



NMC Newsletter

Come Cruise With Us



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Messages

From the Club President

Dear Mustang Family!

As we shift into March and leave the coldest days behind us, can you feel that familiar excitement building? The same feeling you get when you turn the key and hear that engine come to life.

Spring is right around the corner, and that means show season, cruises, charity events, and plenty of opportunities to get our Mustangs out on the road where they belong. After a long winter for many of us, it's almost time to wipe off the dust covers, check the tire pressure, and let those ponies run.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon, and want to thank everyone for their continued dedication and pride in being part of this club. Your enthusiasm keeps things rolling. Now let's get those Mustangs ready... Spring is calling!

Cheers

Lance McDonald
Niagara Mustang Club
President



Membership and Dues

What a great start to our 2026 Mustang Year.

Although we have lost a few members, we have added several new members.

Let's Welcome...

Harry, Candace, Shawn, Manon, Lee, Tyler & Emelia to our growing mustang family.

We look forward to seeing you at many of our events.

Monica Georgi
Niagara Mustang Club
Membership Chair



Niagara Mustang Apparel

Niagara Mustang Club Shirts and Hats are available from Phoenix.

To order or get information on sizes and colours, email her at nmcapparel2025@gmail.com or call/text (365)-880-1862 **after 5pm.**

Embroidered Golf Shirts \$40,
Baseball Caps \$30, T-Shirts \$20



Newsletter

If you would like to submit something, post a picture, wish someone a birthday or anniversary wish, advertise an upcoming event, or offer suggestions for content, please email me at mwk0331@hotmail.com for future Club Newsletter inclusions.

Mark Kapitan
Newsletter

Executive Team

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About the Cover

I was in a Mustang group on Facebook, and saw a post from a woman named Aimee Dhont who posted a picture of her husband's car saying that she would send pictures of the car if anyone was interested. There were a few negative posts, let's be real, some people are die-hard Mustang people and some of them can be... well let's just say "Dodge Haters". I reached out to her with my email and her husband Dan replied sending me a couple of pictures and a link to an article on his car.

This is by Johnny Hunkins for Hot Rod from May 12, 2023.

1966 Ford Mustang Hemi Daytona Freak: Can this be Real?



Like all the other lookie-loos at Road-Kill powered by Dodge (at the Strip at Las Vegas last March), we were pretty much blown over by the cars we saw, but one in particular had our head on a swivel: the 1966 Ford Mustang Hemi Daytona parked under the tent reserved for extra-special vehicles. This home-built machine is the work of Daniel Dhont and his wife Ameer, and comes to us out of the deep-freeze of a time machine, from 1978, when 60-year-old Daniel was just 15 years old.



So, WTF is a 1966 Mustang Hemi Daytona?

You are right to ask, dear reader, what the heck is a 1966 Ford Mustang Hemi Daytona?! No such thing existed, but it's really a pretty cool idea, especially coming from the mind of a teenager, who realized even then how important both the fastback Mustang and the Dodge Daytona would become.



There are a ton of custom touches to Daniel Dhont's Hemi Mustang, the oddest one being the Daytona nose, which was built in limited quantities by a company called Fiberfab. According to Dhont, Fiberfab made just 50 of the fiberglass Daytona nose cones, which were designed to graft onto the front of an early Mustang like his. (There's apparently a registry of Mustangs with Fiberfab Daytona noses you can peruse.) [I believe from the Video he sent me; he owns 3 of them.](#)



Keep in mind, this was a daunting 45 years in the past. Dodge put an end to the Daytona nose knock-off game decades ago, but not before Daniel Dhont got his hands on one. The matching wing, however, wouldn't take form until decades later when he found a guy in Washington State who made reproduction Daytona wings; he just needed one the right width for a 1966 Mustang.



A look from the front reveals not just the Mustang's classic galloping pony emblem, but a Chrysler Fratzog symbol, the first sign that something truly amazing lurks under the hood.



Dhont fished a short key from his pocket, inserting it into the locking hood-pins at both front corners of the hood, and revealed to us a work of art: a vintage 1956 Chrysler 354ci Firepower Hemi. Here, we have to marvel at the presence of mind that a late-1970s teenager must've had to seek out what would've been a financial stretch, a real—if not the ideal year model—Hemi powerplant. From the looks of it, Daniel Dhont has perfectly split his loyalties evenly between the Ford blue oval and the Chrysler Pentastar.



Inside the Dhont's wacky racer Mustang is an interior that is mostly stock, given that its upholstery looks original, albeit well-maintained. On the leftmost corner of the instrument panel is an odd emblem of a [Fratzog](#) underscored with the letters "EXP" for experimental.



For the full article and a youtube video, see links below.

<https://www.hotrod.com/features/1966-ford-mustang-hemi-daytona-street-freak>

<https://youtu.be/piXmAfpwTMQ>

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NMC Outings

The Shore January Lunch





Brrr...it's cold outside.

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Cat's Caboose February Lunch





K1 Indoor Go-Carts



K1 SPEED		14L FINAL				Laps 12/14
Pos	DRIVER	TIME	LAP 1	LAP 2	LAP 3	LAP 4
1	Wes Altmann	22	20.974	26.888	0.000	12
2	Lily Larive	27	27.857	27.899	8.024	12
3	Maxon Larson	18	23.510	28.570	17.817	11
4	Evon McDonald	17	22.214	23.205	28.784	11
5	Hannah Mulvihill	20	23.881	29.689	43.741	11
6	Rob Shepherd	26	33.268	35.465	43.309	11
7	Josly McDonald	25	22.188	22.229	48.877	11
8	Meggie Odwinak	16	34.988	33.708	43.020	10

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iRacing		14L FINAL				LAPS 14/14
POS	NAME	TIME	LAP1	LAP2	LAP3	LAPS
1	Logan Smith	27.045	27.045	26.294	0.000	14
2	Erich Smith	26.305	26.018	2.182		14
3	Henry Andrews	26.950	26.120	7.030		14
4	Max Obinsky	28.908	28.880	10.027		14
5	Dan Smith	28.798	28.804	11.705		14
6	Jordan Smith	27.185	28.298	14.008		14
7	Whitell Maxner	27.252	28.489	17.881		14
8	Robert Gaudel	28.689	28.583	17.257		14
9	Vanessa Doniach	28.941	28.682	16.347		14
10	Mark Kaplan	27.224	28.705	20.310		14
11	Luken McDonald	28.826	28.824	23.292		14
12	Phil Anzicola	27.569	27.545	24.310		13





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Boston Pizza after K1



Car of the Issue

2025 Ford Mustang GTD



Ford has just unveiled the 800-horsepower Ford Mustang GTD which will be available in late 2024 or early 2025 at a starting price around \$300,000.

There's much more in this Mustang, according to Ford, besides its powerful engine to account for its Lamborghini-level price. It's modeled on the Mustang GT3 racing car that's set to be driven in international competition next year.



"We see it as kind of an underdog approach to take on Europe's racing elite, not just with the race car, but we wanted to bring that race vehicle to the street," said Jim Baumbick, Ford's vice president for product development.

For some reason, Ford seems to have this long-standing need to prove itself worthy against European companies that make high-priced sports cars. It goes all the way back to that 1960s tiff that was the subject of the 2019 film "Ford vs. Ferrari" and, apparently, Ford just isn't ready to let it go.

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“Ford vs. Ferrari” recounted the 1960s Le Mans races won by the Ford GT40 race car which was developed specifically to spite the Italian automaker after Ford couldn’t buy the company. In the 2000s, Ford has produced two modern versions of the Ford GT that have both become highly collectible. A new Ford GT won its class at Le Mans in 2016.

This time, Ford maintained the Mustang’s traditional design, with a supercharged 5.2-liter V8 engine up front under the hood, not behind the seats as in the GT models. Ford is attempting to achieve similar levels of speed and handling, though. That required doing away with things that make an ordinary Mustang a practical car for daily use – such as a trunk, for example.

The Mustang GTD, while legal to drive on public roads, will not be making trips to the supermarket.



The Mustang GTD’s body is almost entirely carbon fiber and is replete with active aerodynamic features to help it grip the road at high speeds. An enormous wing is mounted off the sides of the back window. Unlike other Mustangs, this one has no back seats and no trunk, the idea being to use every ounce of weight and each cubic inch of space, as much as possible, for performance.



The space where a trunk would have been is used to house a special cooler for the gear box and machinery for the sophisticated adjustable suspension system.

A lot of mechanical and engineering design work was done to give the car the sort of perfect front-to-rear weight balance that’s ideal for cornering, said Baumbick. For instance, the car’s eight-speed gearbox is all the way in the back.

Each car will start production at the same Flat Rock, Michigan, factory at which all other two-door Mustangs are built. At some point, though, the partially finished cars will be taken to the production facilities of a company called Multimatic in Markham, Ontario, Canada. Multimatic is a specialist automotive company that also works on the Mustang GT3 race car.

Original Article by Peter Valdes-Dapena, CNN

Events and Dates

Monthly Lunches and Social Events

Saturday March 7, 2026 Lunch Meeting
Betty's Restaurant,
8921 Sodom Road, Niagara Falls

Sunday March 22, 2026 VIP 10 pin Bowling
Parkway Social
327 Ontario Street, St. Catharines



Sunday April 12, 2026 Social Lunch
Annie's Barrel
7184 Drummond Road, Niagara Falls

Friday April 24, 2026 Murder Mystery Dinner
The Innsville
1143 Hwy 8, Hamilton

Saturday July 25, 2026 Annual NMC BBQ at Mark and Monica's
Watch for more Details and RSVP request

Events and Dates

2026 Cruises and Car Shows to watch for

Saturday May 2, 2026

United Mustangs 1st Annual Poker Run
Starting at Big Dog Dinner 10:00 am
340 Grand River St. North, Paris
\$10.00 per player

Sunday May 24, 2026

Ed Learn Mustang Car Show
375 Ontario Street, St. Catharines



Looking Ahead

**Saturday and Sunday
September 19 & 20, 2026**

South Coast Dream Cruise
King Hwy 3, Fort Erie to Aylmer
Details to Follow

Saturday September 26, 2026

Annual Autumn Cruise with
United Mustangs
Details to Follow

Stay tuned for other upcoming Events, Socials, and Cruises.

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Do you know the Rear?

Do you know the Rear, and Year of the Cars below?



Rear and Year?



Rear and Year?



Rear and Year?



Rear and Year?



Rear and Year?



Rear and Year?

Answers on the Members Page.

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Past Classifieds Ads

Ad From the 2000s

Ford

B&M Ripper Shifters

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Borla Performance Exhaust

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svt cobra R

2000 cobra R

A New Vision For Mustang

The 2000 Ford SVT Mustang Cobra R, third generation of the Cobra R, this all-out race-bred street car promises to be the fastest, best-handling Mustang ever produced in its 35-year history. Ford SVT's engineers, led by Chief Engineer and visionary John Coletti, have partnered with world class performance parts manufacturers to make the new Cobra R the ultimate race-ready enthusiast Mustang. The very latest in performance technology is on hand here with all components designed to work together for the hottest set up ever.

Ford will produce only 300 of these Cobra Rs; but you can easily transform your Mustang into an aggressive, Cobra R package by simply adding such Ford performance partners' products as: "The Ripper" Shifter by B&M; Mono-Tube Gas Pressurized Shock Absorbers from Bilstein; a Borla Dual Exhaust System (tips exit both sides); Brembo Performance Brake Systems with larger brake rotors and calipers; Pro-Kit Springs from Eibach, "The Suspension Company"; and Interior Ergonomic Sport Seats by Recaro.

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Classifieds



This is two photos of a shirt made with my car printed on the front and back. This is not an iron on rubber print, it is actually a process called sublimation.

If interested in having one made, contact Ken Bubish

Member's Page

Answers



You shouldn't know the year of "any" of them, as they should all be a blur when you're passing them...

Mustang / Ford Humour



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If you would like to submit an article, photos, cartoons or general items of interest, please forward to: Newsletter editor.

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4 (Four) Instagram Features yearly.

4 (Four) Facebook Features yearly.

Cost \$500.00

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6 (Six) Facebook Features yearly.

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Cost \$1,000.00



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