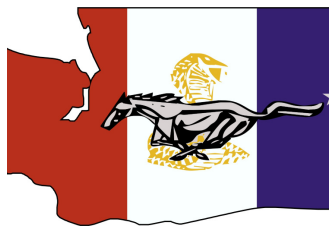


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'Stang of the Month: Shawn LeBret's 1995 Cobra

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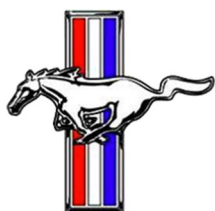
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My name is Shawn LeBret. I am currently living in Mead, Washington, but I'm proudly from Wellpinit, Washington—and this beginning is where you can trace the start of my love for all thing's cars.

Growing up, my family was always a Ford family—loyal to the brand the same way some people are loyal to their football team. My childhood is filled with memories of the cars my father had, and looking back, that's where my love for all things automotive really began. Among those memories were a 1965 Mustang Coupe, a 1967 Cougar XR7, and a 1979 Ghia 4-cylinder turbo.

As a child, you dream about what it would be like to have your own car—what you'd want it to look like, how fast it might go, and where it could take you. Back then, the Mustang I dreamed about didn't have actual wings or fire shooting from the exhaust like my imagination said it should—but it was still perfect.

The Mustang I own now became mine in 2019 after I acquired it from

from another club member. From the moment I saw this car, I knew. There's something special about that feeling—when you know, you know. I felt immediately that its destiny was intertwined with mine, and we've been on quite the adventure together.

I've gone through a lot of changes since the last time I was featured in IEMC. Some of those changes have been difficult, and some have been equally good. But one thing that hasn't changed is my Mustang. In some ways, you could say it's my happy place. No matter what life throws at us, we can always get in, roll the windows down, and enjoy the ride.

Allow me to tell you about my happy place: My red 1995 Cobra is a time capsule to another place and time. I stand by the saying, "They sure don't make them like they used to." While I appreciate all Mustangs—new and old—there's still something special about the classics,



'Stang of the Month (Cont.)

One of the memories this car holds for me is picking up my granddaughter from school and seeing the huge smile on her face. The excitement she shows is contagious. Even though I always drive safely, she still feels the thrill of the car and tells me, "Papa, go faster." Someday, these moments will be just as special to her as they are to me.

As time moves forward, will I change what makes this happy place mine? I can't say I'm against adding new touches and modifications—but I always want to do it in a way that enhances the beauty that's already there.

So far, I've added exhaust modifications, SVO-style side skirts, a cold air intake, 3.73 gears, and wheels.

My hope is that many more memories are still ahead with this car. And no matter how much the road in front of me curves, twists, causes me to brake—or even make a few U-turns—the simple fact is this: I'll keep riding with this car. Because it's my happy place.

My dream now, as an adult, is that one day this car becomes a happy place for my children and grandchildren too—that it becomes weathered with love, stories, and happiness throughout the years to come.

Thank you for taking a seat in my happy place.



Let's continue to enjoy the ride.

- Written by Quanah Reid for Shawn LeBret

'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 Assists at CDA Auction

The Car d'Alene car show was in full bloom and the downtown atmosphere was electric as Coeur d'Alene hosted a variety of automotive related activities over Father's Day weekend.

Carl Sontowski coordinated another great crew of IEMC members to move cars over the auction block for Silver Auctions as he has done for many years. The helpers were able to efficiently jockey cars through the staging areas to the block under sunny skies and warm temperatures.



The mix of vehicles ranged from low dollar daily-drivers to some very nice collectable cars and trucks. A Shelby GT500 unfortunately didn't meet the reserve and remained unsold, but many other high value cars found a new home throughout the day.



If you haven't participated in one of these auctions, which the club uses to raise more funds for charitable giving, you really should consider getting involved. It's a fun day and you'll enjoy some vehicles that are truly unique.



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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 a snack/food to compete your evening. POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

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; Look out, it's time to get those 'Stangs out and cruise to a Mystery Restaurant. Meet at the Argonne and Montgomery Yokes at 5:30pm and leave there at 6:00pm. POCs: Diane Harwood (509) 951-9787 and Gary Gunning (509) 951-9786.

August

3rd (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 a snack/food to compete your evening. POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

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, vendors, etc. For more info check our website at www.inlandempiremustangclub.com POC: Kim Frank (509) 954-4398.

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

Frankly Speaking...

By **Kim Frank, President**



Here we are, already in the middle of the summer car show/travel/cruise season. I hope you've had a chance to get your cars out and enjoy the sunny days.

Since my last writing, I've been able to attend three car shows, coming away with a win at the Gent's show at AutoNation Chevrolet with my '96 convertible. I was joined at the show by fellow club members Jeff Larson, Denis Hill, Kelly Ryan, and Tom Shores. Jeff is our unofficial ambassador to all local area clubs and came armed with a box or two of our Hot Wheels flyers which we (mostly he) placed in the attending vehicles.

Jeff also brought another fresh batch of flyers, thanks to Barry Barton's low-cost printing connections, to the Father's Day Car Show at Valley Real Life Church on Thursday June 18th which we placed in the 300 or so show cars and trucks. The great turnout may have surprised the hosting church as they normally held the show on actual Father's Day, and anytime a change is made in a tradition it takes time for people to adjust to it. But, they had to print more registration forms shortly after the official 4pm start time of the event. The church changed the date of the show away from Sunday under pressure from members and neighbors after the traffic congestion in previous years caused a backup on Barker Road that reached the freeway exit.

Carl Sontowski setup our 2nd auction event of the year for the June 20th Silver's Car Auction at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. The many club members who showed up to help found the auction to be better organized and it flowed nicely compared to some past years. The quality of most of the auctioned cars has improved, with the exception of the occasional clunker. For those of us who arrived early, there was time to peruse the Car D'Lane car show simultaneously being held on Sherman Ave in the heart of the city. Reminder: the auctions are a just another element of our fundraising for charities in which the funds paid to the club for moving cars over the block is appropriated to local charities at the end of the year.

Here's a few last thoughts I have on the future of car shows and car-centered events: As I walked the CDA car show I was listening to the comments made by people around me and I was amazed by how many young people (30 and under) could not properly pronounce the names of commonly known cars. They had no knowledge of what they were looking at, but at the same time, they really loved the beauty of the body, the paint and the interior. There is an appreciation for classic and collector cars in them, there's just a lack of education and experience.

I also noted that the best attended car shows in general have become more like social events where vendors, whether mobile or stationary, are increasingly important. Community events, retailers, and family activities which **include** cars are attracting the younger audiences in a way that can't be matched by a car show alone. And, don't get me wrong, there is certainly a place for concours style car shows where pedigree and perfect adherence to "factory correct" standards is expected and appreciated, but to attract a bigger general audience and more broadly appeal to the youngest generation of enthusiasts, we need to provide a connection point, something that will make them feel welcome.

I have more thoughts on this, but I think I'll save it for next month. In the meantime, send me your thought too. I'd love to hear your ideas.

Blessings,

Kim

July Birthdays

4-Laura Tesdahl

4-Shirley Upchurch

6-Tom Seep

8-Kim Frank

9-Harry Heilman

11-Gail McBride

11-Kerry Drewes

12-James Vandervert

20-Mary Oliver

24-Glenn Etchart

28-Melissa Birkeland

29-Eric Clements



IEMC Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2026
Francine, Secretary



Roll call: President Kim Frank, Vice President Gary Gunning, Treasurer Bruce Butler and Secretary Francine Dober. Board of Directors: Past President Tom Seep and Past Vice President Jeff Larson. Barry Barton, Diane Harwood, Kelly Ryan and Mike Bishop.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING COMMENTS:

Welcome everyone. We've had some good events recently and are out there being seen. Last month we had our Shakedown Cruise to Chewelah and the Lilac Parade to honor Veteran's. Check the INCCC calendar of events for upcoming shows. Consider calling friends to cruise as a group. How many have gotten the E-mail gift card scam? Block and ignore them, they do not come from me.

Hot Rod Hall of Fame. 2026 banquet is September 19th. IEMC will be honored with induction this year. Membership is encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$78.65. Early bird special until August 1st. We donated \$600 to HRHOF last year. (www.wahrhof.com)

- Motion to donate \$500 towards a scholarship and \$250 to the Silver Sponsorship was moved, seconded and carried at the May 27 Board meeting.
- Follow up of motion and early funding presented to the membership for final approval.
- Motion: Melissa Birkeland moved in agreement of early funding of \$750 to Hot Rod Hall of Fame. Seconded and carried.

May 5th membership meeting minutes: Francine Dober Secretary.

- Motion: Dennis Hill moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Seconded and carried.

TRIVIAUTO: Diane Harwood presented 7 trivia questions. In honor of Father's Day the first correct answer won a new car. Congratulations Marcia Morris.

Treasurer's report: Bruce Butler Treasurer. Wrote the biggest check of the year, \$1527 for insurance. The CD is earning. Dues are coming in.

New members: Nadine Smith Chairperson.

Patty and Allen Skimming joined at the meeting. They have a Metallic Light Blue 2006 GT and a 2002 GT Red Convert.

A second visitor named Jackson has a 96 Cobra, White, with a big snake on the hood. Previous owner and member was Frank from Frank's Franks.

Hot Wheels: Corwin Ford has donated \$1,000. 23 Sponsorships are collected. Volunteer signup sheet was passed. An open meeting is set for June 4th. Volunteers and suggestions are still needed. 4 to 5 volunteers needed to help with parking. Vendors are booked. Sponsor commitments are coming in. Flyers are almost ready to print. We are 501 C 3 non-profit and show profit goes to local charities at the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Chairman Ron West.

- Last month was the DAA car auction in Airway Heights.
- Shakedown Cruise was May 16th. 24 attended.
- Lilac Parade also May 16th.
- Last month we went to Market Street Pizza. 19 attended.
- June 16th Run to Cantarito Mexican on Indian Trail. Meet there at 5 enter as a group at 5:30pm. Ron and Diane West POC's.
- June 21st Mystery Cruise. Diane Harwood and Gary Gunning POC's.
- August 8th Baseball game. Signup sheet passed. \$14 each. Fireworks and Star Wars night. Diane Harwood POC.

Health and Welfare: Chairperson Vicki West.

Melanie Pickett is doing better and visited briefly. Jack Bean fell and broke a hip. Sue Manly's small celebration of life went well; her donated Mustang items will be inventoried. June Birthdays recognized.

Car auctions: Chairperson Carl Sontowski.

- DAA auction was May 13th. 12 to 14 attended. Follow up stories of the experience were shared.
- Next auction is June 20th in CDL. Signup sheet passed; need 12 to 15 volunteers. Can work a split shift if not available all day.

INCCC: Representative Jeff Larson. Its car shows season, too many shows to mention.

- Hot Rod Hall of Fame banquet is coming up. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Spokane Speed and Custom Show is in the planning stages. Space for 42 cars; older models. Could have plaques by each. Could ask other clubs to join in. Jeff Larson and Mike Bishop POC's.

Members draw: Awarded by Nadine Smith. Kerry Drewes won \$10.

OTHER CLUB BUSINESS:

Facebook: Melissa Birkeland. Appreciates pictures. Send by text. Keep checking in.

Newsletter: Kim Frank Editor. Always appreciates Stang of the Month submissions.

Website: Barry Barton Webmaster. The website is under reconstruction so please be patient. Keep checking the calendar for current updates. The newsletter, Stang of the Month and other pages are working.

Club merchandise: Kim Frank. Some logo apparel has been ordered for samples and / or purchase at the meetings. Can also place your own orders on the website.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS:

“Fuel” Cars4Kids car show is at Lone Wolf HD on Saturday June 27th. 18 club cars cruised in last year and had a good time.

Barry Samson reported in follow up of Chewelah Police Chief Cochran’s story. He is doing well and they appreciate IEMC.

Diane Harwood will look into a second tour of the Kodiak plane factory in Sandpoint and the Buck Knife factory in Post Falls.

New member invitation to attend a car show September 12th at The Grande senior living home. 11 to 3. Music, food and fun.

New Ponies or Mods? Dennis Hill installed a style bar.

HA AWARD: Went to Steve Stuart for sharing a hilarious farm tractor incident.

David Shults shared a second story and warning about tire rotation.

Door prizes: 5 prizes awarded by Ron West activities chairperson.

50/50: Awarded by Marsha Sundberg. Member Kelly Ryan won \$53.

Meeting adjourned by President Kim Frank. 7:57pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday July 07, 2026.

Secretary, *Francine Dober*

CLASSIFIED ADS


For Sale: Ford Fairmont 2 door Street/ Strip rolling body. Ladder bar Dana 60 differential, light weight wheels, SBF headers. \$3500. 509-924-9824
Andy Kautzman

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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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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.

