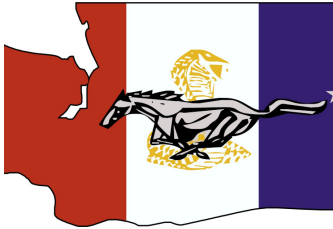


IEMC MUSTANG



Mike Reents' 1977 Mercury Comet



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After selling the Mach 1 428CJ which we owned since 1996 I wanted another classic car to enjoy. Both the Mustangs we had before were completely stock. This time I wanted a car that was a classic but had modern amenities so I had a much more comfortable ride.

In high school I had a few cars but my favorite was a 1972 Mercury Comet GT. The car was a 302V8, automatic, PS, and PB. The car was a lot of fun and quick with the lower weight of the car. This was the Mercury version of the Maverick Grabber. The Ford Maverick was the second best rollout only to the Mustang by Ford.



I began looking online for a car similar to the car I had in high school. I wanted a rust free 2-door car that was complete. A few months later I found a 1977 Mercury Comet 2-door with 78k miles in Asheville NC. I got in touch with the buyer and we spoke on the phone a number of times. He was the third owner of the car.

The first owner of the Comet had purchased the car for the wife to drive. She became ill and passed and the car remained in the basement of the house for 24 years. Second owner overhauled the engine, painted the from white to black, as the car was a tuxedo car, changed the bumpers to the 70 to 72 style, and added new tires and wheels. Third owner didn't do much to the car other than drive it.



After a number of calls I set a date to meet and flew to Asheville to look over and purchase the car. He met me and picked me up in the Comet. We went to his house and placed the car on the rack for examination. The car has virtually no rust. Afterwards I drove the car and we went to his bank, signed paperwork and paid for the car. I hit

'Stang of the Month (cont.)

the highway with no plates and ashtray delete so I couldn't use my GPS.



First night, I made it to Jackson TN. The next morning I was on the road with everything going well until just east of Dallas. I hit a rain storm which shorted out my electric fans. I made it off the exit to a gas station where a young man came over to look at the car. I explained to him what had happened and he offered to correct the wiring issue. He fixed the car and I paid him, which he reluctantly accepted.

So far the following has been done to the car:

Engine removed, checked over, and painted; Added 8 stack Speedmaster billet fuel injection and Holley Sniper self tuning ECU; Polished billet serpentine; new chrome starter and alternator; Polished billet PS Pump; Car was retired with Painless Wiring; Modern Air w/ polished billet air conditioning; Rebuilt front end w/ Total Control Products and coil over shocks ; New four link rear end with Strange coil overs

This fall the car will go in for bodywork and new paint. She will be Pearl Candy Teal.

I've purchased an original hood scoop for a Comet GT which I will add. The hood from the scoop and the rear end will be candy silver.

The interior will have bucket seats and will be redoing the whole interior in grey leather. I hope to have the car completed by late spring 2026



- Mike Reents



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

May

6th (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.

10th (Sat) Annual Shakedown Cruise. It's a scenic tour up and over the extremely beautiful Flowery Trail heading for Chewelah with lunch in the park. Be there when the club donates to the disabled Police Chief! More details to follow. POC: Barry Samson (509) 262-8988.

12th (Mon) Hot Wheels Committee Meeting 6pm at Illinois Ave Bar & Grill (1403 Illinois Ave, Spokane). We have a room reserved. Food is excellent! POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

14th (Wed) Big Sky Auction @ DAA Auction facility on Hayford Rd in Airway Heights. Show time is 4:30-4:45. Late comers welcome as well. We will drive cars through the auction for a donation to the Mustang Club charity fund. POC: Carl Sontowski (509) 768-0731 Text is best.

20th (Tues) Monthly Run to Selkirk Pizza - 12424 N Division, Spokane. Meet there at 5:30 PM. POCs: Tom & Catherine Eickmeyer 509-863-4453.

28th (Weds) IEMC Board Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 6pm. Come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983

June

3rd (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome

9th (Mon) Hot Wheels Committee Meeting 6pm at Illinois Ave Bar & Grill (1403 Illinois Ave, Spokane). We have a room reserved. Food is excellent! POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

14th (Sat) Silvers Car Auction at the CDA Resort Hotel Parking Lot. Show up time is 11:30-11:45. You can sign up for the whole day or from 12:00-3:00 or 3:00 to the end 5:30? No parking is available so you have to find street parking, bring a friend or car-pool recommended. Drop off if you are not able to walk a distance. POC: Carl Sontowski (509) 768-0731 Text is best.

17th (Tues) - Monthly Run to True Legends Bar & Grill - 1803 N Harvard Rd, Liberty Lake. Meet there at 5:30 PM. POCs: Diane Harwood (509) 952-9787 & Gary Gunning (509) 951-9786.

May Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1-Dick Armstrong | 15-Gil Justiss |
| 1-Tim Pelton | 17-Jodee Piersol |
| 1-Colleen Kruse | 19-Jolene Collie |
| 1-Carol Samson | 23-Victoria Balmes |
| 2-Rachel Justiss | 24-Hank Bishop |
| 5-Kim Dickson | 27-Chuck Oliver |
| 6-Mike Bishop | 29-Joel Collie |
| 6-John Dickson | |
| 6-Julie Miller | |
| 8-June Gould | |
| 9-Ann Armstrong | |
| 11-Maurita Henriksen | |
| 12-Brunelle Piersol | |
| 13-Thomas Upchurch | |



The Prez Sez...

By **Tom Seep**



They say that April showers bring May flowers, but so far, it's been too wet for flowers, and all I've got is weeds and some dandelions! At least you can eat the dandelions and even make dandelion wine. I believe that drier days (and roads) are coming, though.

The Spokane Speed & Custom Show was April 11-13th, an indoor event and very well attended. Although we (IEMC) did not have an official display this year, two club members did have cars on display. I would like to thank Jeff Larson, John Ward and all who participated—hard work and dedication paid off for one of them.

Our first "official shakedown cruise" is Saturday, May 10th. It's going to be a fun run with a big surprise at the finish. POC is Barry Samson--thank you for organizing this. Stay tuned for details.

If you've been perusing the INCCC Calendar, you'll see that we are entering car show season. Here's to upcoming fun and fellowship as we enjoy showing and driving our "ponies."

The Pacific Northwest Mustang Club will be hosting its 43rd Spring Show & Shine on May 25th in Kennewick at Columbia Park. A caravan is going down on the 24th; if any of you are interested and would like to attend, POC is Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

Finally, on a serious note: Club dues are payable for the period April 1, 2025 through March 1, 2026. Many members have paid their dues, thanks. To avoid being dropped from the roster, make sure you are current in your dues payment. Bruce Butler (treasurer) will take cash or check at the meeting if you want to save a tree and a stamp.

Carpe diem, Mustangers!

- Tom

'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

Mustang Stories, News & Events

Ponies On The Trail

What better way to commemorate National Mustang Day, than a long cruise in great scenery, sunshine, and moderate temps. We cruised a day late due to weather on the 17th. First trip of the year on one of our favorite cruise routes that takes place in three states. Had picnic lunch along the river. Great day.



- Rocky Gibbs



Welcome New Members

- Dave and Josette Shults: '08 GT Candy Apple Red; '18 GT Orange Fury
- Steve and Victoria Balmes; '66 Mustang Silver Blue
- Ralph Jameson; '19 EcoBoost Black

IEMC Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025

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

2025 Board Members Present:: President Tom Seep, Dianne Harwood, Kelly Ryan, Kim Frank, Bruce Butler, Barry Barton, Gary Gunning, Greg Goeden, Carl Sontowski.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Seep at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

Secretary's note: Because the meeting jumped around with various topics and speakers, the minutes will not reflect the chronological order but will contain all pertinent information.

President's Comments:

- Tom opened with a show-and-tell of a 1983 IEMC club jacket, then later versions to bring attention to merchandise that is available to members, and specifically through the Leather Jackets and More Store on Trent Ave in Spokane.
- Tom had recent open-heart surgery and experienced tremendous pain.
- The Hot Wheels committee meetings are held at the Illinois Ave Bar and Grill on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6pm. Please attend.
- Drivers are wanted to take Veterans through the Lilac Parade. Contact Tom Seep if Interested.
- The Charity Auction was fantastic. Thanks to all.
- Upcoming Cars shows include nursing home and CDA on Father's Day weekend.

Hot Wheels: Barry Barton and Tom Seep

- 37 volunteers have signed up to help and more help is still needed.
- A sign-up sheet was sent around
- The next Hot Wheels meeting is Monday April 14th at Illinois Ave Bar and Grill at 6pm.
- **Special Guests**, Kent, Barry, Jim and Mark from the Camaro Club and Cars for Kids were introduced to the membership and have offered their help for parking and judging at HW.
- Tom Seep invited the Camaro Club and Cars for Kids to join IEMC on the Shakedown Cruise on May 10th.

Guest Speaker:.

- Barry Iverson spoke on behalf of the Camaro Club to thank IEMC for the great showing at their show last year and offering their help this year at HW.

New Members / Potential Members by Nadine Smith:

- Dave Shultz has a 2018 GT, Orange Fury and is selling a 2008 GT
- Steve and Victoria Balmes have a '66 Fastback and a '66 Coupe
- Ralph Jameson has a 2019 EcoBoost, black

Treasurer's report by Bruce Butler

- Finances are in good shape. Checking over \$10k, CD over \$9K

March Meeting Minutes: MSC as written

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Health and Welfare: Vicki West

- Thanks again to everyone who participated in the charity auction
- Informed new members as to the function of the H&W committee
- Gave a brief update on members Vi Sundin, Sue Manly and others
- Spokane Honor Flight returns on April 17th to the airport at approximately 7:30pm. An alert will be sent out with details for those who would like to attend.
- The club has received more thank you cards from charities along with appeals for further funding
- April birthdays were announced. None were in attendance.
- Vicki gave the floor to **Barry Samson** for a special request to help with a GoFundMe campaign to benefit the Police Chief of Chewelah after he suffered the amputation of some fingers and his legs from complications of a recent heart surgery.
- A discussion took place of motions made by multiple members to help with the funding.
- The final version of the motion was clarified as follows:
 - The club will collect 2 months donations from the "Cookie Jar", plus \$500 from the DAA car auction, plus an addition amount, if needed, from the club's checking account to bring the total gift to \$1500.00. Note: The check will be written ASAP and the checking account will be reimbursed as the auction and cookie jar funds become available. **MSC**
- Later, during the meeting, a challenge was made by a member who personally donated \$100 toward the fund. Other members met that challenge for a total of \$400.00 and counting.

Activities: Ron West

- The Charity Auction was a huge success. Thanks again to all who helped
- The March run to China Dragon saw lighter attendance but good food and a good time.
- The April run will be to Longhorn BBQ in the Valley. Meet there at 5:30pm
- The Shakedown Cruise will be on May 10th. Meet at 10am at the north Spokane North 40 Store.
- The run in May will be to Selkirk Pizza on N Division
- Mystery Cruise is coming in June. Details to follow

Car Auctions: Carl Sontowski

- DAA auction on May 14th in Airway Heights – a sign-up sheet was passed around. The auction pays \$500 to the club for its help.
- CDA auction on Saturday June 14th. Improvements have been made to the system. Come to the car show and stay to help with the auction. The auction pays \$700-\$800 to the club for its help.
- **INCCC:** Jeff Larson noted that SEMA is reporting on new restrictions on tires available for performance cars, new gas taxes and speed-restricting devices being seriously considered by state government.

Membership. Members Draw: Nadine

- \$10 was awarded to Kelly Ryan

Newsletter report by Editor Kim Frank.

- 'Stang of the month needed.
- Mystery Child in the Newsletter is Cristy Moore

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Club Apparel and Merchandise – Petra Evans

- Hats available, \$12 ea.
- Special order merch is available, see her for details

Facebook: Melissa. (metaphorically wears many hats)

- The new INCCC Calendar of events is available. She distributed them to those in attendance.
- She gave an update on the Speed and Custom Show, check with Brian if you have an entry but have not received a move-in time.
- Notes that Brian is a Sponsor for HW

Website report by Barry Barton.

- There is an improvement to the calendar on the website, it is now easier to read and print
- Noted that there are now 41 volunteers for the HW Show.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

New Ponies or modifications. None

HA Award: Barry Barton used his remote start to warm up his car on a cold day. When he got in the car it wasn't warm and it wasn't even running, but his truck was ☐.

Back Yard Mechanic: All quiet.

Other Business: None

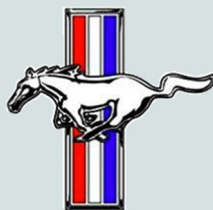
Door Prizes: Ron West gave out several twin packs of Girl Scout cookies and other items

50/50: Marsha Sundberg awarded \$85 to Harry Heilman who promptly donated the cash to the GoFundMe for the police Chief

President's Draw: A can of Spam and \$21 cash was handed to lucky winners. The cash was also promptly donated to the Chief's fund

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm. Next meeting: 7 pm May 6, 2025

Submitted by Kim Frank, Secretary





Inland Empire Mustang Club (IEMC) Spokane, WA

25th ANNUAL HOT WHEELS CAR SHOW

(An Open Show on the Grass for all Cars, plus Low Riders, Rat Rods, Trucks & Sport Utilities)

August 2nd, 2025 - Registration 8:30 - 10:30AM

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29 Classes Plus 4 Special Awards*

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| (2) Pre 1950 Cars & Trucks (Modified) | (17) Mustang 1979 - 2004 (Stock) |
| (3) 1950 - 1959 Cars (Stock) | (18) Mustang 1979 - 2004 (Modified) |
| (4) 1960 - 1969 Cars (Stock) | (19) Mustang 2005 - Current (Stock) |
| (5) 1970 - 1989 Cars (Stock) | (20) Mustang 2005 - Current (Modified) |
| (6) 1990 - Current Cars (Stock) | (21) Mustang Specialty (Cobra Jet, Boss 302, Mach I, Bullitt, Cal Spec, MCA Edition, Dark Horse, etc.) |
| (7) Modified Cars 1950 - 1975 | (22) Shelby / Cobra |
| (8) Modified Cars 1976 - Current | (23) Roush / Saleen / Steeda |
| (9) Camaro 1967 - 1981 | (24) Low Riders / Rat Rods |
| (10) Camaro 1982 - 2002 | (25) Special Interest (Motorcycles, Replicas, etc.) |
| (11) Camaro 2010 - Current | (26) Imports Stock (Excluding VW) |
| (12) Corvette 1953 - 1982 | (27) Imports Modified (Excluding VW) |
| (13) Corvette 1984 - 2013 | (28) Volkswagen (All) |
| (14) Corvette 2014 - Current | (29) Truck / Sport Utility 1950 - Current |
| (15) Mustang 1965 - 1978 (Stock) | |

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You May Register at the Show or Pre-Register To Pre-Register

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Your class will be assigned by the judging staff when you arrive.

NOTE: PRE-REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JULY 25th

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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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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.

