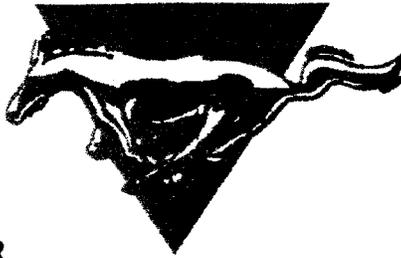


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## The Editor's Page

Chris Fisher

Here it is again, that time of the month. It seems as though I just put last month's newsletter together, and here I am doing it again. Since I received no fresh submissions, you're stuck with me on the front page again!

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Please note that in the interest of getting the newsletter out in a timely fashion, I'm going to enforce a *deadline* of the tenth of the month for all newsletter contributions. It takes roughly a week from the day I get the last of the contributions for the newsletter to reach you. If you've got something that just has to be in the newsletter but doesn't reach me until the 11th, don't panic, it will probably still make it, but I'm not making any promises.

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Some congratulations are in order! At the bottom of a note he included with his membership renewal, Doug Walls, owner of a '73 convertible, wrote, "I don't like to brag, but I was able to make 4 shows this year: June - Wheels & Wings - 1st Place; June - Oakmont - 1st Place; July - Norwin Show - 1st Place; Oct - Fallfest - 1st Place." Well, I may be wrong, but I believe four first place finishes in four shows earns him the right to brag! Congratulations! To Doug and everybody else out there who enters shows and wins, don't be shy! Call me up and tell me all about it (Chris @ 468-4938)! This is the kind of news that we all love to read! I hate to think that people are out there winning trophies and not getting recognition for their efforts from the club!

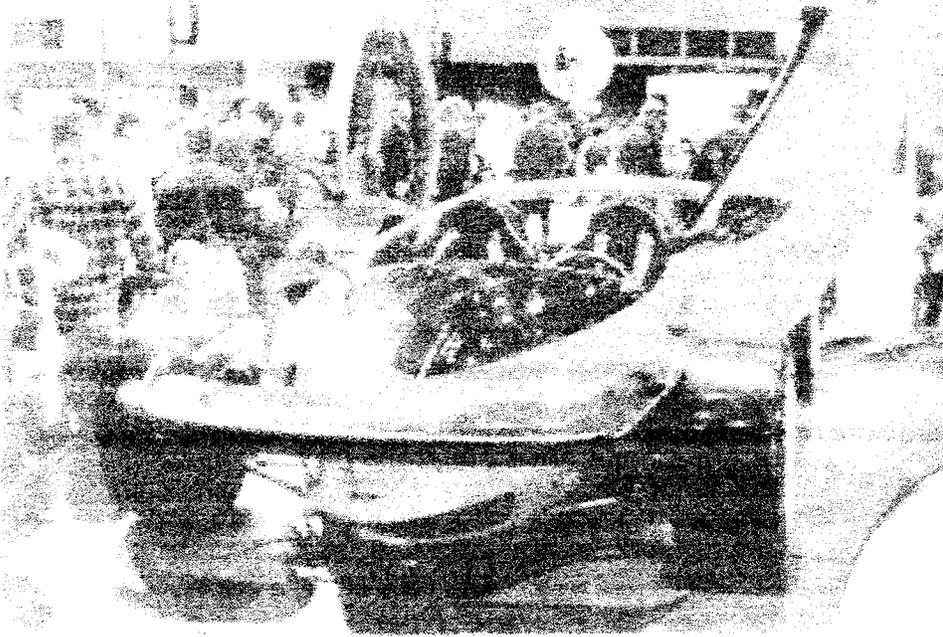
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Last week, I was on a bit of a vacation. I saw "The Phantom of the Opera" in Toronto (if you have the opportunity - go. It's worth the trip. And cough up the extra bucks for the good seats - I was in the sixth row!), trekked over to Detroit the next day for the North American International Auto Show, and, finally, the following day, toured the Henry Ford Museum (for the fifth time).

The Auto Show in Detroit is always a huge event. Cobo Hall is enormous, and it's jam packed with cars (and, for that matter, people). Many new cars, both concept and production-ready, make their world debuts in Detroit. I've been going to the show since 1991, driving 300 miles and fighting crowds of people for a better look at the latest offerings. There's no other car show quite like it!

This year's crop of new production cars was heavily skewed towards Detroit. Unveiled were the '97 Ford F-150, Taurus SHO, and Escort, the '97 Mercury Tracer and Mountaineer (a thinly disguised Explorer), the '97 Buick Park Avenue, the '97 Pontiac Grand Prix, the '97 Oldsmobile Intrigue, the '97 Chevy Malibu, the '98 GM EV-1 (an electric car!), and the outrageous, production-ready '98 Plymouth Prowler.

I know this isn't the Greater Pittsburgh Chrysler Club, but Chrysler sure deserves credit for having the courage to take cars like the Viper and Prowler off the show turntables and put them on the streets. We Ford fans should be so lucky! Imagine owning a Mustang Mach III Roadster like the one that Ford displayed in 1993!



Speaking of concept cars, there were fewer new ones this year than I remember seeing in years past. Notable are the Chrysler LHX luxury sedan, the Mercedes AAV sport-utility vehicle, the Dodge Intrepid ESX sedan, and the Ford Indigo (short for "Indy Go" - get it?), pictured at left.

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At our regular Wednesday meeting, Wilbur Knotts asked me about World Wide Web sites which cater to Mustang enthusiasts. I thought, "what a great idea for the newsletter!" Those of you without computers or access to the Internet may find this to be a bit dull and/or confusing, so be warned!

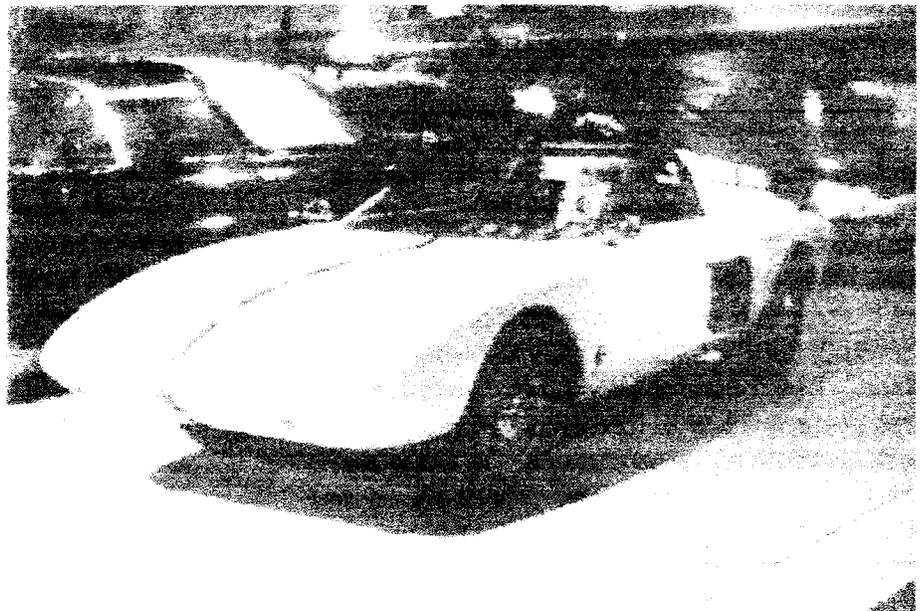
I figured that the most logical place to start would be Ford's home

page, "<http://www.ford.com/>" There, you can find all sorts of goodies. They have "virtual showrooms" where you can get pictures and info on the Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, and Jaguar vehicles - with one glaring exception - there's no info on the Mustang Cobra! You'll also find a dealer locator, a historical archive (which is still under construction), and an offer to join Ford's consumer research panel. It's an entertaining site, one which will surely improve with time.

Using one of the many search engines available on the 'net ("<http://www.Yahoo.com/>" is a good one - they've got a separate "automotive" heading), you can browse hundreds of sites. There are on-line magazines (Car & Driver, AutoWeek, Hemmings, and a bunch of others I can't remember), classified ad services, photo galleries, and more. I'd have more information for you, but my boss kept popping in and interrupting my playtime.

As for Mustang-related sites, there are many. Most are biased towards late-model Mustangs, but a few (such as the Classic Mustang page) cater to early-model ponies. For exchanges of information - shop tips, power secrets, etc, your best bet are the newsgroups. Automotive newsgroups are found under the category "alt.autos".

One final word about web sites: I hate to give them two plugs in a single newsletter, but the Chrysler corporate site is absolutely awesome. Check it out for yourselves at "<http://www.chryslercorp.com/>"



The original Mustang Prototype at the Henry Ford Museum (see Kevin O'Connor's piece later in the newsletter)

P O N Y   E X P R E S S

With the start of a new year, there will be: new adventures, new opportunities and new responsibilities. I hope that our club can have as much success this year as we have in the past, and also as much enjoyment.

To begin with let me introduce myself, my name is Terry Conroy. I am married, my wife's name is Marcelle, and we have a two year old son, Terry Jr. or as we call him T.J.. We have been involved with the GPMC now for seven exciting and fun years. We own a 1965 GT Convertible that we hope to begin work on.

I anticipate a lot of new ideas and events this year because we have a lot of new faces on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are: Wilbur Knotts, Lou Nelson, Brian Kuntz, Chris Fisher and Scott Brown. With the club officers we have one new face our Treasurer, Tom Cavataio, and two very familiar and special people, Vice-President, Chuck Kolder, and Secretary, Bonnie Kolder. With a group like this we should have a great 1996.

I would also like to add that the Board of Director meetings are held usually the last Monday of the month at 7:30pm at King's Restaurant at Rt. 910 and I-79 Wexford. These meetings are not just for the Board of Directors and Officers but for anyone that would like to come listen or give ideas for events or to give their opinion. I encourage you to come out. If you can't make it then please feel free to give me a call.

I would like to thank the membership for their response to our GPMC Survey. It is really going to help the new GPMC Directors and Officers to schedule events for the club in the up-coming months. With a lot of new ideas that were sent in we should have a fun filled year. So hopefully come February's GPMC meeting we should have a tentative schedule.

At our January GPMC meeting at Hoss's I announced that our GPMC Swap Meet at Barden-McKain will be March 17, 1996. The people at Barden-McKain are very enthused about this annual event. They are willing to accommodate our needs for this event. We will have a sign-up sheet at February meeting. Most shifts are two hours but if you can only stay one hour we'll be happy with that. So if you would like to help out for the Swap Meet or if you would like to be on the Swap Committee please give me a call at 761-1159. We would like to see as much involvement as we can get. The more involvement we have the easier it will be for everybody, so please sign up.

In closing I hope that everyone had a enjoyable and safe holiday season and I am looking forward to a exciting and fun 1996.

*Happy Trails,  
Terry*

# January 3 Meeting Minutes

## Janet Hagerty

Don't panic! This is only temporary! Our new Secretary, Bonnie Kolder, is alive and, hopefully, well, too, by now. She and our new V.P. Chuck were recovering from the flu bug, and were unable to attend our meeting. What togetherness! You wouldn't think old married couples would be that close! Feed better soon, you two, your empty chairs are waiting!

Terry Conroy, our new President for '96, opened the meeting by passing out a list of activities compiled from a review of the previously mailed-out survey sheets, which the membership filled out and returned at the end of last year. Check marks were to be made beside each activity listed, indicating those which you might wish to participate in, or offer your help in organizing. [A copy of this survey is included with the newsletter this month - Ed.]

### Barden-McKain Swap Meet:

Next on the agenda was our upcoming Swap Meet. Terry had already met with Bob Albert, Service Manager for Barden-McKain, and had set up the meet for March 17th. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those wishing to offer their services to help out on that date. If you weren't at the meeting, and would like to add your name to the list, please give Terry a call (761-1159). Bob also expressed a strong desire, on behalf of Barden-McKain, to once again hold our yearly car show there.

**BIG  
EVENT!**

### Make-a-Wish Broadcast:

We understand that the Dec. 16th live broadcast from Century III Mall, in which Bonnie Kolder presented our Club's donation of \$3400 to Make-A-Wish's Light Up a Child's Life campaign, went very well. However, we also understand that both Lou Nelson and Tom Cavataio worked their tails off! Because of the high traffic over the holidays, the mall wouldn't provide them with a 4-wheeled dolly to remove all of the Make-A-Wish paraphernalia, so Tom and Lou got to haul it all by hand. The message here - Don't loaf with Lou unless you want to get stuck with hauling "whatever," as this, too, was one of Lou's added little rewards for attending our Christmas Party. Even though the haul was just one flight up to the dining area of the Holiday Inn - with a dolly - it was that 180° turn in mid-flight that made it "interesting" to watch for we wives who were trailing behind Gene, Lou, and Terry, as the overload of director's chairs, insulated mugs, etc. started their descent back down the stairs much more rapidly than they were going up! Thank goodness Wayne and his camera had not yet arrived!

### TRCC:

Flyers were passed out by Brian Kuntz, our rep. for TRCC again this year, detailing what went on at the last meeting, etc. One change was made as far as the meeting dates. Representatives will meet 6 times a year instead of the previous 12. Only the board members will meet once a month. Pending is a Night at the Drive-In, Rt 60, scheduled for July 27. Also, Auto-Cross dates were proposed for the months of May, June, and September. Our Club agreed to pay for another year's TRCC membership dues.

### Membership Report:

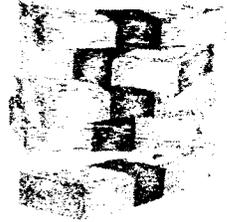
Hugh McCarron, our new Membership Director, reported that he sent out 174 renewal letters, and received 87 back so far. Chuck Kalish, our former director, indicated that this figure showed about the same response of renewals received around this same time last year.

### Policy and Procedure Sheets:

Revised sheets, regarding Club material property, were passed out. Anyone wishing to borrow Club merchandise must fill out the request form attached therewith. Copies are available at the meetings.

## 50/50 Raffle:

Seems we have an over-abundance of rolls of raffle tickets, and they were all there Wednesday evening! However, we were lacking an appropriate container from which to draw the winning number. Enter little Noah Kuntz! He happily donated his little baby hat (which wasn't his favorite thing of the evening) and the lucky winner was none other than our new Treasurer, Tom Cavataio. You can bet that little extra bit of greenery didn't go into our treasury!



## Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting - Jan 29, 7:30, King's Rts 910 & I-79

Monthly Meeting - Feb 7, 7:30, Hoss's Steak House, Rt 8, Coventry Square Shopping Center

See you at the meeting. Stay warm, and THINK SPRING!

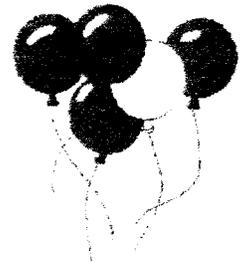
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## Bits -n- Pieces

"Stay Well" Rich!

We understand that member Rich Tripoli has been in and out of the hospital several times during the holidays with heart-related problems, the latest being an angioplasty. We all hope to see you back in gear again real soon, Rich. No more cruises to the hospital, only to Club meetings and events!



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WANTED or FOR SALE ADS for car related items will be placed in the monthly newsletter at no cost to GPMC members. Your ads will be published in 3 consecutive newsletters. The numbers in parentheses at the end of each ad indicate the number of remaining newsletters in which the ad will appear. Please notify me if you want an ad to be continued beyond the three month period. You have four choices for getting the ads to me. You can mail them (Chris Fisher, 318 Circle Dr., Delmont, PA 15626), you can call (468-4938, evenings and weekends), you can fax them (same number, but you have to call first so I can set up the PC), or you can E-mail them (great68@aol.com \*GREAT 68\* is the plate on my '68 Mustang!) Please DO NOT leave ad requests on my answering machine (it's a bit temperamental).

### FOR SALE ADS:

For Sale - Carter 625 cfm performance carb, electric choke, Ford auto kick down, 3 months old, perfect shape, includes Carter strip kit, paid total of \$260, sell for \$145. Ray 466-5279 (2).

For Sale - 1966 Coupe, NM/CA Mustang, excellent cond., dark green w/black interior, 289, auto, factory air, p/s, 10K on rebuilt eng (110K orig), owner needs garage space, asking \$7000. Frank 453-0742 (2).

For Sale - Quick 5-sp shifter, signed by Saleen, make offer. 487-6285 (2).

For Sale - '89 GT Cyl. Heads, comp. valve job, shaved 10th, ready to bolt on. Also cam (roller) - timing gears & chain. All for \$275 Firm (412) 466-5279 (1)

For Sale - Pony Interior (cpe) installed, exc. cond, \$250/obo; C-4, \$25; Complete pwr steering, \$175; Woodgrain steering wheel w/Ford center cap, \$200/obo; Ford rear valance w/backup light holes, \$30; 2v intake, \$10; 2v carb, \$5; '68 2v Autolite carb w/tag, \$5; misc items; Ron George (412) 262-7292. (1)

1985 Mustang GT - Black; SVO 2½" stainless dual exhaust w/H-pipe; 8.8" 3.08 Traction-Lok; SVO sail panels; 4 GT rims & 2 steel police rims; 53K, no rust; spotless interior (less front seats) - no motor or trans (was 5.0/5-speed); car hit passenger front - not bad; CHEAP!; call Ron George for details (412) 262-7292. (1)

For Sale - 4 BFGoodrich Trailmaker snow tires mounted & balanced on steel rims (5-bolt) and 20 new lug nuts - used one season (only 2000 miles); exc condition; fit Ranger 2wd \$250/obo; Ron George (412) 262-7292. (1)

For Sale - A lot of misc 1966 parts - too numerous to mention. The parts are used, were replaced to update car. \$100 takes all. I need to clean out my garage. Call Mike (412) 439-3181. (1)

1965 Shelby Mustang Leftover - titled 1966; S/N SFM6S069; only 252 made with 1965 & 1966 updates; Wimbledon White w/blue racing stripe; lowered A-arms; Weber carbs; Detroit locker; Cragar 5-spokes; 4-speed; etc.; restored correctly; \$60,000/obo. Call Ron or Pat Kaminski (412) 935-5461. (1)

**1966 Shelby GT-350** - #973, Red w/white stripes, 850cfm Holley Tri-power, 4-speed, excellent condition, \$28,000. Call Nancy at (412) 361-6429. (0)

**WANTED:** 1965 Convertible; V-8, Red or Black; Ready-to-drive. Jason (412) 364-6970. (2)

**WANTED:** Red dash pad for 83-85 Mustang. Must be perfect, reasonable. (412) 466-5279. (1)

**WANTED:** 65 or 66 Mustang; Original rust-free GT with Pony Interior. Red, blue, black, or white exterior. Prefer restored. Consider all up to \$10,000. Gary (412) 852-2785. (1)

**BUSINESS ADS:** We welcome any businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter. The small charge helps to defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. The cost for a 4 1/2" x 2 3/4" area is \$7.50 for members and \$15 for nonmembers, and the ad is printed in THREE monthly newsletters. Our newsletter is sent to over 190 homes and several local car clubs, and the number grows every month. All FULL PAGE FLYER ads must be "run-off" by the person submitting the material (please provide enough copies for the entire monthly mailing). Additional charges may be required on full page ads depending on newsletter space availability and mailing weight.

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## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY, PART II

Please check the events listed below that you would like the club to participate in. This list was compiled from the surveys that were returned.

- 1 AUTO-FEST
- 2 CLUB PICNIC
- 3 KENNYWOOD PARK
- 4 IDLEWILD PARK
- 5 GEORGE WELSH CAR CRUISE
- 6 BOWLING
- 7 PITTSBURGH ZOO
- 8 GPMC CAR CRUISE (WPNIX)
- 9 CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER
- 10 SANDCASTLES
- 11 LERNERVILLE SPEEDWAY (DIRT TRACK)
- 12 MOTORDOME SPEEDWAY (ASPHALT TRACK)
- 13 ICE SKATING (EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH PARK)
- 14 PITTSBURGH AVAURY AREA
- 15 PITTSBURGH PENGUIN HOCKEY GAME(S)
- 16 PITTSBURGH PIRATE GAME(S)
- 17 ROLLER SKATING
- 18 DINNER & MOVIE
- 19 GATEWAY CLIPPER DINNER CRUISE
- 20 CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 21 CARNEGIE MUSEUM/UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH NATIONALITY ROOMS
- 22 POKER RUN
- 23 GO-CART RACING
- 24 PUTT-PUTT
- 25 SWIMMING
- 26 VINTAGE GRAN-PRIX
- 27 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Terry Conroy  
426 Stanford Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15229

### MUSTANG MUSEUM UPDATE

In order to get an idea of how the public would support the Mustang Museum, Mustang Museum Inc. is now offering a window decal that proclaims "I support the Mustang Museum." The decal can be ordered by sending \$5.00 to Mustang Museum Inc. c/o Pinpoint. 1679 Laurel Ridge Lane. Lawrenceville, Ga. 30243.

In addition to the decal offer the Mustang Museum board of directors are searching for folks that can lend a hand with the creation of the museum. Folks like accountants, demographics and site selection consultants, and non-profit legal consultants. If you feel as if you can assist the museum committee you can contact them by writing to: Mustang Museum Inc. PO Box 865. Dearborn. MI, 48120-0865.

### THE HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Ever since I learned of it's existence I've wanted to visit the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Michigan. Well, we finally got a chance to go in October and I must admit that it was worth the wait. It's about a 300 mile trip to Dearborn and we made it in about 6 1/2 hours. Not wanting to feel rushed we opted to stay over night and spend a whole Saturday at the Museum. The Museum is located in the middle of Greenfield Village. Greenfield Village is a town set in the turn of the century with authentic buildings cars and even a steam driven train. Due to the wet weather we decided not to tour the village but rather go to the museum. To enjoy both the Museum and the Village you will pay \$22.50. To tour one or the other by itself the fee is \$12.50.

As you enter the museum you are greeted by the Lunar rover and a model T. A real contrast of just how far transportation has come since the early 1900s. If you make a right you are treated to the displays of Presidential Limos featuring Ronald Reagan's Limo, Truman's limo and the infamous Kennedy assassination Limo. Then as you continue on you come upon "The Allegheny". The world's largest steam powered Locomotive. You now begin to get an idea of just how big this place is as you look behind The Allegheny and see locomotive after locomotive. Included in this section of the building are Circus box cars, Diner cars, Trollies and an array of firetrucks.

Race fans will be pleased to see Bill Elliot's "Million Dollar Thunderbird" in which he became the first stock car driver to win the UNOCAL Million Dollar bonus. Ford's GT40 and the first front wheel drive Indy car are also on display. As you make your way through the museum you will enjoy many displays of automobiles, planes, and boats. Some of the memorable displays were; the Wiener mobile, the original two seater Mustang prototype, a bicycle built for 10, the 15 millionth Model T, a 1955 Corvette, countless automobile prototypes, the replica of the Spirit Of St. Louis used in the Jimmy Stewart film and much, much more. \*

The nice thing about the museum is that it's more than just a transportation museum. It celebrates Americana by exhibiting everything from one of the mammoth machines used to power the Highland Park assembly line to the evolution of the washing machine. You'll see robots hard at work and marvel at a light bulb manufacturing plant. There's something for everyone including hands on exhibits for the kids. The museum has an authentic Texaco service station and a walk through Diner.

So if you and your family are looking for an interesting weekend I highly suggest making the trip to Dearborn and checking out the Henry Ford Museum. While you're up there check out some of the road signs and names of buildings: Between Mercury Drive, The Henry Ford Community College, Fairlane Shopping center and Ford Road you may just get sick of the whole car motif. (But then again maybe not.)

From the YAH RIGHT Dept.

Have you seen the new Ford-Contour commercial? It features a guy saying that he isn't into "hotrods" anymore while showing old footage of him and a '68 Shelby. He goes on to say that he prefers his new Ford Contour. Let's see a show of hands. Who'd rather have a brand new shiny Contour or an used old '68 Shelby? ....I thought so.

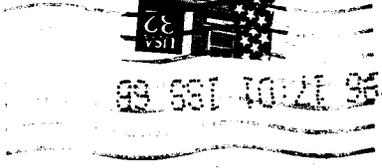
On a more personal note: Don't be alarmed if you don't see me or hear from me in the up coming months. My love for Mustangs and the Club hasn't dissipated (just ask the body shop that's restoring my SVO). Between work, babysitting, and moving my free time is now gone. But fear not, when things come together I'll be back (..in black). So until our paths cross again stay safe and keep the stampede running.

\* [I enjoyed the Deuseenberg Convertible Victoria, the Bugatti Royale Coupe, the Chrysler Turbine Car, and especially the Cord 812 Phaeton. Also, the museum's gift shop is great! I bought a really cool Mustang tie! Ed.]

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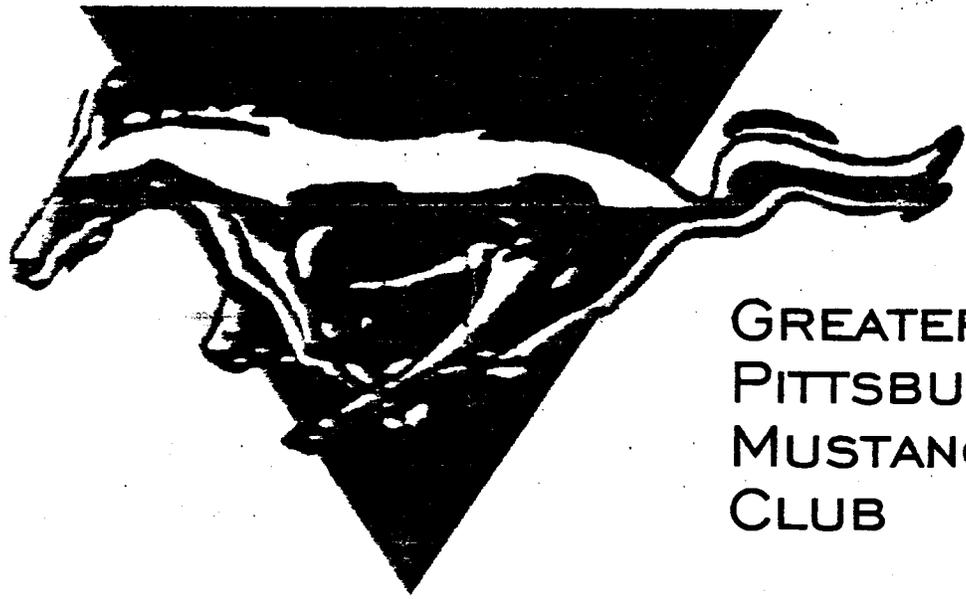


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