

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" belongs to Chuck Butler. It is a 1965 Fastback 2+2 Portofino Blue, with Viper Blue stripes Mustang.

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

Hoosier Pony Times.



Mustang Generations

The **first-generation** Ford Mustang was manufactured by the Ford Motor Company from 1964 until 1973. The introduction of the Mustang created a new class of automobile known as the "pony car". The Mustang's styling, with its long hood and short deck, proved wildly popular and inspired a host of imitators.

It was initially introduced as a hardtop and convertible with the fastback version put on sale the following year. At the



time of its introduction, the Mustang, sharing its underpinnings with the Falcon, was slotted into a compact car segment.

With each revision, the Mustang saw an increase in overall dimensions and in engine power. The 1971 model saw a drastic redesign to its predecessors. After an initial surge, sales were steadily declining and Ford began working on a new generation Mustang. With the onset of the 1973 oil crisis, Ford was prepared, having already designed the smaller Mustang II for the 1974 model year. This new car had no common components with preceding models.

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

"Blast from the past pics"

May 3, 2014

50th Anniversary show at Bob Poynter Ford - Seymour



HMC History - Creation of the club

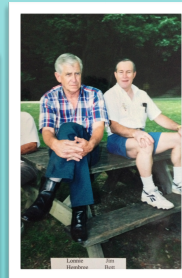
H.M.C. History Trivia - continued from Edition 5

- December 1982 Ted Bowman presented club a mahogany past president's plaque.
- 1984 separated Secretary and Treasurer's duties.
- January 1, 1987 club dues raised to \$10.
- February 11, 1987 new club logo to be red, white, blue and gold.
- May 1995 Betty Black won "golden award plaque" and shook hands with President Bill Clinton who signed the back of her plaque.
- February 1997 Glen Ault presented club with a new president's plaque in the shape of Indiana.
- In the year 2000 the dues were raised to \$20, or \$15 if 6 activities were attended.
- January 12, 2005 a club first, Joan Mabe, first woman president presided at a Mustang meeting.

Upcoming Events

January-March - **HMC 2026 Membership Annual \$20.00**
Dues- pay Treasurer *Frank Bayles*

March 11 - **HMC 1st 2026 Monthly Meeting** - 6-8pm - Chicago's Pizza



Basic Car Information:

1965 Mustang Fastback 2+2

Engine: 289 2V V8 200 h.p. w/9.31 Compression

Transmission is a 3-Speed Automatic

It's been painted a Portofino Blue w/ Viper Blue Stripes with Black interior.

It was Assembled in San Jose, California.

The Original Sticker Price was \$2,639!

Enjoy the story of this special car written by its current owner, *Chuck Butler*.

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Chuck Butler

1965 Fastback 2+2 Mustang



The History:



I purchased the car in 2012 locally from Jim Cash.

It had been sitting in his barn for about 20 years.

When we tried to push it out the front wheels were locked up. So we had to drag it out and have it towed on a flat bed.



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1965 Fastback 2+2 Mustang

The Restoration:

I searched for about 3 months to find a reputable shop to do the restoration.

I came across a shop in Connerville Indiana. They did a *complete restoration* on the car. It took 24 months to complete.

We did everything from putting new floor pans in to replacing the rear quarter panels.

I kept the original 289 and had it completely gone through.

Actually, except for Fiberglass hood and trunk the car is original.

Why did I pick this car to restore?

When I was in the 3rd grade in Mrs. Ryan's class I looked out the window at the teachers parking lot and saw a 1965 Mustang Fastback.

I fell in love with that style of car! My Uncle had a 1965 coupe, and friends of my parents had a 1967 coupe. So **I was already a big Mustang fan!**

But when I saw the Fastback **I knew that was the car I wanted** when I got older.

Favorite Things:

One of my favorite things to do is **go to car shows** with this car. I love listening to the stories people tell me about when they had or knew someone that had a 1965 mustang.

It brings back memories to them, and **it is so interesting listening and being a part of that!**

