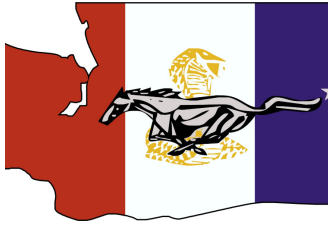


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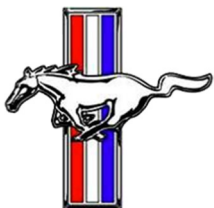


'Stang of the Month: Mike Riggs' 1965 Mustang 2+2



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I purchased my 1965 Mustang 2+2 Fastback in 1992. The irrigation sprinklers in a pasture in Ephrata, WA, where it was parked, had to be turned off so I could go look at it. Jumper cables and a farm truck got it started. At that time the Mustang was a faded Silversmoke Gray with black Shelby Stripes. It had an original 289 4 barrel with a 69 Mach-1 4-speed and an original 3.50 rear end. The interior was a mess and would need to be gutted out entirely.



1992

Driving it home (Richland, WA) proved to be nerve racking. I could not go over 45 mph due to an unbalanced drive line. Within a few weeks the drive line was fixed, and the car ran great except for a sloppy transmission. When I was ready to have the transmission rebuilt my wife asked me if I could put an automatic transmission in it so that she could drive it. I love my wife more than my Stang, so I put in a C-4 transmission with a shift kit which is still in it today.

In 1995 my brother-in-law, who lives here in Spokane, finished up needed rust removal on the body and painted her Ford's

Bright Currant Red Pearl Metallic which is still on the Stang today.

September of 1996, I accepted a job that would move my family to the Boston area. There was no possible way to take the Mustang with me, so I sold it. The first person to answer the ad was someone I use to work with. He was buying the car for his wife. After a few years in Boston, business took me to Knoxville, TN. While there I keep looking for the right mustang for me, never finding the right one.

We moved back to Washington in 2014. I looked for a Mustang but to no avail. Therefore I purchased a 1964 Falcon Hardtop to work on. A car I still own. Fast forward to May of 2019 and I decided to give my old friend a call to see if he had the Mustang and if so, could I come by and take a look at it for old times sake and if possible, maybe even buy it back. Unbeknown to me, he was just getting ready to list it for sale in a national car magazine. At that time they had found a car like the one his wife had in high school for her so they had not driven the Mustang for two years and told me I could



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“Stang of the Month” (cont.)

buy it back if I wanted to.



1995

My wife and I made a trip to Burbank, WA to see the car. It was beautiful. It looked the same as when I sold it. There were many changes to the car: The 289 and replaced with a 302 with a 351 Winzor cam and heads. He used the 3.50 rear end in his 1935 coup and put a 3.0 rearend in the Mustang. Front disk brakes were added and the wheel size was changed from 14” to 15” and totally restored interior.



Since I purchased the Stang back I have added a console, a rear valance designed for exhaust extensions, a Vintage air conditioner, a Pony Pack, a new hood with a Shelby scoop as well as a new windshield and tinted back glass.



- Submitted by Mike Riggs

Events: Run To Longhorn BBQ = Mmmm

You might believe that going to a BBQ restaurant on St. Paddy’s Day is counter cultural, a sacrilege, or just plain wrong, but is it, really? According to the group of twenty IEMC members who gathered at the Longhorn on Argonne Rd., there’s never a bad time for BBQ, besides they did offer corned beef and cabbage on their buffet menu that night.

The group had a great time conversing about, well, everything, and enjoying old friendships, and some new ones.



You can tell when the delicious food is served because the conversations slowly subside, giving way to the business at hand, how to enjoy and handle the saucy goodness with the least mess possible. Thankfully, because of their decades of experience in the BBQ business, Longhorn doesn’t just hand you one napkin and wish you good luck. Nope. You get a whole roll of paper towels, and if you need more, they’ll accommodate that too.

The April 21st Run at Pan-Asian Cuisine at Northern Quest starts at 5:30pm. Please plan on meeting there with us.

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April

7th (Tues) - Note Start Time 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.

16th (Thurs) Hot Wheels Committee Meeting, 6pm at the North Spokane Library, 44 E Hawthorne Rd. POC: Kim Frank 509-954-4398.

21st (Tues) - Monthly Run - East Pan-Asian Cuisine at Northern Quest Casino (Casino level near the Pavilion entrance) . POCs: Tom and Marcia Morris (509) 939-4459.

May

5th (Tues) - Note Start Time 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.

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.

16th (Sat) – Annual Shakedown Cruise. Details to follow. POC: Barry Samson. (509) 262-8988.

Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**



Living in the Great Pacific Northwest has a lot of advantages: beautiful natural scenery, distinctly different seasons, things to do and places to go. And now that we've breeched the spring equinox, the daylight hours will continue to increase, which brings joy to my heart. It also means that we're getting closer to cruising season.

Now is the time to finish installing those items you found at JC Pony Parts, American Muscle, etc., and whatever goodies you purchased on your Amazon Prime account. Start polishing and waxing (or ceramic coating) your rides cuz we've got some fun events coming soon and we don't want you to miss out.

As of this writing we're only a month and a half, or so, away from our Shakedown Cruise. I'm looking forward to the tour that Barry Samson has arranged for us. I hope you all can make it.

If you are interested in helping with the August Hot Wheels Car Show in any capacity, and we can always use more help, there will be another opportunity to connect during the meeting on Thursday April 16th at the North Spokane Library, 44 E Hawthorne Dr., at 6pm. No food is allowed at the library, so please plan your dinner before or after the meeting.

Area car shows are starting up in earnest in April. The biggest one is the Spokane Speed and Custom Show on the 10th -12th at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds. I hope you'll go and support many of our local builders and owners. It should be a fantastic show with a good mix of touring displays, local clubs, and individual entries.

Blessings and Happy Easter to you all. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

- Kim



April Birthdays

- 10-Jessica Barton
- 11-Erich Prahl
- 12-David Brink
- 12-Marcia Mitchell
- 16-Dale McBride
- 16-Mike Riggs
- 18-Denise Clements
- 18-Pattiya Sontowski
- 19-Gregg Brantner
- 26-Brooks Johnson



'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

Flashback: Ford's Big Red Truck

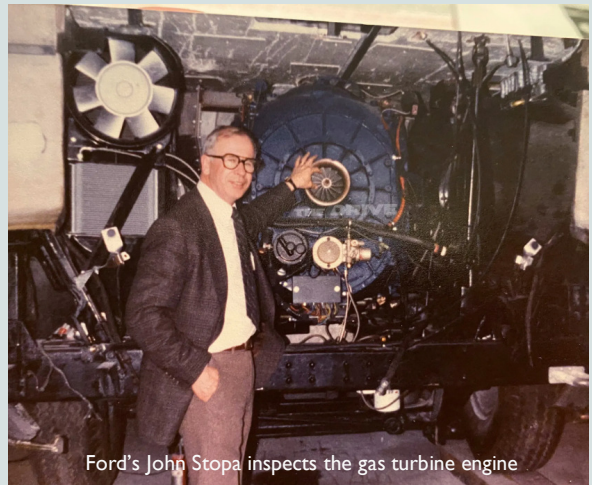
In last month's newsletter I wrote about the highlight of the 1964 World's Fair - the debut of the iconic Ford Mustang. But, the famous pony car was not the only innovative product that Ford showcased at the event. Ford also introduced the world to its gas turbine Big Red Truck.



Those familiar with the story will recall that the truck was groundbreaking in a number of ways. Beside the unique 600HP model 705 turbine engine, the truck cab was both huge and futuristic for the day. It was built to demonstrate what could be done to create efficient and powerful powerplants for commercial trucking and farm equipment. However, what began as a spotlight on Ford's cutting edge technological prowess soon took a turn toward the mysterious.

The truck was lost to the dustbin of history. After the world's fair, a number of happenstances took place that resulted in the complete disappearance of the truck. For forty years the truck had not been seen in public, nor could its existence be verified, until just a few years ago.

Tracking down the rig proved difficult for researchers and hobbyists alike. Very few public records were available and witnesses varied in credibility. Most of the information obtained was hearsay, rumors, untruths, speculation, and involved highway mishaps, breakdowns, opportune timing and pure luck.



Ford's John Stopa inspects the gas turbine engine

The Googleverse revealed to me a story on Thedrive.com from 2021 which resolves the mystery and completes the story. There's a lot to it, so if you're interested you should look it up, but I'll summarize by saying that the current owner has chosen to remain anonymous and only shows the truck to family and friends. He claims that a complete restoration is done, but will not allow photos to be taken. So, in a sense the mystery continues.



IEMC Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026
Francine, Secretary



Attending Officers: President Kim Frank, Vice President Gary Gunning, Treasurer Bruce Butler and Secretary Francine Dober. Directors: Past President Tom Seep and Past Vice President Jeff Larson. Elected Directors: Barry Barton, Mike Bishop, Diane Harwood and Kelly Ryan.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

- President and First Lady Jan attended the INCCC Show No Shine benefit event at the Mirabeau Park Hotel on February 21st along with 3 other club couples. The theme this year was "Prom Night". It was the first time they attended and they had a great time. Good food, dancing to live music, Awards and raffle items. Francine did a great job on the club raffle donation which helps benefit the INCCC scholarship funds.
- "IEMC MUSTANG" was chosen as Newsletter of the Year! Thank you Kim for all of your hard work on that.
- Members are encouraged to attend next year; would be fun to attend as a bigger group.
- The Hot Wheels committee meeting will be on Thursday April 16th at the North Spokane Library. 6pm.
- The annual financial audit is completed and everything looks good. The President will sign checks moving forward.
- Dues are due!

The meeting start time is still an issue and may be revisited. 6:30pm or 7:00pm?

February meeting minutes are approved; motion, second and favored.

Treasurers report by Bruce Butler. Vouchers are available if you are requesting reimbursement of expenses. Checks are ordered.

New members introduced by Nadine Smith. Catherine Hays attended and has an application. She has a 67 convert.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities report by Ron West.

- HuHot last month.
- March: Silent Auction on the 14th. 21 signed up and an Alert will go out. POC Diane Harwood.
- Longhorn BBQ on the 17th. POC Tom and Marcia Morris.
- Shakedown Cruise is May 16th. POC Barry and Carol Samson.

Health and Welfare report by Vicki West.

- Thank You notes for gift checks received from Salvation Army Sally's House, Wounded Warrior Project, UGM and Family Promise.
- Next Chapter Home is looking for donations of household furnishings. Can call them at 509-859-8545 for more info. Vicki volunteered to hold and deliver your donations if that helps.
- Members Joel and Jolene Collie lost everything in a house fire. They collect mail at 307 E 10th Ave. Post Falls, ID 83854 if you wish to reach out to them.
- Marsha Sundberg had surgery and is doing OK.
- Vi Torpen is celebrating her 95th Birthday on March 9th. Her address is 606 E Best Ave. #235 CDL, ID 83814.
- Sue Manly is doing OK; Sue donated 2 logo embroidered jackets which will be at the live auction March 14th.
- Vicki shared many cards if you wish to pick some up for sending out yourself.

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INCCC report by Jeff Larson.

- IEMC will be inducted into the Hot Rod Hall of Fame at the 2026 banquet September 19th at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. This is a very prestigious award including WA, ID and Montana. Once selected, it's for life. Plan to attend and show club support.
- INCCC Show No Shine was a good time.
- Lots of events coming up are listed in the INCCC calendar of events. Scholarship forms are available. Winning "Newsletter of the Year" was a great honor.

Membership Draw by Nadine Smith. Denis Hill won \$10.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Facebook report by the President. Keep checking and "Like" and "Share". Send in personal pictures and stories.

Newsletter report by editor Kim Frank. Thank you new members for sharing your car story. More cars are needed for "Stang of the Month".

Website report by Barry Barton. Check the calendar for the latest updates.

Merchandise report by the President. Check the website for ordering options.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

New Ponies?

- Denis Hill got a 2016 Convertible Eco Boost Silver and Black.
- Gary Gunning got his truck frame back, it's black.

HA AWARD stays with Bruce Butler. He couldn't find it so he couldn't return it. Thinks we should do away with that whole thing. Not likely Bruce!

OTHER BUSINESS:

- INCCC calendars are available now!

6 Door prizes awarded by Ron West.

50/50 awarded by Diane Harwood. Ed Groce won \$60 and donated it back to the club. Thank you Ed.

Meeting adjourned with motion, second and favored.

Next meeting is April 07, 2026.

Hope to see you then. Thanks for attending, 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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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.

