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# President's Message

What a difference a month makes! Just four weeks ago I was complaining about the cold and snowy winter we were having and now it seems like a (somewhat) distant memory. I hope I didn't jinx it by saying that, but we appear to be on the verge of an early spring. Technically spring officially starts in a couple of days, but you know what I mean.

The milder weather has got me thinking about the busy month of April that is coming up. Louise & I along with Helaina & Ron Semmler and Linda Pennock will be headed to the MCA National show in Orlando, FL April 4-6. Since I'm limited on vacation time, we'll be flying down, which means I don't have to be concerned with cleaning the car and can enjoy the event more. It takes place on the grounds of Dezerland, which houses a large auto museum. We may even meet up with snowbirds, John & Annelle Pestrighelli.

National Mustang Day is now less than a month away! Our celebration this year will be on the actual NMD day, Thursday, 4/17. For a few years a while back, when the 17th fell on a weekday, we just moved our meeting to that day and had our celebration at the VFW Hall where we used to meet. We're going back to that formula this year, but with a twist. The meeting and event will be held at the Morris County School of Technology. I've met with chairs, Lisa & Jeff at the school and it looks like a perfect venue. I really want to encourage you all to bring your Mustangs out to this event, that is the point. Maybe even take it to work, if you don't already. This is not a show, it's more about Mustangs and Mustang owners coming

Welcome New Members		
Anthony & Rosa Micena	Howell	'17 Mustang GT
Jack Canella	Whippany	'19 Mustang GT
Ken & Debi Nowakowski	Rockaway	'67 Mustang
Michael Levan	Budd Lake	'24 Mustang GT

together on the car's birthday. Look for all details elsewhere in this issue.

Our All-Ford show at Performance Ford in Randolph is only 10 days later, on the 27th. I am extremely disappointed that no one volunteered to assist Paul Betts as co-chair. It is critical for events of this size and importance to have two chairs so that we have multiple people with the knowledge to run them. This is not something to be taken lightly. It also makes it harder for Paul to organize a successful show. Of course, there are also several other committees that will need chairs & volunteers as well. It takes a lot of members to run this show. If you would like to get involved, contact me or Paul.



Now that I covered April, I need to step back in time, as we will once again be participating in the Ringwood St. Patrick's Day parade this Saturday, 3/22. It has rained on this parade the last few years, but the early forecast looks good with temperatures near sixty degrees. All Mustangs are welcome to ride with us, so come out for our first car event of the year. Don't forget the candy.

See you at the meeting.

Mike DeLiberto

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**GSRMC SECRETARY**

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**Interested parties should contact Mike at 8550Mustang@gmail.com**

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Feb 19	First GSRMC Meeting of 2025
Mar 19	GSRMC Meeting
Mar 22	St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ringwood
Apr 17	GSRMC Meeting & National Mustang Day Celebration. Denville
Apr. 27	GSRMC Spring Show, Performance Ford, Randolph
May 4	72 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Spring Collectible Car Show & Swap Meet. Nielsen Ford, Morristown. Info: <a href="mailto:vincentdelisi@comcast.net">vincentdelisi@comcast.net</a>
May 4	Nam Nights Car & Bike Show. Carlstadt. <a href="http://www.Namknights.org">www. Namknights.org</a>
May 18	Wheels for the Wheel Car Show. The Red Mill, Clinton. <a href="http://www.wheelforthewheel.org">www.wheelforthewheel.org</a>
May 18	4 <sup>th</sup> Ann. Car show. Elks Lodge, Paramus <a href="mailto:mlfoundation@yahoo.com">mlfoundation@yahoo.com</a>
May 25	Oakland Memorial Day Parade
Jun 6-8	Carlisle Ford Nationals. Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA. <a href="http://www.carlisleevents.com">www.carlisleevents.com</a>
June 22	4th Ann. Ford & Muscle Car Show. All American Ford, Old Bridge. 347-988-0184
Aug. 29-31	Gathering of the Herd. MCA Grand National, Fredricksburg, VA. <a href="http://www.mustang.org">www.mustang.org</a>

## MARCH MEETING

The March meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a lot going on, including details regarding our April show and Mustang Day. We will also have a guest, Cassie, who will be displaying some unique photo mugs, cups, keychains, etc.

# NATIONAL MUSTANG DAY CELEBRATION

# CLUB NEWS



We will be celebrating on Thursday, April 17th. The event will consist of a cruise-in at the Morris County School of Technology, as well as our regular April meeting. The goal of National Mustang Day (NMD) is to get Mustang owners to drive their Mustangs on the anniversary of the model's introduction at the 1964 NY World's Fair.

To that end, we want to encourage everyone, members & non-members alike to bring their Mustangs out for a night of celebration. The first 100 Mustang owners pre-registered will receive an NMD decal, a free gift and up to 2 tickets for free pizza & drinks. This event is rain or shine.

The event runs from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm and will be held rain or shine. The school is located at 400 East Main St. in Denville.

We are asking that everyone planning to attend, pre-register in advance. Registration is free and you can do it online, at our website or by contacting: Lisa at 973-222-5748 or [lspring62@gmail.com](mailto:lspring62@gmail.com).

**This event takes the place of our normal third Wednesday meeting for April.**



## JOIN THE PARADE

Ringwood will be having their 34<sup>th</sup> annual St. Patrick's Day parade and the GSRMC will once again be participating. The 2025 parade will take place on Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be meeting behind the CVS building located at 115 Skyline Drive at 11:30am. The parade begins at 1:00pm. All years & body styles of Mustangs and special interest Fords are welcome.

## SHOW REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

One of the perks of being a GSRMC member is that you get to register for our 2025 All-Ford show for only \$10. This discount only applies to vehicles preregistered by the deadline. **This special rate is not printed on the flyer, so it is up to you to register at the \$10 rate and indicate that you are a GSRMC member.** If you are registering online, use the special discount code – **2025Stang\$\$**. We also hope that all members attending shows will volunteer while they are there.

## PERFORMANCE FORD ALL-FORD CAR SHOW APRIL 27, 2025

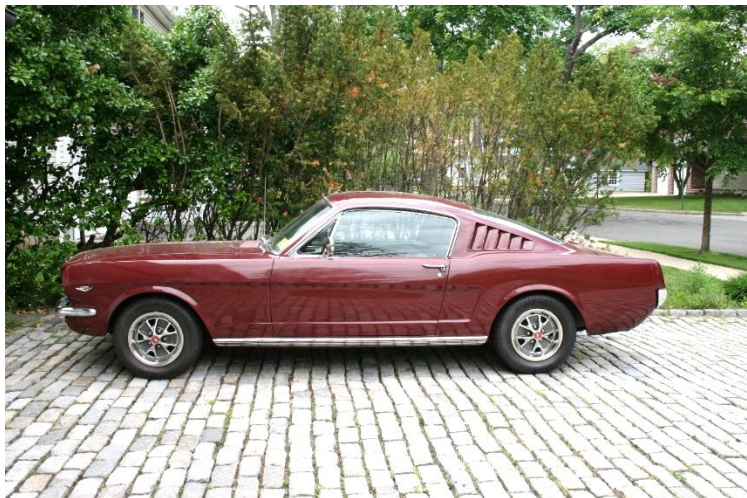
The show will run from 9 am–2 pm and will follow a favorite 40 format. We are proud to have the Marine Corps League and the Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter back as our designated charities, so we are hoping to raise even more money for them this year.

Now that we have the flyers printed it's time to get to work. Our show chairman, Paul is busy with many of the show details, but **you** need to get involved. The first thing you can do is get the word out. I know it's still February, but if you are going to a car event or maybe a wedding that has "car people", bring some flyers (Available at the meeting or by contacting a Paul).

You can also sign up to help at the show. On the day of the show, we will need volunteers for registration, parking, 50/50, club table/raffle baskets, wrap-up and perhaps some other jobs throughout the day. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Paul.

Show Chairman:  
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## 2 + 2 = MORE



Introduced on April 17th of 1964, the Mustang was a runaway sales success. Available in both coupe and convertible body styles, it proved to be popular with both young and old alike. Soon a second plant would be brought online just to keep up with demand.

Gale Halderman and his design team however, thought that it could be even more. They had designed a fastback version but weren't sure that it would get approval from Henry Ford II. They felt that their only shot was to build a mockup. They secretly put together a Mustang with the fastback roof line and painted it Candyapple Red. When they revealed it to Lee Iacocca, he twirled his famous cigar and the rest is history.

This month's cover car is the '65 2+2 of GSRMC member Rick Wagstaff. Rick's pony is Vintage Burgundy with a Palomino interior. The car recently crossed the 118,000 mile mark and Rick has owned it for forty-one years.

He had owned several Mustangs over the years and in 1984, when he was ready for another, he turned to the *Want Ad Press* (Anybody remember that publication). The car was just shy of twenty years old at that point but it still had rust in the usual places; floors, wheel housings and the quarter panels. It was still all original, including the color and the correct C-code 289, 2V V8 that had been rebuilt by the previous owner.

Rick got right into the restoration, with Glazier's Mustang Barn (Still there in PA. but they dropped Glazier's from the name.) replacing the floors, outer

wheel housings and the rear body panel with OEM sheetmetal from Ford. Rick handled most of the remaining work, including removing the engine for a repaint and detailing as well as repainting the car in the original shade of Vintage Burgundy. He also installed an NOS windshield along with the interior including, the upholstery, carpet and headliner. After two years, the car was ready to get back on the road.

Rick's Mustang was fairly well optioned, with the deluxe interior, A/C, tinted windows, Rally Pac, styled steel wheels, remote left side mirror and right side mirror. He also added factory Kelsey Hayes front disc brakes.

Rick has put about 18,000 miles on his pony since he got it over forty years ago. These days, all of those miles are on nice days or to club events.

When undertaking a restoration project you often learn by experience and by other's mistakes. Rick would like to tell you a couple of mistakes he made so that you might avoid them.

When he pulled the engine to detail and repaint it, he painted the block, heads, valve covers and air cleaner assembly factory Gold. Later he discovered that the block heads and intake manifold should be black. Always do your research.

Having worked at a Ford body shop while in college, Rick thought that he would be able to repair the quarter panels himself. After working on them for over 30 hours, he sought professional help, for the car and perhaps himself as well. Know your limits.

Finally, and this has nothing to do with this Mustang, he made a mistake long ago that many have made. In the '70s, leading a bachelor's life, he owned numerous Mustangs. In 1973 a family friend who lived nearby asked if he would be interested in his Mustang. He was the original owner and planned to trade it in on a new Thunderbird. The car had 54,000 miles and was in good shape but the dealer was only offering \$800 in trade. Rick bought it, but that wasn't his mistake. The neighbor's Mustang was a 1968 Shelby GT500 KR convertible that Rick cleaned up and sold for a nice profit. I'm sure it wasn't the six figure payday these cars get today though.

Text – Rick Wagstaff & Mike DeLiberto

Photos – Rick Wagstaff

# NATIONAL MUSTANG DAY



**THURSDAY**  
**APRIL 17, 2025**  
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## MUSTANG CAR DISPLAY

Morris County School of Technology  
400 East Main Street, Denville, NJ  
Mustang Car Display from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Pre-Registration for this FREE event is required by either contacting Lisa S. at 973-222-5748, lspring62@gmail.com, or through GSRMC.org. Additionally, the first 100 pre-registered participants will receive a FREE Mustang Day Decal, gift, & pizza!





## NC HIGHWAY PATROL FORD MUSTANG CRUISERS OFFICIALLY ROLL OUT

Last April, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol announced that it would be purchasing 25 2024 Ford Mustang GT coupes to add to its fleet, reviving a longstanding tradition of law enforcement agencies employing the popular pony car for such services. Those marked 2024 Ford Mustang GT police cruisers will be patrolling North Carolina interstates in an effort to target speeders and keep the roadways safe. Now, that new fleet of Ford Mustang cruisers has officially landed in the state.

In a recent post on X, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol provided a few photos of its new Ford Mustang fleet of cruisers that gathered for a special commencement ceremony recently at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. This gathering also happened to recreate a rather iconic photo taken back in 1929, when the original NCSHP members gathered in precisely the same spot – albeit on motorcycles, and not in Mustangs, obviously.

The NCSHP isn't alone in their endeavor to purchase and utilize the latest S650 generation Ford Mustang, as several other law enforcement agencies across the U.S. are [doing precisely the same thing](#). Back in May of last year, the Georgia State Patrol and South Carolina police announced that [they'd be purchasing](#) a handful of 2024 Ford Mustang GT

coupes for the same purpose, in fact. Previously, those agencies used Dodge Chargers for those purposes, along with Challengers and Camaros, but with those models being discontinued – or, taking a hiatus at the very least – agencies are now looking to The Blue Oval for as a way to provide troopers with an effective way to catch super speeders out on the interstate.

Brett Foote, FordAuthority.com  
February 24, 2025



**NASCAR Ford Mustang driver, Josh Berry, picked up his first career Cup win 3/16 at the Pennzoil 400 in Las Vegas. It was Ford's first win of 2025.**

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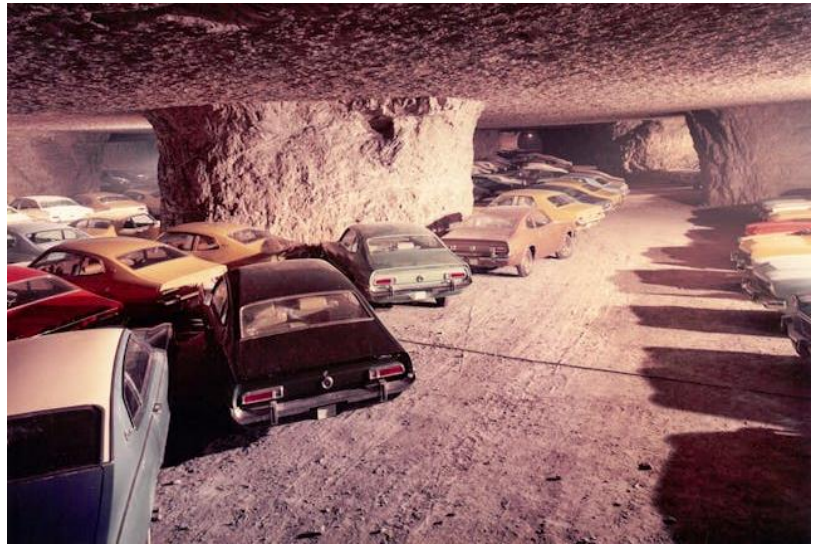
## SINCE THE '60s, FORD HAS STORED CARS UNDERGROUND IN A KANSAS CITY CAVE

**Y**ou may have seen a photo floating around the Internet that depicts a gaggle of Mavericks—not the pickup, but the econo-coupe that preceded it—lurking in what appears to be some type of natural cave. Dig a little deeper, and you might even stumble across a sentence or two explaining that these unlikely spelunkers represent overstock stuffed by Ford into a subterranean system carved deep beneath the bedrock of Missouri.

The image might seem an oddball anachronism, some kind of temporary solution to overflowing dealer lots that somehow made sense in the 1970s. Would it surprise you to find out that Ford is actually entering its *seventh decade* of keeping cars in said caves, which are part of a vast business complex called SubTropolis?

Most of the time, defunct mining operations are viewed as hazards and liabilities. The legacy of resource extraction is highly variable but almost always negative, except in those rare cases where geology and foresight converge to present a singular opportunity.

Such was the case with the Bethany Falls limestone mine, a 1940s operation that dug deep into the 270 million-year-old bedrock underpinning Kansas City, Missouri. In the process, miners procured much of the stone that was used to construct the buildings and infrastructure needed for the bustling metropolis sprouting up in the center of America. Although limestone exports were strong throughout the 1940s, over the course of the following two decades it began to look like the economic potential of the mine had been fully wrung from the rock. Left behind was a unique complex of stable, moisture-free man-made caverns located within Kansas City limits. Two decades later, it took an outsider to recognize the commercial potential of the mine's skeletal remains.



“The Hunt family got involved when Lamar moved up from Texas and brought the Kansas City Chiefs with him [in 1963],” said Ryan Tompkins, Director of Sales and Leasing at SubTropolis. “He wanted to invest in Kansas City and really show its people that he was here for good. He wanted to put his roots out. So he purchased the active limestone mine at that time.”

It's here that SubTropolis began to take shape. Rather than continuing to run the facility exclusively as a mine, Hunt began to use it to store mining equipment as well. It was a solid proof of concept: With a depth of up to 160 feet, the temperature inside the network of tunnels and chambers hovers between 68 and 72 degrees all year round, with humidity sitting at a comfortable 40 percent. Thanks to the miners' use of an extraction technique called the “room and pillar method,” the enormous underground cavities left behind are supported by 16-foot pillars; the space is open, regular, and, expansive enough to accommodate nearly anything that can fit through its above-ground, drive-in entrance ramps.

It didn't take long before SubTropolis attracted its first major client. An article from the *Ford Kansas City News* employee newsletter dated August 30, 1965, features the headline “Parts Storage Area Completed After 560,000,000 Years,” and describes the company's plans to use 82,000 square feet



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**(cave, continued)**

of the SubTropolis facility to support its nearby Kansas City Assembly Plant, which was originally built in 1951. Another article written a month later describes something called the “Ford Family Showing” that welcomed 5000 people into the limestone caves so they could get a look at automaker’s 1966 line-up.

“In Kansas, in the Midwest, you get rain, you get hail, you get winter, you get ice, you get everything. And I think [Ford] really wanted to store the vehicles that they were producing and assembling in the area that wouldn’t come into harm’s way,” said Tompkins. “And so what better location than under a large roof? Since then, Ford has relocated its plant and they are now really adjacent to our underground, so we continue to have a really tight relationship with them.”

Although Hunt Midwest works with other automotive partners at SubTropolis, Ford is truly the anchor tenant. With its Kansas City plant still building the F-150 pickup (as it has since 1957), and another nearby Missouri facility churning out the Transit van, the company’s underground presence has grown alongside both of those product lines.

“It’s really [Automotive Alley](#),” said Tompkins, referring to the business center built above the caves. “You can consider SubTropolis as the ‘basement’ to the surface property and buildings up top. In addition to its production facilities, Ford has located its North American Vehicle Logistics facility, called the NAVL facility, right beside us.”

What this means, functionally, is that every Transit produced in the United States since 2014 passes through Kansas City. This lure, plus the presence of the evergreen sales monster that is the F-Series, has attracted a critical mass of aftermarket upfitters—companies that modify vans and trucks for various commercial or retail buyers—that have chosen to locate their businesses within the confines of the cave complex.

“Since NAVL arrived, we’ve added close to two dozen upfitters occupying close to a million square feet.

That’s up to 120 acres of vehicle logistics, [which] equates to 13,000 vehicles [in SubTropolis] at any given time,” said Tompkins.

That footprint is on top of the 2 million square feet provided by surface buildings. The 7.8 million of available square footage located underground is served by a stunning 10 miles of roads. Those figures are subject to change, as SubTropolis is constantly expanding, and Hunt Midwest claims 55 million square feet of usable space would be available in total should the entire cave system be developed.

The appeal of being close to Ford’s infrastructure is only part what’s led to SubTropolis’ success as a haven for truck and van customization. Kansas City has the advantage of proximity; it is located within a two-day drive of 90 percent of the population of the continental U.S., greatly simplifying transportation and planning for

operations. Then there’s the fact that snowy winters, rainy springs, and blistering summer heat have no impact on underground workers, who are free to comfortably install bedliners or transform a panel van without ever needing to surface. And don’t forget, it’s hard to beat the security of surrounding your business with

impenetrable limestone.

SubTropolis claims to be the largest underground business facility ever built. By extension, that makes Ford’s operations there the largest subterranean automotive operation. With the vast majority of the action hidden from prying eyes, perhaps it’s to be expected that most enthusiasts are unfamiliar with the fact that the Blue Oval has been digging into the Missouri bedrock for 70 years. You don’t have to be a Bond villain to appreciate the privacy, convenience, and stability of the caves, but it wouldn’t be at all surprising to see something like SubTropolis show up as the backdrop for a chase sequence in the next Fast and Furious installment, with Torreto and fam drifting Raptors around 25 square-foot limestone pillars that are as cinematic as they are crucial to supporting an automotive operation like no other.

Benjamin Hunting, Hagerty.com, 21 October 2024





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# ALL-FORD CAR SHOW

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# ALL-FORD CAR SHOW SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

## HOW I SAVED MY NEIGHBOR'S VINTAGE CORVETTE FROM DEATH BY FIRE

It was a regular Saturday. I was tinkering with a sticky carburetor float on my Lotus Esprit when a neighbor pulled up in his mint 1959 Chevrolet Corvette.

We got to talking, bonding over the pitfalls of fiberglass bodywork, and other assorted highs and lows of the old car ownership. We exchanged numbers and agreed to head out on an early Sunday morning coffee run in our classics.

The weather was hot. When he went to restart the Vette it just wouldn't play ball. We wondered if it was flooded or the high temperatures were causing a fuel evaporation problem. Talk, however, is cheap and it was clear that he couldn't leave his car in the road, so my wife and I began to roll it gently to the curb.

As we pushed, ominous black smoke started spewing from under the hood. My neighbor hopped out and popped the engine cover. Flames leapt out from the edges and I shouted for him to close the hood, while I sprinted back to the Esprit to grab an extinguisher.

Specifically, I grabbed a recently-purchased Fire Safety Stick, which had been recommended by a fellow Esprit enthusiast. Lighter (just 7.6 ounces) and more compact than a regular powder extinguisher, the stick is not unlike a flare, but with the opposite effect.

I rapidly read the instructions, removed the safety cap and struck the top of the stick with the igniter. Inside, the triggered chain reaction caused the stick to emit a powerful spray of nitrogen and potassium free radicals, which starve any fire of oxygen.

Mr. Corvette (he prefers to keep his name out of it) opened the hood again and I pointed the stick at the air filter where the flames were spewing out. He then grabbed it off me to run around the other side of the car and finish the job. Within a minute the fire was out, and a near-\$200,000 vehicle was saved.

Amazingly, there was only a small amount of blistering on the hood from the heat. Even more remarkably, when the owner had to move the car a day later it started on the button.

The people behind the Fire Safety Stick (sold as Element in the U.S.A., [www.elementfire.com](http://www.elementfire.com)) told me

that's down to the fact that the product leaves almost no residue behind.

Andrew

Robinson from Argento Global Solutions, the company that imports the stick in the U.K., explains that's why

many motorsport teams have now started carrying Fire Safety Sticks in addition to traditional plumbed-in extinguisher systems.

The technology, he explained, was actually invented in Soviet Russia during the space race, but it wasn't until 20 years ago or so that an Italian company bought the rights and began manufacturing and selling the devices.

Having seen the stick in action, I immediately ordered another and highly recommend you do the same. Meanwhile, my neighbor, who has a collection of 11 classics, has probably become their biggest customer.

Nik Berg – Hagerty.com, July 13, 2023



## MUGGING

We will have a guest at the March meeting that will show us how she creates custom mugs, cups, keychains & more with photos of your Mustangs. She will also be taking orders.



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# FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



379<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Date: February 19, 2025

In person meeting at American Legion

Business Meeting opened: 7:34 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:12 pm

President Mike welcomed all attendees. Started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 35 members attended.

## Guest Speaker:

- None

## Secretary's Report:

- January Meeting minutes as published in the February Newsletter were approved.
- Two thank you letters from Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter and Sister to Sister for the donations
- Carol needs to vacate the position and really need someone to take her place.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Lisa S. gave the report.

## Membership Report

- Joe D. absent 150 members; about 80 have not renewed.
- Renewal forms up front
- New Members - none

## Sunshine Report:

- Paul Semmler passed away
- Bill and Joanne's daughter Amanda passed away
- Maureen's brother passed away
- Jim S. cataract surgery went well
- Ken is having back surgery, we wish him well

## Merchandising:

- New items - Stacey's daughter has a business to digitally print on coffee mugs and water bottle; key chains and license plate. See how long it takes to make them and have them done on site at shows or at meetings. Provide a picture with logo. \$20 for mugs \$25 for water bottle; maybe even use them as awards at show. Maybe at the March meeting.

## Website

- Bill C. absent; don't have registration open yet on website but will be working on it soon. Only for members; no pre-registration for non-members.
- Just an FYI emails going out asking for money – never send money; he's not asking for any money to be sent.

## Facebook

- Slow; but no shows to post yet
- Members only page

## Newsletter

- Still struggling to get issues out. Roland offered to help with the digital aspect.
- Send Mike pictures from shows for the archives and Newsletter.
- Always in need of cover cars

## National Report:

- Steve Y absent; George reported – Hotels announced & registration open for Fredricksburg, VA Grand national August 29-31; registration closes 7/30

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**(Minutes, continued)**

- Cincinnati, OH July 27-29 Horsepower in Queen City; registration closes 5/27
- Orlando, FL April 4-6 Mid Florida mustang club. Registration closes 2/28
- May 23 – Ponies in the Ozarks Gavois Mills, Missouri; 3 day judged show & track event Mike will be attending the Florida show; and George and Mike are registered for VA; It would be great to see even as a spectator  
2026: MCA National Jacksonville, FL;  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Tennessee Regional Group;  
July 24<sup>th</sup> Mustangs on the Mother Road;  
8/28 MCA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Braselton, GA.

Old Business:

- Advertising – looking for someone to coordinate ads for the website and newsletter.
- National Mustang Day Thursday 4/17 – Lisa Spring and Jeff Chase are chairs. Plan not set yet; but will move the meeting to that Thursday. Meeting will not be here. Looking for a place to cruise into have a meeting and then go for ice cream or something along that line.

New Business

- St. Patrick's Day parade in Ringwood 3/22; looking for chair/organizer. Lesser's have sold their car; see Mike after meeting

- Spring Round-up at Performance Ford in Randolph 4/27, rain date 5/18 Paul B. – sign up sheet for all position – parking/registration/50-50/club table and clean up; need a second show chair person; see Mike or Paul after meeting; Insurance – MCA will hopefully provide for nothing
- Shows are our major money makers.
- Oakland Memorial Day Parade – 5/25;
- Ridgefield Park parade and Maywood Parade in July

Miscellaneous Business

- Shows/parts
- Vietnam Vet Show is 5/4 in Carlstadt – Rich P. will post information on Facebook
- River Edge will be weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup> – Judged show

Hospitality Report:

- Thank you, Paul, for setting up coffee and dessert;

Reminders:

- Sign attendance sheet; register for the show

Motion to close the 379<sup>th</sup> meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol-Ann Rose, 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.**

**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 pony 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.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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# REAR VIEW

