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## Awards Banquet

The celebration of our successful 2022 year and the kickoff of the new year for our club will be held on Saturday, January 14th at the Syberg's located on Dorsett, just east of Hwy. 270. This is the same location as in past years. That evening we will award the winners of our Points Race and introduce your new board of directors for 2023.

The menu will be similar to previous years which will include tossed salad, fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread, butter and dessert. We will also supply a cake. Tea and coffee will be served and there will be a cash bar available.

The club's total cost is over \$35 per adult including attendance prizes, appetizers, cake and so on but we will pick up most of the cost of the evening. The charge for members is still \$12 and \$15 for adult non-members. Kids 4 years to 15 years will cost \$5. Kids 3 years old and under are free. Doors will open at 6 pm for happy hour and dinner will be served after 7 pm.

We will need a confirmed head count by January 9th. A confirmation will be in a form of a check for the cost of your party. **You must be paid in advance to attend.**

If you still plan to attend, contact Paula Goodrich at 636-625-1064. Please mail your payment to Fords Unlimited Car Club, PO Box 1282, O'Fallon, Missouri, 63366.



# REMEMBER, THERE IS NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH

Article by Dan Kelly-Photos by Dan Kelly, Scott Lewis, and Jim Biermann



**O**n a cool, but not really cold day for December 4th, a small group of club members attended our last outing of the year. We were at the The Kaufman Fund's "Trees for Vets" event whose purpose is to be sure every veteran will have a Christmas tree. The Kaufman Fund is a 100% volunteer operated organization of which 90 cents of every dollar collected goes to help local veterans. It is an organization that is supported by our major sponsor The Bommarito Automotive Group and we were there to help out also with a \$500 donation. Kevin Hall was present, driving a white Bronco which is for sale so if you know anyone looking for a pre owned Bronco with only 6600 miles, and introduced us to a lot of great people including Wayne Kaufman. There was plenty of hot chocolate and coffee and even a special guest appearance by Santa. Scott and Lynette brought their military Mustang, which got a lot of attention, and also joining in the fun were 8 other club cars driven by Dan Kelly, Dennis and Debbie McBee, Paula Goodrich, Syl and Judy Biermann, Jim Biermann, Rick Miller, Bill and Donna Bauer.

The Kaufman Fund was founded in 1990 in memory of Ralph Kaufman by his younger brother Wayne Kaufman. Ralph was a Veteran himself, serving four years in the United States Air Force. After his service, he went on to become a successful businessman, earning many prestigious awards from The Small Business Association and other organizations. However, he never forgot about those who served our country and he always honored and respected them. In addition to Veterans, Ralph also cared about children too.



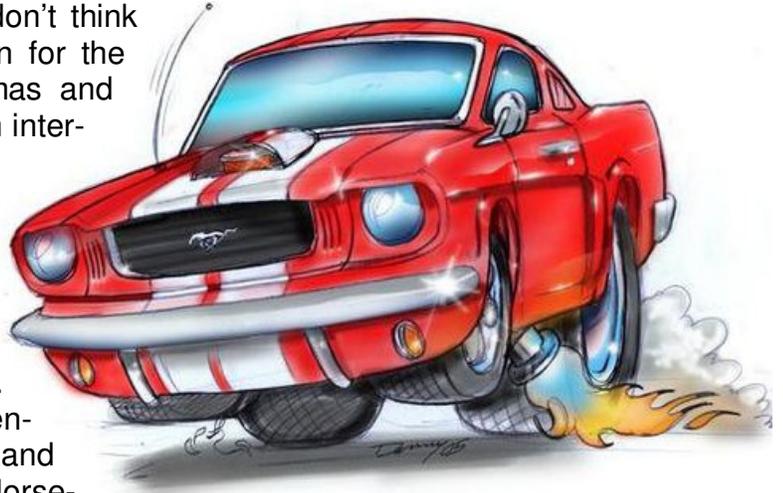
# What to do Now That the 2022 Car Show Season is Over

By Bruce Kunz-The Fin Man-reprinted from the Post Dispatch

**N**ow that the holidays are underway, don't think that the collectible car hobby is down for the winter. The months between Christmas and Easter have many things to offer those with an interest in cars and nostalgia.

First on the list is the Saint Louis Auto Show, Jan. 12th to 16th, 2023, at the America's Center in downtown St. Louis. I know that if you went to this event in 2022, you may have been disappointed, but my sources tell me this year's show will be better.

Unlike 2022, the 2023 show will occupy the entire America's Center, including the dome — and that's a good sign. And to top things off, the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri will bring back its display of vintage rides. So don't be square ... be there!



Bringing out the kid in all of us: the Gateway Mid-America Toy Show held at the Sheraton Lakeside Chalet in Westport Plaza, St. Louis, Feb. 3rd to 5th. This free-to-visit event occupies the main floor ballrooms and individual guest rooms on two entire floors of the hotel. You won't believe the things you will see there ... all for sale! Toys from your past and more. This is a Fin Man regular event, as are all on this page.

Finally, the 2023 It's a gas! swap meet is being held once again in Lebanon, Missouri, just a little over a two-hour drive from South County, Missouri, but well worth it. Expect all kinds of car-related collectibles for sale or trade. Vendors set up on Friday, Feb. 10th, and the show is open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 11th starting around 7 a.m. and going until about noon, depending on the turnout. Worried about the weather? Don't be. This is an all-indoor show at the Cowan Civic Center, a great place to have a car show. And while you're in town, check out the Munger Moss Motel, a step back in time to 1946, on old Route 66.

Since the show ends mid-day, plan to make a full day of it by visiting some of the antique shops along Route 66. And stop to see Big Foot monster truck at its home in Pacific, Missouri.



In December we were able to drop off our \$1,700 donation to The BackStoppers. Shown above are John Walling, Paula Goodrich, Chief Battelle, Dan Kelly, and Ron Schodroski.

## Upcoming Events

**January 14th**

Awards Banquet-6pm @ Syberg's

**Remember, no membership**

**meeting this month**

**February 8th**

Membership Meeting

at JJ's in St. Charles-7pm

**February 18th**

Tour of Fastlane Classic Cars

With lunch to follow at Hendrick's

BBQ. We will meet at Fast Lane at

11:30 am

# 2024 Dark Horse Mustang



Ford hasn't introduced a new named subbrand variant of its pioneering pony car since the Bullitt edition first appeared for 2001. The seventh-generation 2024 Ford Mustang ends this long drought with the powerful new Mustang Dark Horse model. This is no mere appearance package with cold-air induction good for a handful of extra ponies and pound-feet; the Dark Horse represents a serious performance upgrade that lays the foundation for Ford Blue's combustion vehicle racing efforts.

The gen-IV Coyote V-8 found in the base 2024 Mustang starts out with myriad revisions to ensure emissions compliance in all applications, as well as performance enhancements relative to similar V-8s powering the workaday F-150, including a twin throttle-body cold-air intake and a higher-revving valvetrain that doesn't support cylinder deactivation. To this basis, Dark Horse adds a forged crankshaft and piston connecting rods to cope with higher cylinder pressures and piston speeds. These items are like those found in the Shelby GT500's supercharged Predator engine. The camshafts are strengthened to withstand extended operation nearer the 7,500-rpm redline (shared with GT, and up from the F-150's 6,700 rpm). There are auxiliary coolers for the engine oil and rear-axle lube, plus a lighter-weight, higher-efficiency radiator cooled by more powerful fans, all of which is meant to improve endurance in hard running. Naturally, the GT's optional active exhaust is standard here, offering quiet, normal, sport, and track settings. Final testing isn't complete yet, but the target was 100 hp/liter (you do the math).

Without solid info on power, or torque, our

crystal ball is somewhat hazy here, and clearly the stripped-down race-only versions will be quickest. But let's guess the Coyote 5.0 liter is motivating this 3,900-pound beast (running aluminum wheels) with 500 hp and 425 lb-ft—besting both today's Mach 1 (470/410) and the 2020 Bullitt (480/420), and approaching the output of flat-plane furious Shelby GT350 5.2-liter (526/429). In that case, we'd expect an automatic Dark Horse to hit 60 mph in 3.8 seconds or better, with the 6M running a couple tenths behind (geared as it is to only need one shift). Maybe shave another tenth for carbon wheels.

The Dark Horse hits the road along with the base and GT in early summer 2023. Naturally, nobody is talking price this far out from production, but we'd expect the premium you'll pay for a Dark Horse to land

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Shelby GT350. So, if a 2024 GT fastback with Perf pack and the fancy equipment group takes a small step up from today's \$48,620 to, say \$50K, we'd expect a Dark Horse to start somewhere between \$60K and \$62,500 in 2022 dollars. And we can't wait to see how it stacks up against the Dodge Charger Daytona SRT electric muscle car in terms of style, emotion, and performance.

## Darlene's Silver Streak

One of the highlights of last years car show was being able to display the "Darlene's Silver Streak". Club member, Mike Lechwar received this email from John Butte, owner of this classic car. John had written a book but now it will be a movie. We look forward to seeing the movie.

*"Many on this distribution list know that I authored a nonfiction book about an old Model T Ford and a bunch of young single girls from Bradford, Illinois who took summer vacations in it from 1934 thru 1942. My mom rode in from Bradford, Illinois to the New York Worlds Fair in 1939. I received an unsolicited inquiry from a Hollywood Executive Producer around Father's Day weekend, expressing interest in making a movie based on the book. I'm excited to tell you that I signed an Option and Purchase Agreement for rights to the book in late September. Best Regards, John Butte"*



## Odds & Ends

Our first tour out the year will be a trip to **F a s t L a n e Classic Cars** in St. Charles, Missouri on February 18th. We will meet at 11:30 am and tour for about an hour and a half. The then head to South Main to Hendricks BBQ for lunch. We will have more details next month.



Although we had planned to add the Cars and Parts for sale and the Area events sections, that won't happen until future editions due to the fact that we really don't have anything to use yet. If you know of any confirmed shows or cruises, pleas send to the club's email address. (fordsunlimited@gmail.com).

Late dues. It's still time to get caught up on your dues. You can use the app from last month newsletter or one is available on the club's website. (fordsunlimited.com) Anyone delinquent on their dues after that day will be dropped from the roster.

It takes many people to keep this club going. Most are taken for granted and most people don't realize what they do or who they are. Start-

ing this month, we no longer mail out a newsletter. This job was done by Barb and Bill Giese. Every month they would pick up the newsletters from the printer, then tag and mail. We thank them for their years of service.

## Quilts of Valor



After our Quilts of Valor presentation last month, another member has been awarded a quilt. Rich Johnston received his quilt on December 3rd. Rich served in the US Navy from 1972 until 1975 aboard Destroyer Escort/Sub chasers protecting the carriers.

Dan Kelly noted that any club veteran who would also receive a quilt should contact him.

# 2023 Points Rules and Prizes

Listed below are the points rules and awards for this year.

The points competition was started many years ago to encourage our members to be more active and to award those who were. The Points rules and prizes are determined by the board of directors and the revised rules and prize list is usually ready for distribution by January. Board members will keep extra copies of the rules to give to new members as they come into the club during the year.

The board will adjust the rules and prizes as needed. Dennis McBee is in charge of the points. He will supply the book and distribute it at all board and general meetings. It will also be available at all club events. If the board member cannot be at an event, he will find a replacement who will be in attendance. New member sponsorships will be added each month. Car show sponsorship will not be added until all of the classes are sold. It saves confusion that way. Extra points can be given by the board for extra efforts by members. If you are in the running, please monitor your points and check with Dennis if you feel that your totals are incorrect. Please don't wait until the end of the year.

Each month, Dennis will supply the names of the leaders and the points totals to the newsletter editor for publication. That way the members can keep track of where they are in the standings.

Board members are not eligible as it is the job of the board members to be at events and do much of the work needed. It would be unfair to the membership if the board members were eligible. All of the awards will be given at the Awards Banquet that is held in January. The 2023 points rules and prizes are listed below. Members are only allowed to win first place two years in a row. If a member comes in first place for the third year in a row, he or she will be named "Points Winner Emeritus" and will be awarded \$50 in cash and have his or her dues paid for the following year.

	<b>Points</b>
A. Attend monthly general membership meeting.	15 each
B. Vehicle and owner activity. Attend designated club event.	20 each
C. Attend designated car show without show vehicle (2 hr min.).	10 each
D. Attend Club car cruise.	10 each
E. Member activity, banquet, cruises, tours, car show meeting, etc.	10 each
F. Recruit new member.	10 each
G. Sponsor show class. (each class)	10 each
H. Attain major sponsor for car show.	25 each
I. Organize and carry out club event (cruise, tours).	15 each
J. Submit article for newsletter (must be used in newsletter).	5 each
K. Treasurer, editor, publisher, car show chair, webmaster, membership chair, and points chair. (non-BOD members).	25
L. Outgoing board of directors members.	25
M. Sign up and work at car show	10

## Points Competition Prizes

- 1st place.** \$50 cash, plaque, \$25 gift card and following years dues paid.
- 2nd place.** Framed certificate, \$25 gift card, and following years dues paid.
- 3rd place through 5th place.** \$25 gift card, and framed certificate.
- 6th through 10 place.** \$25 gift card.



For those needing to order club apparel should contact Judy Kelly at 314-443-1016 or Quilter0@aol.com or Nancy Grimmer at nancy.grimmer@yahoo.com

Our monthly membership meetings are held at the JJ's of St. Charles, located at 1215 S. Duchesne, St. Charles, Missouri weather permitting. Meetings are held each month except January. Their phone number is 636-946-3500.



Meetings start at 7 pm. Come early if you plan to eat.

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A photograph of a blue 2023 Ford Mustang driving through a tunnel. The car is shown from a rear three-quarter view, with its taillights illuminated. The tunnel walls are visible on either side, and the car is moving towards the light at the end of the tunnel. The Bommarito Ford logo is in the top left, and the text "2023 Mustang" is in the top right. The address and phone number are at the bottom, along with the text "Major Sponsor of the Fords Unlimited Car Show".