

# PONY XPress



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### President's Message

appy February! This is the shortest month of the year, but so many celebrations and sooooo much snow. Our snow blower died with 30 inches of accumulation. Thankfull, the new one arrived before the second storm. This is such a great food month with special meals to plan for Super Bowl, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. But more important is that we can celebrate COVID numbers going down, friends and family getting the vaccine and restrictions being relaxed. It gives such hope that we may be able to enjoy a wonderful summer.

### **JANUARY**

Unfortunately, our Installation Dinner had to be cancelled, so we had an actual January General Meeting via ZOOM. Helaina installed the board. Thank you to Pete C who was finally able to retire as Secretary. Thanks also to John G and Ken N for their terms. We welcome back Carol R as Secretary and Mike D and Bill H as board members. Continuing their terms are Rick I as VP, Jim S as Treasurer, Tom A, Al V, Maureen Y and Bill C as board Members. We plan to celebrate the outgoing and incoming Board at our Mustang Day event.

We had a beautiful, sunny but cold day for our first cruise of the year. We started at Dunkin' in Blairstown with a variety of old and new Mustangs and daily drivers. It was also nice to see new and long standing GSRMC members. We cruised through rural Warren County with almost no lights or stop signs. With Ron S's big white Expedition taking up the rear, it was easy so see that our party was intact. Our final destination was Toby's Cup in Phillipsburg for lunch. It was a tiny place with great food. Thanks to Rich I for navigating.

### **FEBRUARY**

17th General Meeting via ZOOM The link, meeting id and password are below. Meeting will start at 8:00 PM, but I will open the meeting link at 7:00 for those that just want to chat. For questions call me at 201.306.8127. Join Zoom Meeting at <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3150213457?pwd=R1U3bVpEZmZFV0ZUL3R1cFdjQmY1UT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3150213457?pwd=R1U3bVpEZmZFV0ZUL3R1cFdjQmY1UT09</a> Meeting ID: 315 021 3457 Password: CV19

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Mustang is allergic to salt. I thought it might be nice include an actual gift with the check. After conferring with fellow crocheters during the cruise, we thought a few afghans/throws might be appreciated. So if you knit, crochet or quilt and would like to create something let me know. I'll arrange a pick-up if you are not going on the cruise.

### **MARCH**

17th General Meeting At this point we hope to meet in person. We'll make a decision at the beginning of the month.

20th (rain date 21st) Cruise #3 Thanks to Mike D and Bill C for planning this event.

### APRIL

17th Mustang Day Celebration Save the date! We are working on a day full of events. It will include a cruise with coffee and lunch stops throughout northern NJ and end at a venue that will include an early dinner.

21st General Meeting

### MAY

16th (rain date 23rd) Nielsen Spring Roundup Car Show Tom A has already arranged for food and vendors. Please mark your calendars because we need everyone to help. October's show was a great success due to everyone's hard work. We will need you to volunteer for roles during the General Meeting.

Let's all enjoy this snowy, cold month by dreaming of all the sunny, warm days we will spend at car shows! Spring arrives next month. Stay safe and see you soon.

Dale, #733, GSRMC President

### **Welcome New Members**

Chuck Boker Buena '78 Mustang II

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Feb 17	GSRMC ZOOM Meeting
Feb 20	GSRMC 2021 Cruise #2
Mar 17	GSRMC Meeting
Mar 27	GSRMC Spring Cruise
Apr. 17	<b>National Mustang Day</b>
Apr. 21	<b>GSRMC</b> Meeting
Apr. 22 -25	Spring Carlisle Swap Meet. Carlisle, PA
May 16	2021 Spring Roundup. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover
May 19	GSRMC Meeting
June 4-6	Carlisle Ford Nationals. Carlisle, PA

### **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 8550mustang@gmail.com and sit by your computer until your Musang gets the star status it deserves. It really is just that simple.

### **MY MUSTANG LIFE**

### As told to Dick Steinkopf

was born in Dearborn in the spring of 1966 and was delivered to Charles and Ann in Cincinnati. I had my own garage in a pleasant part of town. I was ordered specifically by Ann with

some deluxe features but with a 6-cyclinder motor and no radio. Charles was an up and coming executive with Proctor & Gamble and spent a good deal of time out of town, so I was frequently taken on the road by Ann and her friends. There was a time when Charles and Ann were transferred by the company to an office in Europe for a year or so and I had to stay alone in a warehouse.

As the years passed, I was attacked by the dreaded "Northeast Tinworm" and in 1982 had to be placed in a facility in nearby Madeira for a thorough rehabilitation. The folks there did an extremely thorough job, using all Ford parts and when released

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I was as good as new and could once again enjoy life as a convertible should.

Time passed and as Charles drew closer to retirement, the family moved in 1990 to Cary. In 2006 I was sold to a different Charles in Wilmington. He had some work done to refresh me for a new life in

southeastern North Carolina. As Charles had a cottage in Wrightsville Beach I was finally able to enjoy the wonderful "salt-sea air". .

Several years later Charles found it necessary to dispose of me and my ownership moved to a Mustang veteran named Dick, again in Wilmington. He was attracted by my good looks and folding top as he enjoyed driving in parades. During his tenure with me I could be seen proudly parading, year after year, in both the Azalea Festival Parade in Wilmington and the 4th of July Parade in Southport. Three years later, as Dick aged and was less able to support two Classic First Generation Mustangs, a new owner came my way. Interesting enough his name was also Dick, an expatriate from New Jersey with 30 some years in the hobby, and he "took my reins".

He was as they say, between Mustangs and was taken by the fact that I was a white convertible. Over the years most of his Mustangs had been white and it would be his first convertible since 1986. He spiffed me up a bit and practiced some of his extensive detailing skills allowing me to enjoy good experiences at local and regional car shows.

In April 2012 the first Dick passed from this earth. I am certain he looks down upon me with a smile and satisfaction knowing that I have found another really good home right here in Wilmington.

Dick Steinkopf & his wife Jane were original members of the GSRMC and he was our first Treasurer. They currently reside in Wilmington NC.

Mike D.

### **CLUB MEETING**

CLUB NEWS

e will be conducting our monthly meeting this Wednesday evening February 17th via zoom. The meeting will be from 8 to 9pm. The zoom will openup at approximately 7:00 for prior casual conversations. Typically, this time of year the new board members would be sworn in at the installation dinner. Due to COVID we will doing the swearing in via ZOOM. For questions call Dale F at 201.306.8127. Join Zoom Meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3150213457?pwd=R1U3bVpEZmZFV0ZUL3R1cFdjQmY1UT09 Meeting ID: 315 021 3457 Password: CV19

Route 519 most of the way down. The trip took of through several rural communities, such as

White, Harmony and Hopatcong. The trip took approximately 45 minutes in total. We arrived at Toby's which is a small hot dog stand on Route 57. Again, no indoor dining. The service was a bit slow, but the

dogs were great. Some of us stayed out in the cold and had lunch. Other ate in their cars. I hope I speak for all that attended, that it was a great time and nice to get out and see the countryside. We are trying to do this type of thing once a month. Keep an eye on our Face book page for upcoming events.

Rich I, #921

### **COLD CRUISE – WARM DOGS**

On January 23rd we had our first cruise of the year. It was a cold but sunny Saturday morning. We met at the Dunkin Donuts in Hope NJ just off Route 80 at 10 am. We had approximately 7 cars in total. The roads were dry but a bit dirty, so we had a great mix of cars and people. Some of us had our Mustangs other had their daily drivers. Dunkin Donuts would not allow anyone inside to use the rest rooms or for any indoor dining. We had to wait out in the cold. Despite the cold, it was warming to see some of the gang come out.

At approximately 10:30 we hit the road for out trip to Toby's Cup in Phillipsburg. We took





### **FEBRUARY CRUISE**

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at 11:30 am in the Boonton Walmart parking lot for a cruise to the NJ Firemans' Home to present a check from the proceeds of our Autoberfest Car Show. The roads will probably not be in great condition due to so much snow, so feel free to bring your daily driver. After the presentation we will be driving down to the World Renowned Rutt's Hut in Clifton for hot dogs & more. There is also a micro brewery (Ghost Hawk) & a craft distillery (Silk City) right across the street

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### PONY XPRESS MUSTANG INFORMATION SHEET

Name:	Engine Modifications:
City:	
Year: Model:	Axle Ratio:
Body Style: Mileage:	Open, Limited Slip or Locker?
How Long Have You Owned This Car?	Other Options or Additions:
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Original Paint? Original Color?	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:	
Tire Size/Type:	this Mustang?  2. Does your car have an unusual history? Low
Exterior Options:	mileage, very high mileage, drag racing?  3. In what condition did you find it? Was the color correct? Was the engine correct? What major
	<ul> <li>changes were necessary to make the car original?</li> <li>Which options are original, and which have you added in restoration?</li> </ul>
Interior Color: Standard or Dlx?	
Interior Options:	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?
	<ul> <li>8. Do you prefer to drive your Mustang daily,</li> </ul>
Engine Size & Type:	occasionally, or never? do you take part in concours shows, racing or AACA events?
Original/Rebuilt?	<ol> <li>Please add any other interesting information about you and your Mustang.</li> </ol>
If Rebuilt, Who did work?	10. Have you owned other notable Mustangs or Shelbys
When?	Please send this page, your answers and a photo to: Mike DeLiberto
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### WE DRIVE HALDERMAN MUSEUM'S FLEET

or Blue Oval enthusiasts living in mostly fair-weather states, it often unnecessary for them to store away their classic Fords and Mustangs for months at a time until winter has come and gone. But for the rest of us who have to deal with the process of deciding when to prep our prized pony for winter storage and then taking the time and effort to tuck it away properly until spring is in the air, it's a pretty big deal. And that's not just because the better your annual pre-winter ritual is performed, the easier your spring startup will be; it's because we have to go months on end without having the opportunity to drive and enjoy our Mustangs. For some of us, our normal Mustang year only lasts around seven months, so we don't have the luxury of having 12 months a year to cruise in our Mustangs.

Like so many other Mustang owners in the Midwest, I had to set aside time late last fall to ready my three Mustangs for cold-weather storage, each in three different places. But my visit with one of them presented an incredible opportunity to do something far more memorable than mere pre-winter prep work. My 1977 Mustang II Cobra II has been on display at the Gale Halderman Museum since just before the celebrated

designer of the original Mustang had passed away on April 29, 2020. By the time October had rolled around, I knew I needed to arrange for a day in the Dayton, Ohio, area to check on it. It was while I was talking to Gale's daughter, Karen (Halderman) Koenig, about making a visit to the Museum when she mentioned that she wanted to take all of

the museum cars out for a pre-winter warm-up drive before putting them back in the barn. So naturally, I asked if I could help her drive and prep all of Gale's cars in addition to my own -- and she welcomed the idea! Needless to say, I was excited.

Visitors to the Halderman Museum know that Gale's collection includes eight cars, six of them his and two of them on loan. For all of his years as a designer at Ford and through his retirement he drove new corporate vehicles from the executive pool, so he had no need for purchasing any cars. But when he finally moved out of Dearborn and back home to Ohio he decided to get himself a spare car, and soon came across a red 2002 Thunderbird that he thought would be cool to own. When he began setting up his barn as his man cave, he then decided that he wanted to own the most iconic Fords of all time, so he went out and landed a beautiful 1931 Ford Model A



(because he'd remembered them from his youth and always wanted to own one), as well as a solid 1927 Model T that he found for sale in a neighboring town.

It wasn't until Gale and Karen decided to turn the family's barn into a full-fledged museum when he figured that he'd better get some first-gen Mustangs to put on display. To that end, Gale purchased a very nice red 1966 Mustang Convertible as a present for himself on his 80th birthday. He loved taking it out and driving it and knew that he'd also need to get a fastback and a hardtop to round out his display. It wasn't long before he got wind of a 1965 Mustang 2+2 Fastback in need of a good home, so he made the deal on that because, as he once told me, "I helped design that too and I loved the look of it." Lastly, a local friend, Donny Heffner, had attended a car show at the museum a few years back with his modified 1965

Mustang Hardtop Coupe, and Gale asked Donny if he wanted to display the car permanently at the museum. Donny agreed, as he had been up to his ears in collector cars at his own garage. When I first spotted the hardtop at the museum, I asked Gale if he was going to buy it – but he just laughed and said,

"Why buy it when I can have it here on display for free?"

About three years ago, every time I'd visit the museum, Gale would point out a small area in the barn that he told me "would be the perfect spot to display something small – like your Mustang II." At first, I thought he was kidding, but he assured me he really wanted me to bring my car down, so that's why I worked so hard to get it in good enough shape for museum duty. It's a shame he never got to see it in the spot that he wanted for it, as he got ill the very week that I brought it to the barn last March, and never recovered. Karen's own Mustang, a 2019 GT Premium, rounds out the collection in the barn.

We were blessed with a warm, sunny Saturday the day

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### (Halderman, continued)

my wife Jenny and I got down to the museum to do the prewinter drives, where we were joined by well-known former auto detailers Mitzi and Greg Smith from the Mustang Club of Ohio. As was the ritual before any morning visit with Gale at the museum, we drove to the adjoining town of New Carlisle, Ohio, to have breakfast at a mom-and-pop restaurant called

"Studebaker's." (Yes, like the car.) Gale had loved the place, and he was so well-known there that when he came in for breakfast, he'd simply order "the usual," and they knew that it meant a single pancake, coffee and a small orange juice.

Our first order of business after breakfast was to get the Cobra II topped

up with antifreeze (after installing a bypass for the blown and leaking heater core on my previous trip). I must admit to feeling butterflies as Karen began passing out keys, as the first cars out of the barn were to be Gale's '65 Fastback and the '66 Convertible. The plan was to drive them a few miles away to a county park where we could take some photos, and then switch cars and drive them back. It'd been some time since I last drove a first-gen Mustang, but it only took a few minutes behind the wheel to understand why these cars are still so appealing.

Gale's Fastback is a 289 two-barrel automatic, and it runs, drives and steers well. The white interior is in great shape, and although I felt a slight vibration at speed, the car is surprisingly tight and squeak free. This Mustang feels good to drive and even better to be seen in, with the lack of power brakes the only thing that requires a mental adjustment (and a strong pedal foot) before taking it out in traffic.

After an enjoyable trek along a country two-lane to the park and taking a few photos, it was time to climb in the Convertible for the drive back. In normal driving, you really wouldn't know that the '66 droptop was only a six-cylinder, as the 200-cube inline six is smooth and torquey off the line and the automatic shifted well. There was a slight underhood rattle, but it was otherwise quiet and the car's power steering and brakes made driving effortless. I swear I felt Gale smiling down at me

the whole time I was driving his birthday-present ragtop.

Once back at the barn, we fired up the '65 Hardtop and drove it outside, and then tried to pull out my '77 but couldn't get it to move. One look in the drip pan that Karen places underneath each car had revealed that my Cobra II had a transmission fluid incontinence problem. So Jenny and Karen had to make an emergency trip into town to the auto parts store

to pick up some Type F transmission fluid. The Mustang II's C-4 automatic took on two full quarts, but once at the proper level it shifted into drive and saw sunlight for the first time in eight months.

I drove the Cobra II to the park with no issues, and appreciated the Ford Racing cam thumpety-thumping through the dual exhaust, unlike any Mustang II that came out of the factory back in the '70's. (It turns out it was Greg Smith's first

time ever driving a Mustang II, and he told me that he much enjoyed it!) My ride back in the 1965 Hardtop offered similar driving performance traits, as that car's 289 was also fitted with a fourbarrel and sounded quite healthy, indeed. I can tell you that driving first- and second-gen Mustangs back-to-back helped me to better appreciate both cars

for what they are.

The last round trip was in Gale's 2002 Thunderbird Convertible and Karen's 2019 Mustang GT Premium. Turning the key on the T-Bird did nothing – even though Karen had it on a charger the day before. I discovered the charger had been accidentally set on "6-volt," so we gave it a jump start to fire it up and get it outside. I'd forgotten how little headroom those Retro Birds have with the removable hardtop on, but I was instantly reminded by banging my head upon entry. Once under power, the little T-Bird's 3.9-liter V-8 and five-speed automatic is no barn-burner, but quite capable, quiet and smooth. The cherry on top for the day was piloting Karen's Coyote-powered 2019 Mustang GT Premium – a white beauty replete with satinblack stripes that look every bit as mean as the car sounds.

After a photo session in front of the museum, we drove the cars

up to a nearby gas station to top off the tanks and add a dose of fuel stabilizer to each. My Cobra II offered a final malfunction slap in my face just before it came time to position all of the cars back in the museum for the winter. A small clamp on the fuel line going into the fuel pump had somehow failed and it started spewing gas all over the ground. Karen found a small clamp in her toolbox and Greg and I wrestled it into place to stop yet another leak. Not sure if the warmed-up transmission seals will hold in all that fresh fluid we added for the winter,

but I guess we'll find out from looking in the drip pan in the coming months.

And no, we did not drive the Model T or Model A, as those cars pre-dated Gale and Karen turning the family barn into a museum. But driving the rest of Gale's museum fleet was a

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### (Halderman, continued)

treat that I assure you I'll never forget. To Karen's credit, all of the museum cars run and drive so well because she drives them during the summer just like she and Gale used to do, and she has been keeping up with the maintenance on all of the cars with the help of Jeff's Automotive in the neighboring town of New Carlisle.

All I know is that we all felt Gale's presence at the museum during our pre-winter drive and prep day. While it got a bit chilly inside the barn with the big doors open to move the cars, Mitzi had draped a Mustang jacket over the life-sized cardboard cutout of Gale that is featured inside the museum for photo ops. I admit I stopped short for a moment after looking up at a smiling Gale with the jacket on his shoulder; it looked so lifelike that it seemed as if he was giving me his approval of that spot he picked out in his barn for my Mustang to be on display.

I have to keep reminding myself that he's gone, but driving all of his own first-gen Mustangs reminds me that Gale Halderman lives on in our hobby as sure as snowbirds still fly (or drive) south for the winter. If you haven't yet taken the time to visit the Halderman Museum, check it out for yourself and I bet you'll feel Gale's presence here as well. Just try to get there before my little Mustang springs another leak.

JAN 28, 2021, Performance.Ford.com Text - JOHN M. CLOR PHOTOS - JOHN M. CLOR and MITZI SMITH

# PARRETT-JACKSON TO AUCTION '21 BRONCO 001 & MACH I 001 FOR CHARITY IN SCOTTSDALE

Barrett-Jackson, the World's Greatest Collector Car Auctions, and Ford Motor Company will auction two of the world's most coveted VIN 001 vehicles for charity, the legendary 2021 Ford Bronco 2-door VIN 001 (preview) and 2021 Ford Mustang Mach 1 VIN 001 (preview) during the Scottsdale Auction at WestWorld of Scottsdale, March 20-27, 2021. One-hundred percent of the hammer price from the Ford Bronco VIN 001 will benefit National Forest Foundation and Outward Bound, which are part of Ford's new Bronco Wild Fund mission to connect people to the outdoors. The total sale price of the 2021 Ford Mustang Mach 1 VIN 001 will benefit JDRF's efforts against type 1 diabetes. To date, Barrett-Jackson has helped

raise more than \$127 million for more than 130 local and national charitable organizations.

"The 2021 Ford Bronco 2-door VIN 001 and 2021 Mustang Mach 1 VIN 001 are born from two of the world's most fabled vehicles," said Craig Jackson, chairman and CEO of Barrett-Jackson. "The return of these two models is among the most celebrated of our time. I'm really excited about both of these reborn icons selling on our auction block and, since I own a vintage Bronco myself, am particularly interested to see what VIN 001 of the new model will bring. These two vehicles will help write collector car history as part of our Scottsdale docket, which features the most VIN 001 and first-production vehicles ever offered at a single auction."

The legendary Bronco has returned after 25 years. The first of only 7,000 First Editions built for the 2021 model year, the fully loaded 2021 Bronco 2-door VIN 001 (preview) features the mechanical components of the Badland Series, the Sasquatch Package and is finished in Lighting Blue. It is powered by a V6 EcoBoost that delivers approximately 310 horsepower and 400 ft/lbs of torque and is equipped with the HOSS System, which includes front and rear locking axles, as well as independent front suspension. This First Edition Bronco comes with a modular painted black hardtop, removable doors and Limited Edition badges, graphics and Safari bar. One-hundred percent of the hammer price from the sale of the Bronco will benefit National Forest Foundation and Outward Bound, which are part of Ford's new Bronco Wild Fund mission.

"Ford perfectly incorporated the spirit of the original Bronco and Mustang Mach 1 into their latest models," said Steve Davis, president of Barrett-Jackson. "While each is purpose-built for the track or off-road, both remain true to their heritage. We couldn't be prouder to work with Ford on the sale of these two legendary vehicles. Not only will they make history as VIN 001s, but their sales will drive change through the charities they benefit for years to come."

After a 17-year hiatus, the 2021 Ford Mustang Mach 1 VIN 001 (preview) has returned as the modern pinnacle of style, handling and V8 pony car performance. This limited-edition Mach 1 features a 480-horsepower engine mated to a 6-speed manual transmission and the track-ready Handling Package. Clad in Fighter Jet Gray, which is exclusive to the Mustang Mach 1, the exterior features a new front fascia, exclusive wheels, orange accents and special edition badges that celebrate its 50-plus year heritage. One-hundred precent of the hammer price will benefit JDRF.

Barrett-Jackson.com

### JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

330th Meeting

Date: January 20, 2020

Zoom call opened at 7:00pm for social chat

Business Meeting opened: 8:05 pm Meeting Adjourned: 9:04 pm

There were 19 log ins, with multiple joint members on the Zoom meeting.

Since Governor Murphy again re-imposed restrictions on indoor meetings, President Dale arranged yet another Zoom meeting for the membership to log into. President Dale welcomed all attendees, then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, on this historic Inauguration Day. In lieu of passing around an attendance sheet, Dale greeted everyone as they logged into the Zoom call.

### **Guest Speaker:**

\* None

### Secretary's Report:

\* The December monthly meeting minutes as printed in the January 2021 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

### Treasurer's Report:

- \* Jim S. not present to provide financial report Dale substituted.
- \* Charity report later, thanks to everyone who volunteered this year!

### **Membership Report:**

- \* Joe D reported that we had 143 already renewed. Still awaiting many more expected renewals.
- \* Dale reported that some renewals had been received at the BOD meeting, but not yet passed info back to Joe, even verbally!
- \* Even if you cannot get the payment to Joe by end of month, just send the completed renewal form to Joe to hold your membership.
- \* Joe will finalize his 2021 membership list as of February 1, 2021. Non-renewals will result in termination of Club FB and Newsletter subscription.



### **Sunshine Report:**

\* Joanne L - not present, but a card will be sent to Joanne S. for a hospital stay.

### Merchandising:

- \* Mike has no one to sell stuff to, so new merchandise purchase on hold, some 2020 stuff for sale.
- \* Will hold up ordering merchandise until we can get set up with the new venue for meetings.
- \* If anyone needs Club items, please reach out to Mike directly. Future interest in new jackets, etc.
- \* Dale and Mike still have some GSRMC masks available, can purchase at any Club event, or just call them.

### Website:

\* Bill C not present, no report.

### **Facebook:**

- \* Joe reported not much going on, other club members are posting some items!
- \* Dale mentioned that items posted on FB could be included in newsletter. But FB is more immediate information. Be sure to join the FB Club Page to make sure you are up to date with any events.

### **Newsletter:**

- \* Dale asked that anybody that might be interested in helping or better yet, taking over as Editor, PLEASE contact her or Mike!
- \* Mike reported that he did get normal 12 pages out, with a nice cover car from a member. Photos are really appreciated,

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### (Minutes, continued)

of any parts of cars or even past events. Using some 3rd party sourced articles.

\* Still looking for cover cars.

### **National Report:**

- \* Helaina reported on MCA planning, which is continuing to proceed with shows, even if not likely to actually occur due to COVID.
- \* The GSRMC must submit membership list to MCA national by March 1st. All GSRMC BOD members must renew or join MCA to keep Club insurance.

### **Old Business:**

- \* Reminder that there is a new location for future meetings, once we can resume, at the American Legion Post 155, which is physically across Rt 10, from the old VFW, about two blocks in, on Legion Place, Whippany. No Meetings in February, will be using ZOOM until restrictions permitting.
- \* Installation Dinner Update, which had been scheduled originally for January 16th has now been cancelled due to Governor's ongoing COVID restrictions.
- \* The Club at Picatinny contacted Dale, with many offerings for a new date for the installation dinner to be held, none of which worked out, so the 2021 Dinner has been CANCELLED.
- \* If you have already paid for the original January date, please contact Dale for instruction on shredding check, or to send any cash refund.

### **New Business:**

- \* Dale recognized current affairs, and today's inauguration of a new party nationally, and shared hope for all to support the US Flag and thanked those who served in military. Time to move forward.
- \* For Zoom meetings, Dale will continue to open meeting for chit chat an hour prior, like the parking lot chatter occurred in 'the good old days'.
- \* Dale took an informal poll of members who already got the vaccine. Looks like about 1/3 or more got one or two doses already! Rest are awaiting their turn.

- \* Dale and Rich reported on early plans which will respect everyone's 'bubble' so there are some plans for next 4 months.
- \* January will be a day cruise on Saturday, 1/23. Rich included an article in the newsletter. Meet at 10am in Hope NJ, Exit #12 Rt 80 Dunkin Donuts. Destination will be Rt 519 mostly, south to Phillipsburg NJ, about an hour ride, to Toby's Hot Dog stand.
- \* February 20/21 from Boonton Fireman's Home stop, and March 20/21, will also be cruises, TBA.
- \* Mustangs not required! Looking for a fun day out of the house with friends!
- \* For Mustang Day 2021 on April 17th, hoping COVID clears, so Dale and Rich are looking into options to do something to make up for the cancelled installation dinner, would be an all day event. More details will be shared as they are available.
- \* Charity Update:
- \* \$1,100 to St. Peter's Orphanage, possible future event at their site.
- \* \$2,500 to Boonton Fireman's Home.
- \* \$1,500 to Project Chill, potential
- \* Planning for a May 16th show at Neilsen Dodge, restrictions permitting.

### Miscellaneous:

\* Helaina Installed New Officers: Returning President Dale, VP Rich, Treasure Jim S, and Incoming Secretary Carol Rose; replacing Pete C; BOD members staying Tom A, Maureen, Bill C and Al V. Incoming Bill H and Mike D. Outgoing John G and Ken N. An in-person swearing in could occur at the Mustang Day Event.

### **Hospitality Report:**

\* No report tonight as there were no virtual refreshments provided.

GSRMC meetings are held at 8pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month VIA ZOOM until state guidelines permit indoor gatherings.

Members & guests are welcome to attend.

Motion to close the 330th meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Pete Cullen, Jr. #113 for Carol Ann Rose, #653 GSRMC Secretary

## **REAR VIEW**

