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## MOVE OVER DARK KNIGHT



## THE DARK HORSE R IS THE NEW HERO IN TOWN

# President's Message

Here we are midway through August already, winding down the dog days of summer. For the GSRMC though, things really start to heat up in the next couple of weeks.

The excitement kicks off with our club picnic and photo on 8/27 and doesn't stop until mid-October. Shows, cars & coffee, cruises & cruise nights have all been arranged or are in the planning stages.

Our Autoberfest show is less than 2 months away! Did you register? Did you volunteer to help? Many of us like to put things off, but if you know you're bringing your car and you'd like to help, please register and/or sign up now. The show chairs will sleep much easier knowing that you have their back.

Although all the events listed below and those yet to be announced promise to be great events, I'd like to highlight one of them, the Mustangs & Merlot event on 10/15. We started with a cruise to the Brook Hollow Winery last year and it has grown into a show for 2023. The show will run from 10am – 3pm. There will be a couple of food trucks on-site and there will be a few craft vendors. The winery will be open for tasting and sales but there will be no alcohol allowed in the parking lot.

This will be a GSRMC Members only, judged show with classes that mostly mirror the various generations of Mustangs. There will be five stock classes and five corresponding modified classes. I hope to have another club or other non-members do the judging. With that in mind, the judging will be based primarily on cleanliness and quality of appearance. We will adhere to the generally accepted rule of no more than three modifications (ie; wheels, cold air kit, interior trim) in the stock classes.

The goal is to get as many club members, with or without Mustangs to attend but the emphasis will be to

have as many members' Mustangs as possible. We usually have 50-60 register for our other shows, we've had over 100 at Mustang Day and we have room for at least 75 Mustangs in the main lot. If judged shows are not your thing, we will also have a display area. If your Mustang is still a non-running, work in progress, we still want you to come out and enjoy the show. To that end, **all registered participants will receive a free 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary GSRMC t-shirt.** I am hoping to come up with other incentives that will be announced later.



Think of this show as a bookend to the season-opening National Mustang Day event. But whereas NMD celebrates the Mustang, this show is a celebration of us, GSRMC members. Stay tuned for the flyer and more details.

Congratulations to all the GSRMC members who won awards at the Race to Indy MCA Nationals. This is a great achievement we have some great Mustangs in this club and I hope that more of you will get involved in showing your cars at MCA events.

### Upcoming club events:

**August 27<sup>th</sup> – Club Picnic.** Chairman Bill McCombs. NEW Location: Hamburg Firemen's Pavilion.

**September 17<sup>th</sup> – Mustang & All-Ford Meet.** This cars & coffee event in Millstone Twp. Attracts over 400 Fords of all varieties.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> – Autoberfest.** Show Chairs: Tom Addeo, Ben Ashmore & Stacey Yauch. This show returns to Nielsen Dodge and we are hoping to make it our biggest show yet. Registration is open & flyers will be available at the meeting.

**October 15<sup>th</sup> - MUSTANGS & MERLOT -** Our M & M show at Brook Hollow Winery in Columbia is finally starting to shape up. The show will run from 10am – 3pm. This will be a judged show with classes that mostly mirror the various generations of Mustangs.

See you at the meeting (7:30 start) or the picnic.

Mike DeLiberto, #001

| Welcome New Members  |              |                      |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Donald & Liv Lauton  | Washington   | '03 Mustang          |
| Neemit & Deja Desai  | Roselle Park | '66 Mustang          |
| Rick & Doris Bertola | Paramus      | '13 Boss 302 LS      |
| Michael Stango       | Linden       | '20 Mustang 2.3L HPP |

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- Aug. 16** GSRMC Meeting
- Aug. 19-24** Royal Caribbean Cruise to Bermuda
- Aug. 19 PowerPortal Prod. Car Show. Rt 57, Hackettstown. [www.P3rents.com](http://www.P3rents.com)
- Aug. 20 28<sup>th</sup> Ann Rolling Iron Antique Car Show. '96 and older. Allaire Village, Farmingdale, NJ [www.allairevillage.org](http://www.allairevillage.org)
- Aug. 26 Kin of Kings Car Show. K of K Church, Middletown. [www.KingofKingsNJ.org](http://www.KingofKingsNJ.org)
- Aug. 27** GSRMC Picnic
- Sept. 8 28<sup>th</sup> Ann Chamber of Commerce Car Show. Ridgewood Ave., Ridgewood. [www.ridgewoodchamber.com](http://www.ridgewoodchamber.com)
- Sept. 10 42<sup>nd</sup> Ann Mustang & Ford Fall Car Show. ARI Tech & Innovation Ctr., Mt. Laurel. Gail L, 856-468-3971 [glokaj@verizon.net](mailto:glokaj@verizon.net)
- Sept. 10 27<sup>th</sup> Ann Classic Car & Bike Show. Westwood HS, Washington 07676
- Sept 17** Mustang & All Ford Meet. 8 am – Noon. Moto Business Park, Millstone Twp.
- Sept 24 Sparta Historical Society Car Show. Mustang is featured Marque. Van Kirk Homestead Museum, Sparta. Info: Brian @ oneill1258@juno.com
- Sept 24 Unico Car Show. Municipal Lot, Wayne. [www.wayneunico.org/car-show-registration](http://www.wayneunico.org/car-show-registration)
- Oct. 8** Autoberfest Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover.
- Oct. 15** Mustangs & Merlot. Brook Hollow Winery, Columbia

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)

## AUGUST MEETING

### STARTING EARLY

Remember when we were going to start the summer meetings at **7:30pm** as a test program for a possible future change. Well ice cream and Italian ices kind of got in the way of that (Although no one's complaining.). Unfortunately there will be no frozen treats served at the meeting but we will start at 7:30 pm on 8/16.

We will still be having another Meeting Cruise Night & encourage all members attending the meeting to bring their ponies with them. Come out early to see what everybody's driving. Cruising starts at 6:30pm.

### ALL-FORD CARS & COFFEE

September 17<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Cars & Coffee All-Ford Meet in Millstone Township and the GSRMC has once been invited to participate in the event. Perhaps the best part about being involved in this event is that the organizer has told us to just come down and enjoy ourselves.

The organizer of this event, Cars and Coffee New Jersey, held on the last non-holiday Sunday of every month between May and September, is led by the same person whose 1985 & up Mustang collection we have visited several times. If you haven't had a chance to see this impressive display before, we will be able to get a tour during this event. Even if you have seen the collection, it is ever changing and now includes a 2022 Ford GT '64 Heritage Prototype Edition.

They normally get over 300 Fords for this event. Although this event is dominated by Mustangs, you will see Model Ts to Ford GTs and everything in between. Did I mention that there is no cost to participate.

All Fords will be able to park in the show area. You can join us in a non-Ford but you will have to park in the spectator area and risk severe ridicule. This event does not have a rain date. After the event we may cruise to lunch and/or another stop along the way.

We will be meeting at the Wawa at 960 rt 33 in Monroe Twp., just off Exit 8 on the NJ Tpk. We will need to leave there at 7:45 am sharp. Those of you leaving from Bergen County can meet at Dunkin Donuts at 430 rt 17 in Carlstadt. (next to Biggies) We will be leaving there at 6:30 am. If someone would like to set up a meeting spot for those going via rt 287, let Mike D. know.

I will need to have an approximate car count because they will be putting us in a designated area. In case you want

# CLUB NEWS



to meet us there, the address is Moto Business Park, 400 Rike Dr., Millstone Twp., NJ 08535. If you plan on attending, please sign up at the meeting or you can contact Mike D. at 201-421-0871 (C) or 8550mustang@gmail.com .

### COVER CARS WANTED

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

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 Mustang gets the star status it deserves. It really is just that simple.

### SHOW REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

One of the perks of being a GSRMC member is that you get to register our two major shows for only \$5. This discount only applies to vehicles pre-registered by the deadline. This special rate is not printed on the flyer so it is up to you to register at the \$5 rate and indicate on the form that you are a GSRMC member. If you are registering online, use the special discount code **20BEERMUG23** for the Autoberfest show.

**'07 GT Premium.** Dk Grey w/Charc lthr int. 5 spd., Man. 24K mls, 2 owners, garage kept, mint cond. True show car. Original unmolested car. New tires, front brakes & oil change. Asking \$23,000. Joe P. (908)963-4854



# MY 2011 MUSTANG

## UPGRADING & MODIFYING

### Part three of a three-part story.

After correcting the initial problems with my 2011 Mustang, I was now free to make the car look better using the knowledge I gained from modifying my 2014. I wanted to improve different areas of the interior, exterior and engine, although not to the extent that I had changed my other Mustang. After all the 2011 was now my daily driver, and it would be driven everywhere in all kinds of weather. Some trim would be left off over theft concerns, such as not adding wheel spinners as they are easy to remove.

One of my concerns was that we were now nine years away from the last Fifth Generation Mustangs assembled in 2014, and the aftermarket vendors would stop selling some appearance parts sooner or later. I found that some items were limited or no longer available, such as painted exterior parts like side scoops and window louvers, but I already decided not to add those. The incentive was to stock up early on any items that may be discontinued in the next year and store them until I had the time to install them. If I waited too long and no one had the parts any longer, then I was out of luck!

An example was when I planned several modifications for my interior. I found that most of the parts I was looking for were available now or within several weeks, but at least they were there. One piece, though, that I could not find was a billet/chrome emergency brake handle cover. I cross-referenced but could not find one with a bright chrome finish that would fit. American Muscle had stopped selling them. After several hours, I came across Silverhorseracing.com where they still had a few Tru-Billet E-Brake Handles for 2010-2014 Mustangs. These, however, were in a satin finish,



although I wanted chrome. I decided this may look acceptable as I also planned to add the American Car Craft dash and console overlays that had a mostly brushed look.

I called SHR to discuss this part as it was intended for e-brakes with rubber handles, and mine was leather-covered. SHR said this may fit, but they could not guarantee it. They also said that they had a slightly larger billet handle cover that was not fully polished that they would throw in the box for free, and maybe that would work instead. I ordered their part anyway as it was either use one of their e-brake handle covers, or nothing. What I found when I later test-fitted the first part was that it would not fit as its opening was too small. I then tried the bigger but unfinished cover, and that fit reasonably well, so I installed the second cover, and it looked great! I was lucky with that choice!

The first major task with upgrading my Mustang was cleaning the engine compartment. There were now 12 years of dirt and road salt to remove before I could display this car. After having attended so many shows over the years, I know that the first area that others see on show cars is the engine. If that does not look right, or if the owner did not

bother to clean the engine, then it was a quick walk to the next car. This was certainly true with popular vote shows.

I first turned my Mustang to face the sun. I then got a bucket for water, a sponge, several old towels, some spray cleaner, a handful of q-tips, and three small, old paint brushes that I use for removing dust from smaller areas. I used the brushes to get out as much dirt out as possible. I then wiped most surfaces under my hood to clean the dirty build up, with spray cleaner used on the difficult areas. I next went after the smaller spots wet q-tips. Finally, I pulled my Mustang into the shade and cleaned the lower engine areas that are hard to see in bright sunlight. After four hours, my engine compartment looked better!

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# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GSRMC CLUB PICNIC



**Location:** Hamburg Firemen's Pavilion. 208 NJ-23, Hardistonville, Hamburg, 07419  
**Date:** August 27, 2023 **Time:** 10am– 4pm  
Rain or Shine

**G**et ready for a nice cruise up into the New Jersey Highlands!

The Club Picnic this year will be held at the Hamburg Fire Department Pavilion, the entrance being next to the house at 212 Rt.23 south.

The town of Hamburg was nick named “The Childrens Town” and you can still find streets with

## 2022 GSRMC CLUB PHOTO

Our annual club photo will be taken at the club picnic on August 27th. Usually, the photo is taken between 1 -1:30 pm. All members are encouraged to bring their Mustang to the picnic for the photo. Those who participate will be given a commemorative copy of the photo. The photo will also be used on the club website and for various club advertising and promotional purposes so we really would like to have a good showing of all years and models of cars in the club. **ALL photo participants must be at the picnic area by Noon.**

fairy tale names like King Cole Rd & Wishing Well Rd. Hamburg is also the home of the “Gingerbread Castle” built in 1928 at a cost of \$250,000. The castle was the setting for figurines from the Grimm Brothers collections of folk tales. A couple of attempts to renovate The Castle have been started but never completed. You can still see the remains of the Castle on Gingerbread Castle Road. (Left heading north on 23 after the R/R trestle).

Our picnic will be rain or shine, there is plenty of room under the pavilion for more than 30 tables. There is also plenty of level ground to sit on in your more comfortable car show chairs too. There is an open area of grass to toss a ball around or get a spirited game of “Lawn Darts” or other outdoor games going! Bring your own equipment, however, as it is not provided.

The Club will be providing coffee and bagels after 10:00, hamburgers and hotdogs after 12. **Members are asked to provide their own drinks, and to please bring a side dish or snack for the food table.** Ice for drinks will be provided. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Please RSVP with the number of people attending to Bill M. via phone/text at 973.222.6656 or [williammcombs@hotmail.com](mailto:williammcombs@hotmail.com) by 8/20/23.





**PRESENTS**

# Autoberfest

## OPEN CAR SHOW

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40  
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GSRMC members will NOT compete against non-members • No signs or display boards permitted

**Pre-Registration by 9/30 \$15.00** Day of Show \$20 ~ Vendors Welcome, No FOR SALE signs, No Alcoholic Beverages

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| Name: _____                      | Phone: _____   | <b>NC#1</b>             |
| Address: _____                   | City: _____  | State: _____ Zip: _____ |
| Email: _____                     | Vehicle Year: _____  | Vehicle Model: _____    |
| Are You A Member of GSRMC? _____ | Vendors \$25.00 each (10'x12') _____ #of total spaces needed |                         |

Checks Payable to: Garden State Region Mustang Club • Mail To: GSRMC, P.O. Box 289, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075

## **(Modifying, continued)**

My first major upgrade was installing an S197 Shifter Conversion Kit for 2010-14 Mustang - Automatic. I had added this to my '14 and was impressed, and this was the first change I wanted for my '11. It replaced the unsightly factory automatic shifter in the center console with a more sophisticated design. I ordered this from White Madness, who made the kit, where I had several choices for the color of the shifter ball as well as the shaft. I requested a gloss black ball with a chrome color shaft. This addition gave my interior that "Old School" look, as the manufacturer said. The shifter ball is steel weighing around 15 oz., and the shaft is aluminum. This is a classy addition to any Mustang's interior with an automatic.

The next job was deep cleaning my Mustang's exterior, including inside my wheel wells and into the door jams. These are areas that most owners overlook but that judges may check at shows. I also cleaned the inside of my OEM aluminum wheels. I next applied a shining liquid to my tires that were a replacement set made overseas. Although they were in good condition, my tires had that streaky, brownish appearance, but they looked better once they were prepped. I also used the tire prep on my inner fender liners, which improved them. Finally, I used a bottle of touch up and covered some of the rock chips in my paint.

My car looked better after an afternoon of cleaning! About a week later after it had rained, though, my tires had that dull, worn look again, and so I contacted my mechanic to locate a new set of tires. We found a mid-priced set of four 235/50R18 Goodyear Assurance All-Season tires, They looked more appropriate on my Mustang and drove well. What was interesting was that two of the new tires added to my original rims required no balancing weights! I later added liquid dressing to my new tires and they looked great!



The next two upgrades were essential changes under my hood that one expects to see on show cars, and I got together with my mechanic to install these. The first was a Ford Performance Hood Strut Kit with Ford Performance Logo (05-14 Mustang). These great looking hood struts are reasonably easy to install, but it is good to have a second pair of hands to help with opening the hood and not letting it fall when loosening the hinge bolts. That was my job! These black struts are impressive with their silver Ford Performance lettering. Better yet is that my ugly prop rod was now gone!

The second upgrade was installing an Airaid MXP Series Cold Air Intake with Red SynthaFlow Oiled Filter (11-14 Mustang V6). This cold air intake looks appropriate as if it came with my car came from the factory. It installs easily and fit perfectly. Airaid said that this CAI improves horsepower and torque as well as gas mileage, with no computer re-tune required. It also makes a tremendous sound when accelerating! When completed the new CAI looked and sounded great. Every Mustang at a car show should at least have a cold air intake under the hood!

Another major improvement was to my interior when I added three trim pieces from American Car Craft. These were their Radio Bezel Trim Plate Stainless Steel Brushed and Polished Without Navigation 2010-2014, their Center Console Trim Plate Brushed Stainless Steel with Polished Trim Automatic 2010-2014, and lastly, their Center Console Cup Holder Cover Brushed Stainless Steel 2010-2014. These parts were all peel and stick. I added these to my '14 years ago and was pleased with how it improved my interior.

The first issue, though, was that my '11 Mustang has Sync, and there was a small SYNC Powered by Microsoft emblem on the forward console. This was removed or else the new console plate could not be installed. It required opening the console again and removing two plastic attaching pieces. This destroyed the emblem, and so I ordered another that was taped on later. Installing the three ACC stainless steel plates takes time,

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but is not overly complicated, except that aligning the base of the radio bezel with the front of the console plate is difficult. I had them relatively close.

I then added the cup holder cover. I thought I was finished until I tried to open its lid, but the new stainless cover was added too far to the right, like maybe 1/16" away, and my console cover would not open! I pried it off while permanently bending it, and this led to ordering another cover. Later, I added the replacement but first made sure it opened correctly!

By now it was March, and I was looking for more good weather days to install the remaining modification parts. I also saw where the 2023 car show season was coming alive here in central Maryland, and I wanted to take my refurbished '11 Mustang to a few shows. The March weather, though, was its usual unpredictable self. I was looking for working days where the temps were in the upper '40's with light winds at a minimum, but I was only getting possibly two useable days each week. Even the good days were not workable until late in the morning, but by late afternoon they were cold again with long shadows and poor light, so a good day only allowed for five or six decent hours. I quickly realized that I was "speed modding" my car. I had the parts ready, I was familiar with their installations, but my time outside in the driveway was limited and went by too quickly! A great day was installing six or seven mods in an afternoon!

One of the last major areas needing improvements was my engine compartment. The next two major changes under my hood were adding a Ford Intake Manifold Cover Performance Pack Kit V6 2011 - 2014, as well as a five-part SpeedForm Modern Billet Under hood Dress-up Kit; Chrome (11 - 14 Mustang V6). The factory plenum cover made my V6 engine look bigger and more muscular, and the chrome covers got rid of those ugly OEM black and yellow plastic caps, some of which were stained after over 12 years of use. I also added a few other trim pieces and decals under my hood, and my engine now looked show worthy!

At this point my '11 Mustang was generally completed, except for a few stray parts that I reordered or debugging several minor areas with my mechanic. It was now early April and the early Spring shows were on my calendar. My Mustang went from Carvana's parking lot to



getting ready to show with a moderate number of modifications in about ten weeks. It was rewarding to take a used, deluxe Mustang and upgrade it into a nice-looking daily driver that can also be shown occasionally. It was truly the best of both worlds. My Mustang is a fun car to either go to the stores or go to the shows!

Text & Photos – Rick Mitchell, # 1105



Our Autoberfest car show is on Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> (rain date–10/22) at Nielsen Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep/ Ram in E. Hanover. It will run from 9 am–2 pm and will be an All Make/Model/Year show following a favorite 40 format. This dealership gives us a high-visibility location with a large parking lot. This show has drawn over 300 vehicles in the past. We are proud to have the Sisters2Sisters and the Brick City dog rescue as our designated Charities, so we are hoping to raise a lot of money for them.

The most important thing you can do is spread the word and pass out flyers. Flyers will be available at the meeting, or you can contact one of the show chairs, Tom A., 973-229-7735 or [tomaddeo@yahoo.com](mailto:tomaddeo@yahoo.com), Stacey Y., [1992foxmustang@gmail.com](mailto:1992foxmustang@gmail.com) or Ben A, [ben-sr@benashmore.com](mailto:ben-sr@benashmore.com).

On the day of the show, we will need volunteers for registration, parking, 50/50, club table, exit guards, trash collection and perhaps some other jobs throughout the day. If you haven't done so already, please sign up at the meeting, or contact a show chair. We ask that if you are helping, especially with parking or registration, you arrive by 7:30 am. If you can't be there by 7:30, please note when you will arrive when you sign up.



## MUSTANG DARK HORSE R TO RACE IN MUSTANG-ONLY RACING SERIES

Ford Performance revealed the all-new Mustang Dark Horse™ R on July 27<sup>th</sup>, offering the most demanding track enthusiasts a turn-key race car ready to compete in the all-new Mustang Challenge spec racing series, just for Mustang Dark Horse R and sanctioned by the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA).

The Mustang Dark Horse R powered by a new, fourth-generation 5.0-liter Coyote V8 is the third Dark Horse-based racing derivative to be unveiled this summer, joining its place alongside the Mustang GT3 and Mustang GT4.

"Mustang Dark Horse R bridges the gap between Dark Horse and Mustang GT3 and GT4," stated Mark Rushbrook, global director, Ford Performance Motorsports. "Production-based Mustang vehicles have raced from the very beginning, all the way back to winning the 1964 Tour de France, even. Dark Horse R offers our passionate customers not just an attainable, factory-built race car, but also a racing series to compete with other Mustang enthusiasts."

With the Ford Mustang Dark Horse joining the herd as the most track-capable 5.0-liter V8 street-legal Mustang ever, Dark Horse R is a natural extension of the capabilities found in every Dark Horse.

Dark Horse R is designed for track use only, but also shares several components with the road-going version. These include a Flat Rock Assembly Plant-provided body, 500+ horsepower 5.0-liter V8 engine, Tremec 3160 manual transmission, Torsen limited slip differential with 3.73 final drive ratio, aero and Brembo rear brake calipers/rotors. It's also upgraded with a wide array of track-focused equipment.

Mustang Dark Horse R was born to compete in the new, single-make Mustang Challenge series.

The Mustang Challenge series will start in 2024, running a 10 to 12-race calendar in conjunction with a mix of five to six yet-to-be-announced North American sports car race

weekends. All cars will compete on racing slicks developed specifically for Mustang Challenge by our series partners at Michelin.

Each round of the IMSA-sanctioned series, which will be managed by the Ford Performance Racing School, consists of two practice sessions, one qualifying session and two sprint races. To reward the most skilled drivers, there will be contingency payouts to top finishers in each race, as well as an overall series champion at the end of the season.

Pricing for Mustang Dark Horse R starts at \$145,000. Deliveries will begin in preparation for the start of the Mustang Challenge season in 2024.

## FORD PERFORMANCE DEBUTS RETRO FOX BODY MUSTANG CAR COVER

Ford Performance is no stranger to making and selling special car covers for the Ford Mustang, and currently offers one with its logo for the S550 model, as well as a very cool 50th anniversary Cobra Jet car cover designed to fit that particular race car – and it even has accommodations for a parachute, to boot. Now, Ford Performance has something extra special up its sleeve for Fox Body Mustang owners – a retro-style car cover that it recently debuted at Motor City FoxFest, held at the automaker's headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.



The new Ford Performance Fox Body Mustang retro car cover is a premium piece designed exclusively to fit pony cars produced between the 1979 and 1993 model years. Like car covers in general, it's designed to help protect and preserve those specific models, all while highlighting that generation's unique looks within the pony car realm, too.

This car cover is made from high-quality materials to ensure durability and a longevity, all while providing protection against sun damage, rain, and other nasty stuff, helping to keep one's Fox Body Mustang in pristine condition when it's in storage and not being used.

Perhaps the best thing about this Ford Performance Fox Body Mustang car cover, however, is its throwback design. The cover sports vintage "Ford Motorsport" branding on the outside, which perfectly matches the car it's designed to cover. For those that were around to appreciate that particular moment in time, it's certainly a nice touch – and a far cooler way to show off their Fox Body when it's in storage versus some plain, boring car cover.

Brett Foote, FordAuthority.com, August 7, 2023

# MUSTANGS THAT NEVER CAME TO BE

The Ford Mustang's path from affordable coupe to performance icon has taken many twists and turns in its nearly 60-year history. Built on a platform similar to that of Ford's econo-oriented Falcon when it was first introduced as a mid-year model in 1964, the Mustang pulled much of its styling inspiration from the Allegro concept that had appeared the year before, and its formula of small car plus V-8 engine would set the tone for the next six decades of its existence.

At least, that's what happened in our timeline. The alternate history of the Ford Mustang—the one that never came to be—shot off in all sorts of weird and wonderful directions, buffeted by the winds of market change, the added dreams of designers chasing the latest trends, and the vagaries of engineers dazzled by the latest technologies.

Check out these Mustangs that might have been, but never were.

Two early "what if" branches of the family tree illustrated what the Mustang lineup could



have looked like had it expanded into a more complete portfolio of cars. Instead, it

aimed at satisfying performance fans later and those seeking an inexpensive commuter early on.

While the four-door Mustang sedan concept, built in 1965, never made it anywhere past the designer's studio, a two-door wagon (or shooting brake) version of the car had much longer legs. The fevered dream of three Ford fans—including Robert Cumberford (designer), Barney Clark (Blue Oval ad exec), and Jim Licata (partner in crime)—the cargo-friendly Mustang was converted from a coupe that had been sent to Italy's Costruzione Automobili Intermeccanica that same year.

When the finished product came back, the trio took it to Ford, Holman Moody, and even independent automotive production companies, all of whom passed on putting



it into production. While the original is lost to the mists of time, a number of individuals and aftermarket companies have

produced their own Mustang wagon replicas based on its design, giving us a glimpse back at a history that never happened for a car that never officially existed.

It's interesting that the most lamented member of the Mustang fold was also the one that underwent such a far-ranging design process before being birthed into the world.

By the early '70s it was clear that Ford would have to make some choices about the future of the coupe, given impending EPA regulations about fuel economy, the precarious world energy situation, and changing crash-test regulations. This meant a crossroads for Mustang, and some incredibly out-there looks at what the next-generation Mustang II could be.

Initially, Ford tried to retain the car's original platform and give it a much longer, personal-luxury type of design, but it became clear that wouldn't work. A second swipe at the O.G. platform produced something that looked more like an enlarged Maverick than it did a Mustang.

Two crucial interventions in the Mustang II process led the company to the eventual production car: a decision to shrink the wheelbase (and work a partnership with Ghia).

By 1971, Ford was producing Mustang concepts at a startling rate. At first, the smaller Ghia-assisted prototypes still embodied the upright, premium coupe look that had been seen on the larger models, both with a shark-nosed element that was clearly European, and without, in a style that would be seen later on vehicles like the Granada.

Benjamin Hunting, Hagerty.com Photos - Ford



# MUSTANG & ALL FORD MEET



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# JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



360th Meeting

Date: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

In person meeting – doors opened at 7:00 for social chat and display of Mustangs

Business Meeting opened: 8:04 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:54 pm

President Mike welcomed all attendees. Started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 45 members attended.

## **Guest Speaker:**

None

## **Secretary's Report:**

The June monthly meeting minutes as printed in the July 2023 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Jim S. reported that we made \$700.00 on two parades.

Jim is retiring at the end of the year – anyone interested should put their name in.

## **Membership Report:**

Joe D. reported 180 members

Guests – Domingo 17 mustang GT

## **Sunshine Report:**

Maureen – on vacation;

Jim broke a rib;

## **Merchandising:**

No merchandise for sale today. Maureen and Tom are on vacation.

Window flags are available \$10.00 each

## **Website:**

Bill C reported – posted 4th of July pictures are posted; working on video from second parade to show our cars;

## **Facebook:**

Joe D. reported – not too much; car shows posted; Kingston car show coming up

## **Newsletter:**

Newsletter went out today.

Send Mike pictures from shows for the archives and Newsletter.

Always in need of cover cars

## **National Report:**

Steve Y.– reported the list of National MCA Shows:

Race to Indy, July 27-30th , Danville Indiana -Closed out  
Fun in the Sun Grand National, September 8th – 10th, Melbourne, FL

Stampede to the Heartland, October 6th – 8th, Topeka, KS  
Anniversary Event – 60th Anniversary; 4th through 7th in Alabama; one hotel is already booked

Bill has been working on the MCA President's award – received 255 points – presents it in person if anyone goes to the Grand Nationals. Will be mailed if no one attends the show

## **Old Business:**

Mahan truck collection 6/24 – Bern Davis 6- 7 buildings of trucks; field trucks; construction; had pizza at Brewery; received a tour of the Brewery. Open house the last Saturday of every month. Might have to RSVP.

4th of July parades – Maywood and Ridgefield Park details in Newsletter; had 30 cars in Maywood; threw 120 lbs of candy to kids; they were thrilled. BBQ went well and before the rain.

Bermuda Cruise (sea) – 8/19-24/2023 – Pete P. group is closed; but still can sign up.

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**(Minutes, continued)**

Club Picnic 8/27 – Bill C. new location Hamburg Fireman’s Pavillion at Rt. 23 So. Hamburg; rain or shine; will do club photo. Bring your mustang.

Autoberfest – 10/8 (rain date 10/22) Chairs: Tom Addeo, Ben Ashmore & Stacey Yauch. Open car show at Nielsen Dodge. Charities: Sister2Sister & Brick City Rescue back as charities. Flyers are available if you need any to pass out at shows. Just one glitch – no band for day of show. If you know of any band’s let him know. Need a lot of help; sign up sheet going around. If you are a member be there early so we can park you in a specific area. Working the show be there at 7:30; chair people will be there earlier.

Brook Hollow Winery – 10/15 Mike – hasn’t gotten up there yet; intention is to have a Judge show for members. Week after our show or week before our rain date.

**New Business:**

Mustang & All Ford Meet – Sunday, 9/17 8 am -Noon Millstone Twp. Over 400 cars. Private Mustang collection tour; meet on Turnpike exit 8; Molly Pitcher parking lot will have more details at we get closer. We have a special parking area; its also free.

Brewery Cruise Night – Mike – Brewery we went to after truck show; invited us for a cruise night. They will have a lot of IPA’s; will have lagers and ale’s too. Rain or shine and will be a weeknight.

Fall Cruise – Mike/Bill M. – has offered to set up a fall cruise with Hagerty garage. Storage facility in NY; Mostly higher end cars. Have a cars and coffee once a month. Probably in September.

**Miscellaneous**

**Business:**

Boot cover for 2013 Mustang Convertible anyone is interested in it; not sure if he is selling it or giving it away. Let Mike know if you are interested.

84 Cougar 5.0 – automatic; has a jasper engine  
07 GT Coupe dark gray charcoal 5speed. \$23,900.00  
68 Parts – list of parts mostly Cougar but will fit a mustang  
94 Cobra Wheels – original set of wheels.  
2013 left rear light has a crack; anyone interested  
Set of Mustang wire wheel covers 65/66 – 3 of them are decent; one is bent

**Hospitality Report:**

Thank you to the Rita’s lady. Had some great flavors.  
Thank you Paul and Stacey for setting up the coffee.

Reminders:

Sign attendance sheet  
Sign up for Picnic  
Autoberfest sign up sheet  
Window flags

Motion to close the 360<sup>th</sup> meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol-Ann Rose, #653, GSRMC Secretary

**GSRMC meetings begin at 7:30pm  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
at  
American Legion Post 155,  
13 Legion Pl., Whippany, NJ 07981  
Members & guests are encouraged  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Exterior 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.

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

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 Shelbys 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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# REAR VIEW

