



Mississippi Coast Mustang Club, Inc.

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From the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club Board,
we hope everyone has had a joyous Christmas!
We look forward to seeing each and everyone of
you in the new year!



**We also wish everyone a Safe and
Happy New Year!**

As many of you know, MCMC held the Club Christmas Party on the 14th of December. Many thanks to Tom and Juli Bocek for opening their beautiful home and hosting our club again this year!

Festivities started at approximately 3:30 pm. Tom has a “Zip Line” on his property and several people took advantage of it. Diner consisted of pulled pork and brisket from Dicky's Barbecue. Also included were the traditional sides which included baked beans, potatoes, and green beans.

After dinner was concluded there was a Sweater contest. Eric was determined to be the winner with the most unique sweater! In addition to the sweater contest, the club was honored with a special visit from Santa! Many members lined up to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas! After visiting with Santa, the club members proceeded to have a “Dirty Santa” gift exchange. Fun was had by all! When the gift exchange concluded, many members retired to the upstairs game room for darts and pool.

Pictures and videos of the crowd have been posted on the Club Facebook page.

Again, many thanks to Tom and Juli for hosting the MCMC Christmas Party in their lovely home!



The following article is about the 1st Mustang sold in the US. The article is from the Mustang Times magazine.

Birth of **THE MUSTANG**

*Gail Wise, 80, a former schoolteacher,
on a car story like no other*

On April 15, 1964, I went with my parents to Johnson Ford, a car dealership

on Cicero Avenue in Chicago, to buy a new car. I was 22 years old and had just graduated from Chicago Teachers College. I'd gotten a job in the suburbs, but I still lived at home, so I needed a car to get there.

"I want a convertible," I told the salesman. "Come in the back room with me," he said. "I have something special to show you."

We went into the back room, and there was this car, under a tarp. He pulled off the cover, revealing this marvelous skylight blue automobile. It looked sporty and small, and it had bucket seats. I loved it right away. The salesman explained that he wasn't supposed to show anyone this car, that it was going to debut two days later. But he let me buy it. It was a convertible and had all the bells and whistles, and I paid \$3,447.50. My parents loaned me the money. Many years would pass—decades, in fact—before I would learn that I was the first person in the U.S. ever to buy a Ford Mustang. That day, when I drove out of the dealership, people were waving and asking me to slow down so they could see the car. Even police officers. The day after that, when I drove to my job, the seventh- and eighth-grade boys

gathered around the car. They were so excited! I felt like a movie star. I wrote a letter to my boyfriend, Tom, now my husband of 56 years, about the car. He was in the Navy, out at sea, and when he wrote back to me, he told me he had never heard of a Ford Mustang.

On April 17, two days after I'd bought my car, Ford Motor Company debuted the Mustang at the New York World's Fair, in a ceremony with Lee Iacocca, who became known as the Father of the Mustang. Suddenly there were Mustangs everywhere. The car became so popular that Ford could not make them fast enough.

My husband and I drove that car for 15 years. Then one day he came home from work and said, "There's something wrong with the car." He put it in the garage and said he would fix it "next week." That "next week" turned into 27 years. Tom saw a guy online claiming to be the first Mustang owner. He said he had bought his Mustang on April 14, 1964, in Canada. But I had bought mine on April 15, and I had all the paperwork. Eventually, Ford verified that my Mustang was the first one sold in the U.S.

Tom and I still drive our Mustang. The purchase in 1964 was just a chance encounter that has turned into a wonderful adventure. It feels like I won the lottery.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MCMC MEETING

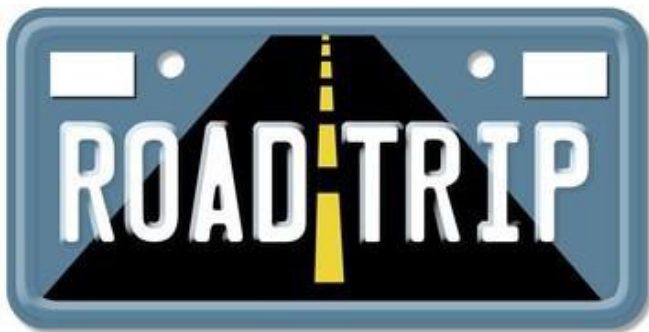
Thursday, January 9th

Location:

Golden Corral located at:

12255 Highway 49
Gulfport, MS 39503
(228) 207-9697

**Dinner starts at 6 pm
Meeting starts at 7 pm**



Our 1st Road Trip of the year is an:



Next "Sundaes on Sunday" event is:

26 January 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Serendipity Creamery

114 East 3rd Street
Long Beach, MS 39560



**King Cake Run
to:**

Paul's Pastry Shop

1 Sycamore Road
Suite A
Picayune, MS 39466

8 February 2025

Meet at the Dairy Queen in Diamondhead, MS
at 7:30 am



Let's have a huge showing and beat the
Northshore Mustang Club in attendance
at BOTH events!



MCMC Calendar

January –

- 9 Jan 2025 – MCMC Club Meeting.
- 26 Jan 2025 – “Sundaes on Sunday”

February –

- 6 Feb 2025 – MCMC Club Meeting.
- 8 Feb 2025 – MCMC Paul's Pastry Run.
- 16 Feb 2025 – NSMC Daytona 500 Party.

March –

- 6 Mar 2025 – MCMC Club Meeting.
- 23 – 30 Mar 2025 – Ponies in the Smokies.
Contact Leon for details.

April –

- 3 Apr 2025 – MCMC Club Meeting.
- 4 – 6 Apr 2025 – MCA Show in Orlando, FL.
Contact Leon for details.
- 17 Apr 2025 – 61st Anniversary of the Mustang
Party at Qdoba in Gulfport.
- 26 Apr 2025 – MCMC Southern Hospitality
Open Car Show.

NATIONAL MCA EVENTS



Upcoming National Shows:

MCA National Show
Dezerland Park Orlando
Orlando, FL
4 – 6 April, 2025

MCA National Show and Track Event
Ozark International Raceway
Gravois Mills, MO
23 – 25 May, 2025

MCA National Show
Cincinnati, OH
27 – 29 August, 2025

MCA Grand National Show
Fredericksburg, VA
29 – 31 August, 2025

Local Regional Events:

For a comprehensive listing and the most current information on local Cruise-in;'s and events, go to: gulfcoastmotorsports.com





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