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## President's Message

**A** new year has started. While we still live in challenging times, I do think that 2022 was better than 2021 and I hope we continue in that direction in 2023.

I do know this; the Mustang hobby and our club specifically is very healthy. The next generation of Mustang was just introduced (perhaps the last with a gas engine) and we look forward to it appearing just in time for Mustang's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2024. Meanwhile, our club ended 2022 with 231 members. I can't say if that is a record number for us, but it definitely ranks in the top five.

The Installation Dinner on January 7<sup>th</sup> was a great event. I'd like to thank Bill McCombs for chairing this event, held at The Club at Picatinny. Thanks also to Helaina Semmler for once again running the always entertaining gift exchange. Although she lost her voice towards the end, everyone enjoyed the give and sometimes take. The best part of the evening, however, was that we got to give money to our designated charities from our two shows of 2022. We were honored to have *Semi-Hemi* John P. from Nielsen Dodge as well as Dorothy R., Portia B. & Shirley R. from Sister2Sister in attendance. In total, we donated \$4,250 from our show proceeds to The NJ Fireman's Home, Mount Pleasant Animal Shelter, Sister2Sister and Brick City Rescue. You should all be proud of that, especially those of you who volunteered at the shows.

Speaking of shows, there a major change in our calendar for this year. We will not be running the Spring Roundup show at Nielsen Dodge in 2023. We have finally lined up a Ford dealer that is going to support us, both physically & financially, in hosting an All-Ford show. Performance Ford has agreed to host/sponsor a show at their dealership on Rt. 10 in Randolph. Many of you who have been in the club for a while may remember this location as Trebour Ford, the site of the GSRMC's shows in the early days of the club. I find it fitting that we return there 30 years after our first show.

While we hope to iron out the details in the coming days, the plan is for a June show that will have the familiar favorite forty format. In the past we were able to fit about 150 cars in the tiered parking lots, so for a first-year effort,

it should be an ideal location. However, many of you may have noticed the brand-new Ford dealership going up on Rt. 10 in Whippany, about midway between our old meeting hall & Nielsen Dodge. The goal is to have our show at this state-of-the-art facility as early as 2024. That site would enable us to turn that show into one of the biggest Ford shows in the area. We are also in talks with them about staging a Grand Opening display in the coming months.



Nielsen Dodge has been a great partner for us, and we will once again be hosting our Autoberfest show there on October 1<sup>st</sup>. We are hoping to continue to grow that show into a major event on the region's car show calendar and they are all-in on the idea. If you have ideas on making that event better, please contact me sooner rather than later. I hope to have flyers for both shows done ASAP.

Before those shows happen, there is the club's National Mustang Day celebration scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. As we saw last year, the benefits of having it on a weekend are too hard to pass up. I probably don't need to remind any of you who were there that well over 100 Mustangs showed up at Performance Ford in East Hanover that morning. While that was a great day, we would like to see if we can up our game a little. The locations, destinations and details have not been set yet, but the one thing that won't change is extending the invitation to all Mustang enthusiasts. We probably had about 30-40 non-members join us last year and within the following weeks, we had converted at least half of them to members. Again, if you have any suggestions regarding this event, please contact me ASAP.

Besides those three major events we will be celebrating the club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary starting at the March meeting. That's only two months away! I would like to work the anniversary into many of our events, particularly the All-Ford show. The meeting, however, will be the kickoff.

That list doesn't even include parades, the picnic, a probable event at Brook Hollow winery etc., etc., etc. Maybe, we can get back to monthly Club Cruise Nights or a rallye or a tour. We are only limited by time and you. I'm referring to you individually and you, collectively. Yes, I am the President of this club and yes, we have officers & a Board of Directors, but we all must pitch in

### Welcome New Members

Joe & Debbie Corso

Rahway

'98 Mustang

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- Jan. 18** **NO** GSRMC Meeting in January.
- Feb. 15** **First** 2023 GSRMC Meeting at the American Legion Hall
- Mar. 15** GSRMC Meeting. Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Apr. 15** GSRMC National Mustang Day Celebration
- Apr. 17** National Mustang Day
- Jun 2-4** Carlisle Ford Nationals. All-Ford show, swap meet, parade & racing
- Aug. 19-24** Royal Caribbean Cruise to Bermuda
- Aug. 27** GSRMC Picnic
- Oct. 1** Autoberfest Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover.



GSRMC member Jeff Chase is offering his automotive repair services to fellow members at reasonable rates. Call/text Jeff at 201-452-5244 or [jnccar@comcast.net](mailto:jnccar@comcast.net)

## HELP WANTED

# CLUB NEWS

## FOR SALE

We are finalizing the club's 2023 calendar of shows and are happy to announce that once again we will have two shows in addition to a Mustang Day event. The change for this year is that we will only be hosting the Autoberfest show at Nielsen Dodge. Our spring show will be an All-Ford show at Performance Ford in Randolph. While we should have a date shortly (Looking at June), for the Ford show, the Mustang Day event will be 4/15 and Autoberfest 2023 will be 10/1.

We are looking for chairpeople, for each of these events. As we start working out the details, we would like to have chairs in place. We cannot run these events if we do not have chairpeople to run them. Membership dues barely cover the cost of the meeting hall and other necessary expenses, everything else we do is paid for by show proceeds. Therefore, having successful shows are vital to continuing our history of providing free and club subsidized events including; Ice Cream Socials, Italian Ice Nights, Picnics, Installation Dinner & even the Mustang Day celebration.

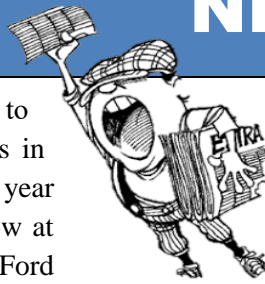
If you can help your club or would like more info on what chairing these event entail, please contact Mike D. at 201-421-0871 or 8550mustang@gmail.com.

**THERE IS NO JANUARY MEETING  
AT THE HALL THIS MONTH**

## COVER CARS WANTED

Your car on the cover of your club's newsletter. What could be better than that? And it's so easy to do too.

We are looking for GSRMC members' Mustangs to feature on the cover and inside the Pony Xpress. All you have to do is take a few pictures of your prized pony from different angles; front, rear, 3/4 front, engine compartment, interior, etc. Then either write an article about your "baby" or fill out the info sheet located elsewhere in this issue. Finally, e-mail them to Mike D. at 8550mustang@gmail.com and sit by your computer until your Mustang gets the star status it deserves. It really is just that simple.



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(Message, continued)

at times to keep this club strong and active. I would love to personally run 10 events or more a year, but like most of you, I have a full-time job, a family and a house that all require my attention at times. Last year there were over 200 members in this club, and we had 0 show chairpeople for our Autoberfest show. That cannot happen again this year.

I've been around clubs for a long time, and I understand how they work. I, along with a number of other members, are willing to devote an above average amount of time and energy to this club and its members. I am only asking that you consider helping us. I hear a lot of people say that they don't have any experience running a particular event and I get that. Right now, however, we don't have anyone with experience to run our shows & events. I want you to know though that a few people working together can accomplish almost anything and maybe even find a better way to do it than in the past. I, along with other members, will be there to help and offer guidance when/if needed.

Think about it. I hope to hear from you soon.

Remember, there is **NO JANUARY MEETING THIS WEEK** at the hall.

Mike DeLiberto, #001

# GSRMC REVS UP THE SEAS!

JOIN GSRMC MEMBERS & MUSTANG FANS TO TALK CARS AND MUSTANGS  
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**Fun Day At Sea**  
**Royal Navy Dockyards, Bermuda**  
**Royal Navy Dockyards, Bermuda**  
**Fun Day At Sea**  
**Cape Liberty (Metro NYC), New Jersey**



Hey, GSRM! Discover a history-filled paradise full of pink sand beaches with a cruise to Bermuda. Set sail from Port Liberty and travel through the Atlantic seas to an island oasis with a cruise to Bermuda. Explore British colonial landmarks like the Royal Navy Dockyard. Take a dip in the blue waves at Horseshoe Bay Beach and wander through the vibrantly painted streets of St. George's and Hamilton to see the Gothic-style towers of the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity. Need to scratch your itch for outdoor adventure? Hike the Railway Trail and take in views of the clear-water coast, or snorkel among shipwrecks and coral reefs at Tobacco Bay. Discover the magic with a Bermuda cruise.

**SO, C'MON, JOIN PETE AND YOUR MATES FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE!**

**\$500 refundable deposit per stateroom is due by 08.15.2022 and receive a \$100 on board credit.**

Receive an additional GSRMC **\$25 on board credit** simply because Mustangs rock!  
**AND a bottle of wine** per stateroom because you know and love Pete.

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Interior From*	Ocean View From*	Balcony From*
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# DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



353<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Date: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Doors opened: 7:00 pm for social chat.

Business Meeting opened: 8:06 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27 pm

President Mike welcomed all attendees.

Started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 48 members and guests attended.

## **Guest Speaker:**

None

## **Secretary's Report:**

Louise DeLiberto was filling in again for the lovely but still ailing Carol, who will hopefully return next month.

The November monthly meeting minutes as printed in the December 2022 Pony Xpress newsletter were reviewed and approved!

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Jim S. gave the report.  
Report accepted.

## **Membership Report:**

Joe D. was not at meeting. Mike D. reported we have 229 members with 104 2023 renewals already.

No new members.

New guest – JT?? 2019 GT350

## **Sunshine Report:**

Card was sent to Paul Semmler.

## **Merchandising:**

Mike gave Maureen night off. No merchandise for sale at the meeting but if anyone needs to pick up an order please contact Mike D.

## **Website:**

Bill C. has been adding a new section of members' cars – only – being collected for future posting.

Feel free to send in any other car show photos.

Members can use the website for member renewals now through December, same process as for new member sign ups.

## **Facebook:**

Joe D. was not there, but no issues being reported

## **Newsletter:**

Send Mike pictures from the show for the archives and Newsletter. Always in need of cover cars

## **National Report:**

Steve – 3 MCA National shows, June through September 2023 scheduled. (Alberque NM, Indianapolis & Florida)

## **Old Business:**

Bill M talked about the upcoming Installation Dinner, January 7th at Picatinny Club, from 5pm to 9pm. Will need names of attendees at the gate to access to get on base. Last day to register for the dinner is 12/14/22. Approx. 70 guests so far  
Club photo taken at the picnic on August 28th, Mike will run off more magnet photos.

Mike recognized outgoing board members Al & Tom but will also do same at dinner.

## **New Business:**

Nothing to discuss

## **Miscellaneous Business:**

'73 parts for sale (302) and Foxbody parts, see Mike D if interested.

## **Hospitality Report:**

Thank you to everyone who brought cookies & desserts. Thank you to Bill C for picking up drinks.

Thank you to Stacy and Paul for setting everything up tonight.

## **Reminders:**

Sign attendance sheet. Sign up for Installation Dinner. Pick up shirts. Renew your dues.

Motion to close the 353rd meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Louise DeLiberto, #001 for

Carol-Ann Rose, #653 GSRMC Secretary

# PONY XPRESS MUSTANG INFORMATION SHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

How Long Have You Owned This Car? \_\_\_\_\_

Original \_\_\_\_\_ Restored \_\_\_\_\_ Modified \_\_\_\_\_

Who Performed Restoration/Modification? \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Color? \_\_\_\_\_

Original Paint? \_\_\_\_\_ Original Color? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Wheels/Wheel Covers: \_\_\_\_\_

Tire Size/Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Options: \_\_\_\_\_

Interior Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Standard or Dlx? \_\_\_\_\_

Interior Options: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Size & Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Original/Rebuilt? \_\_\_\_\_

If Rebuilt, Who did work? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Factory Engine Options: \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Modifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Trans: \_\_\_\_\_ Axle Ratio: \_\_\_\_\_

Open, Limited Slip or Locker? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Options or Additions: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Use: \_\_\_\_\_

How Often Driven \_\_\_\_\_

Please write the answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Tell us as much as you like, we want to know about you and your car.

1. If you are not the original owner, how did you locate this Mustang?
2. Does your car have an unusual history? Low mileage, very high mileage, drag racing?
3. In what condition did you find it? Was the color correct? Was the engine correct? What major changes were necessary to make the car original?
4. Which options are original, and which have you added in restoration?
5. How long did the restoration take? Was it done at your home, or in professional shops? Who were the pros, if any?
6. Has this car received awards or special recognition? Has it ever been featured in magazine articles?
7. Did any family members assist in your restoration? Any fellow club members assist?
8. Do you prefer to drive your Mustang daily, occasionally, or never? do you take part in concours shows, racing or AACA events?
9. Please add any other interesting information about you and your Mustang.
10. Have you owned other notable Mustangs or Sheldys in recent years? What and when?

Please send this page, your answers and a photo to:

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# REAR VIEW

