

# IT'S ABOUT THE PEOPLE



**M**y husband, Ken, enjoys surfing the Web for all-things Mustang. He's also one who "lurks" on forums. Never one to participate, he does read continually. One particular forum has caught his attention, and as he usually does, he shared the information with me.

He was on the site Corral.net and was in their "Lounge" section. It's kind of a meeting place to discuss anything other than Mustangs. Well it was in there that he found a "thread" from a Corral user, the subject of this thread was "Pony Bill needs a new kidney." His signature read something like "This is not a joke. I need a Kidney. If you're willing to donate one are blood type O, contact me." A forum administrator made this posting a "sticky" which is a topic that always remains at the top of the posting. This called attention to Bill's plea.

Ken and I both have close friends who are the recipient of new kidneys and thus we were captivated by this topic.

Imagine that your kidneys aren't working any longer, that you are on a transplant list to receive a new one, and the prospects aren't good. Now imagine going onto your favorite Mustang forum to post your dilemma and actually find not just one person, but four people, willing to be tested for compatibility and to donate an organ to you. Does this blow your mind? It did Ken's and mine, too!

This is exactly what happened for Corral.net member, Bill Richards.

Known on Corral.net as Pony Bill, Bill is a 39-year-old, New Jersey resident, and Mustang fanatic. He was given the gift of life by Corral user "Speedfreak 87," a 30-year-old Mustang fanatic, named Joey, who also lives in New Jersey.

These gentlemen never met each other in person. They communicated solely on this forum. What a wonderful hobby we partake in, and what superb people perpetuate this hobby. As Bill told me, "How do I say thank you to someone for donating an organ, giving me life?" Bill said he feels better than he has ever, and this is the second time in his life that he's been the recipient of a transplant. The first time was when he was only 14 years old.

What an unselfish, giving, compassionate, (insert any and all good adjectives here) act for Joey to have done. Joey, we don't know you, but we are all so proud of what you've done!

The healing process is longer for the doner than the recipient. So, when Joey is sufficiently well, I plan to do a full feature on Bill and Joey, their complete story, and of course, their Mustangs!

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**R**ead the Mystical Build project information in the "News and Notes" department, on page 12. Donations are starting to come in, keychains are still available, and we're forging ahead with this project!

Keep us in your prayers and thoughts. This is a large undertaking, one that is starting much later than I had hoped. However, it will get done! That I promise you!

See you on the showfield!

Your perpetually optimistic and slightly off-center editor,

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