


First Generation Mustangs Remain Popular

Forty per cent of people who took the poll voted for the first generation while 30 per cent favored the more modern lines of the fifth generation of Mustangs built between 2005 and 2008. The second generation received no votes at all, while the third generation received four per cent of the votes. The Mustangs didn't receive any respect until the fourth generation.

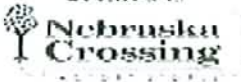
Over 22,000 people ordered their Mustangs the first day it was debuted before the public. The intense interest came as a surprise to Ford officials who thought they might sell around 100,000 of the new cars. Instead, Ford sold over 417,000 Mustangs during the car's first year of production. The Mustangs continued to sell well and be popular until 1973, when gas prices caused consumers to look for smaller, more fuel efficient cars.

1973 marked the final year that the Mustang was built using the original platform. It was also the last year that Ford offered their car with a convertible option.




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The meeting began at 7:38 on February 12th.

There were 28 members in attendance including new member Tim, who owns a 2007 Shelby GT.

1. The bank balance sits at \$2,186.88.
2. We are needing 5 volunteers for the March 9th Lincoln Swap Meet.
3. Also noted was the Lincoln Car Show in July from the 11th to the 13th. MCCO events to be planned at a cruise on the 11th with an Anderson Ford Car Show on the 12th. The final event being a poker run on Sunday the 12th, prizes to be awarded to the club with the most entries.
4. April's meeting has been set at Mike's Classic Cars. Mick is checking on food options with Dennis.
5. Introduced were member window clings. Each member to receive a window cling with paid dues. Additional clings are available for \$1.00 each.
6. A new ad for ENWICC was produced for the 2008 Car Show. Treavor Foote will provide sound equipment for the June car show.
7. Looking into a track meet at MidAmerica Motorplex in the fall of this year.

Thanks! Jason



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Knight Rider Debuts to Mixed Reviews

Feb 27, 2008 By: All Ford Mustangs News Desk

The remake of the popular television show Knight Rider recently aired and although reviews were mixed, the general consensus was that the [Mustang](#) GT500KR stole the show. While that may not be the best thing for the actors involved in the show, the car certainly does get a lot of screen time.

While it may be a bit contrived, viewers don't have to worry too much about the plot getting in the way. The Hollywood Reporter noted, "The revival of "Knight Rider" on Sunday night on NBC should gladden the hearts of viewers, at least those employed by Ford. For the rest of us, the two-hour film -- really, an elaborate commercial around which bits of story are sprinkled -- was an exercise in prolonged car sickness."

It remains to be seen how well the show does in the ratings, but for at least a few weeks, Mustang fans should be able to enjoy seeing the GT500KR in action. From the looks of the first episode, the creators may want to rely on the [vehicle](#) as the star instead of the human characters. When you're dealing with a car as iconic as the Ford Mustang, it's hard not to be upstaged.

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Calendar of Events

March 9, 2008 - 35th Annual Rocky Manginelli Memorial Swap Meet in Lincoln, NE. Held at the Nebraska State Fair Park. Gates open at 7 AM. Admission: Canned, non-perishable Food Items. Over 250 Indoor Spaces, over 1000 outdoor spaces. Contact: Jim at 402-786-2427

March 11, 2008 - MCCO Monthly Meeting, Sam & Louie's Pizzeria 120th and Blondo. Meeting begins at 7:30pm

March 28 - 30, 2008 - World of Wheels, Qwest Center Omaha

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 MVT A 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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Ways to Decrease Your Gas Usage...Without Having to Travel by Foot

Ford Mustangs are suffering from a steep sales decline and many people believe it is the car's reputation as a [gas hog](#) that is harming sales.

The 2008 4.0L [Mustang](#) with an automatic transmission gets only 16 miles per gallon in the city and 24 miles per gallon in the highway.

Part of the problem is the way the EPA figures [gas mileage](#) was changed in 2008. The new estimates use rapid acceleration, the use of accessories such as air conditioning and other factors like cold and hot weather usage.

There are some ways to improve the Mustang's fuel efficiency. By avoiding speeding and rapid acceleration, you can save up to 33 per cent on the highway and 5 per cent in the city. For every 5 miles per hour that you drive over 60, you are paying an extra 20 cents a gallon for gas.

Using your overdrive button can bring engine speed down which will save gas. Idling can also hit your gas mileage hard. If you will be stopped for longer than three minutes, you should turn your engine off to conserve your gas.

Keeping your tires properly inflated can increase your gas mileage by over 3%. For every 1 psi drop in pressure, you lower your gas mileage by 3.3 per cent.

Regular tune-ups are just part of your Mustang's regular maintenance, but did you know that it can also increase your gas mileage. You can save up to 4 per cent with regular tune-ups. If you have a serious problem like a faulty oxygen sensor can cost you an astounding 40 per cent of your fuel efficiency.

Other ways to increase your fuel economy are using your cruise control to maintain a constant speed and changing your air filter can improve your gas mileage by 10 per cent. A good aftermarket air filter can result in even better [performance](#) and better fuel economy.

Eleanor Mustang Rides Again

Feb 23, 2008 By: All Ford Mustangs News Desk

Thanks to the efforts of Classic Restorations, fans of the classic 1967 Ford [Mustang](#) that was immortalized as Eleanor in the film *Gone in 60 Seconds*, will be able to get their hands on one. This is one of the most sought after Ford Mustangs and nearly impossible to get. However, these new editions will soon be available to the public in a limited number.

The press release issued jointly by Halicki Films and Classic Restorations stated, Halicki Films Company, producer of the motion picture "Gone in 60 Seconds," is pleased to announce that Classic Restorations has been selected as the exclusive, first ever, officially-licensed custom fabricator to build the iconic "Eleanor" Mustang from "Gone in 60 Seconds." "Eleanor" captured everyone's hearts in her reprisal role in the 2000 feature film "Gone in 60 Seconds," starring with her leading man, Nicolas Cage. Now, for the very first time, movie fans and Mustang enthusiasts alike can own their own authentic, officially-licensed "Gone in 60 Seconds Eleanor" collectible [vehicle](#).

The new Eleanor will be available in two models, both the 535hp FI or the 770hp FIS Model. The FI can reach speeds in excess of 172mph. The FIS has a specially engineered rear suspension and both models include the famed "Go Baby Go" button. Pricing ranges from \$140k up to \$190k for the 770hp version.

The release also noted, "Eleanor" is built on a classic muscle car frame but with high-tech materials and technology to produce the reliable power and handling of a modern-day factory race car. These custom-built, high-performance Mustangs are handcrafted to order by Classic Restorations and offer such [performance](#) features as coil over suspension, sequential fuel injection, oversized slotted and crossdrilled Baer brakes, and a 410cid Keith Craft Racing engine. "Eleanor" also comes equipped with a Tremec TKO Manual or Automatic Transmission, Posi Traction, ConceptOne serpentine drive belt system, braided stainless fuel lines, air conditioning, custom sound system, and five-point Simpson harnesses.

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Mustangs Up To The Challenge

The inaugural Ford Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup racing series held its first official event this past weekend with 19 entrants taking delivery of their new Mustang FR500S race cars in a special program at Miller Motorsports Park.

Participants also had the opportunity to attend the Ford Racing High Performance Driving School, meet series officials, receive technical information from Ford Racing engineers and shake down their new race cars for the first time during the open track sessions on both Saturday and Sunday.

"The Mustang was a dominant showroom-based race car during the glory days of American road racing in the mid-1960's and '70's and this car certainly continues that proud tradition," said Jamie Allison, manager of the Ford Performance Group. "Our intent was to develop a fun-to-drive reliable race car that delivers on what people have come to expect from a Mustang -- V8 power and rear-wheel drive performance at an affordable price, and I think we've accomplished that with the FR500S.

The Ford Racing Mustang Challenge is a new professional racing series co-developed by Ford Racing and Miller Motorsports Park and appeals to racers looking to compete in an affordable, challenging V8-powered rear-wheel-drive car. Utilizing only the new Ford Mustang FR500S and sanctioned by the Grand American Road Racing Association, the series will stage eight races in support of major professional road racing events across North America.

For more information about the Ford Racing Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup or details on how to purchase a Mustang FR500S, please visit www.MustangChallenge.com.

Wikipedia definition of Ford Mustang

The **Ford Mustang** is a [automobile](#) produced by the [Ford Motor Company](#), originally based on the [Ford Falcon compact](#). [1] The first production Mustang rolled off the assembly line in [Dearborn, Michigan](#) on [March 9, 1964](#), and was introduced to the public at the [New York World's Fair](#) on [April 17, 1964](#), via all three American [television networks](#) on [April 19](#), and made an appearance in the [James Bond](#) film *[Goldfinger](#)* in September of 1964. It was one of the most successful product launches in automotive history. The Mustang sold over one million units in its first 18 months on the market. The Mustang created a new "[pony car](#)" class of cars by adapting the "long hood, short deck" look of sports cars to compact sedans. It spawned many competitors such as the [Camaro](#), and inspired smaller import coupes such as the [Toyota Celica](#) and [Ford Capri](#). The latest (Fifth Generation) Mustang has also been used as the new avatar of [KITT](#) in *[Knight Rider](#)* 2008. The Mustang has remained in continuous production to present day after many decades and numerous revisions.

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