



## Getting Started

By Pete Schmidt

The weather has finally settled into a reasonable pattern of no snow and some warm sunny days. I will take that for May after this past winter.

The car season has started and shows in the Twin Cities will be coming up in bunches – today was the Ford Powered Show at Apple Valley, Mopars in the Park was in full swing, and the Concourse show in Excelsior was held. Watch the calendar for updates and additions. I talked with at least 7 SWMMC members at the Apple Valley show.

I am planning on making a visit to Cars & Coffee at the Auto Motorplex this coming Saturday (June 7). I am open to going as group. If we go, we will be leaving Eden Prairie at about 7:10am so we can get parking. Let me know if you are interested.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Maruska Mustang Run – Recap

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Maruska Mustang Run was held on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>. The run is organized and hosted by Joanne and Paul Maruska – Paul is a Mechanic at Apple Ford Shakopee. The day was great and the rally point was perfect for the 25 cars that gathered for the drive. While meeting folks before the drive we were able to see a couple of Paul's work-in-process Mustang projects.

The drive left New Prague and headed North to Hwy 282. We turned West through Jordan and eventually headed South on Scenic Byway Road which parallels the Minnesota River. On our way to Henderson we passed about 50 motorcycles and more than a few Mustangs headed North. Some of us saw a Bald Eagle land in an open field just off the highway. (continued page 3)

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## New Members – May 2014

Welcome the following new SWMMC members:  
Bruce & Sheryl Halvorson – Eden Prairie, MN



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## 2015 Ford Mustang Review: Our First Ride!

By David Freiburger – Mustang 360

It'll be months before the real 2015 Ford Mustang review, but we got our first ride today, making us among the first small group of journalists to sit in the all-new car while it's moving under power. We weren't allowed to drive or to see the engine, but we took several autocross laps in the right-hand seat and pored all over the car while asking questions. The basics are well known by now: the 2015 Ford Mustang is an all-new platform, sharing nothing with the old car, and it includes independent rear suspension, a first for the entire Mustang line. The Mustang will be sold globally, and right-hand-drive models will be commonplace. The engine offerings will be a slightly improved version of the current 3.7L V6 as the base, a 2.3L EcoBoost turbo four-cylinder as the mid-level option, and a modified version of the current 5.0L V8 at the top end (at least until a presumed deluge of higher-performance models are released after the initial model year). The EcoBoost four-cylinder shares absolutely nothing with the Pinto-based 2.3L engines of the past. Power numbers were quoted as "more than 305 hp and more than 310 lb-ft," and the power curve is said to be a tabletop. No one from Ford would crack a power claim for the 5.0L, but one engineer said, "oh, don't worry—it's way better than the current one."

The V6 and four-cylinder 2015 Ford Mustang will have a base suspension platform and an optional performance package that includes upgraded springs, dampers, and antiroll bars. The 5.0L car gets beefier springs/dampers/bars of its own. All the cars sit lower than the current Mustang—with both a lower roofline and less gaping ugliness between the top of the tires and the sheetmetal. The rearend centersection was confirmed to be essentially a standard 8.8, though parts interchangeability with current aftermarket parts remains to be seen. The V6 and turbo-four models will have an aluminum case for the centersection, while the 5.0L cars get an iron case. Every 2015 Ford Mustang from the base V6 on up carries a limited-slip diff. Base gears are 3.31s and 3.55s will be optional, at a minimum.

*"When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it." – Henry Ford*



## May 2014 SWMMC Cruise

By Pete Schmidt

The morning of May 18 was sunny and a bit windy. We had 10 SWMMC rides (16 total people) in the lot rally in Anoka. Once we got out of the parking lot (note to club: next time rally in a location where we can make a convenient group exit) everything was OK.

The drive up Hwy 47 to Isle was a nice drive with little traffic and lots of open road. The convertible tops were down on a few cars. We found Buzzies on the Bay without issue and enjoyed ample parking. Upon entering we found ourselves next to a Sunday brunch buffet. Good food and good company as always. The lake looked good, but cold!

The drive home was equally painless. We should definitely keep this run on our list of cruises for the future.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Maruska Mustang Run – Recap cont'd

We parked in Henderson and everyone wondered around town for about an hour – eating, drinking, socializing and shopping. The group created quite a buzz and many people wondered up to the parking area to look at the ponies. From Henderson we rode through Le Sueur and Le Center before stopping at the Lake Front Bar & Grill in Lexington – an excellent stop with lots of seating and good food. We turned a few heads when arriving as a group of 20+ cars.

The group slimmed down on the return to Maruska's place as people changed cars or left for the day. At dusk the movie Drop Dead Gorgeous was shown to the crowd on a large outdoor screen.

A great drive and nice people – a definite date for next year's calendar. Thanks to the Maruska's for their hard work and hospitality!



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2015 Ford Mustangs can now be pre-ordered!  
Contact Cathy Wirta at Apple Ford for details



## Member Profile: Ken Ohnell

By: Ken Ohnell

I'm Ken Ohnell – owner of a 2009 Mustang GT Convertible. I grew up in Berthold, North Dakota. My dad had his own mechanic / repair shop. So needless to say I have been involved in cars all my life. The interesting thing I have found over the years one takes to a brand at an early age. I took to Fords. I liked working on the flat head engines. My first car @ 16 was a 1952 Ford Custom Line. It had a 239 flat head with 110HP and a Ford-O-matic. I had it painted Graber Orange with black rear side brake scoops and hood scoop. Yes I had ram air on an oil bath filter! I had headers and mags with 8" true slicks with a 411 rear end. Looked tough but was a little weak! 89mph in the 1/4 mile.

About the same time I also had a neighbor that owned a sprint car. I got involved helping on that and it too had a Ford product for and engine... a 361 Edsel engine with fuel injection. In 1968 my cousin was lucky enough to have parents that liked hot rods too so he got a 68 GTA Fastback 2+2. We did a lot racing with that car and is where I got the love for the Mustang! We also found a 1933 Ford coupe in the trees and drug it home. (no one knew at all who's it was)! We built the Green Hot rod as you see it is today. It has a 289 bored out .060 with a four barrel carb and a 4 speed trans with 411 Ford rear end. He was also huge into Mopar and we built up a 440 Cornet with a six pack and for the summer of 69 we drag raced LA, Phoenix,

Denver and Tulsa. We held the National Record in our class @ 121mph in 11.79sec. He today has over 15 Hemi engines and over a dozen Mopar cars with Hemi's. Two Daytona's!



In 1970 after graduating from High School I went on to work with my dad in his shop and help on another sprint car. Which I am still helping the same family. I started with Danny Schatz back then and then when his son Donny Schatz with the Tony Stewart Racing started in 410 sprints it continued on. In the years of being involved we have won the World of Outlaws Championship 5 years---4 in a row. We have won the Knoxville National (it's the Daytona or Indy of Sprint cars) 7 times! In the past 12 years Don has either won it or finished 2nd. When I am at the races with them I do the fueling and assist with what else needs to be done. In 2007/08 I went to Australia with Don racing. We won 5 out of the 7 – finished second and fifth in the other two. I occasionally get the chance to help on Tony's car when he is in his 410 Sprint car.

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## Member Profile cont'd

Being a motor head and Ford brand loyal I knew someday I would have a Mustang. Well in 2009 I found the Red Convertible GT. Since then I have done several changes to the car. I had the strips painted with jet black and Zircon Red pearl clear coat, installed the hood scoop, rear brake scoops, ax back mufflers, lowered Each sport spring kit, added simulated Roll Bar, under the hood I added the painted radiator cover with matching strips and strut covers – along with some addition HP. The Edlebrach Super Charger now puts 420HP to the rear wheels. Speaking of wheels, I added the bullet painted wheels to match the strips and the rear tires are street slicks. It's handful if you push the pedal.

As for me in my full time work career, I have been with CaseIH Ag. for 40 years this June. I started out as a welder in Fargo, N.D. and worked my way to a field rep. I have lived in Fargo, Hays, Ks., Citrus Heights, Ca. and the

Minneapolis area. I am currently a High Horse Power Tractor Specialist. I travel central MN and most of IA working with customers getting their tractors to perform as best they can. I have traveled most all the states and part of Canada. I have also spent a lot of time in Australia working and traveling for CaseIH. I was there in 2013 for two months. I am a Scuba Diver and had the chance to do 4 dives in Sidney and a Great Barrier Reef dive of 60Ft.

I enjoy my time at home doing home projects and rest for the next excitement that comes along! I have two daughters, one is married and has three children, hence they have a 12v powered 2009 GT Convertible Mustang too. The other is single and works two jobs and enjoys her motorcycle.

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## May Club Meeting Highlights

9 SWMMC members attended the meeting

David Kronk provided a brief review of the club finances.

No decision was made to order more SWMMC t-shirts or additional 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items.

Reviewed the June, July & August cruises. Rally point for June 15<sup>th</sup> cruise discussed. Registration details for Sugar Loaf Gallop coming soon.

Briefly discussed 1<sup>st</sup> draft of club by-laws. Action item: Membership to review and comment to Brian Tweeto before June 20<sup>th</sup>. Vote on adoption at June meeting.

Discussed a few Auto Motorplex show details. Apple Ford is willing to help sponsor show – details in the works.

Discussed putting on a third car show next year based on Don's experience with some corvette club events. Club members seemed willing, more discussion still needed

Looking for Director of Operations and Secretary for SWMMC

## Members on the Go!

Don Matzen, Jerry Fear, and Mark Prokop are going to Sturgis Labor Day weekend 2014. If you are interested in possibly making the trip, contact either Mark or Don.

Pete Schmidt is planning on attending the MCA National show in Lincoln, NE the weekend of August 8–10. If you are interested in possibly making the trip, contact Pete.

### Finances – Summary for May:

Income TYD: \$2,465.66

Dues: \$660.00

Car Show Entry Fees: \$322.00

Product Sales: \$1,473.66

Misc. Income: \$10.00

Expenses: \$2,081.12

Net Cash Flow: \$384.54

Outstanding Club Expenses: \$1,050

Dues (approx. 65% of members have paid)

## Swap, Buy, Sell

One set of Revolution brand 5 spoke chrome wheels. 20X9 fronts and 20X10 rears, like new \$500

2 Nitto NT555R drag radial tires. Size 305/35R-20. Less than 100 miles. \$750 new, \$500 OBO. These wheels and tires fit all 05 and newer Mustangs

Jerry Fear 952-892-1482

## Calendar (more details on web site)

- June 1 Apple Valley Ford Mustang Show  
Apple Valley Ford, Apple Valley, MN
- June 7 Cars & Coffee  
Chanhassen, MN
- June 15 SWMMC cruise to Twin Ports Mustang Show  
Superior, WI
- June 20-22 Back to the 50's Car Show  
MN Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
- June 25 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm  
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN
- July 5 Cars & Coffee  
Chanhassen, MN
- July 13 Sugarloaf Ford Mustang Gallop  
Winona, MN
- July 18-20 Car Craft Summer Nationals  
State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
- July 30 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm  
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN

## Parting Shot



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Coming Soon!

Watch the SWMMC shutterfly site for the addition of a listing of weekly/bi-weekly local cars shows

*"Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement." – Henry Ford*



# NEXT Club Meeting June 25, 2014



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