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NMC Newsletter

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Messages

From the Club President

Hello Mustang Family and Hello Summer!!!

I hope everyone had a great Canada Day and has been enjoying some time behind the wheel. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual BBQ on July 25th. It's always a great time to catch up, share some laughs, and of course some fantastic food.

And don't forget we have other great events and cruises happening this summer. There's also a weekly Cruise-In at Hutches on the Beach every Friday evening. I encourage everyone to come out whenever you can to spend some warm evenings by the water with fellow Mustang enthusiasts.

See you on the road!

Lance McDonald
Niagara Mustang Club
President



Membership and Dues

Welcome to our new Members:

Deb, Roger and Pete joined us at the Drifters Car Show.

From our Reif Estate Car show, welcome aboard Janice, Frank, Mario and Rita.

Special mention to Janice and Frank, returning long lost members. Janice held the membership chair for years with NMC.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Club BBQ.
(just bring yourselves and an appetite)

Monica Georgi
Niagara Mustang Club
Membership Chair



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Newsletter

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Mark Kapitan
Newsletter

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About the Cover

Limited-Edition Ford Mustang “Buddy Hull” Specialty Car

FS Performance and Sam Pack Ford teamed up with Funny Car driver Buddy Hull to create a limited-edition Ford Mustang “Buddy Hull” specialty car, inspired by the same grit, attitude, and adrenaline that drive his Nitro Funny Car program. Hull also has a full-size Funny Car on display at the North Dallas dealership.



“This was an amazing opportunity to partner with Sam Pack Ford to design a killer Mustang,” said Hull. “I was able to sit in and give them ideas on the performance levels of the Mustang as well as styling suggestions to make it very personal to my brand. This is a one-of-a-kind Mustang, and I can’t wait to hand it over to a lucky customer.”

FS Performance brought Hull’s vision to life with a fully dialed-in build featuring a Roush Stage 2 kit, pushing the car to roughly 800 horsepower. Every part of this car has been touched with intention, from motorsport-styling cues to performance upgrades worthy of the Buddy Hull name.

2025 Mustang GT Premium – 5.0L Coyote Key Highlights

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- 305 Toyo R888R Tires
- Project 6GR Custom Wheels
- Corsa Xtreme Full Exhaust Kit
- Roush Adjustable Handling Suspension – Full Kit
- Whipple Supercharger–Stage 2 (875 HP)
- Full Carbon Fiber Kit (Int. & Ext.)
- RTR Front Molded Lip Splitter
- FS Performance × Buddy Hull Wrap
- Buddy Hull Stitched Interior
- Custom Satin Black Wrap



Fans and potential buyers can come into the dealership and see both high-performance vehicles. The purchase of the Buddy Hull edition Mustang will include the opportunity for the buyer to sit in the driver's seat of Hull's 12,000 horsepower Funny Car. Hull will also autograph the Mustang for the buyer.



"The person who gets the Buddy Hull Mustang will also get a once in a lifetime experience of sitting in my Nitro Funny Car," said Hull. "Someone will get the most high horsepower experience and drive away in a killer Mustang."

This will not be a one-time offering. Sam Pack Ford and Buddy Hull plan on releasing Buddy Hull editions of Ford F150 and Broncos with Superchargers. The goal is to deliver high-performance vehicles with custom features. More information on those offerings will roll out in the coming months.

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NMC Outings

Ed Learn Car Show













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Drifters Car Show in Chippawa



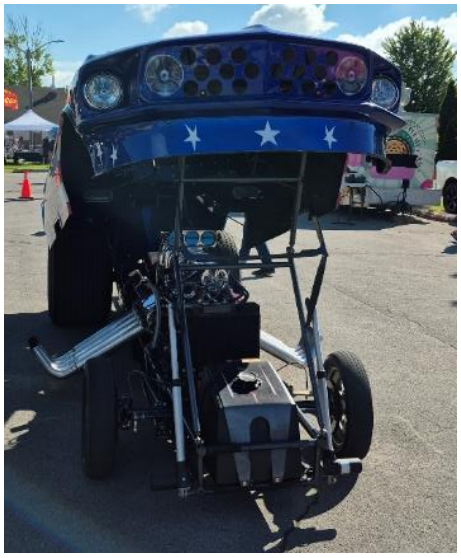














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Car of the Issue

It's Alive…



Jim and Ted Daminski have a thing for 69 Mustangs, especially the first-year Mach 1, of which they currently own three. These 50-something brothers from western New York apparently inherited a Blue Oval fanaticism from their father, who earned a living in the Lackawanna Ford Stamping Plant, near Buffalo, for 38 years. But the brothers weren't always good caretakers of the breed. "In our younger days," says Jim, the elder sibling, "we owned about 15 Mustangs. We bought them, beat them, and junked them." Upstate New York's wicked winters probably didn't help the lifespan of these unfortunate earlier rides. Luckily, they saved and stashed what parts they could and now put them to good use.

Their dad had also introduced the brothers to indoor hot rod shows at an early age, events like Buffalo Clutch Artists Autorama, which had been started by one of the boys' cousins. So, Jim and Ted also caught the custom car bug. Meaning we shouldn't be surprised to see that the Daminskis now have this decidedly custom Gulfstream Aqua 69 Mach 1 with huge, tub-required, rear skins and a mammoth Roots 8-71 blower, originally designed to supply the airflow needs of a 568-cube diesel, poking through its matte black hood. Funny thing is, the brothers didn't set out to build it that way.



"We bought this Mustang from Atlanta, Georgia, back in 2003 off eBay, hoping it was a somewhat solid car," explains Jim, "but when we got into dismantling the car, we found a lot of surprises, most not good. Someone had tried to make a race car out of it. They had it tubbed with the frame narrowed, and when we took the rear frame out of the car and dropped it on the ground, most of the welds broke. The rear end was mounted upside down. We started to cut the rust sections out and before long there was not much left… when all was said and done, the only things left were the firewall and front subframe, along with the shock towers."

Having originally intended to restore this small-block Mach 1, Jim and Ted instead decided to “play with it,” but perhaps didn’t fully comprehend the technical scope of the project. As Jim explains, “We started in late 2003 and soon began to realize my welding skills were sub-par. I called a good friend and co-worker, Rusty Rueger, and asked him to give us a bunch of welding lessons. After a while, we got to be somewhat good until we tried welding Sheetmetal and, again, it was time to make another call. We took the shell to over to a friend, Jeff Zoltak, to do the paint and bodywork, and the first thing out of his mouth was, who the hell did the welding?”



Over the next nine months, Zoltak proceeded to fix all of Jim’s welding issues, fabricate wheel tubs along with a support frame for an 18-gallon fuel cell, and generally whip the Mustang’s metal into pristine condition, despite having to contend with Jim and Ted’s weekly “visiting nights” when they would come over, hover like expectant parents, and generally get in the way. Zoltak apparently got his revenge by one day calling the brothers and telling them they’d better come over because their Mustang had fallen off the rotisserie. Indeed, it had, but not in a bad way. “We got there thinking how bad things were going to look,” says Jim, “and there sat our freshly painted Gulfstream Aqua Mach 1 body.”



Zoltak's work wasn't quite done, however. Once the brothers wrestled a freshly built and strengthened 351 Cleveland between the shock towers, wearing a microwave-oven sized8-71 blower topped by a pair of Holley double-pumpers beneath a bug-catcher-style scoop, Jeff had to cut out a suitably larger opening in the hood and then close off all the side of the hood bracing that had been exposed by the cut.







The brothers then set about assembling the supercharged Sports Roof, including fitting an interior that is mostly factory in appearance, at least until you look behind the buckets and see the cabin's rear area dominated by a 6-point cage and huge, carpeted wheel tubs where a back seat used to be. And, in looking at the rest of the finished fastback, it should be obvious that the Daminskis spared no effort nor expense in creating a Roots-blown Pro Street ride that still manages to pay homage to the Mach 1's classic styling roots. It was a 4 ½-year labor of love that the boys have dedicated to the memory of their parents.



As you might imagine, with a manual-shift valve body in a three-speed auto teemed with 3.88 gears behind a 750hp small-block fed by upwards of 19 pounds of Blower Drive Service 8-71 boost, this isn't exactly a long-distance tourer. That said, Jim and Ted certainly aren't afraid to drive it, but they usually end up at some form of show gathering, either local or national in scope, where their Mustang is apparently a favorite of spectators and show judges alike.



We've seen their trophy room, and it's overflowing with hardware, comically including one for "Best Hood Ornament", referring of course to the towering blower. No less a hot rod authority than John Force gave the car a big thumbs-up, and then he and his whole drag team proceeded to sign its blower belt. So have NHRA Pro Mod driver, Mike Janis, as well as Chip Foose, so the Daminskis may soon run out of belt space.



They won't run out of 69 Mach 1s, though. The brothers already have an award-winning, stock-restored four-speed, 351W version in Indian Fire Red, and are currently working together on another in Acapulco Blue.



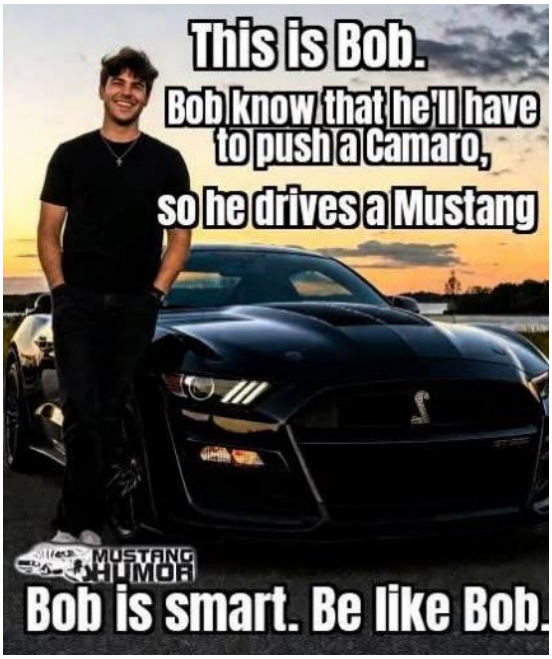
Taken from Modified Mustangs & Fords by Dale Amy, Photos by NMC Editor Mark Kapitan and The Brothers FB Page.

Events and Dates

Monthly Lunches

Saturday July 25, 2026

NMC Club Member BBQ (3pm to 8pm)
20 Samuel Rd. Grimsby



Saturday August 8, 2026

Bench Brewing (Lunch)
3991 King St. Beamsville
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Events and Dates

2026 Cruises and Car Shows to watch for

Friday Evenings Mustang Meet Up
UMO and NMC

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Saturday August 22, 2026

TBA

Or

Saturday August 29, 2026

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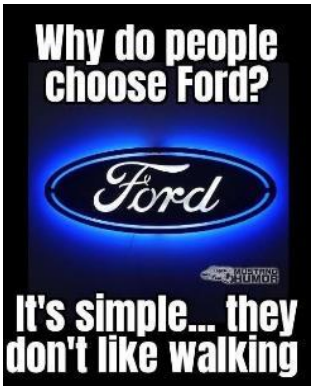


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