IEMC MUSTANG





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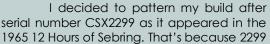
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After becoming interested in racing cars in 1949 at the age of 11 from reading auto magazines, I became an avid spectator at many of the iconic SoCal race circuits from the mid '50s to the early '60s. These included Torrey Pines, Paramount Ranch, Santa Barbara and Riverside where, in 1957, I witnessed the debut of Dan Gurney onto the world stage against a star-studded field. I was hooked!

Even so, I was on active duty in the U.S. Navy from June 1962 through December 1966, so I missed virtually the entire golden era of the Shelby Cobra. It was not until 1995 at Sears Point Raceway that my wife and I stumbled upon the reunion of the Shelby team celebrating the 30th anniversary of the World Manufacturers' Championship in '65. Gathered there were four of the six original 289 Daytona Coupes. I took note of that, thinking, "Those things look very good — and they sure have huge back windows."

That vivid memory persisted for many years. Then, in late 2000, I came across a one page article on Factory Five Racing's intent to offer a Daytona Coupe kit. Up until this time, building a replica of a bona fide race car had been a distant thought. I have always been a coupe fan, but no kits had inspired me. Here was an opportunity to build a replica using the same type of engine that the originals had. Subsequently, I placed an order. The kit, FFR coupe #17, was delivered in June 2001, and the adventure began.





was one of six Ford 289-powered Daytona Coupes that played a major role in winning the World Manufacturers' Championship for Shelby American in 1965.

The exterior of my car is a reasonable facsimile of the original, with period-correct 1965 Ford Guardsman Blue and Wimbledon White paint. The wheels are 15-inch Halibrand-style FIA pin drives with Wimbledon White center sections and polished outer rims. Windshield slats divert airflow to the rear brake air inlets behind each door. In keeping with the original's competition livery, the exterior is adorned with large racing numbers and numerous sponsor decals.

In the engine compartment, I took some liberties for the sake of driving comfort by adding power steering, air conditioning, electronic fuel injection and lots of polished aluminum and stainless steel. Even with all these amenities, however, it is clear that this replica is a loud, brutal race car, not a comfortable cruiser. What follows are some hard-won lessons from my lengthy project.

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'Stang of the Month (Cont.)

Overall, I'd emphasize that perseverance is a requirement because most kits don't just fall together. I had some serious setbacks during my 15-year build. The worst of these were the loss of my dear late wife of 40 years, and increasing responsibilities at our business in Silicon Valley that I founded with three friends in 1999. Through it all, I remembered that I had finished almost every project I'd started throughout my life and was darn well going to finish this one. So before embarking on one of these projects, ask yourself if it's a realistic task for you, given current (and possible future) family and work responsibilities and financial requirements.

In terms of nitty-gritty details on this particular project, wiring was one big challenge. Even though I worked in the electronics industry, I had difficulty with the nuances of automotive wiring. Not the least of which was reading the tiny writing on the dozens of wires in my universal harness that came with the kit.

I got some initial help from a local hot rod shop but it went out of business, so I was on my own again. I asked around with some of my Cobra-building friends, and one name came up repeatedly: Glenn di Orio. He was an early Factory Five roadster builder who had decades of experience in all aspects of automotive maintenance. This gentleman has been a lifesaver for me not only on wiring, but on many other parts of the build. Experience

really helps, particularly when the person is of high integrity. (That wasn't the case with a couple of suppliers, but that's another story.)

Several years later, I traveled to Southern California to visit the shop that was supposed to paint my car. It was well worth my time and expense, as my high expectations were exceeded. Jeff "Da Bat" Miller of Miller Customs in Temecula does great work and manages his cash flow well.

My decision to add EFI also posed some difficulties. Very early in my build, I purchased a well-regarded aftermarket EFI kit, which included the ECU and its huge, general-purpose wiring harness to go with my individual runner (stack) induction system. During the long build time, however, this product was discontinued, and it was also best tuned by an EFI expert. Even with years of experience building racing karts and a Devin in my earlier years, the job simply wasn't for a mere hobbyist such as myself. I did use the system during the car's first few thousand miles and it worked fine, but I have since changed over to a Holley system, which has a much wider following among both professionals as well as hobbyists.

All told, my diverse background in microwave test instrumentation and racing sailboat hardware came in handy on this project. The common denominator: Products must be able to be shipped around the world and perform reliably to specification in harsh environments over long periods of time. In my Cobra replica project, I have sought to incorporate what I learned in these businesses. As noted above, I hit a few bumps along the way, but have done my best to overcome them in making a nicely finished, reliable vehicle that does justice to the remarkable legacy of the legendary Cobra Daytona Coupe.

- Russ Foster



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

3rd (Tues) - Monthly Club Meeting at Darcy's in the Valley. Meeting starts at 7pm. All are welcome to come early to eat and visit.

7th - (Sat) - Wallace Depot Days Car Show. (See notice on page)
17th (Tues) - Monthly Run – Meet behind McDonald's on Indian Trail
Road at 5:00 pm and depart at 5:30pm. We will cruise along the Spokane

River and end up at the Fieldhouse Pizza (4423 W Wellesley). If you can't meet for departure at 5:30, just meet up with everyone at the Fieldhouse at 6:00. They have great food and a lot of choices. POC: Ken West (509) 328-8376.

18th - (Wed) - DAA Northwest Big Sky Sale Collector Car Auction in Airway Heights (2215 South Hayford Road, Spokane). This one of our fund raisers for charity and is fun. Approximately 20 drivers needed at 5pm. POC: Carl Sontowski (509) 768-0731.

21st - (Sat) - LILAC Parade (Armed Forces Torchlight Parade). Details

to follow. POC: Mark Lidbeck (509) 270-2272

24th (Tues) - IEMC Board Meeting at Perkins on Division. Meeting starts at 6:30. Room is reserved starting at 5:30. Come early to eat and visit. POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983.

June

 $\bf 7th$ (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 (Sat) - Silvers Classic Car Auction @ the Coeur d Alene Hotel downtown. This Auction is in conjunction with the big Father's Day car show downtown. Auction usually starts 12 noon until about 5pm. You can sign up for a first shift 12-3pm or 2nd shift 3 to the end. We need about 15 people. More details to follow as it gets closer. POC: Carl Sontowski 509 768 0731

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26th (Sun) - Support for Miss Shifters Car Show for Charity. Details to follow. POC: Bruce Stirn (509) 944-1984.

Check the IEMC Website for updates to the Calendar

May Birthdays

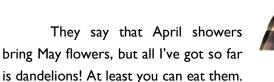
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- 6-Mike Bishop
- 9-Ann Armstrong
- 11-Maurita Henricksen
- 12-Brunelle Piersol
- 13-Tom Upchurch
- 16-Brad Kemp
- 17-Jodee Piersol
- 24-Hank Bishop
- 26-Lidia Ross
- 27-Nick Shelton

The Prez Sez...

By Tom Seep





The Club displayed five cars at the Spokane Speed & Custom Show, but other members participated and eight awards were received by our club members. Thanks to all who came out to support the Club and see some awesome wheels on display (see photo on page 6).

Due to miserable road conditions in Montana, the destination for our shakedown cruise on April 30 has been changed to Chewelah via scenic route through Newport along the Pend Oreille to Usk and beyond. You may have seen the email from Barry Barton with details. Save the date—April 30 for a fun ride and picnic.

Ron West and Ed Thomason have put out information about Wallace Depot Days coming up soon on May 7. We have other activities pending on May 18 and June 26, details to be provided at the meeting.

Finally, a serious note: Club dues are payable for the period April I, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Many members have paid their annual dues, thanks. To avoid being dropped from the roster, make sure you are current in your dues payments.

Carpe diem, Mustangers!

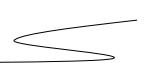
- Tom

Welcome New Members

- John and Michelle O'Neill; 2008 California Special, Vista
- Buzz and Peggy LeBret; 69 Mach I, Black and Silver and a '99 GT, Black
- Steve and Lisa Cole; 1971 Mach I, White, stock
- Angela Howerton; 2005 coupe, white with pink stripes, and 1968 coupe, Tahoe turquoise, stock
- Brennan Murphy; 1967 coupe, Blue, stock
- Jon Powers;06 GT, Black
- James and Laura Schumacher; 2021 Shelby GT 500. Performance Blue, modified
- Mark Ostrander; '66 Coupe, Wimbledon white

Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022 Francine





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

Officers: Tom Seep-President, Allen Trusley-Vice President, Mary Jo Beck-Treasurer, Francine Dober-Secretary.

Directors: Barry Barton, Tom Eickmeyer, Gary Gunning, Bruce Stirn, Ed Thomason and Ron West.

Meeting called to order by President Tom Seep. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

Presidents comments. The recent Auction event on March 26th was a huge success raising \$2600 total for charity. Thank you **membership.** A follow up card from Steve Jones was received and read to the membership.

Guest speaker Jonathan Nickens from Echelon Graphix gave a presentation with displays of his graphic art works. Check it out at echelongraphix.com or call him at 509-876-4444. Thank you Johathan.

Visitors checking us out. Marty Lomazzi. Tiffany Stinson. Rick Wallace. Isaiah Forney.

4 New memberships introduced by Rhonda Giardina.

- Steve and Lisa Cole have a White 1971 Mach 1
- Brennan Murphy has a 1967 Blue coupe.
- Jon Powers has a 2006 Black GT.
- James and Laura Schumacher have a 2021 Performance Blue Shelby GT 500.

1 renewal: Angela Howerton is returning. Royal's daughter. She has a 2005 coupe White with pink stripes and a 1968 coupe in Tahoe turquoise.

March minutes are approved as recorded by Francine Dober Secretary. Motion, second and favored.

Treasurers report by Mary Jo Beck. Dues are coming in. Auction proceeds at \$2600 including item purchases and 50/50 ticket sales; Barry won the 50/50 draw. Penny jar passed.

COMMITTEE reports by Ron West.

- Last month's Run March 15th. 26 members met at Tecate Mexican Grill. Good food, good service and fun time.
- April 8 to 10th will be the Spokane Speed and Custom show at the Fairgrounds. 5 club cars are registered.
- April's Run on the 19th will be to Ron's Drive In. Meet there at 6 pm.
- April 30th will be the Shakedown Cruise. More details to follow.

Special thanks to All who attended, donated, bid and helped make the 2022 Auction Event a huge success. Nadine for dessert. Ed for live auctioneering. Crystal for many donated items. Barry sold 50/50. Just to mention a few along with the awesome team work that makes things happen. THANK YOU MEMBERS!

Health and Welfare by Vicki West. Nothing to report.

Membership draw by Rhonda Giardina. Ben Kruse won the \$10 and donated it back to the penny jar.

Motorsports report by Kim Frank. Things are starting to happen.

April Meeting Minutes (Cont.)

Hot Wheels report by Bruce Stirn. Going as planned. Selling classes for \$20. Your name will be on the trophy as the sponsor. Flyers are printed. Franklin Park on August 6th. On the grass, bring cardboard. Costing less than Sontag Park. Early start, show hours 8 to 1:30. MOTION: by Bruce. Request of \$1700 budget for the show. Second by Barry, favored and passed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Website report by Barry Barton. Look there for the current and updated calendar. Check it out.

Facebook report by Ed Thomason. Taking off. Up to 30,000 now. Send in material and photos. "Share" drives the page.

INCCC report by Jack Bean. Items discussed: Hot Rod Hall of Fame. Sema on electric cars. INCCC booth at the Speed and Custom Show. Start planning Show No Shine for next year. Challenges of finding locations for car shows; Parks don't want damage to the grass. Jack has calendars.

Newsletter report by Kim Frank. Needs Stang of the Month cars. Nice to have new people step up, helps members get to know them. Let him know if you are not receiving e-mail newsletters.

Club apparel and merchandise report by Tom Eickmeyer. Hats in assorted colors for sale \$15. Camo \$20. A few donated shirts are still available for a small cash donation.

Auction report by Carl Sontowski. Silver auctions: Only 1 is scheduled so far, it's on Father's day.

New ponies or modifications. Jack Beans check engine light is on.

Back Yard Mechanic by Allen Trusley. Tom Seep got his convertible top fixed.

HA Award goes to Barry Barton for a unique camping experience.

MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

- Crystal and Dave Redinger are celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary with us.
- Lilac Parade signup sheet will be passed at the May meeting.
- A lot of talk about money. We raise money for yearend charity gifting to the community.
- Depot Days car show in Wallace is 5-7-22. Ed will put together a caravan. 2019 Gary Gunning took 1st and Tom Seep took 2nd. Will be an early depart. Must arrive as a group to park as a group.

• Crystal is organizing a night at the Spokane Indians Avista stadium on fireworks night July 22. \$12 a seat. She will reserve 50 seats in O&P sections.

Door prizes by Ron West.

50/50 by Catherine Eickmeyer. Tom Morris won the draw. \$156.

Meeting adjourned by President Tom Seep.

Next meeting is May 3, 2022 at Darcy's at 7 pm.

Hope to see you then.

'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 Scores Big at Show



Club members display some of the trophies won at the Spokane Speed and Custom Show. In all, eight trophies were awarded to IEMC members.

Upcoming Events

Shakedown Cruise 2022 - Saturday April 30th

POC: Tom Seep (509) 953-3983 Meet up at 9am depart 9:30

Everyone's Invited - Regardless of Club!

The route will be up to Newport, then a beautiful drive right along the Pend Oreille River to Usk, then across the bridge to Flowery Trail for great views and down into Chewelah for lunch in the park. It's only 88 miles from start to the park.

Starting Point: Thomas Hammer Coffee on Hastings Road at 9am with departure at 9:30. Getting to Thomas Hammer Coffee: Go North on HW395 and Turn Left at the light by Fred Meyers. Travel about one mile and look for the "Fizzie Mulligans" sign on your left. Thomas Hammers is also on the Left just before Fizzie Mulligans.

Suggestions: Gas up before you go, have chairs for the park and bring lunch.

Wallace Depot Days Car Show

You can pre-register your cars now by visiting www.NPDepot.org and follow the links

When: Saturday May 7th

Meet: Huetter Rest Area, Eastbound side on I-90 (between Post Falls and Coeur D Alene)

Time: 6am - pull out at 6:15am

POC: Ed Thomason - 360-250-9889

Many of the Pharoah's car club will be meeting there and joining in on the cruise to Wallace. It's going to be a

great day!

You can always drive over later, if you are just going to see the show and not enter your car.

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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

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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 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.

