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BLAME IT ON RIO

President's Message

Well, we made it through January and we're more than halfway through the winter. I opened the garage door and saw my shadow, which means that the car season is only six weeks away.

You better get busy on all those winter projects. I know I had plans to do a few things to my '73 convertible but the cold and snow have kept me (given me an excuse not to) from getting very much done. A '73 Mustang tends to fill up a garage, so inside projects are limited. The fact that I have the car in a garage a few towns away doesn't help either. I have been able to get it out of the garage and run it every couple of weeks, but the salty roads have kept me in the driveway since December.

Looking forward, the virus is beginning to subside (again) and we will be able to have in-person meetings again. It will be nice to see members Wednesday night at the American Legion Hall. Although we will not be requiring masks, we encourage you to wear them.

Bill C., Tom A. and I met with Nielsen Dodge regarding shows for 2022 and I am pleased to report that they are on board for both the Spring Roundup show May 15th & the Autoberfest show on October 2nd. Tom has already started working on the May show and we hope to have flyer in the coming weeks. There is a new addition or two to the show, so stay tuned for the details.

Nielsen also told us that they have no issues with us doing a Ford event at another dealer, even one in the same town. That's important, because Performance Ford has shown interest and has a location right next to Nielsen Dodge as well as a location in Randolph, that long-time members may

recall as the former Trebour Ford where we had our first show back in 1993. They are moving their E. Hanover dealership west a few miles on rt. 10 and might want to do something for their Grand Opening. Our long run of shows at Route 23 Automall started as part of a Grand Opening Celebration and turned out to be a very long and successful relationship for the club.

Mustang Day plans are also shaping up and I hope to have all the details in the March newsletter. In addition to a cruise, we hope to include a horse-themed stop and incorporate a food/clothing drive. Most importantly however, there will be free food and free gifts. Remember, this will all take place on April 16th. We will probably need a few members to assist in the set up for each stop, let me know if you are interested.

It has been a couple of years since our last GSRMC Bowling Tournament & Eating Frenzy. Pete C. stopped by the Boonton Lanes recently to see about a 2022 Tournament. In the last two years there have been some changes. First, the price has gone up significantly, by \$30 per lane. Second the bowling alley no longer has a room available for food after bowling, a potential deal-killer right there. The price would be \$15-\$21 per person and we would have to go somewhere to eat afterwards. I will see what the interest is at the meeting or, if you won't be there, let me know if you are interested.

The Ringwood St. Patrick's Day parade is on March 26th. We had been a part of this event for many years prior to the pandemic and it was always popular with those who participated. I am looking for someone to set this up and organize the event. If you are interested, please contact me.

I am looking into a joint activity with the South Jersey Mustang Club, possibly a trip to 3 Dog Garage in PA. Hopefully we can get together on that for this Spring but the facility had been closed to tours during the pandemic.

Welcome New Members

Rick & Dorothy Mitchell Cantonsville, MD

'14 Mustang

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Feb. 16	GSRMC meeting of 2022 IN PERSON
Apr. 16	GSRMC National Mustang Day Celebration
Apr. 17	National Mustang Day
May 15	Spring Roud Up Open Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover.
June 2-5	Team Shelby East Coast Grand Nationals. Racing, Cruise & Show.
June 3-5	Carlisle Ford Nationals. Carlisle, PA. Celebrating 60 th ann. Of Shelby American.
July 4	Parades. Maywood & Ridgefield Park
July 10	21 st Ann River Edge Car Show. River Dell HS, Oradell. www.recarshow.org
July 29-31	Nickel City Muatang Roundup, MCA National Show, Amherst, NY info@wnymustang.org
Oct. 2	Autoberfest Open Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover.

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I am running out of space so I'll wrap it up by saying that I am looking forward to a Pandemic Free year where we can all enjoy the many events that we are accustomed to attending. I hope that you I will see most of you at least one of our club events this year. I also hope that I can get to more events this year, although my wife doesn't like not going down to the shore for the weekend.

See you at the meeting.

Mike, #001



SVT CHARMER

This month's cover car is the pride and joy of GSRMC member Bernard Davis. The featured pony (snake) is a 1997 SVT Cobra convertible. It

still wears its original Rio Red paint, complemented by a black top and black leather interior.

This was the second year for the modular 4.6L V8 engines in the Mustang. The version in Cobras was an aluminum block, DOHC, 32 valve unit putting out 305 horsepower and 300 lb/ft of torque. Somewhat ordinary numbers by today's standards but back then it was pretty stout. All Cobras, (until 2020), were equipped with a manual transmission, in this case a 5-speed.

Bernard's car is a recent acquisition, purchased less than a year ago. It currently has fewer than 33,000 miles on the odometer and remains in original condition, with the exception of a hydraulic clutch.

The odometer won't be advancing too rapidly, as Bernard plans on using his Cobra sparingly, once a week weather permitting.



Text - Mike D., #001
Photos – Bernard D., #1079

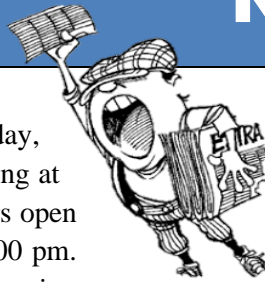
FEBRUARY MEETING

CLUB NEWS

8550mustang@gmail.com and sit by your computer until your Mustang gets the star status it deserves. It

really is just that simple.

Our next Membership meeting will be Wednesday, February 16th. It will be an in-person meeting at the American Legion Hall in Whippany. The doors open around 7:15 pm and the meeting will begin at 8:00 pm. We are still probably a month away from serving refreshments, but feel free to bring a cup of coffee or other drink. Flower and/or chocolates for the President are not required.



MACH-E DOUBLES GLOBAL MUSTANG SALES

A lot of Mustang enthusiasts were really upset when Ford called the Mach-E a Mustang. But our review of production numbers from Wards Intelligence shows there is now as much demand for electric Mustangs, as there is for Mustangs with turbo 4s and V8s. Last year, Ford built about 66,000 ICE Mustangs and almost 64,000 Mach-Es. In other words, the electric version doubled the size of the Mustang brand. This year, Ford will ramp up production of the Mach-E in North America to 100,000 units and that doesn't include the Mach-Es that it's making in China. So that means this year the electric Mustang will far outsell Mustangs with IC engines. Thanks to the Mach-E, Ford is creating a whole new group of Mustang enthusiasts all around the world.

Autoline Daily, 02/11/2022

Keep in mind that Ford shut down production of gas-powered Mustangs at least twice last year. However, there's no denying that the Mach E is a major hit for Ford.

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SAVE THE DATES

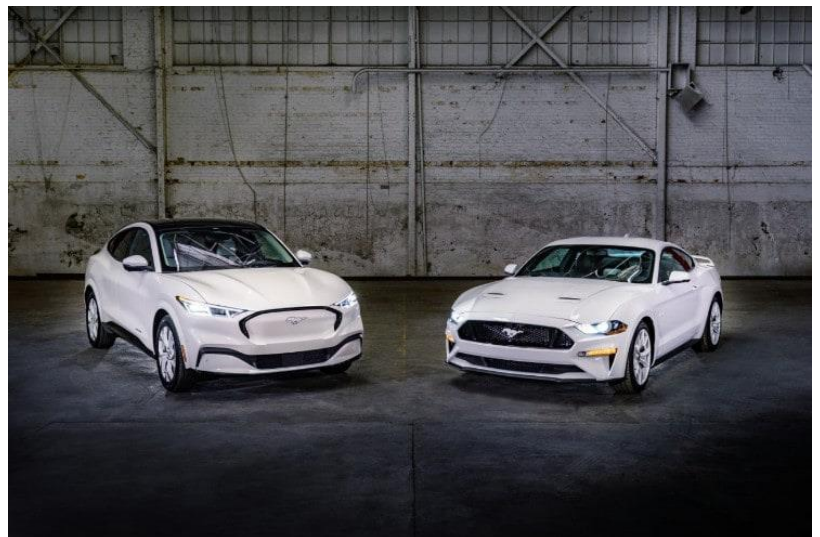
We have set the dates for our two Nielsen Dodge open car shows. First up is our Spring Round Up show on May 15th (rain date 5/22). Closing out the season will be our Autoberfest show on October 2nd (rain date 10/9). Tom Addeo & Al Vizzone are chairing the spring show and are already hard at work. Flyers should be available at the February meeting. Look for more info in the March newsletter.

Our National Mustang Day celebration will be held on April 16th (rain date 4/23). Final details have not been set just yet but look for a cruise, a horse-related stop and, of course, free food, & gifts. We hope to have everything settled by the end of the 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, ¾ 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



DR. HELAINA SEMMLER LOVED HER NEW GT500 SO MUCH, SHE SCORES ANOTHER FOR HUSBAND RON

There are certain things in life that are bound to leave an impression on you. The new Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 is surely one of those things, with world-class performance and technology that more than lives up to its Shelby heritage. Another is Dr. Helaina D. Semmler, MD, an award-winning Philadelphia area Diagnostic Radiology / Nuclear Medicine Specialist who also happens to be an avid Mustang and Shelby collector and hobbyist.

Her own personal story of surviving brain surgery and recovering to take on Med School is truly one of inspiration, and one we'll



plan on sharing on our Mustang Owner's Podcast.

But beyond her impressive medical credentials and her equally impressive collection of more than two-dozen Mustangs and cool Fords, Helaina is known in the Mustang world as a fun-loving and engaging enthusiast whose personality is as colorful as her various

tattoos and multi-hued hairdo's.

A regular at many Mustang Club of America and Team Shelby national events, Helaina and husband Ron are always crisscrossing the country driving their Mustangs (and/or with some in tow) -- all in an effort to share great times with fellow Mustang friends and support the clubs and charities they come across in their many travels. Ron has taken on the task of managing the Semmler collector car fleet and handling all of the vehicle logistics.

As you might expect, when the all-new for 2020 Shelby GT500 debuted with 760 supercharged



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ongoing love for the Mustang hobby and the people in it – as well as for each other, so we’re sharing photos of their special day picking up their new Shelby. Perhaps the lesson here is, if you’d like to impress your spouse by doing something to show you love them, simply buy them a new Shelby GT500 and you’re sure to see smiles for thousands of miles. For Ron, it was easy to see that this day – and this car -- was just what the doctor ordered!

Text & Photos John M. Clor,
performance.ford.com

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horses under the hood, Helaina just had to have one – searching multiple dealerships in attempt to “get on the list” -- or even multiple lists. After she finally landed a Twister Orange 2020 GT500 last year, it quickly became one of her personal favorite daily drivers. But when another lead on an Antimatter Blue 2021 GT500 came her way, she was so impressed with her own car that she decided to add that GT500 as an investment of sorts – plus as a “reward” for Ron for all of his hard work keeping her Mustang stable in order. So they flew from their home in New Jersey to metro Detroit to take VIP delivery from Mike Rey, president of the Mustang Owners Club of SouthEastern Michigan and the Performance Specialist on the sales team at Gorno Ford in Woodhaven, Michigan.

We decided to attend the delivery at the dealership and visit with Helaina and Ron before they hopped into their second new Shelby GT500 and drove it all the way back to the East Coast from suburban Detroit. We couldn’t help to be impressed by their



FORD PERFORMANCE TO DEVELOP MUSTANG GT3 RACE CAR TO COMPETE GLOBALLY

Ford Mustang, the iconic sports car that created the pony car segment, will lead Ford's return to global sports car racing as Ford Performance prepares a new GT3 race car for competition in 2024. The new Mustang effort, announced in advance of the Rolex 24 at Daytona, will be a joint program between Ford Performance and long-time racing collaborator Multimatic Motorsports. It will feature both a two-car factory-backed IMSA GTD Pro works team managed by Multimatic, as well as customer Mustangs for the GTD class starting at Daytona in 2024.

"Mustang was born to race from the start and we're thrilled to introduce the GT3 version to compete head-to-head against some of the greatest manufacturers in the world," said Mark Rushbrook, Ford Performance Motorsports global director. "With 58 years of global endurance racing heritage, including NASCAR and Australian Supercars today, we are ready to take Mustang to the next level of global performance.

The new Mustang GT3 racer will be powered by a Ford 5.0-liter Coyote-based V8 engine developed by Ford Performance and built by long-time racing collaborator and world championship winning team, M-Sport of Cumbria, England. The two organizations have a rich history in the FIA World Rally Championship and recently collaborated on the

development and preparation of the Ford Puma Hybrid Rally1, which finished 1-3-5 in its debut race at the Monte Carlo Rally this past weekend.

The race-specific powerplant will continue the heritage of high performance naturally aspirated V8s in the Mustang platform. The engine will carry the heart and soul of the world-renowned Ford Coyote® and have performance and packaging modifications to make it championship ready for world class GT3 endurance racing.

The new Mustang GT3 race car will feature bespoke Short-Long Arm suspension front and rear, rear-mounted transaxle gearbox, carbon fiber body panels, as well as a unique aero package developed to meet GT3 targets.

Joey Hand, one of the winning drivers in the 2016 Le Mans 24 Hours GTE Pro class in the Ford GT, is going to be one of the test drivers for the new program, as well as continuing on in

his role as a development driver and coach for Ford Performance. As part of that, he will also drive six 2022 NASCAR Cup road course races in a Rick Ware Racing Ford Mustang.

Although the Mustang GT3 for IMSA is new, Ford and Multimatic confirmed that the successful Mustang GT4 customer race program will continue into the future, with a new Mustang GT4 expected to debut in the 2023 season.

The new Mustang announcements for sports car racing adds to a series of new racing Mustangs coming soon for Ford Performance. The 2022 Next Gen Ford Mustang won in its debut in the NASCAR Cup series Feb. 6th at the LA Coliseum and will be at the Daytona 500 Feb. 20th.



JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



342nd Meeting

Date: January 19th, 2022

Zoom meeting opened at 7:30pm for social chat

Business Meeting opened: 8:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 pm

President Mike welcomed all attendees, then opened the meeting with a moment of silence to remember Joe Rose. Meeting was conducted via Zoom due to pandemic.

Guest Speaker:

None

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Jim S. gave the report. Large check written to Lafayette House. Checks still need to be written for charities \$2,500.00

Membership Report:

Last year we had 219 members, 151 as of right now

Sunshine Report:

Casey K. – A sympathy card sent to Carol for the passing of her husband, Joe. Rich C. is doing better; still in rehab center; hoping to go home soon.

If anyone knows someone who needs a card let her know

Merchandising:

Mike D. – Once we go back to meetings he needs assistance selling merchandising. Maureen volunteered to assist.

Website:

Bill C – put this month's newsletter on website

Maybe changing car pictures this year – will have members send pictures and will change them around

One thing we would like to add to the website is a memorial page for members who have passed. Page would have pictures of the members cars as well as a short bio.

Facebook:

Nothing new to report. Just keep posting car shows and pictures from shows you attend.

Newsletter:

Mike D. - Newsletter out last week, if you didn't get it let him know as you should get one every month.

Please send him pictures for cover photos

National Report:

Helaina S. - not present – John P. spoke in her absence 2022 Nationals: April in Florence SC ; May 20th in Suisun, CA; July 29th in Buffalo, NY; and September 2nd Grand National in Evans GA.

Book now if you plan on going to NY; you could always cancel later but the rooms book up rather quickly.

Highly recommend club members think about the Buffalo show; several members already signed up; 7 hour drive; will be at Marriott; National shows are different then any other show around; show field is at the hotel parking lot;

Will have a cruise at the Erie canal; will be two cruises which is unique; cruise is a boat cruise not your car

Members should look into becoming MCA members as there are several benefits to being a member

Old Business:

Installation Dinner was cancelled; a decision we did not take lightly; just felt it should be done for safety reasons. Prepared to take the \$3,600 financial. Will refund people's money – just send an email to Jim by 2/15; please provide your address

Money will stay in treasury to offset the cost

\$3,594 was paid to restaurant and food was donated

St. Peter's Orphanage cruise. Rich stated it was a nice cruise; 13 members attended; stayed about an hour; kids came out to place – everything was pretty cool to see, quality of food is good and prices are reasonable; cash only.

Thank Rich I for his 2 years as Vice President

2021 Fall Show Charities Need to give Charities their check; waiting on contact information so that we can present the check in person;

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New Business:

Open board seat which is Mike's – need someone to fill that. Casey K. has volunteered; need to have a vote for same; all in favor – no one opposed. Casey is officially a board member; *Meetings* – February is a question mark; will be at the hall we have been meeting for the past couple of meetings. Mike needs contact info. Upstairs room is nicer. Still looking around for other places. Would like to be on the highway or closer to the highway.

Calendar – Mustang Day is on Easter Sunday April 17th so we will have our celebration on the 16th; still under discussion – will involve a cruise and definitely food.

Nielsen shows – Tom is speaking with them for dates – will do 2 shows Spring and Fall; looking to do May 16th – DJ is available. Will be meeting with them on Saturday. Get the dates and send out save the dates ahead of time.

Mike would also like to do a Ford only show or Mustang only; have additional contacts with dealer. Will seek approval from Nielsen. Hopefully they won't have an issue. Small scale show or display. not making trophies – just awards; a little more laid back; Nielsen ford doesn't show as much enthusiasm as Dodge Nielsen; looking to do something maybe in Bergen County as Sussex is a bit of distance for some members. If anyone has ideas or suggestions;

Would like to get the younger general involved – school age kids; if you get them involved they may stay involved and it's good for the community. Whole community benefits when you get the youth involved. Rich I. suggested approaching Vocational Schools;

Spring Rallye – could be a poker rallye; 5 stops, 3 stops in the middle whoever gets highest hand wins. Maybe a general cruise – maybe a private collection in PA – Three Dog Garage - guy has a nice collection of cars and race cars; Need to make an appointment for tours and have to be a club. Early to mid March would be a good time.

Bowling off this year because of pandemic; hopefully will be able to schedule soon

Parades – will reach out to Lessers for St. Patrick's parade in West Milford. Veterans Day Parade; Columbus Day; Memorial Day; 4th of July in Maywood and Ridgefield Park; Ridgefield Park paid

us in past. But we are not necessarily looking to be paid. Nice thing to do and getting the cars out in the community.

Display at Meadowlands Racetrack. Used to do a display at track They do hold events; need to get in touch with someone so we can set something up.

Another idea is to do a cruise to a *Brewery or Winery tour*; there is a brewery in Bergen county but doesn't have large parking lot; Brewery in East Rutherford; fun thing to do;

Club cruise nights once a month – Ice Cream place or something like that; maybe minor league baseball teams

Livingston NJ – doing an event for Alzheimers fundraiser and would like to see our cars displayed.

Would love for people to volunteer the events.

Miscellaneous Business:

Any questions; cars for sale

River Edge show will be July 10th

Carlisle first weekend in June

Shelby event – cruise to show in Pocono's 60th anniversary of Shelby – don't have to have a Shelby to attend – they have a car show and track; then cruise to Carlisle

Barret Jackson and other auction companies are doing NFT token don't really get anything; not sure what that is – it's for a virtual car

Hospitality Report:

Brian and Casey took over but didn't provide any refreshments tonight as meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Eventually will have meetings with refreshments.

Reminders:

If you want a refund for the dinner, please reach out to Jim S. by 2/15.

Motion to close the 342nd meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Rose, #653
GSRMC Secretary

**GSRMC meetings begin at 8pm on the
3rd Wednesday of each month at our
NEW location.
American Legion Post 155,
13 Legion Pl., Whippany, NJ 07981
Members & guests are welcome
to attend.**

PONY XPRESS MUSTANG INFORMATION SHEET

Name: _____

Engine Modifications: _____

City: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

Trans: _____ Axle Ratio: _____

Body Style: _____ Mileage: _____

Open, Limited Slip or Locker? _____

How Long Have You Owned This Car? _____

Other Options or Additions: _____

Original _____ Restored _____ Modified _____

Who Performed Restoration/Modification? _____

Primary Use: _____

Exterior Color? _____

How Often Driven _____

Original Paint? _____ Original Color? _____

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.

Type of Wheels/Wheel Covers: _____

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?

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: _____

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

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