



**Newsletter**

**May 2010**

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# News

## **Cruising season is back again**

Cruising season is back in full swing again. We are beginning our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of weekly cruises at Johns Pizzeria on Tuesday evenings. This year we have decided to go without a D.J. and provide the music ourselves. We've also made some changes to our 50/50 eliminating car lengths and wraps. The club now can take a portion of the 50/50 for our general fund and use part of it on door prizes. Other area cruises include Monday nights in downtown Lapeer and at Twins Pizza in Clio, Wednesday's are Joe's Garage in Clio and Ottisville at the light, Thursdays are 7/11 and McDonalds in Genesee and Friday's are Downtown Davison. There are cruises every Saturday at a few different locations in the area. Be sure and check out the upcoming events page of our website for more info.

## **First ever Baker College show is a success for Club**

Baker College held their first ever show on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at their transportation and technology center. The Mid Michigan Modern Muscle Car Club was well represented with 17 total members showing up. The show was a success for the club in terms of club representation and also during the awards ceremony. Matt Dudzik and Cindy Osborne both took home top 25 awards while Tom Burns won the best of show award. Ron Smith took home a top 10 award with his Motorcycle. Over 200 cars, trucks and motorcycles were present but The Mid Michigan Modern Muscle Car Club was the club with the most vehicles present earning thanks and admiration from the show's promoters.

## **New membership cards**

Membership cards are done and will be available beginning Tuesday night at our cruise. Discounts available with membership are printed on the back of the cards.

## **New Members Join**

The Mid Michigan Modern Muscle Car Club continues to grow with the addition of 8 new members in 2010. Dale Martin with a 2007 Mustang GT was the first of 2010 joining in March. He's followed by Mickey Laucks and his 2007 Roush 427 Mustang and his 2010 Mustang GT, Alan Muxlow with his 2004 Mustang SVT Cobra, Paul Nikoloff and his 1995 Mustang SVT Cobra, Gerry Stiles and his 2006 Mustang GT, Kyle Caudle and his 1986 IROC Z/28 and Ron Smith with his 1991 Corvette Convertible and his 1996 Corvette LT4.

## **Club fills open Treasurer Position**

Charter club member Craig Cook will become the Club Treasurer on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. This helps the club tremendously and fills the board of directors with 5 members. The club had been seeking a Treasurer for over 1 year with President Lance Wilson pulling double duty as the President and Treasurer. Craig Cook has agreed to take the position for 1 year and then evaluate whether or not he wants to continue in the position.

## **New Sponsors**

The Club has a new Gold Level Sponsor in KA Sutton insurance of Genesee. KA Sutton is an independent agent and can insure your car, boat, RV, home, life, and more. They also are able to write your collector car insurance while giving you a local agent to rely on. American Muscle has also entered a 1 year deal for a banner add to be placed on our website. American Muscle is an aftermarket dealer of parts and accessories for Mustangs. Titus Collision in Birch Run is offering all members up to \$250 of your deductible for collision work done there. They recently did some work on Lance and Dawn Wilson's 1995 Trans Am and it looks great. Be sure to check it out a weekly cruise and see the quality of the work done by Titus. Also Club members save 10% on UPR products with code MidMichigan at UPR.com

## **Cruisin' under the stars**

Dates will be set this week for our Crusin' Under The Stars Events for 2010. A name change will be coming to these events as well and the club welcomes your idea. Submit your idea to name our monthly nighttime cruise to [LWilson71@comcast.net](mailto:LWilson71@comcast.net) All ideas will be considered by the Board of Directors and voted on at an upcoming meeting to rename our event.

## Car of the Month

Tom Burns 1980 Chevy Malibu is the May Car of the Month. Tom found his Malibu in the " wise buys " section of the Flint Journal about 12 years ago. The car was for sale by the original owner in Flushing, Michigan and had been purchased new at Applegate Chevrolet in Flint. The car was equipped with a Chevrolet 3.8 liter V-6 and a 3 speed manual transmission. Tom struck a deal with the owner and brought the car home. It served as a daily driver for him for a few years.

When Tom decided to restore the car it only took about a year to get it done. The fact that he started with a fairly solid car made the work easier. Tom did have to put patch panels in the quarter panels to take care of some rust, and after repairing the original doors he found a set that were in perfect condition, so he installed them instead. With the exception of the Goodmark 2" cowl induction hood and the before mentioned doors, the rest of the car is wearing its original sheet metal. The car was repainted its original one year GM color called Cinnabar. The car is now base coat / clear coat instead of the lacquer paint it originally came with.

The interior is factory original and looks amazing. Black was a rare interior color in the Malibu. Tom still has the working 8-track player in the dash and the only modifications are the Hurst Shifter and the Auto Meter tachometer.

Tom sold the original V-6 in favor of some V-8 muscle. The Malibu now has a 355 cubic inch small block with a healthy 350/350 cam, that pushes stainless steel valves in the ported and flowed 882 casting heads. The valves measure 1.94 on the intake side and 1.50 on the exhaust. The heads are topped by a polished Edelbrock RPM Air Gap intake manifold that's fed by a QuickFuel 750 DP carb. Exhaust exits through coated Headman headers into 2 1/2" pipe and Flowmaster Mufflers. The Malibu sends it horse power rearward through a 4 speed Saginaw close ratio transmission that's connected to a GM 8.5 10 bolt posi taken from a Buick Grand National with 3.73 gears.

Tom has added a few other cool features like the M80 rear spoiler for appearance and a Hurst roll control line lock for fun. Tom enjoys cruising the Malibu locally and as well as being a member of our club is also a member of The Rhythm Rodders Car Club from Otter Lake Michigan. He takes the Malibu to local cruises and car shows both and the car has won its share of awards. Tom is known as a real Malibu Man and has owned several Malibu's. He has another sitting in the back of his garage that will someday be a big block monster, but for now he enjoys driving this one. A great looking car for sure.



For more photos visit the club websites Car of the Month page.

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> is National Pontiac Tribute Day. We will be honoring Pontiacs at our weekly cruise. Be sure and check the Club Website's Upcoming events page for car cruise and show info for the area. <http://www.midmichiganmodernmuscle.com>

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