



# FROM THE CORRAL



## The Monthly Newsletter of the Northern Mustang Corral MONTHLY NEWSLETTER APRIL, 2006 Safety and the good, the bad and the ugly of Ford's involvement



Safety is a given in today's cars. Not only we expect airbags, three-point seat belts, crumple zones, head restraints, ABS brakes and so on, but the Federal Government has mandated that our cars will give the human body the best chance possible to escape injury or death in the event of an accident. It wasn't always that way. In fact, when the Mustang was introduced in 1964, you could not only delete the standard front seat belts but Ford would give you a \$10.76 credit for doing so. Rear seat belts were a \$14.78 option.

Ford has an interesting record on the subject of safety – here is what I call “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly” record of Ford on the subject.

### **Good: The installation of Triplex “Shatterproof” windshields in all Model A's – 1928.**


In 1903, a French chemist by the name of Eduard Benedictus was working on an entirely different experiment when he knocked a glass flask to the floor. Benedictus, to his amazement, saw that instead of shattering into hundreds of pieces, the flask merely cracked around the material that was inside and retained its original shape. He had been working with a solution of cellulose nitrate that had evaporated leaving a film that prevented the pieces of glass from separating. While he thought it was an interesting development and he made notations of the discovery, he could think of no practical application for the product. However, as time went on, he read that the number one cause of deaths or injuries in the “Horseless Carriage” was people going through the windshield and either slicing them with the sharp glass or injuring themselves as they exited the car and onto the pavement.

Benedictus developed and patented a sandwich of two sheets of plate glass with a core of cellulose nitrate while bonding it together with heat and pressure. Several luxury European automakers began using the laminated glass around 1910 and the use of Triplex glass in gas masks during World War I raised automakers interest in the product. In America, however, use of the product was extremely slow because the adage then was “Safety Does Not Sell” so why spend money to add it to the product line? Enter Henry Ford.

In 1927, Ford engineer Harold Hicks was testing a Model A prototype engine driving at around fifty miles per hour. Ford did not have a test track or proving ground so they used the local streets! As Hicks was passing a slower car, that car veered left into his lane. Hicks slammed into the other car causing him to exit the car through the plate glass windshield.



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Hicks' car carried a 750 pound simulated load and his injuries were very severe. Henry Ford had been looking at Shatterproof glass and after seeing his engineer's injuries, he made the decision to install Triplex glass on every brand new Model A. It wasn't long before lives were saved by this decision. On January 15, 1928 an Edward Price had his Model A coupe forced off the road by a passing car. Price's "A" went into a ditch throwing him into the windshield. The Triplex glass not only prevented Price from being severely cut, the "sandwich" kept him inside the vehicle. Within a few years the government mandated laws requiring laminated glass to be used in all windshields.

#### **Bad: Not installing hydraulic brakes until 1939.**

Although Henry Ford was a manufacturing genius, he was also a very complicated man who had hard and fast ideas on many subject. One of these subjects was hydraulic, or as he called them, "juice" brakes. Ford considered them not only superfluous but downright dangerous in his mind. During the mid-1920's at an Executive Committee Meeting his only son Edsel who was President of the Ford Company at the time, stood up and declared with an armload of substantiating evidence before him "Father, I believe the time has arrived for us to give serious consideration to a hydraulic brake system." He hardly got the words out of his mouth when his father jumped from his chair yelling "Edsel, Shut Up!" and he stormed from the room. End of topic.

Although Chrysler introduced four-wheel hydraulic brakes in 1924 with General Motors following soon, it took Ford until 1939 to introduce the vastly superior hydraulic brakes to the Ford automobile.

#### **Ugly: The selling of safety in 1956 with the introduction of "Lifeguard Design."**

As noted above, the conventional thinking in Detroit for most of its history was that "Safety Does Not Sell." Ford decided to go against that precept in 1956 with the introduction of padded dashes, a safety collapsible steering wheel, redesigned safety instrument panel eliminating protruding knobs, double swiveled rear view mirror, improved door latches and horror of all horrors, seat belts.

In the late 1940's the American Safety Research Group ad Cornell University issued a study that examined the reasons behind the majority of injuries or deaths in automobile accidents. Their results were written up and presented to an indifferent public and an almost hostile Detroit. All except for Ford. The company had been taken over by the "Whiz Kids" who were a bunch of extremely bright and motivated executives who had rescued Ford from the brink of bankruptcy after World War II and thought they could make safety and sales figures go hand-in-hand.

Using the Cornell report as a basis, they made studies of their own coming up with a set of reasonable safety advances to the 1956 Ford line – they even gave it a Madison Avenue moniker calling it "Lifeguard" design. One of the safety slogans was "You'll be safer in a 1956 Ford." The public was not impressed and although Ford sales were 1,392,847 units, they were considerably less than the banner year of 1955 when the corporation sold 1,435,002 units. Safety was continued in the 1957 model year but the advertising emphasis was on style and horsepower, not safety. Ford had learned that safety really doesn't sell. It would be another decade before the Federal Government began to mandate safety improvements on Detroit manufacturers as a whole.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**By President Terry Hebert**

[It's April and time to get those ponies out of the barn. We need to get ready for a great show and shine season. Check the dates of many events the club is participating in this year.](#)

[We were pleased to receive a check from South Oak Ford in Wilmington to be our major sponsor for the car show. Also thanks to Dave and Lisa Pointkowski for securing South Oak Ford as a sponsor.](#)

[Reserve this date, May 6th for it will be the date for the Famous Poker Run. Time and starting point to be determined. This is not a big stake "Texas Hold-Um" game but it will be adventurous.](#)

[We still have a few members who still are outstanding on their dues. Please remit them to Bill Cheffer 750 Riverside Ct., Kankakee, IL 60901](#)

or bring them to the April meeting.

Lisa Pointkowski has completely overhauled our Website. If you haven't checked it out, just go to [www.northernmustangcorral.com](http://www.northernmustangcorral.com) to see what a great job she has done. Any information and pictures you may have to place on the site, please send to Lisa.

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### **SECRETARY'S REPORT** **By Secretary Belinda Moore**

The Northern Mustang Corral March meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by President Terry Herbert. There were 20 members present.

Since Bill Cheffer was absent, Terry read the Treasurer's report. Chlovena made a motion to accept. Marty seconded - all were in favor.

Belinda reported that the car show flyer is at the printer and is expected back in 7-10 days.

Roger had prototype trophies and dash plaques. Approximate cost is expected at \$1,200-\$1,300.

The \$500 sponsor fee from Wilmington Ford did arrive. Their logo will go on the dash plaques.

Lisa Pointkowski, our webmaster, told us about various features of our new website. She was also available to give a demonstration for those that were interested. The website looks very nice. Lisa will update the site on a regular basis. The address is nearly the same as before: [www.northernmustangcorral.com](http://www.northernmustangcorral.com). We decided to drop the "itgo" as that resulted in too many pop-up advertisements. Roger made a motion to pay \$11.95/mo. to cover the cost of the website. John seconded - all were in favor.

A listing of the Road Trips and attendees will be in every newsletter.

Comp-U-Save will provide free rental of laptop computers for our car show. These computers are necessary to make vote tallying much easier.

MCA is recruiting new members.

Bill Stevenson said there will a party at Sully's Restaurant on March 17, 5:30PM. The cost will be \$5. There will be food, music and an auction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

### **UPCOMING ROAD TRIP EVENTS IN 2006**

In past years our club members have attended road trip events, and we all had a great time! For example, a number of club members attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Mustang Anniversary in 2004 at Nashville, TN, and later that year several members attended the MCA Grand National Show in Springfield, IL. Ask anyone who participated and they'll tell you it was fantastic!

In the spirit of continuing the great times for club members, we would like to coordinate road trip events in 2006. We have listed some suggestions in chronological order (see below). Hopefully this gives everyone sufficient lead time to plan to attend one of these events. Some events are close and others a distance. One event (June 3) is only one day. At our next couple of meetings there will be a sign up sheet for these events. So please look it over and sign up. If you are not able to make the meetings, just contact Terry Hebert or Roger Sanzenbacher. They will enter your name accordingly. There's still plenty of time to sign up for these events so keep them in mind as you plan your vacation or days off in the upcoming months.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event and those planning on attending</u>
May 18-21	St. Louis, MO	World Ford Event Drag Racing & Car Show: Dan Hall, Lisa Pointkowski, Jim & Tammy Benoit, Cliff & Belinda Moore, John & Tammy Garner and Roger Sanzenbacher
May 26-28	Johnson City, TN	MCA National Car Show Bill & Elaine Krieger, Cliff & Belinda Moore, John & Tammy Garner, Jeff & Kathy Henderson & family, Steve Etienne, and Terry & Chlovena Hebert.
June 3	Chicago, IL	Chi-Town Cruz Cruise Lake Shore Drive & enter classic car show afterwards. Terry & Chlovena Hebert and Roger & Louise Sanzenbacher.
June 9-11	Springfield, IL	Route 66 Car Show. Ray Raguse
June 30-July 2	Danville, VA	SAAC 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Convention Vintage racing, car show, swap meet. Jeff Henderson.

July 14-16	Sturbridge, MA	MCA National Car Show. Terry & Chlovena Hebert
August 6	NMC Annual Show	Perry Farm
August 18-19	Detroit, MI	13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Woodward Cruise Over 40,000 cars cruising! Marty Fox, Roger Sanzenbacher
August 11-13	Erie, PA	MCA National Car Show: Bill & Elaine Krieger, Jim Benoit.
September 1-4	Birmingham, AL	30 <sup>th</sup> MCA Anniversary Celebration
Sept 15 – Oct 1	Las Vegas, NV	Pony Drive to MCA National Show Includes Shelby factory tour: Roger Sanzenbacher.
Sept 29- Oct 1	Las Vegas, NV	MCA National Car Show. Terry & Chlovena Hebert, Bill & Elaine Krieger, Roger & Louise Sanzenbacher and Bill & Irma Cheffer.

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**LOCAL CAR SHOWS AND CRUISES**

**Thanks to Terry Hebert**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Location, times and contacts</i>
<b>May 13</b>	New Life Church Cannonball Trail, Yorkville, IL 8 – 3 p.m.
<b>May 20</b>	Wow Winery & Cafe Cruise Night, 201 Vertin Blvd., Shorewood, IL 6 – 9 p.m.
<b>May 21</b>	Sandwich “Spring Fling” Car Show, Downtown Sandwich, IL 8 – 3 p.m. 630/892-2966.
<b>May 27</b>	Calvary Church annual Classic Car Show, Rte. 59, Naperville, IL 8 – 3 p.m.
<b>May 27</b>	Dari Hut Cruise Night (Red, White & Blue Night) 121 S. Main St., Oswego, IL 5 – 8 p.m.
<b>June 1</b>	Lions Paw Car Show & Fair, Melas Park, Mt. Prospect, IL 8 – 3 p.m.
<b>June 1</b>	Sandwich “Freedom Days” Car Show, Downtown Sandwich, IL 5 –8 p.m. 630/892-2966.
<b>June 7</b>	Mason Square Cruise for St. Jude's Rte. 34 & Douglas Rd., Oswego, IL 6 – 9 p.m.
<b>June 8</b>	Wow Winery & Cafe Cruise Night, 201 Vertin Blvd., Shorewood, IL 6 – 9 p.m.
<b>June 9</b>	Millington Auto/Last Chance Saloon Car Show Millington, IL 8 – 3 p.m. 815/695-1447.
<b>June 15</b>	Marseilles Cruise Night, Downtown Marseilles, IL 5 – 9 p.m.
<b>June 22</b>	Dari Hut Cruise Night (Ladies Night) 121 S. Main St., Oswego, IL 5 – 8 p.m.
<b>June 29</b>	Wow Winery & Cafe Cruise Night, 201 Vertin Blvd., Shorewood, IL 6 – 9 p.m.
<b>July 3</b>	Wow Winery & Cafe Cruise Night, 201 Vertin Blvd., Shorewood, IL 6 – 9 p.m.
<b>July 16</b>	Mason Square Cruise for St. Jude's Rte. 34 & Douglas Rd., Oswego, IL 6 – 9 p.m.
<b>July 17</b>	Yogi Bear/Jellystone Campground Car Show Walker Rd. & Rte. 71 Millbrook, IL 8 – 3 p.m.
<b>July 17</b>	Dari Hut Cruise Night 121 S. Main St., Oswego, IL 5 – 8 p.m.
<b>July 18</b>	Sixth Annual Prairie Fest Car Show Oswego High School Rte. 71, Oswego, IL 8 – 3 p.m.
<b>July 24</b>	Wow Winery & Cafe Cruise Night, 201 Vertin Blvd., Shorewood, IL 6 – 9 p.m.

**A REMINDER ABOUT DUES FROM BILL CHEFFER**

There are still several members who haven't paid the yearly membership dues so anyone who hasn't paid yet, please bring the \$15.00 to the March meeting or if you aren't going to attend, send a check to me at home. My address is: Bill Cheffer, 750 Riverside Court, Kankakee, IL 60901. We wish to wrap this up soon. Thanks.

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**HOSS TRADING**

**FOR SALE:** Several 1:18 Mustang die cast models (\$15.00) and a large selection of Match Box and Hot Wheels Mustang cars. Some are still packaged and some are not. Johnny Lightening here too. \$0.75 - \$1.00. For more information, call Don Piper at 815/614-8859.

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**CAR AUCTION ROAD TRIP TO GOSHEN, INDIANA WITH JOHN GARNER**

John is going to the Hooley Collector Car Auction at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 22. The

auction is being advertised as "Totally Indoors" so don't worry about the weather. If you would like to go with him and watch people with money try to buy cars, give him a call at 708/687-1220 or contact him by e-mail at [Stang255@aol.com](mailto:Stang255@aol.com).

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**REMEMBER THE PLAYBOY PINK MUSTANG? WELL, CORVETTE HAD ONLY ONE**



Although Chevrolet did not have the rights to give a Mustang to the Playboy bunnies, they made one attempt at a pink Corvette. It was painted a color they called "Special Pink Pearl Candy" laquor paint and was presented to the wife of "Bunkie" Knudson (who later became President of Ford later in the decade) in 1965. It had a 396 CID engine in it with hydraulic lifters, Powerglide transmission, power windows, AM-FM radio, power antenna, and air conditioning. The car even had "Pinkwall" tires!

Since it had a pink exterior, it was fitted with a cranberry and pink leather interior with Mrs. Knudson's initials in the seat belt buckles.

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**TV QUIZ! HERE IS THE FIRST LINE OF THE THEME SONGS – YOU GIVE ME THE SHOWS**

- 01. Come and knock on your door.
- 02. Welcome back, your dreams were your ticket out.
- 03. Baby if you've ever wondered, wondered, whatever became of me.
- 04. Here we come, walkin' down the street.
- 05. Diamonds, daisies, snowflakes.
- 06. Don't go to bed, with no price on your head.
- 07. Boy the way Glenn Miller played.
- 08. Hello, world, here's a song that we're singing.
- 09. Chico, don't be discouraged.
- 10. Now the world don't move, to the beat of just one drum.
- 11. Well, we're movin' on up.
- 12. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

**CLUB CALENDAR FOR APRIL**

April 1: John Barbata celebrates his 61st Birthday - he was the drummer for the "Turtles." Starting as a surf band in Los Angeles called "The Nightriders" and then "The Crossfires," the group was playing at the Revelaire Club in Rodondo Beach, Ca. Where their manager, Rob Foster, also a KRLA disc jockey, suggested that they change the name to the Tyrtles after the hot group then called the Byrds. While the group liked the name, they left the spelling the "regular" way. Their first hit was called "It Ain't Me Babe" written by Bob Dylan but their Number One smash hit was "Happy Together" released in 1967. As is with many of the groups, "Internal Difficulties" split the group up in 1970.

April 4: David E. Kelly lights 50 candles on his Birthday cake today. Don't know David E. Kelly? Well, he is an example of what is called "The American Dream." An associate for a law firm in Boston in the mid-1980's, Mr. Kelly wrote a film script based on some of his experiences. Through the help of a friend, the script was optioned and a film called "From The Hip" was made in 1987. At the same time, Steven Bocho was debuting a lawyer-based TV show called "L. A. Law" and needed writers with legal expertise. Mr. Kelly was hired as a writer and eventually became Executive Producer of the show. He has also created "Ally McBeal" and "The Practice" among others. He is also the creator of "Boston Legal" that is now on ABC Television. Oh, and he has also been married to Michelle Pfeiffer since 1993 and they have two children. Other than that, his life is a total wreck!

April 5: Northern Mustang Corral monthly meeting at the Bourbonnais Public Library at 7:00 p. m. \

April 10: Paul McCartney announces the breakup of the Beatles (1970).

April 11: Bud and Evelyn celebrate their Anniversary.

April 13: Louise Sanzenbacher has a Birthday.

April 15: The Ford Motor Company's Executive Committee votes to add a brand-new model in the Hot, Hot medium price range to the "Ford Family of Fine Cars." The car is referred to as the "E" car. It can't miss!

April 17: Some major American manufacturer introduced a new car on this day in 1964 but I can't remember the name of the car. Anyone out there can help me with this? The AMC Matador? Nope, that isn't it. Hmmm!

April 17: Pat Hines puts another candle on her Birthday cake.

April 18: Elaine Krieger gets a year cuter.

April 22: John Lennon legally changed his middle name from Winston to "Ono" (1969).

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**Answers to tough TV show theme song Trivia Quiz:**

1. Three's Company
2. Welcome Back Kotter
3. WKRP in Cincinnati
4. The Monkeys
5. That Girl
6. Baretta
7. All in the Family
8. The Partridge Family
9. Chico and the Man
10. Different Strokes
11. The Jefferson's
12. Lavern and Shirley

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**C/O Bill Krieger  
1660 Von Braun  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

**AMC  
All Most A Car**

**AUDI  
Accelerates Under Demonic Influence**

**BMW  
Bought My Wife**

**BUICK  
Big Ugly Indestructible Car Killer**

**CHEVROLET  
Can Hear Every Valve Rap On Long Extended Trips**

**DODGE  
Drips Oil, Drops Grease Everywhere**

**FIAT  
Fix It All the Time**

**FORD  
Fast Only Rolling Downhill**

**GM  
General Maintenance**

**GMC  
Gotta Mechanic Coming?**

**HONDA  
Had One Never Did Again**

**HYUNDAI  
Hope You Understand Nothing's Driveable And Inexpensive...**

**JEEP  
Junk Each & Every Part**

**KIA  
Killed It Already!**

**MAZDA  
Most Always Zipping Dangerously Along**

**MOPAR  
Mostly Old Parts And Rust (sorry guys!)**

**MUSTANG  
Massively Under Sided Tires And No Go**

**NISSIAN  
Ninja Imbeciles Suspect Something Amiss Now**

**OLDSMOBILE**

**Overpriced, Leisurely Driven Sedan Made Of Buick's Irregular Leftover Equipment**

**PORSHE**

**Proof Only Rich Chumps Have Everything**

**PINTO**

**Put In Nickle To Operate**

**PLYMOUTH**

**Poor Little Young Man Out Under The Hood**

**PONTIAC**

**Puts Out No Torque In Any Circumstance**

**SAAB**

**Swedish Automobiles Always Breakdown**

**SUBARU**

**Super Ugly, Built Asininely, Really Useless**

**TOYOTA**

**Too Often Yankees Overprice This Auto**

**VOLVO**

**Very Odd Looking Vehicular Object**

**VW**

**Virtually Worthless**

**YUGO**

**Y U Got One?**

**Match the new car dealers with their Used Car branch. A few will be easy, a few hard.**

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Ford</b>       | <b>A. OK Used Cars</b>             |
| <b>2. Pontiac</b>    | <b>B. Double-Checked Used Cars</b> |
| <b>3. Chevrolet</b>  | <b>C. White Triangle Used Cars</b> |
| <b>4. Edsel</b>      | <b>D. 5-Star Used Cars</b>         |
| <b>5. Oldsmobile</b> | <b>E. Safe Buy Used Cars</b>       |
| <b>6. Renault</b>    | <b>F. Good Will Used Cars</b>      |
| <b>7. Hudson</b>     | <b>G. Green Light Used Cars</b>    |
| <b>8. Buick</b>      | <b>H. Diamond Value Used Cars</b>  |
| <b>9. Mercury</b>    | <b>I. Safety Tested Used Cars</b>  |
| <b>10. Plymouth</b>  | <b>J. A-1 Used Cars</b>            |

Dear Bill,

It's my pleasure to publish the pictures in your club's newsletter ([ekallab@ekallab.com](mailto:ekallab@ekallab.com) is my email address) and I will tell you the whole story of the car and how I got to it.

In 1966, this beauty was sold through the local Ford Dealer in Lebanon to a Lady sitting in an area in the Lebanese mountains named "Kfarhabab" (the area).

This lady had a villa surrounded by a big land and had her business between here (Lebanon) and Europe; therefore she wasn't driving it always, it was the "WeekEnd Car" when she was in the country!

In 1975, the war started in Lebanon, the lady traveled and kept away from Lebanon till the war end in 1990; meanwhile the car nobody was driving it, it was in the garage of her villa for all this period. She wasn't even trying to restore it; instead, she kept it in the garage as a souvenir.

On a sunny day, one man was driving his car taking his family on a ride in the mountain, suddenly he saw the front of the car appearing from the garage where it was for 21 years (it was year 1996). He decided to stop and ask the owner.

An old lady welcomed him and told him that she will agree to sell her car to a person who love it and can restore it. He bought it on the second day!

The odometer was indicating 6500KM in that time (KM not miles since it was delivered from the local dealer in Lebanon); he did a paint job and recovered the dashboard.

The second owner, named "Jamil Sarkiss", preserved the car in a climate control garage for the last 10 years; he was only driving it on some weekends. His family recently was always asking him to sell it and buy a small car for transportation in town (better in fuel consumption). I heard about the car from the friend of Jamil's daughter.

I always loved these cars, especially the V8 ones and was wondering if one day I will own an original one or not. A friend of my named Farouk encouraged me to own one especially that he owns 2 1966 Mustangs, one of them is convertible. I preferred the red color in the past but I think I am convinced now and satisfied with its dark blue color.

The odometer is indicating currently 20700KM; the original heater, the original radio and lighter are all functioning.

I need of course some parts that I am searching the Internet for. I found several websites selling these parts but I am not sure about the quality of these products especially that they are recently manufactured and not by Ford. On this specific subject I am counting on the "Classic Mustang" group members to guide me to the right direction!

The VIN number of my Mustang is:

6T07C177190

The original plate on the driver's door includes the following information on 2 different lines:

First Line: 6T07C177190

Second Line: 65A K 22 22H 950967

I searched the net and found a decoder on a website named "FoMoCo", I decoded the VIN and had the following:

<b>model year:</b>	1966
<b>built at:</b>	Metuchen (Edison, NJ)
<b>bodystyle:</b>	Hardtop
<b>engine:</b>	289 CID - 2V
<b>consecutive #:</b>	177190
<b>body series:</b>	Hardtop - standard-trim bucket seats
<b>scheduled assy.:</b>	August 22, 1965
<b>exterior color:</b>	"Nightmist Blue"
<b>interior trim:</b>	Light Blue crinkle vinyl w/ Medium Blue "rosette"-pattern vinyl inserts
<b>sales office (DSO):</b>	Export #95
<b>axle ratio:</b>	Unk. code - check entry
<b>transmission:</b>	Unk. code - check entry

What I didn't find on my plate was the code of axle ratio and the transmission; I may need your help to show me where they are.

Well, this is my story, I hope you enjoyed it.

Regards,  
Elie  
1966 Ford Mustang  
1962 Mercedes 180  
1977 Mercedes 280SLC  
1977 BMW 633CSI  
1977 Camaro Z28  
1988 Honda Accord

[1989 Honda Accord](#)

My Joliet Catholic High School buddy, Dean Kwarta who is an e-mail pal of mine sent me these two e-mails about a person who "went a little nutty," For his accurate and timely reporting of a Ford-related news item and with President Terry Hebert's okay, I would like to nominate Dean as Bureau Chief of the Greater San Jose area for the Northern Mustang Corral's Newsletter.

Posted on Mon, Feb. 06, 2006

## **MIAMI-DADE**

Then Dean reported:

**How the hell do You hang yourself in a lavatory, He must have been awfully short, Most people can barely fit in them.**

**Service must really be getting bad.**

**Oh My God, a Limited edition 2006 Ford GT. They should have given him the Death Penalty and denied bail.**

### **1986 FORD VAN FOR SALE**

This art car was photographed at the VCCA car show in Franklin Lakes, NJ on May 30, 2004. The sign for the car reads:

**The WOW Bus 25 Thousand Pieces \$640 Worth of Glue 2000 added pounds - two years and 600 hours to do! 1986 Ford School Bus GOOP Glue - Buy it at Home Depot Pieces came from garage sales - the Public-dumpsters - garbage cans**

I had kinda hoped this could happen in November  
> 2009, or at least August 2009--for the 50th  
> anniversary of the end of the marque.  
> If somebody arranges a visit, I'll try and fly out  
> for it, assuming it is on a date that I can actually  
> do.  
>  
> I drove there once, unfortunately, at closing time  
> on a Friday night.  
> Didn't get in, but gazed intently from the street at  
> the place, then went to White Castle and had a few  
> burgers. I figured the people who made our cars  
> might have actually gone to lunch at the same place.  
>  
> Then I took my  
>  
> Pacifico Ford, that I was driving from  
> my parents house in PA to my house in CA, to a car  
> wash, to commemorate the place.  
> I paid, pulled in, and went to wait for my car. The  
> employees washed it, then let it sit there, and sit  
> there, and sit there.  
> I couldn't understand why they didn't bring it out  
> of the car wash tunnel.  
>  
> After the longest time, the manager of the place  
> came running out, half panicked, and blurted  
> apologetically "I'm so sorry, so sorry. I was on the  
> phone."  
> I looked around and realized why his being on the  
> phone resulted in my car wash not getting completed.  
> The employees were all 10-14 year old boys.  
> Not a one of them was old enough to drive.  
> Only the adult manager could pull the cars out after  
> the owners put them in.  
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> I will never forget my car wash down the road from  
> the Louisville plant where my Edsel was born.  
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See what could happen if we owned Edsels?  
From the Edselmail Yahoo newsgroup

*Phil Skinner and a bunch of us from the Southlander Edsel club went to Noel Blanc's house around 1995 or 96. And he still had Mel's Edsel parked out front on Rodeo Dr. I drove my '59 Edsel Taxi. He still had a few Ferraris in the shop by the pool as well as a nice T bird and a Fuel injected Vette. Very nice man and he had Mel's Oscar on a podium in the house we all got to tour as well. As I remember he had a separate garage for his street rods too.*

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Hesperia, Ca

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#### 2006 Camaro and Challenger pictures

reporting that Chevy plans to debut a Camaro concept at the 2006 Detroit auto show and is scheduling to revive the nameplate for production as early as 2009. The new Camaro will use a low-cost rear-wheel-drive platform from an undetermined source. It could use a version of the Sigma platform that underpins the CTS and STS or possibly the next-generation Holden Commodore platform. In addition to underpinning the Camaro, this new rear-wheel-drive platform would also likely be used for the next GTO, as well as new sedans and coupes in many of GM's brands. With the Dodge Challenger also not scheduled for release until at least 2008, the Mustang still has a few more years to rake in the cash for Ford.

From Edselmail's Phil Skinner

know about the Plymouth in Tulsa. In fact one magazine has asked if I would cover the unearthing. But the Ferrari, that is a very unique story, and here goes: (I lifted this from a website), Her name was Mrs. Dorothy Stevens. The first handful of earth dropped like a shadow on the sharply inclined rear window of the 365 GTB/4 Daytona. I couldn't believe my eyes. The car was perfectly clean and shiny and the dark spot detracted from the beauty of that sight. Then a hail of clods fell, spoiling forever the design of the body by Pininfarina. The two servants shoveled hard and soon all of the splendid red paint was buried in earth. Only a little space on the side window remained to be covered, a space that still revealed the flashy interior lined in white leather personally chosen by the owner. Meanwhile the engine continued to run, rumbling as it idled, its 12 cylinders moving up and down for the last time. Incredible: although the car was by now almost completely submerged in earth, the V-12 continued to live, as if it wanted to cry out for pity to the whole world, as if it wanted to get out of that trench in which it had been buried. But after a while the engine's air intakes were entirely obstructed and silence reigned supreme». And so the last desire of Mrs. Dorothy Stevens was fulfilled – that of being buried in her Ferrari Daytona with the engine still running. In her will, Mrs. Stevens had written, "I leave my mansion in Miami to the charity institute for orphans, the rest of my estate and an income of \$20,000 a month to my son Erik. On condition that he fulfils my last wish: that of being buried in my Ferrari 365 GTB/4 Daytona with the engine still running and the headlights on, so I can have the illusion of running for the last time in my sports car and lighting up the shadows I am going to meet. And maybe in the end, with this Gt I will really be able to run through the roads of heaven."

**EASY COME:** Adonis Oandasan, 35, was committed to the Hawaii State Hospital after being arrested for slashing 40 car tires. Months later he escaped the mental hospital, and worried hospital officials told police he was armed with a machete, was paranoid after being off his medication for two weeks, and was "possibly violent." So where did a patient in a mental hospital with a history of cutting crimes get a machete? The hospital staff gave it to him to help with gardening on the hospital grounds. (Honolulu Advertiser) ...Well, it sure seemed like a good idea at the time.

**EASY GO:** Police in Honolulu, Hawaii, report they have captured Adonis Oandasan, 35, who had escaped from the state mental hospital. He was arrested without incident, officers said. Oandasan was the ninth mental patient to escape from the facility this year. "The hospital currently houses about 170 patients," the newspaper notes, "though the number fluctuates." (Honolulu Advertiser) ...Depending on whose turn it is to escape that week.

Here's one that going to require you're "thinking cap" to be 'on.' The following are the first lines to the theme songs from well-known TV shows. Can you name them? (answers at the end. No peeking!)

13. Love, exciting and new

14. Lady Godiva was a freedom rider
15. This is it, this is it
16. Hello world here's a song that we're singing
17. Making your way in the world today, takes everything you got
18. You take the good, you take the bad, you take them both and then you get
19. Whatever happened to predictability?
20. Look at what's happened to me, I can't believe it myself
21. Show me that smile again, show me that smile
22. I've been down this road, walking the line that's painted by pride
23. Don't go to bed, with no price on your head
24. There's a magic in the early morning we found
25. Well, I'm not the kind to kiss and tell, but I've been seen with Farrah
26. Some walk by night, some fly by day

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Answers:

13. The Love Boat 14. Maude 15. One Day at a Time  
16. The Partridge Family 17. Cheers 18. The Facts of Life 19. Full House  
20. Greatest American Hero 21. Growing Pains 22. Ally McBeal  
23. Baretta 24. Eight is Enough 25. The Fall Guy  
26. Moonlighting



A note about the Edsel Sullivan Show and Lincoln, Mercury and Edsel, (and don't worry Jere, I won't spill the beans to your trivia question).

Ed Sullivan's show had two major alternating sponsors, Lincoln-Mercury Division from 1949 to 1955 (later the Mercury Division alone and later MEL and then back to LM), and Kodak.

Sullivan was provided with a complimentary Lincoln Premiere sedan which in 1956 he lost control on an icy road and hit a tree, sending himself to the hospital for a couple of weeks and then some major re-hab. After that, for a while Warnock was Sullivan's driver.

In February 1957, it was his show that F.C. "Jack" Reith made the announcement of the selection of Mercury to pace that year's Indy 500 race. It was a natural to go to Sullivan and ask him to take a week off

so the Edsel Division could share the spotlight, which was the top-rated special of the entire season, Edsel's one glorious shining moment.

After the Edsel Division was merged in with L-M to form M-E-L, the Edsel was advertised on a regular basis on Sullivan, in a 4-to-1 rotation with Mercury-Lincoln-Mercury-Edsel basis. There are several 1959 ads that float around with John Cameron Swayze promoting the car, the most famous with a beautiful woman behind the wheel exclaiming "Since I've bought my Edsel, I haven't had to put a drop of gasoline in the tank", then Swayze theorizing that while she hadn't her husband had. We all knew that the reason no gas had been added was that she couldn't keep it running long enough to go through a tank, or that she didn't have a husband, but I digress.

Edsel history is fun, I have go to write a book. And again Jere, you can't even beat a 'lil bit of the answer out of My ham or me about your question.

Phil

You know, how on February 9, 1964, the Beatles appeared on Sullivan's Sunday night show in New York, and the ratings were so high he wanted them on the next week, but they were appearing in Miami to do a concert, so Sullivan moved his whole crew and other guests to Miami to the studio where Jackie Gleason did his show out of, and then on Sunday, February 16, 1964, for the first and time, presented his show in a location other than New York City. Those details Jere, come on tell us those details.

In the meantime, here is a little contest. We know about Ed Sullivan

> being sponsored by the L-M Division of Ford, but can you tell me the  
> automotive sponsors of the following shows from the 1950's and 1960's.

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> Send me an off-line e-mail and be the first to have all eleven correct

> and you will receive in the mail a current Kelley Blue Book Collector

> Car Value Guide, a Kelley Blue Book base-ball cap and/or T-shirt, and

> some other related goodies. Remember, e-mail me off-list> (impalpr@e...). The contest closes this Tuesday (9/13) at 9:00 P.M. Pacific time.

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> Okay, here you go

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> 1. Bonanza (aired on NBC TV, remember, Lorne Greene, Dan Blocker,> Michael Landon, etc.)

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> 2. Date With An Angel (aired on ABC in 1957 and 1958 starred Betty White > and Bill Williams)

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> 3. Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet (aired first on NBC, later ABC, car sponsorship also changed, so one or both will be accepted)

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> 4. Mr Ed (aired on CBS-TV early 1960's, Alan Young, Connie Hines, Larry Keating and Edna Skinner)

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> 5. Milton Berle Show (aired on NBC TV in the late 1940's and early 1950's, also sponsored by Texaco)

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> 6. Lawrence Welk (aired on ABC TV, Champagne Music, but not Champagne cloth)

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> 7. You Bet Your Life (famous game show aired on NBC TV hosted by Groucho  
> Marx and co-hosted with George Feneman, "Just say the secret word and wins fifty dollars each".

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> 9. Dinah Shore, (who hosted her show also on NBC for many years during the 1950's)

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> 10. My Three Sons (which started on CBS sponsored by a car company, then switched to ABC when they lost that sponsor and uncle Bud)

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> 11. Disneyland (the original TV show that old Walt aired to celebrate his theme park and many films, a hint, this car company also sponsored one of the original attractions at Disneyland).

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> Bonus, Can you name a TV show sponsored by a Car company, not on the list that you can stump me with?

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> Good luck

> Phil

WIXOM, Mich., July 6, 2005 -- It was a bittersweet moment Friday as the last Thunderbird was driven off the assembly line at Wixom Assembly Plant.

"We're sad to see this car go," said Larry Fisher, dealer relations manager at Wixom Assembly Plant. "But I, along with all the other employees here at the plant, am tremendously proud to have been part of the revival of this American icon."

The Thunderbird has come full circle since it was first introduced in 1955. Back then, it was a two-seater designed to compete with the Chevrolet Corvette. In 1958, the T-Bird was reconfigured to seat four people; it remained that way until production ended with the 1997 model year. In 2002, the Thunderbird was reborn with a retro look that harkened back to the early days of the automotive classic.

More than 4 million Thunderbirds have been sold in the last 50 years. The last T-Bird was the 1,160,827th one to roll off the line at Wixom.

Fisher said that the Thunderbird will always be a car that touches an emotional chord with people. The car elicits memories of the '50s and the movie "American Graffiti," which featured the classic automobile.

"I identify with the Thunderbird because it reminds me of simpler days," he said. "For me, it brings back thoughts of the post-war times. America was a growing country. Everybody strived to create the 'American Dream' -- a house, kids, a dog, and a new, distinctive automobile parked in the driveway. It represented a time of great opportunity and an era of automotive personal freedom."

Thunderbird collectors from across the United States and Canada recently attended a "Fifty Years of Thunderbird" event at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn. And many of the people in attendance had their own special memories to share.

**"When my first son was born, our doctor had a 1955 Thunderbird, and we just loved it," said Bendetta Farr, a T-Bird collector from Belleville, Mich. "That's the reason we always looked for one and when we had the opportunity, we bought one. You go down with the street in it, and everybody gives you high-fives. It's just a car that everybody really enjoys."**