

Who Really Owns the First Ford Mustang?

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When the 1964 and ½ Ford [Mustang](#) debuted, it caused an immediate sensation. Muscle car enthusiasts snapped them up in record numbers and the Mustangs quickly became highly collectible cars. No Mustang became quite so coveted as that very first Mustang that came off the production line. In fact, the first Mustang is such a collector's prize, that there are two of them-- at least two different locations claim the distinction of having the first production Mustang.

Depending on whom you ask, the first production Mustang either sits at the Dearborn, Michigan Henry [Ford](#) Museum or is being offered for sale by a used car dealer just outside of Chicago. The car that sits in the Ford Museum is a Wimbledon white convertible Mustang with a 100001 serial number. It was sold through a [car dealer](#) in Canada in early 1964. But Randy Paddock of [www.classicmusclecars.com](#) tells a different story. He says the car the he has for sale with a serial number of 100212, is the first production Mustang. The car also has a steep \$5.5 million price tag. According to Paddock, there were many pre-production Mustangs built by Ford but were never intended to be sold.

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"There were between 185 and 211 preproduction Mustangs built," Paddock says, and "all those preproduction cars, including Mustang 100001, were not supposed to be sold. They were supposed to go to dealers for promotional purposes or to shows, including the World's Fair, but none of them was meant for retail sales."

Stanley Tucker, an airline pilot, was the original owner of Mustang 10001 after the [dealer](#) in Canada sold it by mistake, but not long after Tucker purchased the Mustang, Ford decided that they wanted it back. It took Ford a few years of negotiating with Tucker, but he finally agreed to give back the coveted Mustang 10001 in exchange for a 1966 Mustang. Tucker's Mustang made its way back to Michigan where it became a part of the "Automobile in American Life" exhibit in 1987.

Adding to the confusion, Mustang 10001 may not be the first Mustang to roll off the line. There are those who make the claim that Mustang 10002 may have been the first. Bob Casey of the Henry Ford Museum says, "The owner of Mustang serial number 2 has done exhaustive research on this subject, and he makes a strong case that his car, a coupe, might actually have been the first car to come down the line. It would make sense; a coupe is easier to build, less complex than a [convertible](#). So what I like to say is that the first production Mustang may be different from the first Mustang produced."



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2008 Ford Shelby GT Wins Ponycar War

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Fifth generation (2005–present) - At the 2004 [North American International Auto Show](#), Ford introduced a completely redesigned Mustang which was codenamed "S-197" and based on an all-new [D2C](#) platform for the 2005 [model year](#). Developed under the direction of Chief Engineer [Hau Thai-Tang](#) and exterior styling designer [Sid Ramnarace](#), the fifth generation Mustang draws inspiration from Mustangs of the 1960s, notably the 1967-68 models. It was this redesigned [aesthetic](#) that inspired Ford's Senior Vice President of Design, [J.Mays](#), to call it "retro-futurism." The 2005 Mustang's unique retro [coupe](#) styling complements its muscle car status with an approximate weight to power ratio of 11.5:1.

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Looking For: Family Mustang In 1995 or '96, my husband's father sold his 1966 mint condition Mustang convertible. It was dark blue w/ a lighter blue interior, white top, and factory installed air conditioning. I am trying to find that car. We know that the person who purchased it was from Nebraska. My father-in-law, Dennis Smith, was the first and only owner. He traded it into the Babe Houser dealership in Concordia, Kansas. The purchaser loaded the car onto a trailer, drove it to Nebraska and immediately entered and won a car show. If any of you are that purchaser, please contact me. For sentimental reasons, I am trying to find that car and possibly purchase it if the opportunity presents itself. Call me at 785-817-5902 or e-mail at jenniferlmartin172@hotmail.com



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Calendar of Events

April 8th, 2008 - MCCO Monthly Meeting. Meeting will be held at Mike Classic cars in Blair, NE. at 7:30 pm. The address is 1940 Ridgeview Rd, Blair, NE 68008. Mike has an incredible facility and an impressive inventory of classic cars. His website is: www.mikesclassiccars.net.

May 13, 2008 - MCCO Monthly Meeting, Sam & Louie's Pizzeria 120th and Blondo. Meeting begins at 7:30pm

May 24, 2008 - Spring Clean Swap Meet & Drag Race, MidAmerica Motorplex, Gates open to buyers at 8:00am

June 6-8, 2008 - Geezer MVTA Reunion/Motorfest Drag & Show, MidAmerica Motorplex

June 7, 2008 - Columbus 34th Annual Rod Run & Car Show, Sleep Inn. Registration begins at 11am

July 11-13, 2008 Lincoln Car Show Cruise on 7/11, Anderson Ford Car Show on 7/12 and Poker Run on 7/13...more specific details to come

September 20-21, 2008 - Midwest Mustang Madness, MidAmerica Motorplex...see registration details at www.midamericamotorplex.com or call 402-306-5015



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Ford Recalls 470,000 Mustangs

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If you are the owner of a Ford Mustang manufactured between the years of 2005 and 2008, the Ford Motor company wants your vehicle. Following a rash of automotive recalls, an estimated 470,000 Ford Mustangs have been recalled because the cars do not comply with a neck injury law as part of the Federal Motor vehicle Safety Standard No. 208.

According to the recall, if a small adult or a child is seated in the front passenger seat without a seat belt and the car is as far to the front of the car as possible, there could be a higher risk of neck injury if there is an accident with air bag deployment.

When affected Ford Mustangs are brought into dealerships for service, the dealers will offer to reprogram, for free, the restraint control module. The software will be reprogrammed to scale back the amount of force the air bag uses when it deploys. Mustang owners will receive a letter from Ford by March 2008 to have their free service scheduled.

The recall was scheduled to start on February 28. Ford has said that there have been no reports of injuries due to the air bag issue.

The Mustang recall comes at a bad time for Ford and the Mustang brand. Sales dropped for 2007 and in the first month of 2008. The news isn't any better looking into the future. For several years, Ford's Mustang was the only muscle car left, but with the reintroduction of the Chevy Camaro and the Dodge Challenger, Ford faces an uphill battle if it expects sales to increase. Ford plans a subtle redesign of the current fifth generation Mustang before launching the all new sixth generation Mustang just in time to compete with its resurrected muscle car brethren.

What's Your Favorite Generation?

First generation (1964–1973) - First conceived by Ford product manager **Donald N. Frey** [2][3] and championed by Ford Division general manager **Lee Iacocca**, the Mustang prototype was a two-seat, mid-engine **roadster**. This would later be remodeled as a four-seat car permed by David Ash and John Oros[4] in Ford's **Lincoln-Mercury** Division design studios, which produced the winning design in an intramural design contest called by Iacocca. To cut down the development cost, the Mustang was based heavily on familiar, yet simple components. Much of the **chassis, suspension,** and drivetrain components were derived from the **Ford Falcon** and **Fairlane**. The car had a **unitized** platform-type frame, which was taken from the 1964 Falcon, and welded box-section side rails, including welded crossmembers.

Second generation (1974–1978) - The much larger 1973 Mustang was a far different car than the original 1964 model. Ford was deluged with mail from fans of the original car who demanded that the Mustang be returned to its original size and concept. Upon taking over the presidency of Ford Motor Company in December, 1970, **Lee Iacocca** ordered the development of a smaller Mustang for 1974.

Third generation (1979–1993) - For 1979, the all new Mustang was based on the larger **Fox platform**, initially developed for the **Ford Fairmont** and **Mercury Zephyr** twins that debuted in 1978. The interior was completely restyled and could now more comfortably seat four, even with the smaller back seat. The new Mustang also had more trunk space and a bigger engine bay for better serviceability. Body styles included a **coupe** (notchback) and **hatchback** (fastback).

Fourth generation (1994–2004) - In 1994, the Mustang underwent its first major redesign in 15 years. The design, code named "SN-95" by **Ford**, was based on an updated version of the **rear-wheel drive** Fox platform known as "Fox-4". It featured dramatic new styling by **Patrick Schiavone** that incorporated some stylistic elements similar to those on earlier Mustangs. [6] However, unlike all earlier Mustangs, a fastback model was unavailable.

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Mustangs Across America 45th Anniversary Cruise

In light of the 45th Anniversary (April 2009) of the Ford Mustang, there will be a tremendous cruise across the United States to commemorate the event. After beginning in Las Vegas, NV, the show will finish up in Birmingham, AL, with closing events set at Barber Motorsports Park on April 16, 2009 and will continue on for three days, with as many as 6000 Ford Mustangs on site for the show & shine, track events, and caravan-style cruise.

Mustangs Across America 45th Anniversary Drive Schedule:

- Friday, 4/10/2009: Kick-off and Welcome Reception - Las Vegas, NV
- Saturday, 4/11/2009: Las Vegas, NV to Holbrook, AZ
- Sunday, 4/12/2009: Holbrook, AZ to Santa Rosa, NM
- Monday, 4/13/2009: Santa Rosa, NM to Mustang, OK
- Tuesday, 4/14/2009: Mustang, OK to Shreveport/Bossier City, LA
- Wednesday, 4/15/2009: Shreveport/Bossier City, LA to Birmingham, AL
- Thursday - Sunday 4/16 - 4/19, 2009: Attend the MCA 45th Mustang Anniversary Celebration (Separate Registration Required with Mustang Club of America Event)
- Sunday, 4/19/2009: Mustangs Across America Dinner Banquet

Meeting started at 7:30

We started the meeting off with introducing two new members.

The treasurer's report was \$2,111.78.

Car show flyers have been printed and were handed out at the meeting.

The flyers for the Lincoln show are being finalized.

The April (4/8) MCCO meeting is going to be held at Mike's Classic Cars in Blair.

Food is going to be provided from Spirit World, a possible backup may be pizza from local vendor in Blair.

Duane will send out an email with more details.

We had 7 members volunteer for the swap meet in Lincoln.

We received several emails and went through some of them.

Contact Duane for more details on any of them.

It was announced that Woodhouse has a 2008 black Bullitt.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08.

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