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NATIONAL MUSTANG DAY 2023

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National Mustang Day (NMD) like most events is planned well ahead of time. Steve White spent much time planning for this event. Several plans were made then dropped or changed. Ford's Garage was working on a new location in Novi, would it be open by April 15th? Perhaps the new Bullitt movie would be out by then.

No, but wait, Keith Famie is creating a new movie. So what about including this as a very small part of the upcoming documentary film: *Detroit: The City of Hot Rods & Muscle Cars*. (See page 7)

We think of Carroll Shelby as a race car driver and car builder, but he often referred to himself and especially his associates as *Hot Rodders*. Putting a V8 in the chassis of an AC or adding horsepower and modifying the Ford Mustang is the very definition of a Hot Rod. His spirit continues today in the GT500's still being produced.

One of the things that can't be planned is the weather. Usually it's a case of bad weather, however this mid April day was the pleasant Top-down kind.

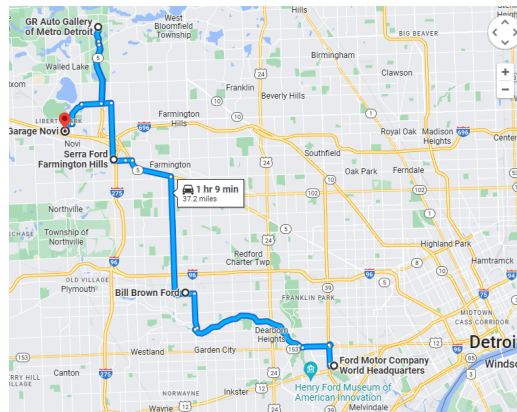


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Of course no plan goes without its glitches. The plan for the gentle cruise on E J Hines Parkway was thwarted by being closed because of a foot race. We made adjustments and arrived at Bill Brown Ford with only a few losing their way.



The dealership was closed, but with the help of Ron, on security duty, we were able to park and have a brief chat before it was time to continue our cruise.





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Next stop was Serra Ford in Farmington Hills, some of us still remember this as Tom Holzer's. They were open for business, so there were cars there and customers coming and going, hopefully buying.



Jeremiah reserved a large area for us, but because of the great weather we picked up an extra car or two from the original 52 that RSVP'ed. Jeremiah took it in stride and got everyone situated.



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Our original route was one hour and nine minutes driving time, but you know how it is, the more people involved the more extra time you need.



Extra time we didn't have, so it was off to visit our friends at GR AutoGallery. In spite of maps and directions, a few members of the group missed out on this piece of the tour. Those that did make it enjoyed a look inside GR, special thanks to Brendan Blanchard for opening for us.



We may have lost a few folks who stayed to have a longer look.



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Keith Famie's plan to film our triumphant arrival at Ford's Garage in Novi was another speed bump. Some cars arrived quite early having bypassed GR AutoGallery. The long wait and short duration traffic light to enter Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk caused its problems.

Keith managed to get most of us gathered together and so it would appear on film as if we were well organized.



Ford's Garage had suggested that rather than even try to have the 80 or so people sit together, we make reservations 4 to 6 people at a table at slightly different times. This seemed to work out well for everyone to have a delightful lunch.

Keith was the last one to sit down and could still be seen making gestures to his crew probably trying to plan that one last scene.





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PREMIERE TICKET ORDER FORM

YES! I would like to order tickets to attend the premiere of *Detroit: The City of Hot Rods & Muscle Cars*, the new documentary film by Visionalist Entertainment Productions. There are a limited number of seats available for the premiere. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis with assigned seating.

All checks are written to: Visionalist Entertainment Productions.

You can mail this form with your check to:

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Tickets will not be on sale at the theater.

Your tickets will be mailed to the address below prior to the event.

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Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The high-octane evening will celebrate the work of these amazing Michigan organizations.



Thank you for supporting *Detroit: The City of Hot Rods & Muscle Cars*.



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2023 Calendar of Events

May

- 4 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm
- 19-20 Indiana SAAC Spring Fling in Nashville, Indiana. www.insaac.org
- 20 Mustang Stampede at Birch Run, MI.
www.mustangclubmidmichigan.com

June

- 2 Show & Go 48 Via Summer Track Days at Waterford Hills 8am-5pm
- 4 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm
- 11 Show & Go 48 at Ford WHQ 9 am-3pm

July

- 7 Monthly MCR Meeting at Little Daddy's 39500 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 6:30pm
- 13-16 full details on SAAC 48 at PittRace are coming very soon! www.saac48.com

August

- 4 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm
- 14-16 Motor City Dreamin'
Details coming soon.
- 16 Pre-Woodward Dream Cruise at Pasteiner's AutoZone Hobbies 33202 Woodward Ave. Birmingham, MI 48009

September

- 2 Snakes in the Grass at Canterbury Village 2357 Joslyn Ct. Lake Orion, MI 48360 9am
- 7 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm

October

- 5 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm

November

- 2 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm
- Nominations of officers

December

- 7 Monthly Meeting at Little Daddy's 6:30pm
- Election of officers