

# HORSIN' AROUND



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## SPEAK, FROM QUENTIN

Today is January 2nd and it's the first day I noticed that Winter had attacked Michigan. I walked out to the garage to look for something to do. The wind was blowing about fifty miles an hour and I began to experience snot freeze. My last reported case of snot freeze took place on February 17, of 2011 while trying to remove ten inches of partly cloudy sitting on my driveway.

Once inside the garage I was hoping to find a dirty Mustang part to clean up and paint. I took off my gloves to look through a box of old parts and as I bent over my glasses began to fog up. Then I noticed I couldn't feel my fingers anymore and I quickly retreated back to the house. So much for working in the garage. Looking for something to get into I headed to my computer to check out some of my favorite web sites.

My favorite websites have one thing in common, they all have something to do with Mustangs. You might like to look some of these over and if you know of others let me know ....remember Spring is only 120 days away.

**[www.vintage-mustang.com](http://www.vintage-mustang.com)** Nice site for early cars and has a forum especially for mustang toys and models.

**[www.concoursmustang.com](http://www.concoursmustang.com)** If you want to know more about getting your car squared away for a national show this is the site for you. By the way a few of us are planning to go to RI for a National show and we sure would like you to tag along.

**[www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org)** This is our parent group and they have some excellent forums. You can check out just what class would qualify for and how to prepare your car for a national show. While looking the site over you just might want to join this organization.

**[www.mustangforum.com](http://www.mustangforum.com)** Great site for newer mustangs. sometimes I drop by this site just to see what's going on with the newer Mustangs.



**[www.saac.com](http://www.saac.com)** Just in case you win the lottery you should know about this site. Has lots of information about your favorite Shelby.

**[www.hipomustang.com](http://www.hipomustang.com)** This is by far my favorite site. The folks on this site are very knowledgeable about the 64-67 hipo Mustangs Fairlanes and a very few Falcons.

**[www.classictiger.com](http://www.classictiger.com)** just in case you find a pot of gold you might like this site deals with the Sunbeam tiger. A small two seater with small block Ford power.

**[www.carsinbarns.com](http://www.carsinbarns.com)** Neat little stories about old cars sitting in barns all over the country.

# HorseSense 4.6

## Reflections.... 2011

As a club, we took things to a new level in 2011, gaining full, non-profit status, trying new locations for the Armed Forces Day show in May, and our All Ford and Mustang show in September. We gained several new members, but lost some too, like our friend, Gregg. Members have lost loved ones and others have added to their families. Additional standouts for me include the BeCool Car Show in Bay City, judging (and taking in) the MOCSEM Mustang Memories Show in Dearborn, our (unofficial) Fall Color Tour, and a year-ending, Member Appreciation Christmas Party. All in all, a year of growth, fun, new ideas, and some sadness, too.

## 2012: A year ahead...

We welcome two new Board of Director (BOD) members this year, Carol Davis as our new Secretary, and Jeff Amo returns as our Show Chairperson. You'll both have our full support. Check out the listing for your 2012 BOD elsewhere in the newsletter. Along with this, ***we thank Diane Williams for her service as Secretary for the past several years and to Del Zimmerman for being the Show Chairperson for the last two years.*** I also want to thank the rest of the board - and you, too - for your help and leadership and donation of time during our 2011 events. Thanks!

Soon, we'll be putting together the full plans for shows and events. I invite each of you to be at the January membership meeting as a key topic will be ideas and input for the 2012

events. It is important that you tell us what you liked, and what you didn't. What you think would help our club events grow and better satisfy our membership and our event guests. As always, everyone has a say and we need and value your comments. If you are practicing your best "Snowbird" imitation from a warm location down south, please email me (or call or write) with any ideas you have so I can include them in the discussion at our January meeting.

## And so it begins... Modifications

I read a lot of Mustang-oriented magazines, as well as *Road & Track*, *Motor Trend*, and lots of others. If there is one thing I can say about car owners in general, and Mustang owners more specifically, they (we) don't keep them stock for very long. It usually starts small, and for various reasons.

I was annoyed by the shifter in our "new" '07 GT. The aluminum covering on the shifter



was coming loose right at the top where the front and back halves come together. Instead of going to the internet or the local garage for a replacement, I went to the

shoe repair shop and bought a piece of dark grey leather that matches the leather on the steering wheel and seats. After a bit of sewing (not my favorite task), I fashioned a covering that fit like a glove and feels a lot better than the black plastic and aluminum original. I've enjoyed the warmth of leather so far this winter rather than the cold aluminum.

And, with a birthday and Christmas last month, mod parts crept onto my lists. Along came



chrome taillight surrounds, headlight splitters and a couple of billet covers for the washer and oil caps. I really like the chrome tail light surrounds and am anxious to add the headlight splitters but they will have to wait until I clean up the clear headlight covers and we get warmer weather. I'm sure there will be more mods as the year progresses. What are you planning for your Mustang this year? Who will be the first in the club to get a Boss 302?

***Enjoy the prospects of a great new year... 2012.***

## Here's What Is Due...

The dues for the Mustang Club of Mid-Michigan are due in January of each year and are \$20.00 for the year. Make your payment out to MCMM and mail it to: MCMM, P.O. Box 324, Frankenmuth, MI 48734.

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## Bill Hoard

On Wednesday, January 4th, long time member and recent recipient of the MCMM Lifetime Achievement Award Bill Hoard had open heart surgery at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. A triple bypass, two valve replacements, and one valve repair were performed. On January 7th, club member Quentin Levitte spoke with Bill and Ada's son, Billy, and Bill was awake and aware of his surroundings. Bill is progressing nicely in his recovery. If you would like to send get well cards, please send them to his house at: 1202 Lake Rd, Otisville, MI 48463.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 Ethel Hetzner

15 Dan Jones

16 Dick Lebsack

16 Paul Wrigglesworth

20 Kriste Zimmerman

24 Gina Dillenbeck

29 Kevin Barnum

31 Rich Svatora



# Tips & Tricks by Stan Bentley

It was sure great to see everyone at the Christmas party. We had a wonderful time and the hall was decorated beautiful. Lon and Sandy Hetchler did a wonderful job and I thank them. Those that could not make it missed a wonderful party and hopefully all will be there next year.

By now I know that everyone has their car put away for winter. There seems to be a wide and varied way of winterizing one's car. Some people do nothing and others go all out. I like to change the oil in the fall after the last drive. I just think that it is better to have fresh oil being as the car is going to sit there all winter. I like to check and make sure the antifreeze is adequate to with stand the cold. My garage is not heated so this could be a problem. I have a large plastic car bag that you can drive the car on and then you just zip it up. I pump the tires up to 40 pounds to hopefully keep them from developing flat spots. I take the battery out and put it in the basement so it does not get so cold. The name of the plastic bag is Car Jacket and they can be reached at **1-800-5-CARBAG**.



Will Rogers says:

Both parties have their good times and bad times at different times. Good when they are out and bad when they are in. Party politics is the most narrow minded occupation in the world. A politician is just like a pickpocket. It's almost impossible to get one to reform. If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics.



## CALLING ALL COLLECTORS!

Do you have a collection of any kind that you would like to share with the club? Please email me at [brettp05@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brettp05@sbcglobal.net) with information and pictures for featuring in an upcoming issue of **Horsin' Around!**



# MEMBER PROFILE

## DAN KOWALSKI'S 1996 GT

In relation to some of our other members, Dan's 1996 Orange GT just recently came into his life. Purchased on December 14, 2010, in Adrian, Dan immediately began to customize his Mustang, adding such exterior items as HID Xenon headlights and fog lights. Other customization that followed include a push button start, MagnaFlow exhaust, and 12" front disk rotors.



The engine is where Dan has performed the majority of his modifications. These modifications include a PI Intake, NGK Spark Plugs, MAC Cold Air Intake, and a BBK Fuel Pump. Two Professional Products modifications include a 75mm throttle body and upper plenum.

Some of us may think that this is enough... but not Dan. He plans to add a Kenne Bell or Whipple Supercharger as well as PI Heads.

While this is Dan's only Mustang, he still wouldn't mind owning a 1967 Eleanor, or its 2010 GT 500 counterpart!

***Did you want to see your car here in the Horsin' Around Member Profile?***

***Just email [brettp05@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brettp05@sbcglobal.net) with all the details and a few pics!***



# CLASSIFIEDS

If you have something that you want to sell or there is something you are looking for, please [e-mail me](#) or let me know at the next meeting!

Business Card advertisements cost \$25 per year and start during the month of the first ad.

*For Sale:* 2011 Mustang Convertible, LOW LOW MILEAGE, MCA Package (billet grille with tri-Pony badge), six speed auto, SIRIUS, call (989) 791-5020 for details.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MCMM General  
Membership Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2012 at  
7:00 pm

MCMM General  
Membership Meeting

Monday, February 20, 2012  
at 7:00 pm

MOCSEM Spring Swap &  
Shop

Saturday, March 24, 2012,  
Village Ford,

23535 Michigan Ave,  
Dearborn  
8:30 am to 2:30 pm

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Horsin' Around format [here!](#)

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