



September 2025 Issue

# NMC Newsletter

**Come Cruise With Us**



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# Messages

Hey Mustang Family,

As we roll into the final stretch of the year, and with September marking the last month of driving season for many members, it's a great time to celebrate the memories we've created as a club this summer.

From cruises, garage visits, lunches, and of course the 2025 Can-Am Weekend we hosted, each event has been a great opportunity to share stories, build friendships, and don't forget, admire some incredible cars.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our events, volunteered their time, and helped make this season one to remember. I'm already looking forward to the off-season activities we've got planned throughout the colder weather months, so keep your eyes out for details.

Let's keep the heart of the Mustang alive on and off the road over the next few months! See you all soon.

Lance McDonald  
Niagara Mustang Club  
President



## Membership and Dues

This month we didn't have any new members, but there was some interest shown at a couple of our events.

Our club is 57 total household members!

We look forward to seeing you all at any of our functions!

Monica Georgi  
Niagara Mustang Club  
Membership Chair



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## Niagara Mustang Club Apparel



Niagara Mustang Club Shirt and Hats are available from Phoenix.

To order or get information on sizes and colours, email her at

[nmcapparel2025@gmail.com](mailto:nmcapparel2025@gmail.com) or call/text (365)-880-1862 **after 5pm.**

Embroidered Golf Shirt \$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](mailto:mwk0331@hotmail.com) for future Club Newsletter inclusions.

Mark Kapitan  
Newsletter

### Executive Team

<b>President</b>	Lance McDonald
<b>Vice-President</b>	Dan Smith
<b>Secretary</b>	Denise Drake
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Ells
<b>Membership</b>	Monica Georgi
<b>Past President</b>	Clay Dawdy
<b>Newsletter</b>	Mark Kapitan
<b>Website</b>	Stella Weir
<b>Social Media</b>	Dan Smith
	Denise Drake

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## About the Cover

# MUSTANG ON TOP OF THE WORLD

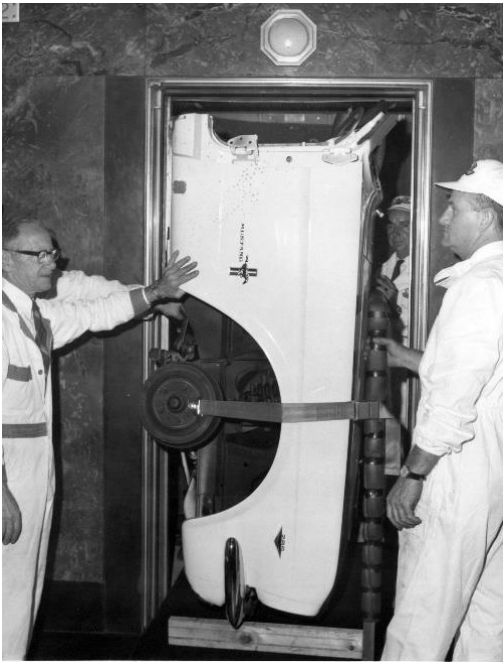
AN AMERICAN ICON ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD'S TALLEST SKYSCRAPER, THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, IN 1965.



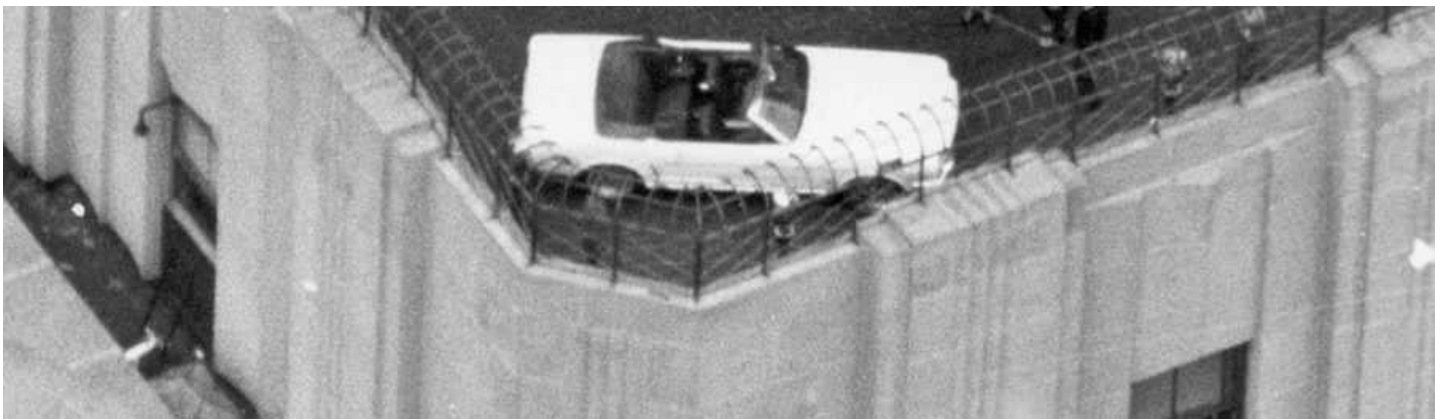
The Ford Mustang has been on top of the Empire State building twice in its sixty-year run of continuous production. In 1965, the Ford Mustang was the hottest selling car in the United States, in the throes of its record setting first-year run of around 420,000 units after an extensive advertising campaign. In October 1965, Robert L. Leury, general manager of what was then the world's tallest building hatched the idea of displaying the iconic sports car on top of the iconic Manhattan landmark on its 86th floor observation deck. If successful, this would be the first car and also the largest and heaviest object ever displayed there.



At 10:30 p.m. on October 20, 1965, eight Ford crewmembers in crisp white overalls began disassembling a white Mustang convertible outside the Empire State Building on 33rd Street. Everything was going according to plan, until the crew realized that the steering column was a quarter-inch too tall for the elevator despite the planning.



After the crew was able to improvise and maneuver the steering column to fit, all parts of the Mustang were transported to the 86th floor. The Mustang was completely reassembled outdoors on the outdoor observation by 4:30 a.m. and ready to be photographed by a helicopter. Not yet finished, once the photograph was taken, the crew took the car apart again and reassembled it for the second time inside the glass-enclosed observation area surrounded by the outdoor deck.



Visitors to the Empire State Building were pleasantly surprised as well as delighted to find the Mustang taking in the scenic view with them. Many assumed that the car had been lifted there by helicopter rather than transported through the elevator. The Mustang stayed there for five months until March 16, 1966, when it was disassembled for the final time and removed from the building. The feat was so popular and such a part of Mustang lore, that it was recreated for the Mustang's 50th anniversary using a 2015 Mustang GT. The Mustang has been the most popular sports car in the United States since its debut in 1964, successfully using its storied history to keep it relevant for contemporary audiences.



## A Mustang in an elevator?

That's what Ford is was hoping to accomplish in order to get a 2015 convertible version of their popular sports car on display on the observation deck at the Empire State Building in New York from April 16 to 17.



This non-easy feat is to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the Ford Mustang that debuted in 1964 at the World's Fair in the Big Apple, where a prototype 1965 Mustang was also perched high above the city after being sliced in three sections, transported up the elevators and reassembled. It was an easier task then, as the modern iteration is almost seven inches longer and four inches wider than its predecessor.



"Our team is measuring twice and cutting once to make sure we can get this Mustang up in the elevators," said Ford engineer Dave Pericak in a news release. "Like the team that did this in 1965, the current crew visited the Empire State Building before starting and took careful measurements of its new elevators and doors before cutting up the car."

This mode of transport is necessary because no portable crane can reach the 86th floor observatory, and the narrow space rules out delivery by helicopter. The new Mustang convertible will be available for viewing on April 16 and 17 from 8 a.m. until 2 a.m.

Original Articles by the Ford Motor Company and Benjamin Yong

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# Car of the Issue

## What Is the Red Mist Mustang?



From *Bullitt* to *Gone in 60 Seconds*, the Ford Mustang has had a long and illustrious history in major Hollywood films. One of the most popular recent Mustangs to grace the silver screen was the Red Mist Mustang from the 2010 movie *Kick-Ass*. In the film, which was directed by long-time Mustang aficionado Matthew Vaughn, the car is driven by the character Red Mist, played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse, who learned how to drive a manual transmission specifically for his role in the film.



The Red Mist was created by Van Nuys, CA's Galpin Auto Sports (GAS) with input from Vaughn. Work on the car began in 2008, with Steve Carpenter, Galpin's manager, leading the development of the project. Carpenter started with a 2008 Mustang GT to which he added a custom body kit by Rich Evans Design, giving the Red Mist its unique look.





From there, the car was outfitted with a supercharged 4.6L V8 capable of putting out over 500 horsepower. Other unique features of the Red Mist include Lambo-style scissor doors, custom 20-inch rims, HID lighting, racing gauges, and two-tone black and red leather seats. To create the appropriate ambiance, the GAS team outfitted Red Mist with a pair of remote-controlled nitrous oxide tanks with purge capabilities. All told, over \$240,000 was put into the development of the car.

#### Filming Kick-Ass



To film *Kick-Ass*, the Red Mist Mustang was brought to London during the first week of production. Filming overseas was not without its challenges, as Mintz-Plasse had only 10 days to learn to drive stick in a country where manual transmission vehicles are far more common.



During filming, most of the driving was handled by specially trained stunt drivers, although Mintz-Plasse did get behind the wheel for two memorable scenes. "If I scratched it or crashed it or anything, I had to pay for it," the actor told *Popular Mechanics* magazine. Fortunately, the car made it through filming unscathed, and it put in a number of appearances at comic and film conventions during promotion for the film. *Kick-Ass* went on to earn over \$96 million in the box office and spawn a 2013 sequel, in which the Red Mist, sadly, did not make an appearance.





# NMC Outings

## Can Am Weekend

Friday July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel





Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> Outings

Hornblower



Power Station



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## Charity Poker Run



## NMC made a Donation to the Walker Hospice





## Warplane Museum Dinner





## Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> Lunch at Betty's





## Fill the Bus Fundraiser Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>





## NMC Annual BBQ



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# Do you know the Fronts?

Do you know the Front, and Year of the Mustangs below?



Front and Year?



Front and Year?



Front and Year?



Front and Year?



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Answers on the Members Page.

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# Events and Dates

## Monthly Lunches

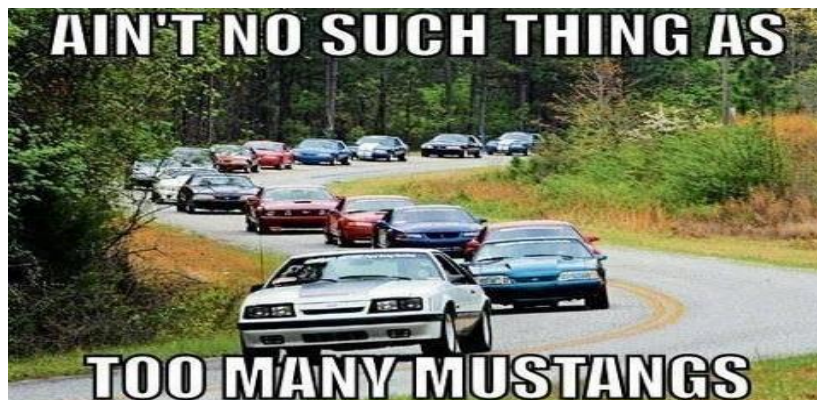
**Sunday September 7, 2025** Meeting Lunch  
Betty's Restaurant,  
8921 Sodom Road, Niagara Falls

**Saturday October 4, 2025** Monthly Lunch  
Mustang Big Ol Grill  
301 Fruitland Rd. (at Barton St.)  
Stoney Creek



## Planned Events

**Saturday September 27, 2025** Autumn Cruise on the Niagara Parkway  
Bass Pro to Fort Erie Race Track  
With United Mustang Club



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## 2025 Cruises and Car Shows to watch for



<b>September</b>	Merriton Lions Car Show	Date TBC
<b>September</b>	Fenwick Car Show	September 6, 2025.
<b>September</b>	Southcoast Dreamdrive	September 20 & 21
<b>September</b>	Last Chance Car Show	September 28, 2025.
<b>October</b>	Niagara Blvd Cruise	Date TBC

**Show and Shine** (TBC, days and locations are from last year, 5:00pm to Dusk)



<b>Monday Nights</b>	Merrittville Speedway, 2371 Merrittville Hwy, Thorold
<b>Tuesday Nights</b>	Queen Street, Niagara Falls on Queen Gateway Welcome Centre, Casablanca & S. Service, Grimsby
<b>Wednesday Nights</b>	Chippawa Lions Park, 3970 Welland Street, Niagara Falls
<b>Thursday Nights</b>	Blackburn Brew House, 8001 Blackburn Pkwy, Niagara Falls Hutch's on the Beach, 280 Van Wagners Beach Road, Hamilton Clarence Street, Port Colborne
<b>Friday Nights</b>	Front Street, Thorold
<b>Saturday Nights</b>	Husky House, 615 York Road, Niagara on the Lake (NFC Stangs)

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# Member's Page

## Fronts Answers



1968 Mustang



2010 GT



1973 Mustang



2022 Heritage Edition



1977 Mustang



1989 Saleen Mustang

## Mustang / Ford Humour









# 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

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# Newsletter Articles, Advertising and Sponsorship

## Advertising in the NMC Issues

### Articles, Photos, and General Interest

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

There is no cost for these submissions and they will appear in future issues as space permits.

### Classified Advertising

Advertisements for Mustang Related Items or Products. **(Cost is Free)**

Advertisements for unrelated Mustang Items, Products or Events. **(Cost is Free)**

Listing your Business or Services that are not Sponsor related.

**(Cost is \$20.00 per Issue or \$100.00 per year, payable to the NMC)**





# Sponsorship Levels

## Bronze Sponsorship

Listed on the Niagara Mustang Club Website Tab.

Listed on this page in the Newsletter each issue for the year.

**Cost \$250.00**

## Silver Sponsorship

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4 (Four) Instagram Features yearly.

4 (Four) Facebook Features yearly.

**Cost \$500.00**

## Gold Sponsorship

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Listed on this page in the Newsletter each issue for the year.

6 (Six) Instagram Features yearly.

6 (Six) Facebook Features yearly.

1 (One) Event Sole Sponsor. (Includes: Formal Mention, Handout, Displayed Logo and Contact Info.)

**Cost \$1,000.00**



**Members who attend at least half of the Club functions and their dues are paid up for the year, to advertise your Business or to be a Sponsor of the Club, costs are half the noted prices.**

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