

CELEBRATING THE FORD MUSTANG

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Introduction

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. This newsletter will chronicle the activities of the *Hoosier Mustang Club* that has its members centered in and around Columbus, Indiana. Articles for this newsletter will showcase the Ford Mustang both within and outside of our club. We hope you enjoy reading the *Hoosier Pony Times*.

HMC “Feature Car”

This month’s “Feature Car” is the car that started the Hoosier Mustang Club. This special car once belonged to club Founder Lonnie Hembree. It has a great and tragic story.

See the full article of this feature car on pages 3 & 4 of this edition of the

Hoosier Pony Times.



Mustang Generations



The 6th Generation (2015-2023) S550

For the first time, Ford designed the Mustang as a global car. The 2015 model adopted independent rear suspension across the lineup, improving handling and ride. Styling was sleeker and more modern, though still recognizably Mustang.

Powertrains ranged from a turbocharged four-cylinder EcoBoost to the classic V8. High-performance models included the GT350 with a 5.2-liter flat-plane crank V8 and the GT500, launched in 2020 with 760 supercharged horsepower—Ford’s most powerful production car ever at the time.

This era also marked Mustang’s expansion beyond the coupe. In 2019, Ford unveiled the Mustang Mach-E, an all-electric SUV using the Mustang nameplate, sparking controversy but broadening the brand’s reach into EV territory.

Information about the 7th generation of the Mustang will be in our next Edition.

"Blast from the past pics"

Old Fort Car Show

July 2012

**Upcoming Events**

Sept. 9 - HMC Monthly Meeting -
Chicago Pizza 6:00pm

Sept. 12 - Westport Car Show
8am-3pm

Sept. 12 - RMR Sponsored Car
Show, Halderman Barn
10am-3pm

Sept. 25 - HMC Pony Cruise to
Skillman Museum 9am

Sept. 26 - HMC Fall Festival - All
Ford Car and Truck Show -
Master Power Transmission
9am-3pm

Mustang in the Movies

The Ford Mustang has become one of the most recognizable cars in movie history. Since its debut in 1964, it has appeared in hundreds of films, often playing a starring role rather than simply serving as transportation. Below are some of the most famous movie Mustangs.

1. The Troops of St. Tropez (1964)

Often overlooked because Goldfinger received much more publicity, The Troops of St. Tropez (Le Gendarme de Saint-Tropez) is actually considered the first feature film appearance of a Ford Mustang. Released in France in September 1964, the comedy features a Poppy Red 1964½ Mustang convertible. Its appearance came only months after the Mustang's introduction, making the movie an important footnote in the car's early history.

**2. Goldfinger (1964)**

The Mustang's first major international movie appearance came in the James Bond film Goldfinger. Tilly Masterson drives a white 1964½ Mustang convertible while pursuing Bond, but her Mustang meets an unfortunate fate when Oddjob attacks it. The car's appearance was closely tied to Ford's effort to establish the new Mustang as a glamorous, youthful American automobile, and the film helped give the Mustang instant international visibility.

**3. Thunderball (1965)**

The Mustang returned to the James Bond series in Thunderball, this time as transportation for Bond during the Bahamas portion of the story. A 1965 Mustang convertible appears as one of the cars Bond encounters while investigating the villains. Although its role is relatively brief compared with the later Diamonds Are Forever Mustang, its appearance demonstrated how quickly the new Ford had become associated with the glamorous, international world of James Bond.

The Specs:**The First Mustang in the Hoosier Mustang Club!****1965 Mustang Fastback**, 289 2V Automatic

Whimbelton White with Blue standard interior

Style Steel wheels

Base model, very few options.

No power steering

No power brakes

No air conditioning

*Enjoy the story of this special car written by Kenny Hembree, once owned by Lonnie Hembree.***Feature HMC car***Lonnie Hembree**1965 Fastback Mustang***The History:**

The car was a **one owner, daily driver**, for a female rural route mail carrier. The Mustang delivered mail daily to homes in Decatur County. The Mustang was protected underneath from years of gravel road dust and road oil used to keep dust down. Layer after layer. Lonnie sold Dutches Body Shop the front fender, front end parts and front clip assembly because the car had been in a minor accident and was parked beside the body shop when the *Blizzard of 1978* hit. The owners were upset after finding the car had sat out and was buried, being completely covered in a snow drift. After the car sat buried, the owners instructed Dutches to find a buyer for it. They in turn called Lonnie to help sell it and he instead bought the car and all the new parts back he had just sold them.

The Mustang was sent to *Kenny Graham's Body Shop* outside of Scipio who repaired the car and put a full new coat of paint on the car. The car was **completely rust free!**

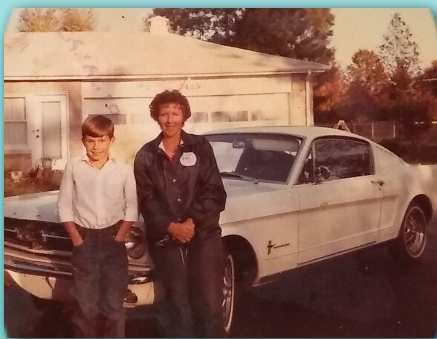
Twenty some years later the Mustang was sold to Bob Coulston of the *Indianapolis Mustang Club* who had been asking Lonnie for many years to sell it to him. Ironically, Bob was inducted into the *Gale Halderman Museum* one year before Lonnie, both of which at one time owned this beautiful Mustang. **They both knew its worth!**

Feature HMC car*Lonnie Hembree**1965 Fastback Mustang***The Story with this car:**

In 2018, I, Kenny Hembree along with Dad's help, was on a mission to locate the car so that I could try buying it back. I **grew up in this Mustang**. This was the **first car I ever drove**, legally and before a driver's license. I also got my driver's license in this Mustang. **I wanted it back in the club**. Bob had sold the car before he passed away, to someone in his neighborhood, who resold it to a broker. The broker in turn, *cut the Mustang into pieces* and sold the parts all over the world! Dad was given the news before I, so he called to ask me to come to his house after work. As soon as I sat on his couch he threw a box of



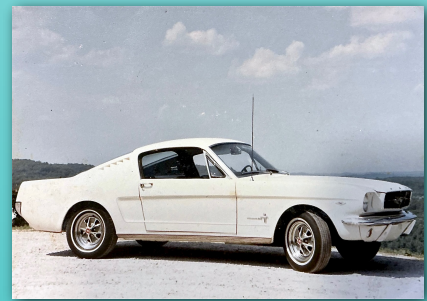
kleenex tissues at me and said that I may need them. **The car had been destroyed**. As a broker, he made three times the amount of money on a perfectly rust free, all original shell that was likely used on more than one 1965 Shelby.



The car, like Lonnie, is now only visible in pictures and memories. **Both of which, earned the distinguished honor of founding members of the Hoosier Mustang Club.**

Enjoying this car:

The car is **special** to Kenny because of the memories that he has of learning to drive in this car and how this car bonded him with his Dad, Lonnie. The car is also **very special** because it started the fun of the *Hoosier Mustang Club* back in 1978, that continues these many years later. So as we conclude the 12th Edition (1 year) of the *Hoosier Pony Times*, I felt it very appropriate to feature this car that started it all for our club!



Club Happenings*August, 2026*

August 12th Monthly Meeting - 15 Members attended!
Reminder that attendance is taken at all HMC Calendar Events
(for special award at the Christmas Party)

Cars & Coffee & Kids - August 8th

We had a great turnout of kids come to this event. Fun was had by all, adult & kids alike!

**Ice Cream Social - August 22nd - 17 Members attended**