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DECEMBER 2023 CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 3rd was our annual Christmas Party which takes the place of the monthly meeting. Members brought donations of new toys for the Salvation Army. Many thanks to the great cooks at the Moose who prepared all the delicious food and to the many ladies of the club who provided the wonderful desserts. Thanks also goes to Carol for organizing the attendance prize give aways. Once again, everyone laughed as we did the Wright Family ornament exchange. This is always a fun time for everyone, especially the new club members participating for the first time. Thanks go to Heidi for coordinating the ornament exchange.

Larry and Dan presented the 2023 club awards. Those not present at the Christmas gathering who received an award will receive it at the January meeting. In its inaugural year, patches were distributed to those club members earning the 289 patch. Points start fresh for the 2024 year beginning with the club's Christmas party. 289 points for 2024 are earned December 2023 – November 2024. New 2024 Officers were introduced: President – Randy Mueller, Vice-President – Dan Mueller, Treasure – Larry Roseberry, and Secretary – Dorinda Mueller. Theresa Vinson previously agreed to continue doing the newsletter for 2024 and Kim Strickell agreed to remain the MCA rep.

Thank you to all who made the 2023 Christmas Party a great success, from decorating to coordinating the hall, arranging the dinner and menu, bringing gifts, and all the little details it takes to have a great party. Looking forward to the new year and upcoming events.

**The next Meeting will be Jan 9 at the Edwardsville Moose
7371 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL at 6PM.**



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Dan & Larry presenting our donation to Legenary Mustang Sanctuary



Larry presenting our donations to The Salvation Army





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Upcoming Events:

SIMA Monthly Meeting
6 PM at
Edwardsville
Moose
7371 Marine Rd
Edwardsville, IL
Phone –
618-251-8039

Visit our Website:

For other events in the St. Louis, check out the Lakers Car Club event listing at the following link:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/lakerscarclub/>

January Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- Jan 03 Tonya Obrock
- Jan 07 Larry Roseberry
- Jan 13 Marilyn Kell
- Jan 17 Joyce Brungardt
- Jan 18 Ron Kinder
- Jan 23 Kelly Bachman
- Jan 24 Bill Meyers
- Jan 24 Cathy Yates
- Jan 29 Cheryl Steffey
- Jan 30 Ken Stange



January Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

- Jan 24 Mark & Jennifer Vorhees
- Jan 27 Joe & Janet Phillips



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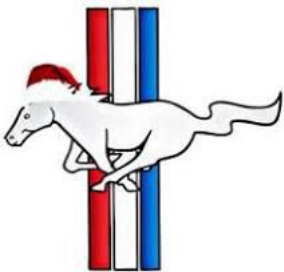
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A note from Randy

A belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I hope all enjoyed the Christmas party. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there due to work, but heard that a good time was had by all. Congratulations to those who earned the 289 patch. A reminder that points earned for the 289 patch have returned to zero with the 2023 Christmas party being the first event to earn points for the new year. Points are earned December 2023 through November 2024.



Not having come from a family of means (like Henry Ford's family), I would have never dreamed of finding a brand-new Mustang parked in my driveway with a bow. However, images of new cars sitting in a snowy driveway wrapped in a big red bow have long been a staple of automotive advertising this time of year. But unlike those marketing scenarios, this is the true story of a 16-year-old boy who got a very special Ford Mustang for Christmas in 1964.

As 1964 drew to a close, Mustang had been on sale for about eight months, and it was already clear the car would become one of the biggest new model hits of all time. That first year it would top 418,000 sales.

One of the factors that made Mustang so appealing was the ability for customers to personalize the car to their own tastes. With three available bodystyles, four engines, 17 colors and myriad other options, Mustang was widely promoted as "The car designed to be designed by you." Throughout Mustang's history, the car was available in some special-order custom colors such as Playboy Pink in 1968 and Mystichrome in 2004. In 1964, a very special Mustang fastback was sent to the paint shop to be coated in a pearlescent white finish with slim blue racing stripes over the top of the body and along the rocker panels. Other exterior details setting this Mustang apart were a functional hood scoop, chrome trim on the three gills in the headlamp buckets, and fender-mounted rearview mirrors similar to Mustangs sold in Europe at that time.

There was another, more subtle detail most people probably wouldn't notice. The rear fuel filler cap, which was typically adorned with the galloping pony logo, featured the initials "EBF II," for Edsel B. Ford II, great-grandson of company founder



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Henry Ford. Then-Ford Motor Company CEO and president Henry Ford II had had this Mustang prepared as a gift for his son's 16th birthday, which fell on Dec. 27, 1964.

"I came downstairs that Christmas morning with my sisters, and my father indicated I should take a look outside," said Edsel Ford, Ford Motor Company director. "This amazing Mustang was sitting in the driveway, and I immediately grabbed my coat and shoes and went outside to check it out."

The younger Ford slipped into the custom cabin, which had been finished in blue leather with aluminum trim, and took the car for a short drive, taking several laps of the driveway in front of the house. "The rumble of the high-performance 289-cubic-inch V8 was always intoxicating," said Ford. "I only drove it for a few minutes that first day because there was snow on the ground, but as soon as the roads were cleared, I drove it almost every day."

Despite being a one-of-a-kind car, that Mustang became Edsel Ford's daily driver as he finished high school and went off to college. Sadly, the car was destroyed in an accident four years after Ford got it for Christmas when a friend borrowed it; fortunately, no one was hurt.

In the 59 years since getting his first Mustang, Edsel Ford has owned a few others, along with other Ford cars that had more space for his wife and four sons. After graduating from college, he joined the Ford marketing department, eventually working on campaigns for Mustang and many other Ford vehicles. "That Mustang was my first car and one of my favorites," Edsel said. (<https://media.ford.com>).

While Dan is nestled all snug in his bed with visions of Priuses racing in his head, I still have hopes of finding a Mustang sitting in a snowy driveway wrapped in a big red bow. Here's to 2024 and creating many Mustang memories with the club! If you haven't yet joined the Mustang Club of America (MCA), make that one of your New Year's resolutions. See Kim if you have questions about joining.





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MARKET PLACE:

FOR SALE

***IF YOU HAVE ANY CARS OR PARTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO LIST,
JUST SEND 'EM IN. WE'LL GET YOUR AD POSTED IN THE NEXT
MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.***

CLUB PICS AND NEWSLETTER ADDITIONS!

If you have any pics of your cars, friends' cars, project details or just general car stories you'd like to share send 'em to the newsletter at [email: itvinson@hotmail.com](mailto:itvinson@hotmail.com) ! If you are looking for parts or a new project, let us know and we'll put it in. Or, if you have to clear out parts or projects you can't get to, we'll post that, too. We'd love to add things to the newsletter that would show what shows or cruises our members are attending, what projects you are working on, etc. Just send them by the first of the month and we'll try to get them in that month's newsletter.

Thanks for your support!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Membership Application



Name D.O.B.

Partner Name D.O.B.

Wedding Anniversary Date

Address

City State Zip

Phone E-mail

Mustang Club of America Membership #

List Your Mustang/Fords with Brief Description

List Club Activities you would like to participate in:

Send this completed application along with \$20.00 to:
Larry Roseberry
4692 Drda Lane
Edwardsville, IL 62025
Club meetings the second
Tuesday of every month.



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- MUSTANG TIMES 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION

\$35 DIGITAL 1-year MEMBERSHIP

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\$25 ASSOCIATE 1-year MEMBERSHIP

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ALL MEMBERSHIPS INCLUDE: ACCESS TO DRIVING AND CRUISING EVENTS, A WINDSHIELD DECAL, SOURCES TO TECHNICAL INFO AND PARTS, ACCESS TO MEMBERS ONLY SECTION OF MUSTANG.ORG, FREE CLASSIFIED ADS IN MUSTANG TIMES AND ONLINE, AND DISCOUNT OFFERS FROM VENDORS ON PARTS AND MERCHANDISE.