



# 'Stang Of The Month: Marty and Tami Lawrences' 1998 Cobra Convertible

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My fascination with the Ford Mustang and muscle cars in general began early. At age 8, I remember going with my grandfather to pick up his new Mustang in May of 1964. Since none were available, he had to buy the car sight unseen. It was turquoise in color with black interior. There were what seemed to be, hundreds of people gathered at the dealership (Downey Ford, Downey, CA) the day we picked it up to see this unique new automobile. His was one of the very first to arrive in Southern California. That day was forever etched into my memory, and I was hooked on cars from that day forward. I drove a '66 coupe with a six cylinder and pony interior in high school.

My wife Tami and I purchased a 1969 Mustang Fastback (nicknamed "Misty Blue") in late 1982, and in early 1983, we were approached to join a newly forming Mustang club, known as Inland Empire Mustang Club. We were excited to join. At the time we had only a handful of members, and I was approached by Mr. Carl Lind to be on the Board of Directors. I proudly accepted that role. Our informal club meetings were generally held at Shakey's Pizza on Francis, and

Freddie's Tavern near The General Store. Both establishments are long gone.



In 1984, IEMC decided to hold the 20th Anniversary Mustang Show at Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane. I was the one chosen to spearhead the event. After several meetings with local officials, the show when off without a hitch on April 14th, 1984, to correspond with the media rollout of the Mustang on April 14th, 1964, and the public debut at the World's Fair in New York on April 17, 1964. Even though we only had a few members at the time, we had 100% membership turnout. I don't recall the exact number of cars,

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but it was enough to line the entire walking bridge over the river along both sides. Local television media also covered the event. After all the exhaustive work in planning the show, the weather forecast for the day of the show was for rain all day, however the day couldn't have been more perfect. It only rained after the show was over. I remember telling Tami, "See. God loves a Mustang"!

Life and careers have a tendency to alter things, and in 1985 we sold our beloved "Misty Blue" in favor of a more family-oriented and economical car. We left the IEMC since we no longer owned a Mustang, but our short time with the club remains a source of great memories for us. I spent 20 years in law enforcement and EMS before changing careers in 2004 to assume the role of over-the-road truck driver, and I was forced to retire a couple of years ago because of health reasons. Tami has been a small business owner (convenience store) and is currently working remotely from home for a financial institution. Tami and I have been together 44 years (43 years married).

In 2017, I got back into the classic car hobby. I get teased a lot because I have a tendency to trade cars to the point where my friends threatened an intervention, but in July of this year we purchased our '98 SVT Cobra convertible. It was a one owner car and only had 66K on the clock at the time of purchase. The color is somewhat rare. It's called, "Bright Atlantic Blue" and was only used for 2 years on the Mustang Cobra. Of the 3480 SVT Cobra convertibles produced in 1998, only 224 were painted this color. The car is an absolute kick in the butt to drive. It handles incredibly well, and the exhaust note gets your attention. The previous owner bought a tonneau cover to delete the rear seat and gives it a roadster look reminiscent of the Thunderbirds of 1962 and '63. When the cover is removed, we have the vinyl boot to cover the convertible top. I do believe we have found our perfect car. It checks all the boxes. We've nicknamed this Mustang, "Misty Blue II".

We're so grateful and honored to return to the IEMC after so many years, and we look forward to many more years of making new memories and new friends.

- Marty and Tami Lawrence



## **ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

### October

4th (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit.

**18th** (Tues) - Monthly Run to the Dragon Inn in the Valley on Sprague. Meet there at 6pm. om and POC(s): Tom and Marcia Morris (509) 924-5544

20th (Thurs) IEMC Board Meeting at Perkins on Division. Meeting starts at 6:30pm. Come early to eat and visit POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

### November

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. Details to follow. POC: Ron West (509) 467-0205.West (509) 467

FYI: We purposely leave open time each month so that we can do "spur of the moment" activities such as cruises, car shows, gettogethers, picnics and more that members would like to do at the last minute.

## Check the IEMC Website for updates to the Calendar

## October Birthdays

2-Jan Frank	21-Shirley Upchurch
3-Dorothy Peterson	21-Raymond Siegel
5-Maureen Guichard	23-Eric Rogers
5-Neil Henricksen	24-Debbie Leek

6-Bruce Stirn 25-Lorri Turner

7-Bonnie Martinese 27-Gayle Bunge

9-Ethan LaRocque 28-Thad Schoesler

10-Diane Harwood 30-Jessica Jonard

12-Dave Elbert 30-Kelly Ryan

12-Marsha Sundberg

13-Royal Myhre

15-Sue Loeffler

17-David Szambelan

19-Sandra Szambelan



By Tom Seep



Summer is officially over and Fall is here. Who else is a fan of crisp mornings, colorful tree leaves, and flannel shirts?

The monthly run to Hammer's (formerly Prospector's) was well-attended, with about 30 people attending. Food was good, but the service was of glacial speed. The wait staff was friendly, though. Some members may recall that the Club meetings used to be held there until we outgrew it. Barry Barton will give us an update on membership at our next meeting.

On September 11, at the Spokane County Interstate Fair, our club displayed 21 cars, thanks to the leadership of Vice President Jeff Larson. He will elaborate at the meeting.

The 34th annual Concours d'Elegance is coming up on October 2 in Paterson, WA. Due to a change in the ownership of the winery, this will be the last of this series of car shows sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Mustang Club. A number of our club members are attending; some are leaving Saturday morning and returning Monday, while others are going just for the day. If you are interested and have not already signed up, contact me or register on Facebook: pnwmustangclub.

December sounds like a long time from now, but it's not too early to think about elections of Officers and Board Members. Start thinking about who you'd like to nominate or whether you'd like to serve the Club in some role.

Carpe diem, Mustangers! - Tom

## Welcome New Members

- Candido and Marla Arellano: 1967 Mustang, Blue, Modified
- Thad Schoesler: 1966 Coupe Red, 2009 GT / CS convertible, Black
- Marty and Tami Lawrence: (Returning after a break. Joined in 1983 originally), 1998 SVT Cobra convertible, Blue
- Holly Yanushka and Steve Schoberg: 2013 GT500, Ingot Silver
- Tracy and Scott Jordan: 1966 Mustang, White, Stock,
   1984 Mustang White GT350 20th Anniversary, Stock
- Kevin and Debbie Leek: 2016 Mustang GT Convertible, Orange, Stock

## Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022 Submitted by Francine





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

Officers: Tom Seep-President, Jeff Larson-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.

Thanks for coming. Hope everyone had a safe weekend. 5 members went to the Spirit Lake car show and had fun. Kelly Ryan placed 1st in his class and Tom Seep placed 1st with his Shelby.

August 02, 2022 meeting minutes approved as published.

**Guests.** Ken Boone is checking us out and plans to join.

**New member** Sydney Burke is attending with a friend. She has a 66 coupe that's been in the family and is under full restoration.

**Treasurer's report:** Mary Jo Beck. Bruce will give an update on Hot Wheels. Penny jar was passed. Thank you everyone for contributing.

## Committee reports:

**Activities:** Ron West.—Last month August 16th we went to Carl's Jr. in Cheney. Good turn out and food, went well.

September 20th going to Hammers Bar and Grill. The old Prospectors where we used to meet.

September 17th club picnic and brown bag auction at Merkel Park. Cruise from McDonalds Indian Trail.

September 26th Sunday Fun Run to Farmhouse Froyo in Deer Park went well. 30 cars and 50 attending.

Health and Welfare: Vicki West. Explanation to new. Card sent to Trusleys. Jack and Toni Bean attending.

**Hot Wheels Car Show:** Bruce Stirn. 182 cars. Raised \$4100 for charity. Good time and good weather. There will be some changes next year TBA.

Members draw: Nadine Smith. Tom and Catherine won the \$10 and donated it back to the penny jar.

**Newsletter:** Kim Frank. E-mails are working better now. Always needs Stang of the Month volunteers. Autocross is happening, contact him if interested.

## Other business:

**Elections for 2023 Officers** and Board will be held at the December meeting. Bruce Stirn will lead the nominating committee. Bruce nominated Justin Stelzer for Board.

**Club apparel:** Tom Eickmeyer. Ordering more hats in assorted colors.

**Facebook:** No report. Ed Thomason absent.

**INCCC:** Needs a spokesperson. Attend one meeting a month and report back to the club.

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## September Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Website: Barry Barton. Check there for the updated calendar.

**Car auction:** No report. Carl Sontowski absent.

**New ponies or modifications:** None reported.

Back Yard Mechanic: all quiet.

Show at the Fairgrounds on Sunday September 11th. 25 cars have signed up. Park by the flagpole. Jeff Larson POC.

**IMM:** Barry Barton. Several members attended Saskatoon. Show is being scaled down. More emphasis on socializing and having fun. Fewer trophies. Friday social. No Saturday BBQ (visit local eateries). Sunday banquet. Must be a club member to register for Bozeman IMM held in Anaconda 2023, 406-581-1149.

**Sturgis Mustang Rally:** Jeff Larson had fun in Sturgis. He placed gold and members Pasco placed Bronze. Recommended going, lots to see and do in that area.

**Walla Walla car show** is September 10th. Friday parade and dinner. Had 753 cars last year. Expecting 500 this year. Cruise as a club. POC Tom Seep.

Ha award stays with Crystal Redinger, she forgot to return it.

Club's 40-year Anniversary in 2023. Be thinking of ideas and ways to celebrate. POC "The Prez".

**Door prizes:** Ron West. Tickets drawn and prizes awarded.

**50/50** by Catherine Eickmeyer. \$88. Congratulations new member Sydney Burke.

"President's Choice" drawing held. Marty called to pick an envelope.

**Meeting adjourned** by the President.

**Next meeting** is October 04, 2022. See you next month. Be safe in your travels. The Prez.

IEMC Secretary, Francine Dober

## '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 Logo Mugs**

The June mug sale was very successful. Purchases raised \$100 for charity. Thank you for supporting IEMC. Your generosity does not go un-noticed.

Thank you!



Verse on the back:

Whoever Said Money Can't Buy Happiness

Has Never Bought

A MUSTANG

There are only 6 mugs left for sale. \$10 each.

When they're gone, they're gone!

POC Francine

## THANK YOU

Another successful Hot Wheels Show is in the rear view mirror!

Coming together is a beginning

Keeping together is progress

Working together is success

Henry Ford

Your dedication and volunteer spirit can't be beat.

Together we continue to make great things happen!

You are valued and appreciated.

## September 11th, IEMC Mustang Day at Spokane Interstate Fair





















## September 11th, IEMC Mustang Day at Spokane Interstate Fair (Cont.)









## Good Turnout at Hammer's for Ice Cream Run



## **CLASSIFIED ADS**







**Greg Fosse Insurance Agcy Inc** Greg L Fosse, Agent

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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.

For Sale: Beautiful 1998 Mustang GT, 4.6, auto, Less than 50K on drivetrain, fresh Ruby Red paint, new interior, new carpet, lowered suspension, dual exhaust, new tires and wheels, Unique hood scoop. \$12,500. Contact A.J. at 509-995-7552



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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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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 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.

