

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 Terry Thomas. It is a 1965 Fastback GT Red Mustang.

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

Hoosier Pony Times.



Mustang Generations

Following the 1973 model year, the Ford Motor Company ushered in the **Second Generation Mustang** era, which represented a fundamental change from previous edition muscle cars. In a significant shift in its vision of the past, the newly dubbed "Mustang II" was based on the design of the Ford Pinto and was designed to compete against imports that were growing in popularity as a direct result of the fuel crisis.



The new platform and shorter wheelbase certainly distinguished the Mustang II from its predecessors visually, but arguably the biggest changes came under the hood. For its inaugural year, the Second Generation Mustang did not offer a V8 engine option for the first and last time in the pony car's history. 1974 Mustang owners could choose between four-cylinder and V6 engine choices, which, not surprisingly, churned out unimpressive horsepower numbers (92 & 105, respectively).

From its exterior to design flaws to its lackluster performance numbers, the Second Generation is a period of time that many Mustang fans view as a black eye of the otherwise riveting history of their favorite vehicle. With the wonderful amenities and technological innovations in the years that followed, it is common for classic automotive supporters and muscle car aficionados alike to cast a dark shadow over the Mustang II entirely.

"Blast from the past pics"

May 3, 2014

50th Anniversary show at Bob
Poynter Ford - Seymour**Upcoming Events****13 - HMC Monthly
Meeting - 6-8pm - Chicago
Pizza****16 - Shelby Spring Fling
Car Show - 8:30am-4pm -
Brown County State Park****23 - Rumble on the River
Car Show - 7am-4pm -
Madison, IN****Mustang - "More than a Car"**

Starting with this Edition, this section of the newsletter will be dedicated on the topic of **"Mustang, *More than a Car*".**

I would like each of you to think of how the Mustang is "more than just a car" to you.

When the Mustang was introduced on April 17, 1964, the advertisement read: ***"Presenting the Unexpected, Mustang has the look, the fire, the flavor of the great European car. Yet it's as American as its name... and as practical as its price."***

So to start this series on *"More than a Car"*, I would like to say that Mustang is a **symbol of American design**. From the early sketches of Gale Halderman, to now the S650, the Mustang has always been about the design! Every Mustang has DNA in its design that ties one generation to another. Therefore, everyone knows a Mustang when they see it, even if there are no badges on it, like the Bullitt.

So to continue this discussion I would like for each of you to submit to me *an email* that will answer the question of: "Why is Mustang *More than a Car*? I will then compile your answers and add them to future editions of the newsletter.



Basic Car Information:**1965 Mustang Fastback GT**

Engine: (at purchase) 302 bored 40 over, original was a 289, now a Blue Print 408 CID Stroker

Transmission is a 5-speed Borg-Warner, original was a 4 speed

It's been painted a red, but original was Prairie Bronze

Feature HMC car

Terry Thomas

1965 Fastback GT Mustang

**The History:**

I purchased the car in 1993 from an individual in Louisville.

On the surface it looked great but there was little left underneath.

Over the next couple of years, I focused on getting it at least safe to drive.



Feature HMC car*Terry Thomas**1965 Fastback GT Mustang***The Restoration:**

When I purchased it was red as it is now.

I continued to upgrade/replace various things on the car with re-wiring, new seat covers on the buckets, a rally-pac, console, brakes including the emergency brake, new headliner, exhaust system, new tires and wheels, and various other things to make it as complete as possible.

I eventually had to replace the engine and it now has a Blue Print 408 CID Stroker. The tires are Uniroyal 215/65R 15. Wheels are Legendary Magnum 500 alloy 15X7.

**Favorite Things:**

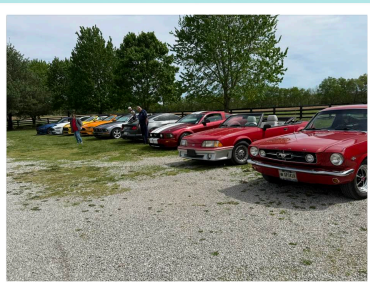
I **enjoy driving the car** especially since I grew up in the 60's. Back then, I was a Chevy guy and still am to some extent (****Editor note - we still let Terry in the club for this comment,***) but **this car does get some attention.**



Club Happenings*April, 2026***April 8th Monthly Meeting -29 Members attended!****Mustang Day 2026 Cobweb Cruise - Freeman Army Airfield Museum**

After 16 of the HMC members met, we hopped into our cars and drove to Seymour. We spent the morning at *Freeman Army Airfield Museum*; followed by a beautiful cruise. We drove by Dudleytown and Uniontown route to *Spring Cliff Farms* where we had tasty lunch and lots of fellowship. It was a wonderful day.

Thanks to Terry Thomas for organizing the event!

**IHR Block Party Car Show -
Columbus Airport**

Eight members of the club showed their cars at this unique event on April 25th. The event organizers said there was over 2000 vehicles at this "Block

Party" Car Show. \$13,000 was raised for 2 charities.

