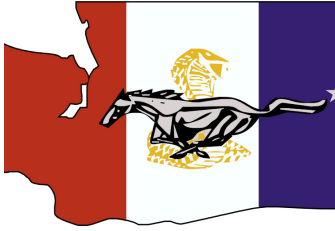


IEMC MUSTANG



'Stang of the Month:

Carl and Pattiya Sontowski's '67 GTA

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A little bit of the history of our Mustang. It was purchased as a project about 35 years ago by my uncle, Gordon Sontowski in Vancouver BC Canada. The original color was light green with a fair bit of rust. I was a mechanic at the time. I also had a project car at the time; a 1968 Pontiac Firebird. Gordon was an Iron worker so he was very skilled with welding and metal repair. Gordon was

busy fixing all the rust which included the windshield cowl area, floors, inner fender aprons and torque boxes. While he was busy doing this in his home shop I was rebuilding the 289 CI engine and C4 transmission in my shop at home. The car was coming along quite nicely I may say. I was then at Gordons shop rebuilding the brakes and front suspension.

After all the body and mechanical work was completed Gordon took the car to a local body shop for a Forest Green paint job. When he got the car home it looked stunning, our work was still not done though, as the bumpers, badges, grill and interior still needed to be finished.

Finally the car was finished, as was my '68 Firebird. We enjoyed going to the local A&W local car show once a week to show off our cars. In 2005 Gordon had a major stroke and passed away a few months later. His daughter inherited the Beautiful 67 GTA Mustang.

I had moved to Spokane in 2002 and had a 1967 Mustang coupe that I brought with me along with my Firebird. I joined the IEMC in February 2003. I do enjoy the great camaraderie of the IEMC as I had no family in Spokane. In September 2004 I married Pattiya. (Cont. next page)



'Stang of the Month (Cont.)

My Cousin, who inherited the GTA Mustang, was losing interest in the Green GTA and it just sat in a garage for about 3 years. She did enjoy driving it. However, it continually was breaking down and she did not have the ability to have someone fix it all the time. In 2012, I went to the International Mustang show in Vancouver BC driving my '67 Coupe and struck up a deal to purchase the '67 GTA Convertible. I drove my truck and trailer back to Vancouver to pick up the GTA Mustang. I did a few repairs there to get it started and I headed back to Spokane with the '67 GTA on my trailer.

Some of the upgrades I have made to the 1967 GTA Convertible are; a Canvas style convertible top, removal of the old power steering system and replacement with a Borgeson power steering box, an Ididit tilt steering column and the FI Tech fuel injection conversion.



- Carl Sontowski

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

October

3rd (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7PM. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

17th (Tues) - Monthly Run - Ron's Drive In - 12502 E Sprague - Spokane Valley. Time: Meet there at 6PM POC - Ron West - 509-467-0205.

November

7th (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7PM. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

21st - Monthly Run - TBA

Check the Website for Calendar Updates

The Prez Sez...

By **Tom Seep**



Summer is officially over and Fall is here. We're already seeing crisp mornings and some tree leaves changing color.

The Club picnic at Dwight Merkel Sports Complex was well attended, with delicious potluck items. There were no leftovers of broasted chicken! Brown bag auction was fun, with Tom Eickmeyer officiating in his inimitable style.

On September 11, at the Spokane County Interstate Fair, our club displayed a number of cars, coordinated by Vice President Jeff Larson. He will report at the meeting.

On Sunday, October 1, the Pacific Northwest Mustang Club Fall Show will be held at the Prosser Wine Village in Prosser, WA. A number of Club members are attending; some are leaving Saturday morning and returning Monday, while others are going just for the day. If interested in caravanning down, contact me.

December sounds like a long time from now, but it's not too early to think about elections of Officers and Board Members. A number of positions are open, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Board member positions. Start thinking about who you'd like to nominate or whether you'd like to serve the Club in some role. Other ancillary (non-elected) positions are open as well: Activities Committee Chair and Apparel Sales. Lots of opportunities to get involved.

Carpe diem, Mustangers!

- Tom

October Birthdays

2-Jan Frank

5-Neil Henrickson

7-Bonnie Martinese

10-Diane Harwood

12-Edward Gould

12-Katie Ernst

12-Marsha Sundberg

15-Sue Loeffler

17-David Szambelan

19-Sandra Szambelan

21-Shirley Upchurch

25-Lorri Turner

27-Gayle Bunge

27-Sarah Zaremba

28-Thad Schoesler

30-Thomas Rickard

30-Kelly Ryan



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Terry and Cathy Thompson

1973 Cougar Convertible

'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
September 6, 2023

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

President's opening comments:

- Thanks to Christal and crew, Barry and crew, plus all others who helped at the Hot Wheels Car Show. Was one of the best shows the club has done.
- The Secretary position is open, would like anyone interested to contact a board member.
- Tom gave the floor to Marty Lawrence for comment. Marty thanked the club for its concern and donation to the fire relief fund that affected the Medical Lake area. He also expressed concern for the future of the club. Will step out for an undetermined time.

Guest Speaker: Postponed until the October Meeting.

Membership by Nadine Smith. New members Terry and Cathy Thompson were introduced. They have a 1973 Mercury Cougar convertible.

Minutes by Secretary. August minutes approved by the membership.

Treasurer's report by Mary Jo Beck: August was active month. Donated \$1000 for fire relief fund and member approved donations to Meals on Wheels and summer camp for kids. Bank balance is over \$21K and suggestions are being sought for charitable giving at the end of the year. Penny jar was passed around.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities by Ron West.

- Gary Gunning reported that a group of 25 members took a two-hour tour of the Kodiak aircraft factory in Sandpoint, ID on August 25th and watched an experimental plane take-off. A picnic at the city park followed the tour.
- Last month we went to Harvest House in Greenbluff. The weather was hot, but the club members enjoyed cold sandwiches and ice cream,
- Fairgrounds Car Display September 11. Will have up to 25 cars. Jeff Larson is coordinating and read list of names of those who have signed up.
- The annual picnic is scheduled for Tuesday September 19th at 4:30pm at Merkel Park. A sign-up sheet was sent around. Show up when you can.

Car Auctions by Carl Sontowski. Done for the Year.

Health and Welfare by Vicki West.

- Club members Tim and Darylann Bourne lost everything in the Medical Lake fire.
- Toni Bean is at Alderwood Manor receiving dialysis three times per week. Please encourage her and Jack with notes and cards.
- Lyle Manly's funeral service was special. Thanks to those who attended.

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Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023 (cont.)

- Thank-you notes from fire victims, Salvation Army and Meals on Wheels were read to the membership.
- There is \$10,000 to distribute to charities at the end of the year. Please get your suggestions in to Vicki by the end of October. One new suggestion is Lighthouse for the Blind which provides aid and vocational training for blind clients.
- A member suggested that a list of the charities the club has supported be sent to the membership. The response from Vicki is attached to these minutes.

Hot Wheels report by Crystal Redinger. The show went very well, thanks to all that volunteered and served.

Members Draw by Nadine Smith. Mike Bishop won the \$10 draw.

Newsletter report by Kim Frank. Trivia question won by Vicki West. Would like more member stories for the newsletter along with 'Stang of the Month volunteers.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Club Apparel and Merchandise by Tom Eickmeyer. Some colorful hats for sale. Make an offer. May have new items/colors next month.

Facebook report by Rocky Gibbs. Anyone can post, its public, and content is needed. Position is open.

INCCC. No report. Position is open. Looking for a volunteer to attend the meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at Darcy's.

Website report by Barry Barton. Website is current, check it regularly for updates and calendar activities. By-Laws are posted along with other useful information.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

New Ponies or Modifications. Unknown.

Back Yard Mechanic. Napping.

HA Award. Stays with Tom Seep for a twisted ankle resulting in a trip to the ER.

Door Prizes awarded by Ron West. Signs, candles and other goodies given to lucky #'s.

50/50. Dan Baker won \$49

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP:

- It was mentioned that the Miss Shifters and INCCC both accepted the IEMC challenge to donate \$1000 to the fire relief fund.
- Treasurer May Jo Beck is stepping down to pursue other interests. Position is now open for a new volunteer.
- Several Members are planning to go to the Prosser car show this weekend.
- It was mentioned that there is a car show at Alderwood Manor on Wednesday September 13th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The details are unknown.
- Sam Picicci reported on the IMM which was held in Montana over the Labor Day weekend. The show was great fun, but he was disappointed that so few from IEMC attended the show. He encouraged the club to attend next year's show in Calgary, AB Canada.
- Many Board positions will be open next year, and some are open now for temporary service. Please consider serving the club with your talents and abilities. Feel free to speak to members who you would like to nominate for elected positions.
- Ed Thomason addressed the membership, thanking the club for its generosity and support to the community. He went on to voice concerns about the future viability of the club. He believes the club needs new blood and new ideas. He announced that the 13 "corner members" are resigning from the club.

Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023 (cont.)

Meeting adjourned by President Tom Seep.

Minutes by Kim Frank.

Thank you, team leaders, for your monthly reports. You are appreciated.

Next meeting Tuesday October 3, 2023. Thank you for attending and hope to see you soon.

Officers: President Tom Seep, Vice President Jeff Larson, Treasurer Mary Jo Beck,

Board of Directors: Barry Barton, Tom Eickmeyer, Gary Gunning, Bruce Stirn, Justin Stelzer, Ron West.

Events:

MEMBERS HONORED TO REPRESENT IEMC AT FAIR ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

The morning sun was beginning to warm the area as several Mustangs arrived at the Spokane Interstate Fair for their day at the annual event. The presentation of the 9/11 wreath by an honor guard of firemen and first responders was a solemn and patriotic opening to the day's activities. As the crowd flowed in, the mood faded from reverence for those lost in the attack in 2001, to an excitement for the day ahead.

Many compliments and conversations took place as the passers-by took notice of the club's cars. Several mentioned that they own a Mustang, or have owned one in the past, which always leads to another story. Some offered merely a thumbs-up or an appreciative smile, but all seemed to enjoy seeing the iconic American muscle cars displayed in car show style.

The club participants were rewarded with complimentary tickets to the fair and a voucher for food. And, of course, more than a few of those vouchers were spent on elephant ears, or funnel cakes.

- Editor



Events (Cont.)

Annual Picnic Successful Despite Unusual Day

Some traditions just fade away due to loss of interest or lack of support, and some are forced to change by the demands on our daily calendars and life's business. Well, the IEMC annual picnic broke with tradition and moved from a weekend event, to a Tuesday evening this year.

The get-together took place at Merkel Park on the north side of Spokane, (where it was held last year), with a 4:30pm start time. The time and day were unusual, but the food was just as good as it has always been (thanks IEMC and Ron West for arranging for the chicken, and to everyone who brought a potluck item) and the auction run by Tom Eickmeyer was fun and very entertaining.

Approximately 25 members were able to attend during the cool, but comfortable evening, and the constant background din of cheers from the nearby football parents encouraging their 8-year-olds on the gridiron didn't bother the club at all. In fact, the club members joined in the cheers when a breakaway runner headed at full-speed to the endzone. "Go, whatever your team name is! Touchdown!!"

- Editor



IEMC 40th Anniversary Fall Colors Cruise

On Saturday September 23, twenty-two club members inclusive of 3 new, 11 'Stangs and 1 Olds rallied at the Maverick gas station on Day Mt. Spokane Road. Goodie bags were handed out; Seasonal Molasses and Snickerdoodle cookies for the road. Drivers caravanned from Spokane to Newport making a quick Pit stop at Safeway. Cruising continued along the scenic Pend Oreille River Road and Washington's Flowery Trail Scenic Byway.



Members had fun taking photos of the round-up. We were blessed with typical fall weather perfect for cruising. A little sunshine and popping fall colors did not disappoint. Fellowship and lunch followed at the Mistiqua Café inside the Chewelah Casino. The casino welcomed us in mention over the load speaker and invited guests to go outside and look at our beautiful cars. They were happy to have us and gave each a small gift. Some members enjoyed playing a few games and others just had ice cream before heading home. Our long standing member Vi Sundin, who has been a member since the beginning of our club in 1983, 2 members from 1984, some returning members and 3 new members joined in making a nice tribute to the longevity of our years. It was a show of the comradery that always speaks volumes to the history and foundation of IEMC; Paying homage to IEMC's 40th Year Anniversary through laughter, caring and sharing.

- Francine and Barry



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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.

