to work. Consequently, he has decided to sell two of his Mustangs to raise money.

The first is a rare, Black 1985 SVO 2.3 Turbo 5 speed. Additional details: It has 4-wheel disc brakes, stock SVO wheels with good tires, a nice interior and stock 3.73 gears. The engine is stock but he has added a 1986 exhaust manifold for better breathing. This is an early 1985 car, not a 1985 ½. \$13,000.00 OBO. Please call Dave (509)220-9236 for more details.



The second is a 1989 silver Mustang LX V8 with a 5 speed and 3.73 gears. It was Repainted silver (by Andy's Classic Mustangs). Originally it was dark blue as seen under the hood. Emblems have been shaved and a Cervini Hood installed. The original hood with Tri-bar Mustang air brushed is available at extra cost. He has never had the 5.0 V8 apart so as far as he knows, it is stock. Needs tires. A/C, Heater and Gauges all work. \$7500.00 Please call Dave (509) 220-9236 for more details.



Although many members may not know Dave as he is not currently an active member, he was a very valuable member for many years. His help and support on numerous car shows, displays and other club activities made a big difference and helped ensure success time after time.

If interested, please give him a call to learn more or just to say hello!

IEMC Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2026
Francine, Secretary



Roll call: President Kim Frank, Vice President Gary Gunning, Treasurer Bruce Butler and Secretary Francine Dober. Board of Directors: Barry Barton, Mike Bishop, Diane Harwood, Jeff Larson, Kelly Ryan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS:

Thank you all for attending in the mist of the wildfire turmoil. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone tonight.

Members Denny and Sharon Jones lost their home to the wildfire.

Member John Mandere lost his home to the wildfire.

What can we do to help victims of the wildfire? We could make an early charitable donation. Open discussion ensued.

- Motion: Cristy Moore moved to donate the Penny Jar funds as immediate relief to Denny and Sharon Jones. Could designate additional monthly Penny Jar collections to future local fire relief. Seconded and Carried.

Melissa Birkeland will put together a basket inclusive of an IEMC Ballcap and Mustang mug. Members will deliver the basket personally to Denny and Sharon. Thank you members for your generosity.

John Mandere declined help leaving it for others in need.

TRIVIAUTO: Diane Harwood presented 5 fun trivia questions to the membership for brainstorming.

Minutes: Francine Dober Secretary.

- Motion moved to approve the July 07, 2026 membership meeting minutes. Seconded and Carried.

Treasurer's report: Bruce Butler Treasurer. Statement is balanced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities:

- August 8th Spokane Indians Ballgame with fireworks.
- August 15th our annual Hot Wheels Car Show.

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- August 18th monthly Run to Texas Road House on Division. 6:30pm
- August 27th IEMC Board meeting at North Spokane Library. 6pm.
- September 3rd tour Buck Knife Plant in Post Falls.
- September 11th IEMC Annual car display at Spokane Co Interstate Fairgrounds.
- September 12th Club Picnic potluck at Edgecliff Park. Brown Bag Auction. Club supplies chicken.
- September 15th – NO monthly Run due to the picnic.

Check the calendar for more details: www.inlandempiremustangclub.com

Health and Welfare:

- Jack Bean suffered a fall and is home now doing better.
- Don Smullen fell at home. Progressing slowly.
- Pattiya Sontowski suffered a fall and injured an eye. Hoping she is much better now.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Facebook: Melissa Birkeland. It's looking fantastic. Thank you for your submissions.

Newsletter: Kim Frank Editor. Always needs Stang of the Month stories. Personal stories and pictures also welcomed.

Website: Barry Barton Webmaster. The calendar is up to date and current newsletter.

Saturday August 22nd is the INW Camaro club car show at Mirabeau Park. Please sign up to help. We helped them last year and they really appreciated it. Helpers will be provided a free lunch. Helpers can pre-reg. Alerts will follow.

Let's continue to support other car clubs; it's all for charity and good community support.

Club merchandise: Kim Frank. Items on display to purchase or try on. Order through the website or ask Kim for help.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

HA AWARD: Congratulations Gary Gunning for going the extra mile to move a dead Shelby Cobra to safe housing away from fire turmoil.

Meeting adjourned by President Kim Frank. 7:17pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday September 01, 2026.

Secretary, *Francine Dober*

HOT WHEELS MEETING: Melissa Birkeland. Volunteers should arrive no later than 7am. Make extra effort to park large groups together. Walkie Talkies will help. Attendees will get goodies at the signup table.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

For Sale: 1973 Mach 1 351-Cleveland parts. Contact Brad Lewis, 509-294-8419

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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

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

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.

