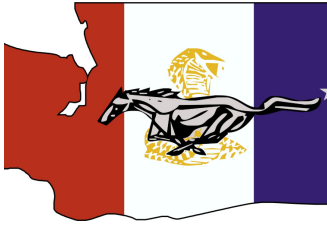


IEMC MUSTANG



It's always a risk. Planning outdoor events in May is a roll of the dice in the PNW. As evidenced by the quick turnabout in conditions as reported in the enclosed auction article. The Shakedown cruise weather looked semi-promising right up to the time when it wasn't. But, for the drivers and passengers of the ten or so cars that showed up for the annual season-opening cruise, it was still a fun event. The drive was smooth and the scenery was spectacular. A few rain squalls kept things interesting and the hail only added another layer to the stories that'll be told.

A decision was made, while the group took a potty break near Newport, that if the rain was continuing in Chewelah when the caravan arrived there, they would take a turn toward the casino and forego the planned picnic in the City Park. But, thankfully, the weather in Chewelah cooperated and the planned trivia game and lunch break in the park continued as scheduled.

Barry Samson put together an eclectic mix of prizes for the trivia game and a list of oddball questions to test the reasoning and/or guessing skills of the club members. Everything from wine to an electric dimmer light switch was handed out as awards for correct, or nearly correct, answers.

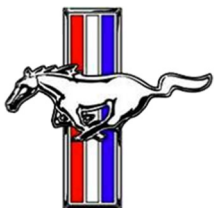
The participants either brought sack lunches or purchased food at the Subway across from the park, and a few snacked a little with the anticipation of a bigger meal at the local casino following the dismissal. - Editor



*Happy
Father's
Day!*

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ACTIVITY CALENDAR

June

2nd (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.

4th (Thurs) Hot Wheels Committee Meeting. 6pm at the North Spokane Library (44 E Hawthorne Rd, Spokane). POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

16th (Tues) - Monthly Run to Cantarito Mexican Restaurant - 8801 N Indian Trail Road, Spokane, WA. Meet there at 5:00 and enter as a group at 5:30. Lots of parking out behind McDonalds to park our Mustangs and visit. Hope to see you there. POCs: Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205.

20th (Sat) Silver Auto Auction in Coeur D' Alene. This is an important fund raiser for the club. A signup sheet will be available at the May meeting. POCs: Carl Sontowski (by text) (509) 788 0731, Kim Frank (509) 954-4398 & Barry Barton (509) 953-3608.

July

6th (Mon) - Hot Wheels Committee Meeting. Meet at Franklin Park on Division at 6pm. All are invited as helpers are still needed. Bring a chair and snacks/food. POC Kim Frank, (509) 9954-4398

7th (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.

21st (Tues) - Monthly Run. Details to follow POCs: Ron & Diane West (509) 467-0205.

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

Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**



Are you ready for summer? I sure am, and I especially look forward to uncovering my convertible and doing some cruising and car shows.

Speaking of which... our Hot Wheels show is shaping up and everyone can get involved. The committee is meeting again on June 4th at the North Spokane Library at 6pm. All IEMC members are always invited to attend. Your input is valued, and many hands make light work. We're specifically seeking ideas for trophies as we've decide to change things up this year and do some "fun" awards and not so much the traditional classes and categories. We're also looking for trophy sponsors at \$30 each, with an anticipated need of between 25 and thirty trophies.

Be sure to check our website calendar often as events and meetings may change from time to time. We don't want any one to miss out on any of our activities. Also, check the INCCC Calendar of Events for car shows, cruises and meet-ups. If there are shows or gatherings that you think would be fun to attend as a club, please let me know, or better yet, come to the 1st Tuesday meeting at Darcy's and talk about it. Let's get excited about getting our cars out and about this summer.

Coming Soon: New club merchandise! By the July meeting we should have a new supply of hats and shirts for sale and as samples of what can be ordered in your particular size. Please help promote the club by buying our logo items and wearing them proudly.

Blessings!

- Kim



June Birthdays

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| 4-Dee Eastwood | 24-Denis Hill |
| 4-Lynne Lind | 26-Ed Saxon |
| 5-Darylann Craddock | 28-Vickie Taxter |
| 6-Terri Baker | 28-Barry Samson |
| 12-Marianne Reents | 29-Ron Tilley |
| 12-Michael Ackley | |
| 13-Al Walker | |
| 13-Josette Shults | |
| 16-Doug Pickett | |
| 16-Mark Weishaar | |
| 18-Tim Bourne | |
| 18-Chris Thomas | |
| 19-Judy Looker | |
| 21-Bruce Butler | |
| 21-Tom Shores | |
| 23-Carl Sontowski | |



'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

Events & Activities

IEMC Assists At Auction

More than a dozen club members showed up at the DAA auction house in Airway Heights on May 13th, to jockey cars through the block on behalf of the Big Sky Auctions. The auction has been a significant part of the IEMC's fundraising for charity each year for many years now, thanks to the behind-the-scenes work by Carl Sontowski. And, as usual, Carl had things organized and ready when the crew arrived. The only thing he didn't arrange was the weather.

After a week or more of sunny skies and warm temps, the May weather suddenly returned to late winter mode. With a driving wind and persistent rain, the pleasantries of casually running vehicles through the auction barn turned more toward hoping the next one has a good heater and working wipers. In fact, Gary Gunning had the pleasure of piloting a modified and topless Bronco during the height of the rainstorm. It was a comical scene to see him wearing his heavy coat and gloves, sitting in the rain, on the wet drivers seat with the heater on, to no avail.



Overall, the occasional gem among the collection of semi-ordinary, custom, collector, and daily-driver cars, made it all worthwhile and even enjoyable. About 70 cars and trucks were auctioned that evening and the Big Sky staff kept the flow going at a steady pace. Some exotics crossed the block, including Ferrari, Maserati, and Porsche sports cars. A Mustang Elenore replica was also part of the prestigious group along with a Shelby GT500.

The next opportunity for IEMC members to help at an auction comes up on Saturday June 20th during the "Car d'Lane" weekend in Coeur d'Alene. Please contact Carl Sontowski to sign-up if you would like participate. If enough members volunteer, the workload can be divided into shorter shifts (morning and afternoon). And, the weather is almost guaranteed to be more summer-like.



Help Needed at CDA Auction

We had our first auction at the DAA facility in Airway Heights 14 club members participated. It was very well organized except for the weather it was windy and rainy that night. Food was provided by the Long Horn restaurant. I hope to hear from some of the drivers about cars and experiences. There were some Mustangs for sale however so many other nice cars as well.

Our next Auction is June 20th next to the Coeur d'Alene (CDA) resort hotel in downtown CDA. This auction is in conjunction with the huge CDA car show downtown, (I like to go early walk around and enjoy the hundreds of wonderful cars there).

The auction starts at noon show up time is 11:30 to 11:45. Due to the big car show you will probably have to park a few blocks away. I suggest going in a group drop off your friends then go find parking. We can have 2 shifts 12 noon to 3pm and 3 pm to 6pm or just stay for the whole day. Silvers auctions gave our club \$800 last year it's a huge contribution for our charities.

How do you sign up? You can text me: Carl Sontowski @ (509)768-0731 and I will put you on the volunteer list or you can sign up at our next meeting June 2nd @ Darcy's. We need 12 to 15 people to sign. I know its Father's day weekend that's why CDA has the huge car show. Come out bring a friend they don't have to be in the Mustang club to drive just have a valid driver's license. Bring your GM, Chrysler friend along show them that Mustangs are where the fun happens.

- By Carl Sontowski



Rare Roush Cars Heading To Auction

A unique collection of Jack Roush cars is scheduled to be offered for sale this fall by Mecum Auctions. The group includes record breaking Mustangs like the 1997 Mustang Cobra SCCA that won 11 consecutive races and the Championship in '97, and Jack's favorite car, a 1969 Mustang Boss 429 Prostock with a 460 cubic inch V-8 built by Jack himself.

Jack, 84, has been involved with racing since his teenage years, and mostly with Fords. He was known as a carburetor specialist and he carried his screwdrivers in his pockets to make last-minute adjustments at the track. He worked on everything from Mustangs, to F-150s, Cobras, and even Fusion sedans turned-race-cars.



Photo: Mecum

A 1995 Mustang Cobra with the Nickname "Nobody's Fool" (named after a movie starring Paul Newman and sponsored by Universal Studios), placed 3rd in the Rolex 24-hour race at Daytona, is included in the auction line-up.

The 50th Anniversary of Roush Industries is the catalyst for the sale of the special vehicles as the company celebrates its long and storied history of success in motorsports. The half-century involvement in racing has netted wins in NHRA, IHRA, AHRA, IMSA, Trans Am, and NASCAR.

The Jack Roush Collection and other privately-owned Roush Vehicles will cross the Mecum block on September 26th in Nashville. Bring your big checkbook.



Photo: Mecum

Events: Veterans Honored at Parade

Spokane's Lilac Parade, or more formally, the Armed Services Torchlight Parade, is an annual favorite for Spokanites and participants from around the region. Marching bands, equestrian teams, dignitaries and celebrities, and the various branches of the US military are celebrated during the evening event. Many tens of thousands of people line the downtown streets long before the 7:30pm start to insure a good viewing area, especially since the route had been shortened from previous years, leave less space for lawn chairs and blankets.

It has been a longtime tradition and an honor for IEMC to participate in the parade by driving veterans from Spokane Veterans Home through the route while escorting their transport vehicle. This year's parade included ten Mustangs, organized by Tom Seep, which were matched with veterans mobile enough to get into the relatively tight confines of a pony car coupe or convertible. Other less-mobile vets rode in the transport bus where they also waved their American flags and received the recognition they deserve.

Jeanette runs the show from the Veteran's Home and she is high energy and wonderful to work with. She gets the vets situated in the cars and bus, then she walks the parade with enthusiasm, wavy her flag vigorously while encouraging applause from the appreciative crowd.

The weather this year was better than last, but there was rain while the parade entries were staging in the various parking lots and side streets just north of the river, no rain once the event started though. The waiting can be long and tedious as each group is slowly funneled down to the start line, but it gives time for conversation between the drivers and the vets.



I've participated a number of times now, and I always come away with a renewed appreciation for those who have served our nation so honorably. This year my passenger was a 96-year-old former Airman by the name of Jack. He served at Fairchild during WWII where he had the responsibility of analyzing photos taken by clandestine aircraft at 32,000ft. His job was to identify possible enemy targets for bombing and strategic purposes. His military career was only 4 years, so most of his life he spent not in the Air Force, but as a teacher. Originally from Utah, he lived in Portland, Tacoma, and Spokane at various times during his long life. He was very excited to be part of the parade and took joy in the ride. He loved the hoots and hollers from the folks, especially the kids.

My hope is that the IEMC can continue to be part of this wonderful outreach to our institutionalized veterans for many years to come. - Editor



Tom Seep's Shelby convertible was a big hit with the crowd and the TV announcers at the Lilac Parade

IEMC Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026
Francine, Secretary



Attending Officers: President Kim Frank, Vice President Gary Gunning, Treasurer Bruce Butler and Secretary Francine Dober.

Attending Directors: Past President Tom Seep and Past Vice President Jeff Larson. Elected Directors: Barry Barton, Diane Harwood, Kelly Ryan and Mike Bishop.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS:

The season is getting busy. We have our club activities as well as many other activities around our area.

- The Wallace show is coming up; there is another club caravanning there if you wish to join them. They are going very early.
- We have the Big Sky Auction, Annual Shakedown Cruise, Board and Hot Wheels meetings coming up. Details on our website calendar.
- There are flyers on the front desk of upcoming shows. And the INCCC calendar of Events as well.
- Don't forget to check our Face Book page.
- Remember "Dues" are due. Reminder e-letters have been sent out. Avoid getting dropped from the roster. If you have already paid, Thank you.
- If you get an e-mail from me asking for gift cards, it is "Spam". Please check the sender and delete it and / or block the sender. I will never personally ask club members for anything in this manner.

Lilac Parade: Saturday May 16. Need 8 to 10 cars / convertibles for Veterans rides. Pick-up at the State Veterans home on 5th Ave. by Rockwood. Also INCCC is needing 4 convertibles for Princess rides. POC Tom Seep.

TRIVIAUTO: Let's have some fun! Three challenging automobile related questions were presented by Diane Harwood. Brainstorming ensued. Jeff Larson, Barry Barton and Tim Ippolito had correct answers winning some fabulous prizes. Gary Gunning awarded the prizes.

March minutes: Approved with motion, second and favored by the membership.

Treasurer's report: Everything is looking good. Insurance has been paid. Bruce asks how many memberships at \$25 each does it takes to cover the club's annual insurance payment. Insurance is \$1527. Bruce Butler Treasurer. (The answer is 61).

New members: None present. Nadine Smith Chairperson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Chairman Ron West reporting:

- Last month we went to East Pan-Asian at the Northern Quest Casino. 14 attended. The restaurant was happy to have us and invited us back.
- Saturday May 16th will be our annual Shakedown Cruise going over Flowery Trail Road. Meet at 10am leaving at 10:30am. An Alert will follow. Barry Samson POC. Details are on our website calendar.
- Also May 16th is the Lilac Parade honoring Veterans that night. Should be time to do both. Tom Seep POC.
- May 19th Tuesday Run going to Market Street Pizza in the Valley at Bowdish and Sprague. Meet there at 5:30pm. Hunter and Diane Brown POC. Parking will be roped off for our Mustangs. They are excited to have us.
- June 16th Tuesday Run will be at Cantarito Mexican Restaurant on Indian Trail. Meet there at 5 and enter as a group at 5:30pm. Ample parking by McDonalds. Ron and Diane West POC.

Health and Welfare: Chairperson Vicki West reporting.

- Nice to see Vi Torpen attending. Mike Reents gave her a ride. Thank you Mike.
- Sue Manly has passed away. Our club visit and small car show at her facility meant a lot to her.
- Melanie Pickett is going home and still recovering.
- Nice to see Jack Bean attending.
- Donation requests are coming in. Vicki has them if you wish to read them.
- All May Birthdays acknowledged by name and date. Singing Happy Birthday ensued.
- Light the Way – Childhood Cancer Coalition held in September is doing important work. Please read about that on line.

Hot Wheels: Committee meeting is set for Thursday June 4th. Place and time to be determined.

- Metal trophy shown for consideration. Asking for sponsorships \$20 est. POC Kim Frank.

Car auctions: Carl Sontowski POC.

- Wednesday May 13th is DAA in Air Way Heights. Arrive at 4:45, sale starts at 5:30pm. Food will be provided. They pay the club \$500.
- Saturday June 20th is the Big Sky Auto Auction in Coeur D' Alene. It's Father's Day so help is needed. They pay the club \$800. Both auctions are important fund raisers for our club. Please sign up if you can help.

INCCC: Representative Jeff Larson reporting. Its car show season, there's lots' going on; to many to mention all.

- Wallace Car Show is May 9th.
- Tailfeathers and Wheels Annual Swap Meet is August 29 and 30th in Moses Lake.
- SEMA Right to Race initiatives actively campaigning now. WA has not adopted it yet.

Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026 (cont.)

- INCCC will award 21 scholarships this year at \$2,000 each.
- Pharoahs Car Club show June 21 at NQ Casino featuring a car give away.

Membership draw: Name badge incentive awarded by Nadine Smith. Marsha Sundberg won \$10.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Facebook: Kim Frank reporting. Keep checking, liking and sharing our F/B page; it keeps us growing. You can post your own pictures and stories as well.

Newsletter: Always appreciates “Stang of the Month” submissions. Needs one for June. Kim Frank Editor.

Website: Barry Barton webmaster reporting.

Keep checking the calendar for current event updates. Having your cool car featured as “Stang of the Month” on the website where a lot of people can see it is special. Denis Hill’s May SOTM story was very interesting. You could be next!

- **International Mustang Meet (IMM):** Reps Barry Barton and Jeff Larson. (Explanation: A group of Canadian and US Mustang clubs meet annually on Labor Day Weekends. Can draw over 500 cars. This is the 47th year). This year it is held in Vancouver, Canada and it’s looking like a great show. Next year it will be in Boise, Idaho. There are 8 clubs, 4 US and 4 Canadian that are members. An election was held and there is now a new US rep and a new Canadian rep. They are bringing new energy and new ideas to future shows.
- Member Sue Manly that recently passed away has left the club a collection of her Mustang memorabilia. She had been a member since 1993. Plans will be made as to how to best distribute those items. There is also a set of 4 tires and wheels for a Fox body.

Club merchandise: Position is open. Kim Frank reporting. We have apparel options on our website under “More choices” for Zome and Squadlocker. Or use the 3 bar “Menu” on your cell, then “More choices” then “Merchandise”. Please check it out. Plans to have some more caps and apparel samples at the meetings are in the works.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

New Ponies? None reported.

HA AWARD: Dan Loeffler and Kim Frank both offered self nomination stories. Kim won the trophy by show of hands for a red paint catastrophe. Bruce still thinks we should do away with the whole thing. That’s not going to happen Bruce!

Door prizes: Five total. Awarded by Ron West.

50/50: Denis Hill held the lucky ticket and won \$57.00. Awarded by Marsha Sundberg.

Meeting adjourned by President Kim Frank. 7:27pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday June 02, 2026.

Team work makes the Dream work. Volunteer if you can. Thanks for attending, Francine

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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

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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.

