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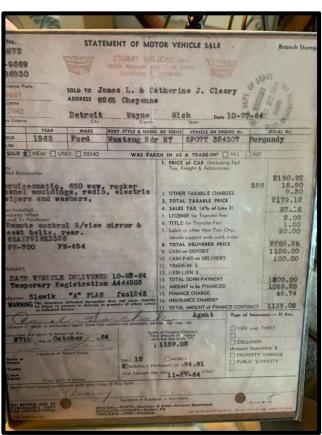
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The Tale of Two Mustangs - by Tim Cleary

On Tuesday October 27th, 1964, my Dad took delivery on His new 1965 Mustang. It was delivered by Stuart Wilson Ford in Dearborn Michigan. My Dad was a chassis engineer at Ford and had been able to watch as the car rolled down the assembly line at The Rouge Plant. It was Vintage Burgundy with a Palomino interior. The ribbed sections of the seats were finished in Nylon instead of the customary vinyl. I have seen the option listed in the 1965 Ford Buyers guide, but I have never seen another one like it. I was told by a Mustang parts dealer in Pennsylvania that it was only offered on cars built at the Rouge Plant and was only available in Palomino or black.



The Original Sales Receipt



Dad and his 65 Mustang

The factory options he ordered were Cruise-o-matic transmission, larger 650 wsw tires, rocker panel moldings, radio, electric wipers and washers. The dealer options added were remote control side mirror and rear seat belts. My Dad regularly watched crash tests at work and was a fanatic about seat belts. We drove the cars for ten years and had many adventures in it. I had been looking for a 1960s Ford and On Father's Day 2021 I attended a car show in Burien Washington and a man had a Vintage Burgundy Mustang Coupe for sale with Palomino interior. It was a V8 four speed car in mostly original condition. I gave the man \$100 as a deposit and went to find my wife where she was having lunch nearby. The fellow selling the car bought it from an elderly neighbor and gave me boxes of parts he had bought for it but never installed. He had redone the brakes, installed a dual exhaust, and electronic ignition. It had factory disc brakes which really feel like a modern car's brakes. "It really goes down the road great" he said, and it really does.

I had the car repainted the correct color and had the front and rear glass replaced. I put new foam kit on the driver's seat and installed a deluxe steering wheel like the one my Dad installed on his.

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President's Message

Spring has arrived and daylight savings time. Soon we will be taking our cars to car cruises and car shows. We will be going to Mike Moran's Motorsport on Saturday April 8th. There will be a sign-up sheet at our April 5th meeting. Please sign up for the swap meet. The t-shirts and hats will be available at the meeting. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Stan Miller President

Board Meeting Minutes 03/22/2023

We discussed the wording

on the Art Cervi award, and it's first recipient.

T-shirts are ready for pick up and will be at the next meeting. The ad is ready for Crusi N Media. Board decided to give Crusi N media a swap spot for the great deal they gave us.

Terry Worful Secretary

Minutes from the FMRCOA Club meeting 03/01/2023

- The board is working on the T shirts and ordering hats for sale.
- Cruises, planned Milliken warehouse tour first Saturday of the month 9:30 to 12:00 in Ypsilanti at 884 Railroad St. Speakers start at 11AM THIS MONTH they will talk about the Bonneville Salt Flats. They will meet again on April 1st.
- John Tret arranged a tour of Morans Motorsports on April 8th.
- Larry Wolohan, is working on a tour of Brothers Customs.
- Terry Worful talked about her Mustang adventure at Autorama.
- 50/50 went to Bob Nichol, Larry Wolohan & Tom Underwood.

Terry Worful Secretary

"JUST FOR THE HUMOR OF IT"

Back in my day....parents didn't leave their child in a hot car with the windows rolled up?

An old lady offers the bus driver some peanuts... so the driver happily munches them.

Every 5 minutes she gives him a handful more peanuts..

Driver: Why don't you eat them yourself?

Old lady: I can't chew. Look, I have no teeth..

Driver: Then why do you buy them?

Old lady: "Oh, I just love the chocolates around them."

My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.

A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

William Arthur Ward American Author 1921 - 1994



Tim's 1965 Mustang

I found a correct AM radio to replace the cassette player that had been installed and have been driving it a few times every week since I got it.

I went through the files he gave me on the car and found out the owner he bought it in 1971 and owned it for 49 years!

I am so glad to own a car like our family had and never walk through the garage without running my hand down the side of the fender or roof. I just can't believe I have a car so like the one from my boyhood. When I go out to eat, I always park by the window and stare at the car the whole time I am inside.

I have gone on some cruises with a local Mustang club in Seattle and enjoy seeing all the mostly newer cars in line in front of me. Sometimes, we take my wife's 2015 Mustang convertible also. They are 50 years apart, but both represent the Mustang spirit of a wild horse running across the plains.

Tim Cleary

Swap Meet Report – Lou Ironside

The 51st annual swap meet put on by the East Side A's region of the Model A Restorer's Club is now in the history books. The weather cooperated, and there was a sellout of all 150 tables. The meet had a good crowd of spectators throughout the day. And people seemed to be spending money in spite of the current economic situation. you would guess there were quite a few Model A parts, but also an assortment of later Ford parts, some G.M. parts, and I even spotted a few MoPar parts on tables. Over the past 51 years this swap meet has been held at the Royal Oak farmers market, the Lamphere High School, Jerome Duncan Ford, and for the last ten years at Milne Ford in Macomb, MI. This year parking was a little more congested as the dealership was loaded with new cars and trucks, a big change from last year when the lots were practically empty. Flyers for the FMRC Swap meet were being passed out to potential vendors and spectators. Once the swap meet was over, the tables loaded in the rental truck and the floors swept, the workers at the swap meet adjourned to Buddy's Pizza to relax, eat pizza, and think about next year's 52nd annual swap meet.

Special Showing PDC Show 2022

Every year at the yearly PDC car show there is a special showing. 2022 was an exabit of restored milk trucks. These trucks were all retired working milk trucks. This Pines truck was used by the father and when he retired, he and his son restored the truck. The Twin Pines Truck now is kept in the Detroit area and brought out for the Woodward Dream Cruse and other car shows. When you see the truck stop by and hear the story. Talking to all the truck owners was very interesting. There are gas and electric drives as well as stand up (no seat) and seated driven vehicles.

Tim Pusilo

















Brian's Tips / Combustion Leak Test

If your engine overheats when it's only under power, and you suspect a leaking head gasket, you need to drain the cooling system. If your coolant is new, save it, but make sure to strain it before putting it back in the radiator with a cheap paint strainer. Now you should flush the engine with fresh water, then after driving for a few miles, drain the system once again. Incidentally, don't be doing this in the dead of winter because you really don't want to end up with a crack block. Now that you've followed this procedure, drive the car for a few days and put a couple hundred miles on it. Now that you've driven the suspect vehicle for a few hundred miles, you need to take it to a good reputable radiator shop that is equipped to perform a combustion leak test. This relatively simple test is done by placing a chemical in a device attached to the radiator neck to detect the presence of combustion gasses in your cooling system. The reason I suggest you do the system flushing is because radiator shops will not want to take the time necessary to really flush out the cooling system, and any residual antifreeze in the system will create a test error, which could make the test totally inconclusive.

If the testing has determined you have a combustion leak, the most common problems is usually a head gasket. Sometimes you could have a cracked cylinder head, but rarely will you have a cracked block. Coolant loss does not show up until late in the case of a head gasket failure, so a combustion leak may very well show up even in the case of no coolant loss. If you new determine you must change a head gasket, and you have a V-8, you may as well just change both gaskets to make sure the non leaking one doesn't take a turn for the worse after you've done half the job by doing only the one side.

Before you really tackle the job of removing cylinder heads, you really need to take a very close look at the exhaust manifold retaining bolts for any signs of rust, which could be a clue for your coolant loss. Now you would need to once again drain the cooling system, remove the exhaust manifold bolts (a very fun job), and use a good thread sealant on those threads. Now you could once again fill up the system and do the same retest all over again to make sure you've solved that problem.

I have two thoughts worthy of mentioning before I retire for this evening. If you do decide to have a radiator shop, really go though and do your job correctly, both the top and bottom tanks need to be removed in order to properly rod out the radiator tubes. Lastly, as I have had two cracked blocks in my fun car life, one in my 1961 Galaxie 390/375 and the other in my 1973 T-Bird 429/212. I am mentioning this because they both showed the same symptom, and that was one super clean spark plug what was washed cleaned from the coolant getting into the broken combustion chambers. Just so you don't stay awake dying of curiosity, my 390 split #7 cylinder whereas my 429 split #3 cylinder. So, you sleep well tonight, I had my 390 sleeved, but threw my 429 in the trashcan.

Mark Sapienz / Deep Thoughts

Detroit Autorama 2023 has come and gone. No surprise that "Maximus" a 1950 Mercury Custom won the Ridler Award. Shockingly, a Fifties Merc, one of the most customizable body styles of all time finally won its first top prize.

The Ridler rules limit the custom cars that can be judged. Reviewing the list of Ridler Winners clearly shows a bias for early 20/30's. This year the Great Eight consisted of exclusively customs modified from fifties/ sixties models with a "78 Mustang 2" filling out the field.

Speaking of the ugly Mustang 2 entry was a real shocker to me. I drove that type car all through my college years. We had to put it down in 1992 when my buddy customized it around a Michigan Avenue telephone pole on a rainy night. He was uninjured by a matter of inches. The pole entered the front passenger door ending up right behind the driver's seat. I still have the grill and wheel caps from the wreck.

2024 Entries are already being built. If only I had not "easy picked" that Billion-dollar lotto. With 8 Billion people on Earth now, my new plan is to borrow a Dollar from Everyone.



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Calendar of Events for 2023

March 1st FMRCOA Club Meeting

Livonia Senior Civic Center

March 4 Milliken's Warehouse/Ypsi

Heritage Museum Ypsilanti

March 25th and 26th Hot Rod & Manufacturing & Industry Expo Suburban Show place

April 1st Milliken Garage Tour 884 Railroad St. Ypsi.

April 8th Moran Motor Sports 12351 Universal Dr. Taylor, Ml. (CLUB EVENT)

April ? Brother's Garage Tour Troy

May 7 25th Annual All Mopar Car Show Packard Proving Grounds Shelby Twp

May 27 Heritage Rod & Custom Car Festival Rochester

May 28 42nd Festival of Cars Rochester Municipal Park

May 20 FMRCOA Swap Meet Washtenaw Farm Council Farm Fairgrounds

June 10 Wings & Wheels Yankee Air Museum Ypsi

June 11 - 17 EF V-8 60th Anniversary Grand National Meet Dearborn

June 16 Roush Racing Museum Tour Livonia

June 18 - 19 Motor Muster The Henry Ford / Greenfield Village Dearborn

June 24 Sloan Summer Car Show Sloan Cultural Center Grounds Flint

June 24 Bay Harbor Car Boat / Show

July 14 Ford PDC Employee / Vender Car Show Dearborn

August 13 Hog Roast Southeast MI RG #126 Club house Jackson

August 14 Rockin Rods n' Rochester 9 - 4 Rochester

August 19 Woodward Dream Cruise

August 23 Cruisin' Hines Hines Park Westland

September 8 Frankenmuth Auto Fest Frankenmuth

September 9 - 10 Old Car Festival The Henry Ford / Greenfield Village Dearborn

September 10 ? Ford Yacht Club Car Show

September 17 39th Annual Milford Car Show Milford

September 17 ? Orphan Car Show Ypsi

September 22 -23 Concours d'Elegance of America DIA

September? Crosspointe Church Car Show Novi

Thank you to the Early Ford V8 Club RG#67 for the new events.

We will keep this page open for all upcoming events. If you have any information on events, please send them to me at imdem22@gmail.com. They will also be added to our webpage in the events section.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...
She hugged me.

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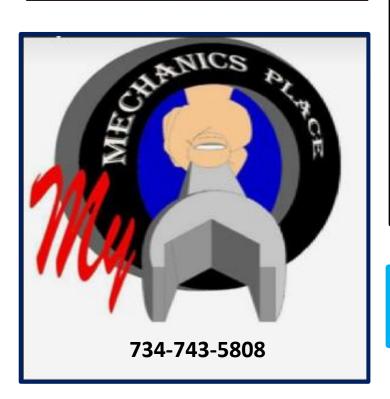
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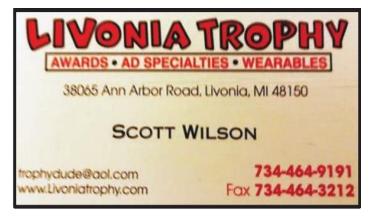
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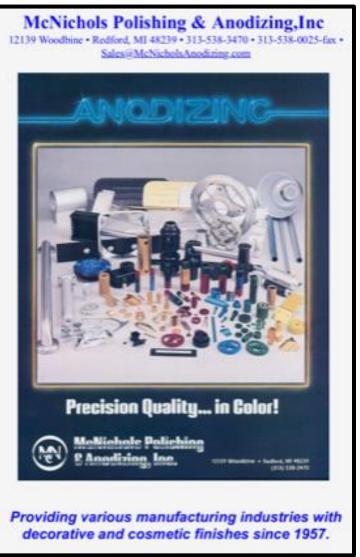
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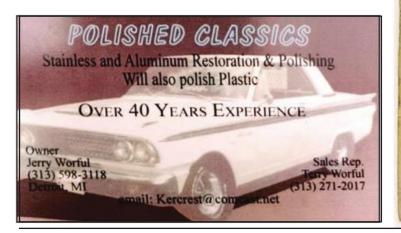


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Meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month and begins at 6:30pm with a snack.

do bring a friend!

