IEMC MUSTANG

'Stang of the Month: Patty Skimming's 2007

I've always been a Mustang enthusiast since the 60's. My 1st car was a red 65' Mustang 4 speed coupe that I bought for $500.00 in 1972. I sold it in 1975 to a friend who strongly encouraged me to do so. I finally gave in but always wished I'd kept it.

Years later we bought a 1970 Mach 1 and ended up selling it also. Bad mistake.

In 2007 my husband surprised me with a beautiful 2006 metallic Windveil Blue Mustang GT. I had chrome running horse decals designed and placed at the bottom of the doors to give it a unique appearance. They serve as my identifying signature. I have the same thing on my restored (sorry ford folk) 1989 Chevy stepside pickup.

Even though, I will always be a Mustang/Shelby lover at heart.

- Patty Skimming

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

August

3rd (Mon) Hot Wheels Committee Meeting. Meet at Franklin Park on Division at 6pm. All are invited as helpers are still needed. Pre-Registration will be available for show staff at the meeting. Cost is only $10. You will get your window placard and more plus have a quick, smooth entry so we can all get started ASAP. Bring a chair and a snack/food to compete the evening. POCs: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398 and Melissa Birkeland (509) 995-6562.

4th (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.

8th (Sat) – Spokane Indians Baseball Game Fireworks Night. A signup sheet will be available at the monthly club meetings or call the POC: Diane Harwood (509) 951-9787.

15th (Sat) - IEMC 26th Annual Hot Wheels Open Car Show for Charity, on the grass at Franklin Park on Division St. in Spokane. Parking starts at 8:30am. Trophies, food, 50-50, venders, etc. For more info check our website at www.inlandempiremustangclub.com POCs: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398 and Melissa Birkeland (509) 995-6562.

18th (Tues) - Monthly Run to the Texas Roadhouse, 7611 N Division, Spokane. Meet there at 5:30pm. POCs: Diane & Hunter Brown (509) 998-1105.

22nd (Sat) - 35th Camaro Club's 35th Annual Motors at Mirabeau Open Auto Show. Let's help them again this year. Cool news - IEMC helpers will receive a free lunch as a thank you. More details to follow. POC: Barry Barton (509) 953-3608.

27th (Thurs) - IEMC Board Meeting 6pm, at the North Spokane Library. Discussion will include yearly charity giving, Hot Wheels Show review and more. POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

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. We can have 10 cars there to honor this special day. Stay tuned for more details at the August club meeting.

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 next two meetings with details on what to bring. POC: Tom & Marcia Morris (509) 939-4459.

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

Please check the website (inlandempiremustangclub.com) for more calendar events and updates.

Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**

My worst fear is starting to become a reality, summer is flying by and before you know it, it'll be a distant memory. And, the older I get the faster time passes. I'm sure many of you can relate to that. So, let's not waste the time we have left in the warm sunny weather.

August is a big month for the club because we get to host our own Hot Wheels Car Show in it's new format. I hope you all plan to be there and invite others to come. The show will be different in that the trophies will celebrate non-traditional classes, it will allow groups that enter together to stay together, and it will include some new vendors and more opportunity for IEMC members to interact with the entrants. The last Hot Wheels meeting before the show takes place on Monday August 3rd at Franklin Park at 6pm, show up if you'd like to help but haven't committed to a task yet.

In addition to our car show, the Camaro club car show at Mirabeau Park occurs the week after, and they would really like some help with their setup. I think we could easily get 15 people to help them out. Our strong relationships with other car clubs is what makes our car community good, healthy and sustainable for future generations. If you can lend them a hand, let me know or sign-up at the monthly meeting and we'll see you on August 22nd at the park. More details will be available soon, and lunch will be provided to all IEMC helpers.

Finally, September is another big month for us as our club will be inducted into the Northwest Hot Rod Hall of Fame. Get your tickets online now for the event at the Mirabeau Park Hotel on the 19th. Indicate that you're part of the IEMC so that we'll be placed at tables together. It's going to be an exciting night and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Blessings,

Kim

August Birthdays

1-Jack Wert
4-Ralplh Jaemeson
6-Jerry Oliver
8-Russ Foster
8-Scott Nacarato
10-Bill Bevis
12-Steven Birkeland
13-Gary Gunning
14-Sandie Picicci
15-Brad Cravens
16-John Mandere
17-Dennis Martin
23-Craig Binkley
27-Debbie Baeumel
31-Carol Larson

Events: IEMC at INCCC Scholarship Show

Fourteen IEMC Mustangs were represented at the INCCC Scholarship Car Show on July 16th at the beautiful Hutton Settlement on a hot afternoon that merged into a warm evening. While none of the cars came away with a trophy, at least one IEMC member was able to cash in on the door prize drawing, which put $100 of cold hard green-backs in Bruce Butler's pocket.

Besides the showing of the club's cars, IEMC President Kim Frank was honored to present a scholarship award in the amount of $2000 to Sara West (granddaughter of Ron and Diane West) for her future schooling. In total, sixteen students were in attendance at the show and received the well-deserved awards.

Pres. was also asked to choose a car for a trophy under the category "white knuckle ride." The most fitting candidate was a 1925 Studebaker Boattail race-ish car with more clearcoat than metal and a bench seat made of steel and covered with 1/40,000-inch of vinyl, you know, for comfort and safety.

The club's presence at the show has been increasing over the last few years and it would be great to have more than twenty IEMC Mustangs next year. If you haven't been there, be encouraged to go. Grab a hot dog, pizza or lemonade while you're there and enjoy beautiful setting in the company of friends. Maybe we will find favor with the organizers to move to a more prominent location as we continue to provide more cars for the show.

'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.

IEMC Meeting Minutes
July 7, 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 and Tom Seep.

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

In respect, a moment of silence for recently passed members; Shannon Goeden and John Ward.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS:

- We had a Hot Wheels meeting last night at Franklin Park. Things are coming together. Our next show meeting is scheduled for August 3rd at the park. Can always use more helpers.
- We have flyers for the INCCC scholarship show July 16th at Hutton Settlement. Pre-stage at Plante's Ferry to attend as a club; they will escort to Hutton and park us together.
- Thank you Shawn LeBret for submitting Stang of the Month. Always need more of those stories.
- I'm working on an idea to make the Newsletter more interactive so that should be fun and something to watch for.

Hot Wheels Show: Barry Barton.

- We could use more volunteers for our Hot Wheels show especially in parking, judging and field lay-out. Helpers will pre-register at the next H/W meeting or August membership meeting which will help on show day.
- FUEL #2 Auto & Bike Show held on June 27th at Lone Wolf H-D was well attended with 28 club cars. Owner of the dealership spoke with Barry personally. IEMC received the "Lone Wolf Harley-Davidson Choice" trophy which Barry presented to the membership. Some members that couldn't attend registered cars as a show of support. That was appreciated.

Hot Wheels show promotion: Tim Bourne contacted the local news station concerning announcement of our H/W show. He will follow through on the possibility of meeting at the station early show morning which has been done in the past. Show of hands favored this.

TRIVIAUTO: Diane Harwood presented 6 trivia questions to the membership for brainstorming and prizes.

Minutes: Francine Dober Secretary.

- Motion: Tim Bourne moved to approve the June 3rd, 2026 membership meeting minutes. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report: Bruce Butler Treasurer. Everything is reconciled with STCU.

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New members: Nadine Smith Chairperson.

- Karan Harms and her Dad attending. She has her Dad's original 71 Mach Black.
- Dale Swanson attending his first meeting. He has a 98 GT Atlantic Blue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Chairman Ron West.

- June's Run went for Mexican. 13 members attended.
- July 21st Mystery Run. POC's Diane Harwood and Gary Gunning.
- August 8th is Spokane Indians ball game and fireworks. POC Diane Harwood.
- August 15th is our annual Hot Wheels car show at Franklin Park.
- August 18th Run to Texas Road House. POC's Diane and Hunter Brown.
- September 3rd tour Buck Knife factory. Details to follow.
- September 12th annual club picnic at Edgecliff Park. Details to follow.

Health and Welfare: Diane West filling in for Vicki West. July Birthdays were recognized.

- Jack Bean is recovering from a fall and broken hip at Alderwood care center.

Car auctions: Chairperson Carl Sontowski. CDL auction was successful with good member turnout. Earning $800 for our charity gifting.

INCCC: Representative Jeff Larson.

- SEMA report. Right to modify. Building near a race track.
- INCCC Scholarship show July 16th. They are giving out 21 scholarships this year.
- Duke's picnic is a closed event this year.
- Hot Rod Hall of Fame Banquet is September 19th at Mirabeau Park Hotel. IEMC is being inducted this year. This is a prestigious life time award. Attendance is encouraged.

Membership draw: $10 name badge incentive awarded by Nadine Smith. Congratulations Marsha Sundberg.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Facebook: Melissa Birkeland. Not present.

Website: Barry Barton Webmaster. Website is working. Check often for the latest calendar updates.

Club merchandise: Kim Frank.

- New logo apparel and caps are on display. You can purchase the samples or order off our website or contact Kim.
- Nadine Smith donated a selection of logo shirts available for donation.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

New Ponies or Mods?

Marsha Sundberg needs help with her turn signal wiring issues. 1-509-710-2218.

Tom Seep got a 2012 Lava Red convert.

Carl Sontowski put a Chevy motor in his Pontiac Firebird.

HA AWARD: Congratulations Tim Ippolito.

Door prizes: Prizes and T-shirts awarded by Ron West activities chairperson.

50/50: Awarded by Marsha Sundberg. $35.

Meeting adjoined by President Kim Frank. 7:31pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday August 04, 2026.

Secretary, *Francine Dober*

Hot Wheels 26th annual IEMC car show. August 15th at Franklin Park 302 W Queen Ave. Spokane, WA. Volunteers still needed. POC Kim Frank 509-954-4398.

Hot Rod Hall of Fame information and banquet tickets at wahrhof.com and on Facebook: Greater Northwest Hot Rod Hall of Fame.

Hagerty brags on Mustang FP800S

The latest email release from Hagerty.com features several new hot rods from Ford including F-150, Maverick and Mustang models available for sale for 2027.

The Mustang, in particular is powered by the venerable 5.0 Cayote in a super-charged configuration using a Whipple gen 6 and pumping out 800 horsepower and 615 lb -ft of torque. Lots of suspension, exhaust and mechanical upgrades are included in the package which adds $18,500 (not including installation) to any Mustang GT when ordered through Ford dealers. And, if the installation is performed by ford dealers or certified ASE mechanics Ford will honor the warranty. Be aware the installation can run tens of thousands of dollars.

Another advantage of this type of build is that you can purchase a manual transmission GT for the package, whereas the Darkhorse is only available with an auto.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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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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Hot Wheels Car Show:

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

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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 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.