

# SPACE PONY NEWS



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## MEETINGS

### BOARD MEETINGS:

- As called by the President

### GENERAL MEETINGS:

- The 4th Tuesday of each month except December
- 7:00 PM
- At the Cocoa Library, unless otherwise announced in *the Space Pony News*.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Open to all persons 16 years or older who are interested in Mustang automobiles.

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## Your President Speaks

WOW! I made it through the first meeting!  
Thanks to John & Resa for all of their coaching and encouragement.



We had a GREAT guest speaker. Randy Jackson from the Brevard Fire-Rescue gave us an insight on the way the Fire-Rescue system works. It was very informative and he answered a lot of good questions from our members. Being aware of the available services and understanding how to use them is an important part of making the system work for all of us. We will be presenting Randy with a "Certificate of Appreciation".

We are looking for volunteers to head up the "Gallop Tour" for Memorial Day weekend. Please let us know if you would like to do this. It could be a joint effort and a lot of fun to see where we can go within a day. Have some fun and fellowship. Anyone with a recommendation of where we can go is also welcome to speak up.

ANDRETTI – ANDRETTI – ANDRETTI..... YES, you will be hearing a lot about the upcoming Andretti Thrill Park Mustang & Ford Show sponsored by Kelly Ford. This is going to be an awesome show. We had a good turn out last year and expect to greatly exceed that this year. To do so we need your help. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and come help us make this a success! John McAvey will have a signup sheet at the Feb. meeting.

Steve

## JANUARY MEETING MINUTES:

**50/50 DRAWING** – Lola Huskey won \$11.00.  
Does this winner sound familiar?

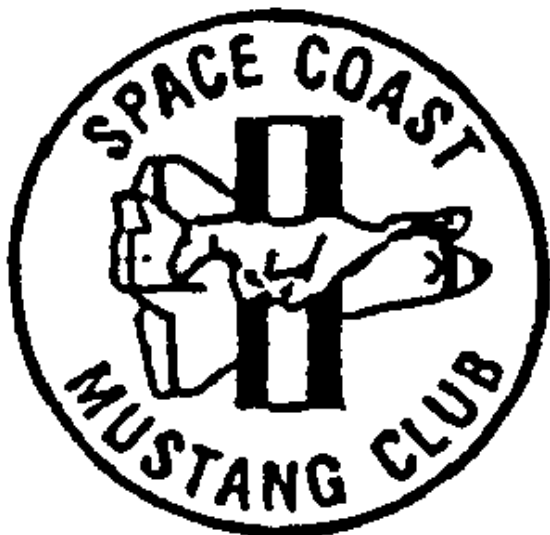
**MEMBERSHIP DRAWING** – Coy Revis was drawn during the meeting. Unfortunately for him, but lucky for the rest of us, he was not at the meeting. **The pot has now hit \$85.** Let me repeat that. The pot is now at EIGHTY FIVE dollars! If for no other reason, this should be a good incentive to attend the meeting this month!!! Wait a minute, don't go. Don't ever go again and eventually **MY** name will be called while you are at home watching TV. Just kidding. I'd like to see you all there. Good luck to everyone!

**PROGRAM** – as Steve mentioned on page one, we had guest speaker Randy Jackson from the Brevard Fire-Rescue. Thanks Randy for the informative speech.

## FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA:

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM** – we will be having guest speaker Shirley Buchanan from the Merritt Island High School Project Graduation

**REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE** –  
Ron Sliment - Snacks  
Art & Arlene Griffin - Drinks



## FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT

### Tom and Christeen Sullivan

Tom and Christeen were both in Miami and moved to Brevard County in May, 1981.

Tom is employed by Brevard County as a Building Inspector and Christeen is a Medical Transcriptionist. They have two children, Jackie who is 16 and Tommy who is 13.

Tom's love for Mustangs started in June, 1964 at the tender age of 7 years when his dad came home with a black 1964 1/2 Mustang Coupe. On his 16th birthday Tom was presented with the keys to the Mustang. Due to twelve points in 12 months against his license, the Mustang was sold for \$700.00 with the original paint and perfect interior. Although many first generation Mustangs have graced his garage, it just wasn't the same. He is still seeking his first Mustang (VIN 5F07F118934) if anyone has seen it. Christeen's love affair with the Mustang didn't start off on a very good foot when Tom showed up in front of her house in his '64 1/2 and she called it an "OLD CAR". Since that faithful night long ago she has learned to appreciate the Mustang and can even identify the first generation Mustangs by year. These valuable lessons started on the second date. Tom says his most memorable event was getting to co-pilot a 1970 Boss 302 during a 14 car caravan from Orlando to a show at Callaway Gardens, Georgia in the late '70's.

At present the Sullivans don't have a Mustang of their own. Tom is about 90% finished with a face lift on his daughter's '89 LX 5.0 Convertible. It is on the road as her school car while he finishes the last details on the weekends. Tom's next project will probably be a facelift on a '94-'95 GT his son has requested for his 16th birthday. When he finishes all the family cars he would like to build a '65 Mustang fastback to use as his daily driver.

Tom and Christeen really enjoy the club (especially Christeen, who really enjoys Road Rallies).

**Submitted by: Charles Elliott**

Tom or Christeen must be present at the February meeting in order to collect their \$25.00 gift certificate



## In the News...

Everyone watch the streets for a purple 89 LX Convertible 5.0! Jackie Sullivan is now legal to drive and is an officially registered member of our club. Welcome Jackie!

We also would like to welcome new members Fred and Debbie Cardone of Cape Canaveral with their 96 GT and 96 Cobra (both Laser Red) to our club.

We have a few new advertisers helping support our club and this newsletter. Welcome Bartman Enterprises who specialize in custom embroidery and RestoreMustangs.com who specialize in classic Mustang parts. Check out their ads in this newsletter and support their businesses.

Steve Kinnaird reported that he was still able to get reservations at the Host Hotel for the MCA 25th anniversary show to be held in Atlanta on Sept. 27-30, 2001. The Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn Express. Their number is 706-335-5183. The MCA rate is \$85.00/night. You MUST identify yourself as part of the MCA event. Additional info can be found on our club web site, under "Upcoming Events", at:

**[www.spacecoastmustangclub.com](http://www.spacecoastmustangclub.com)**

If you are planning to attend this event, you might want to consider making reservations soon!

For all you computer users out there, might I suggest a few web sites that I like to check out on occasion.

[www.stangnet.com](http://www.stangnet.com),  
[www.fordmuscle.com](http://www.fordmuscle.com),  
[www.mustangworks.com](http://www.mustangworks.com),  
[www.blueovalnews.com](http://www.blueovalnews.com),  
[www.mustangweekly.com](http://www.mustangweekly.com),  
 and my favorite place to find links to other sites  
<http://links.vintage-mustang.com>

I hope you find them as interesting as I do.

## Ford Forty Nine

Ford has once again stepped back to the nostalgic designs of yesterday and developed another concept car that takes inspiration from the past. You've seen the results of the concepts that have turned into the 2001 Thunderbird. Unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, the Ford Forty Nine concept car gives blue oval fans hope that Ford still has designers that understand what car buffs want. Taking cues from the rodders of the slab sided vehicles of the late forties and early fifties, the designers have produced a smooth looking modern hot rod with 20 inch chrome wheels, low profile rubber, a modern modular engine, and a full glass top with hidden pillars. The two-door car features seating for four in individual bucket seats. This thing deserves a look, so when you get the chance, check out some pictures of it at:

**[www.mustangweekly.com/2001/january/news/newsp13.asp](http://www.mustangweekly.com/2001/january/news/newsp13.asp)**

## Silver Springs Show

I was only able to attend the show this year on Saturday and missed the Pony Trails, Bar-B-Q, and awards. Hopefully I can make those parts of the event next year. I understand that there were approximately 99 cars on the trail. This was to date the largest turnout, and it is only going to get bigger. Randy Betsinger of the Mid Florida Mustang Club informed me that there were 748 cars in attendance with another 300 or so no shows. Realize that is over 1000 potential Fords at one location! This is by far the show of the South. Not only are there a lot of cars that you just don't see on a regular basis, but the setting is in a park with wild-life. I spent a good amount of time watching the bears. You just don't get a full appreciation of how large a Grizzly is from TV. The two that were on display were play-fighting in the water when I first saw them. Eventually they made their way out of the man-made pond onto land where they continued to play. It was a sight to see them stand on their hind legs and witness how big they really were.

## Florida Tech Parade

OUTSTANDING!!!!!! We had 21, that's right 21 Mustangs show up for the Florida Tech Home Coming Parade, 17 members and 4 guests. Not having my '68 Mustang road ready yet, I was fortunate enough to represent Kelly Ford with a '99 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Red Convertible. Thanks KELLY FORD!

We want to thank John & Marcia McAvey for letting us meet at their house early Saturday morning. From there we convoyed over to the staging area at 10:00AM. What an awesome sight. John & Marcia's neighbor, acted as our personal traffic cop and held up traffic on Florida Ave. so that we could all stay together.

As we arrived at the staging area they had no idea what to do with so many of us. The never expected so many Mustangs. We parked 2 and 3 deep just to get everyone in. We were parked next to the Space Coast Corvette Club. They had 5 Corvette's in attendance. We had a good time ribbing each other, as normal. They are a great group to hang around with.

The parade coordinators asked to seat the King & Queen nominees in as many convertibles as they could. I think we had about 8 Mustangs carrying Kings & Queens. But now we need to get the convertibles out of the parking pile and lined up for the parade. Shuffle, shuffle, move, move. We got it done. And then had to move some cars again to allow some school buses to pass through.

The parade route was modified to run along Babcock Street this year. A longer route than previous years, this offered more exposure. The students were great. I had the pleasure of escorting the King & Queen nominees for the College Players, the on campus theatrical group. Their float was filled with all kinds of actors and even a drunk producer. A real fun bunch.

We completed the parade route. Some drivers went on their way while others stayed to enjoy the Bar-B-Q lunch that was provided to everyone that participated in the parade. If you didn't stay, you missed a good lunch.

I stuck around waiting for the awards to be presented. While chatting with some of the other participants, I was informed that we did not place this year. I confirmed this with Diane Deaton, the coordinator, before leaving. She told me that Sable Elementary Schools Marching Band took 1<sup>st</sup> Place, the Clowns took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and that an Elementary School float took 3<sup>rd</sup>. She did thank us for such an outstanding turn out and hoped that we would continue to be part of this annual event.

I would like to thank everyone that took the time out of the weekend to be there. The following members were in attendance. John McAvey, Marcia McAvey, Steve Kinnaird, Tom Sullivan, Bruce Langmaack, Dennis Reardon, Kurt Heber, Rob Heber, Jim Carlton, Ray & Lola Huskey, Jim Duck, Dennis Wilt, Denton Clark, Burke Justice, Jim Menke, Charles Elliott & Linda Schylaske. We would also like to recognize our guests that were in attendance. Craig Mormile, Tommy Ratcliffe, Lenny Sutton & Andy Boldin. We invited them to join the SCMC and hope to see more of these guys in the future. Again THANKS to everyone for coming out.

**By Steve Kinnaird**

## Out of the Stable

Alright! Doug Cresanta provided the following for this month. Read on...

Hello Clubmembers! I thought I would pass on some info that might be helpful for you. It's called powder coating. Great stuff! I used this process on a number of things and the results were really nice.

Power coating has been around now for a number of years. Initially, it was rather expensive, but the cost has come down to a point where you must consider its use. There are a number of parts and pieces that are greatly enhanced by the powder coat process. Basically, a colored powder (any color you want) is sprayed onto your part with a positive electrical charge applied. Then the part is placed in an oven at about 400 degrees and baked for 30 minutes. This allows the material to "flow" and bond to the metal part. The result is a smooth satin finish and one that is extremely durable.

If you decide to powder coat some items, I suggest you do as many as possible, Join up with a couple other Mustangers and make it a group therapy project, Reason: the cost is less, the more parts that are coated. Of course, we're talking all parts being the same color here. Speaking of colors, the sky's the limit! Just about any color you would want is available in powder coat. On my project I used black and silver.

I selected the Monte Carlo bar, export brace, upper shock mounts, clutch z-bar and some smaller items to be coated in black. Also I elected to powder coat the rear brake drums, This was because I have never seen any of the "hi-temp" spray-on paints hold up for any time at all. Old rusty looking brake drums rate kind of high on the "disgusting" chart for me. A couple of years later, they still look as good as when first coated.

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## AROUND TOWN

### BREVARD BOWLING CENTER CRUISE-IN

The Brevard Bowling Center Cruise-In has been changed to every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. We need 2 people to work parking cars, handing out coupons, collecting 50/50 money, etc. Below is the list of volunteers so far. **We need volunteers for March and April!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Person #1</u>	<u>Person #2</u>
February 24	Steve Kinnaird	TBD
March 24	TBD	TBD

Give Steve a call if you need more information or want to volunteer.

The following is a schedule of Cruise-Ins around Brevard...

<u>NIGHT OF WEEK</u>	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>	<u>FOURTH/FIFTH</u>
FRIDAY	<i>Classic &amp; Muscle Super Car Store</i>	<i>Andretti Thrill Park</i>	<i>Andretti Thrill Park</i>	<i>Andretti Thrill Park</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Andretti Thrill</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Cocoa Village</i>	<i>Brevard Bowling</i>

## Out of the Stable

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My Shelby originally came with the Shelby/Crager mag wheels. But 33 years of use rendered them to a pitiful condition. To treat them to a complete restoration would not leave much change from a \$1000 bill. So, in the interim, I selected a different path. Acquiring a correct set of original 15" steel wheels, I sandblasted and cleaned them thoroughly. Next, was it going to be paint or powder coat? Preparation time is the same, but the question is really which is longer lasting? Also, in the decision process is where do you live? I was living in New Jersey at the time with its rust producing weather. This made the decision a no-brainer. Powder coat! The same could be said for Florida!

For the wheels, I needed the argent silver color (yes, I know it's a '64 Fairlane color with a very slight green tint). The shop owner was able to match up the color fairly well. I noticed all of the samples of colors had names. I had been presented a part already powder coated in silver to view, and I asked what the name of the color was? The shop owner replied, "Hi-Yo-Silver". Talk about destiny! That did it! I now have four powder coated wheels which are holding up fine.

Another item in the same area needs mentioning here. Those of you who have upgraded your Mustangs with tube headers, I suggest you consider one of the HTC processes (HTC = high temperature coating). There are several nationally advertised companies, Jet-Hot being one of them. There is also an excellent facility in St. Augustine (Baxter Engineering) that does this process. It is well worth the money and effort. The headers on my car were coated in 1984 and have been in service since. They are just starting to show their age. No doubt, coating your headers will definitely enhance their longevity. Again, a savings in money.

I hope that some of this information was helpful for you as you work your way through your project. Sharing of experiences is one of the benefits of belonging to the Mustang Club. Helpful insights, tips and recommendations from fellow Mustangers help make projects go more smoothly. Also, lots of great friendships are started. I urge everyone of you to share one of your great or not so great Mustang experiences with the rest of the membership here in this column. After all, it IS your club! It is a lot more fun being a participant than just being a spectator. So, WRITE AN ARTICLE for the next newsletter, NOW!

**Doug Cresanta**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Vanessa Miles, Bob Mungall, Bill Parker, Doreen Thorton, Carolyn Hanzely, Charles Elliott, David Turner, Richard Burgin, Micki Wright, Richard Kopp, Christeen Sullivan, Pauline Reardon, Mary Broomfield

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



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## ANDRETTI THRILL PARK SHOW

We are getting ready for our second show at Andretti Thrill Park on April 7th. John has already had some volunteers for some of the major positions, but there are still a few openings that we need to get filled. If you have a question about one of these positions, or would like to volunteer call John at 321-723-1486.

Chairman: John McAvey

Co-Chairpersons: Resa Reddick, Steve Kinnaird

Registration: Connie Heber, Marcia McAvey

Door Prizes: Steve Kinnaird

Promotions: Steve Kinnaird

**Now, for the ones we need filled :**

**Tech Inspection, Parking, Info/Door Prize Table, Head Judge**

**WANTED: We need someone to repair our show signs. They need minor repair and painting. If you can assist with this please call John.**

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## COMING EVENTS

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| 2/27/01  | General Meeting – 7pm Cocoa Library  |
| 2/24/01  | 14th Annual Mustang Roundup – Altamonte Springs (see Flyer)                    |
| 3/3-4/01 | 1st Annual NMRA Ford Winternationals – Orlando Speedworld<br>Dragway           |
| 3/24/01  | 4th Annual Mustangs and Mustangs – Fantasy of Flight (see Flyer<br>at meeting) |
| 4/7/01   | 2nd Annual Andretti Thrill Park Show (see Flyer)                               |