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NATIONAL MUSTANG DAY & SPRING
ARE ONLY FOUR MONTHS AWAY



President's Message

Here we are in 2022 and it seems a little too familiar. Surging virus cases, event cancellations, supply shortages and rising prices. Happy New Year!?

Before I “introduce myself” as your new GSRMC President, I would like to thank our former President, Dale Favia. As much as I don’t like starting my term somewhat handcuffed by the virus, she was thrown right into it almost from the start. Through all the scheduling & rescheduling & rescheduling, we managed to find a way to host a few very successful shows and other great events over the last 2 years. Zoom meetings became the norm (and still are) but we were able to have cruises and other activities as restrictions allowed.

I also want to thank our departing Vice-President, Rich Izenberg. Rich was a great complement to Dale and he ran many of the aforementioned cruises and events.

Most people know me as the newsletter editor, maybe the merchandise chair or perhaps the guy who questions everything at meetings. Some of you who have been in the club more than 6 years may remember me as the club President for the 8 previous years. And, if you were there on day one of the GSRMC back in 1993 like Brenda Zimmerman, Rich Calabro, Ken & Maryanne Olsen, Helaina & Ron Semmler and Ed & Darlene Gaczek, you remember me as one of the club’s founders and its first President. Also, a fun fact; I am the only GSRMC President that doesn’t mind writing the President’s Message. Before this club was formed, I was in another Mustang club since 1987. I know what you’re thinking; “How could that be, you’re so young.” Well, that’s kind of you to say but it’s true, except for the age part but as I always say, “you’re only as old as you’ve been in the Mustang hobby.”



Before I go too much further, I would like to address the sad news we had this past week of the passing of longtime GSRMC member Joe Rose. Joe, was a true car enthusiast who, along with his

wife Carol (our club secretary) owned a pony car from each of the big 3 American car companies. Joe was often wearing a smiling face and seemed to be enjoying himself when ever I saw him. He and Carol were almost always at events together I offer her my thoughts and prayers and have let her know that we, as a club are here for her.

Looking forward, with the assumption (however naïve that may be), that by March, this latest Omicron variant of the virus will be over, and we will be able to get back to a full schedule of activities. I have ideas, the Board has ideas and I know you have ideas, so please share them with me so we can investigate them. Since the time will have passed for indoor winter activities, an early March cruise/rallye/poker run might be a good start to the season. Anyone interested in putting that together?

Then there’s Mustang Day on April 17th. As a Mustang club,, this is always a highlight of our year. This year, 4/17 is also Easter Sunday. Therefore, we will be holding our celebration on Saturday, April 16th. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved in the planning or organizing of this event, please contact me.

Shows are a very important facet of our club. Not only do they provide income for the club, enable us to generously donate to charities, get our name out there to fellow enthusiasts and perhaps most importantly, it brings out the greatest number of members than any other activities we run. That’s all besides the chance to bring together a large number of vehicles to drool over.

We are currently working to set up a meeting with our show sponsor Nielsen Dodge to come up with show dates for 2022. Our hope is that they will be on board with a spring & a fall show again this year. I am also going to investigate the possibility of running an all-Ford/Mustang event this year. I feel this is a priority for a Nationally chartered Mustang club such as ours. What this event will be is undecided at this moment. It could be a display, a cruise night or even a small-scale show, but I think that this is something that we should have on our calendar. Again, if you have any ideas or suggestions regarding this event such as; locations, sponsors/partners etc. please contact me.

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Linda & Frank Cittadino

Oak Ridge

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Jan. 19	GSRMC Zoom Meeting
Feb. 16	GSRMC meeting of 2022
Apr. 16	GSRMC National Mustang Day Celebration
Apr. 17	National Mustang Day
June 2-5	Team Shelby East Coast Grand Nationals. Racing, Cruise & Show.
June 3-5	Carlisle Ford Nationals. Carlisle, PA. Celebrating 60 th ann. Of Shelby American.
July 29-31	Nickel City Muatang Roundup, MCA National Show, Amherst, NY info@wnymustang.org

ON THE COVER

GSRMC member, Bill Kimak is the owner of this month's cover car. He's the one in the middle, I mean left, reminding us that it is never too early to start thinking about Mustang Day. Bill's car is a 2007 GT California Special in Redfire Metallic with GTCS specific black & parchment leather interior. The engine is a stock 4.6 L V8 with a Roush cold air induction kit and it is backed by a 5 speed manual trans.

Bill has owned this pony for about 5 years and it is the stablemate to his 2013 V6 Mustang. The car currently has just over 11,000 miles and is used for sunny day drives and shows. And Mustang Days, of course.

JANUARY MEETING

CLUB NEWS



Yes, you read that correctly. After always saying that there is no January meeting, there **WILL** be a January club meeting this Wednesday, 1/19. This will be a Zoom meeting, as in person events will be put on hold for a while. An will send out an invitation to the meeting will be sent out via email on Tuesday, 1/18.

with the help of her husband John, Maryanne & Bill H., Stacey Y and Rich I.

This donation was probably one of the single largest donations the club has ever made. The money you paid for the dinner will be used to help offset the cost to the club. However, if you wish to receive a refund, please contact Jim S at jamsig09@outlook.com, and we'll send you a check. All refund requests must be received by 2/15.

2022 INSTALLATION DINNER

Due to safety concerns over the Omicron virus, the dinner was canceled. Unfortunately, the Lafayette House would not allow us to re-schedule and we were charged the full amount including 20% gratuity. That amount came to \$3,594. Fortunately, they did agree to cook the meals and place them in containers for transport to the Manna House in nearby Newton, NJ. The Manna House does not get any government funding and relies on local grants and donations, so this was a very large and unexpected gift. The food was repurposed into 150 meals or 1 week of service. Thanks to Dale F., not only for her work organizing the dinner, but also for finding the Manna House and delivering the food

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



ORPHANAGE DONATION & CRUISE

On Sunday, December 19th, GSRMC members and thirteen vehicles met for a Cruise to St. Peters Orphanage in Denville. After meeting at the Denville Library at 1:00 pm, they took a short drive down the road to St Peters. The facility's COVID restrictions did not allow us to tour the facility, but the kids came out to see the Mustangs. They spent some time talking with the kids and presented GSRMC member donated gift cards from Walmart, Target, Amazon and Shoprite. The club added a check for \$250 which brought the total up to \$1100 which matched last year's donation.



Upon leaving, some members of the group took a 10 minute cruise to Pub 199, in Mt Arlington. This place is huge with plenty of parking. It's very casual with a large fireplace and filled with taxidermy from around the world. Just right for the group.

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The Board would like to find a way to get kids/young adults interested in the hobby. Early suggestions involve Boy/Girls Scouts & Vo/Tech schools. If you have any ideas on that please let us know.

You may have noticed that I have asked for your input quite a bit. Well, that's because I believe that the club should be reflective of its membership. I said earlier that I have been in Mustang clubs for a long time and I have a pretty good idea of what works and member contribution works. I want to hear what you have to say and I want your help in growing this club into an organization that we can continue to be proud of belonging to.

Oh, I almost forgot, Yes Virginia, there is a January GSRMC meeting, details elsewhere in this issue.

See you on Zoom,

Mike D.



DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



341st Meeting

Date: December 15th, 2021

In person meeting opened at 7:00pm for social chat.

Business Meeting opened: 8:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

President Dale welcomed all attendees, then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Please be respectful when leaving as it is a residential area and no need to do burn outs.

Guest Speaker:

None

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Jim S. reported that we are ending 2021 with a healthy bank account.

Membership Report:

Joe D is absent;

Last count we had 218 members

Can renew at December meeting or by PayPal

Deadline to renew is December 31st

Sunshine Report:

Casey King is our new Sunshine person; Not here today as her husband Brian tested positive for COVID; but he feels pretty good

Dale has been sick since April; after various tests, she was diagnosed with colon cancer and has started treatment; we will keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Merchandising:

Mike not present

Website:

Bill C – newsletters were added onto the website.

Facebook:

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

Newsletter:

Mike not present

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

Please send him pictures for cover photos

National Report:

Helaina not present – 2022 Nationals: April in Florence SC ; May 20th in Suisun, CA; July 29th in Buffalo, NY; and September 2nd Grand National in Evans GA – no applications for 2022 only 2023; new secretary for MCA check website for updated information.

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

Old Business:

Nothing to report

New Business:

Installation dinner – Sunday, January 9th at Lafayette House 1-5 pm. 64 people have currently signed up; forms up front to complete. Deadline to sign up is December 31st \$20.00 per person, club is paying a lot towards this dinner. Paid to have a bar in the past; since it’s in the afternoon people probably won’t drink much; will be using their bar. Attire is whatever you feel like; jeans or T-shirts; however you want to come out; Gift exchange – not required; bring a \$20.00 gift one per couple or both; for people who identify as male or identify as female or gender neutral; anyone who brings a gift gets a playing card; go up to table pick a gift; show everyone; third person has the option of keeping gift or steal a gift. It’s a lot of fun and very entertaining.

Collected gift cards for St. Peters Orphanage in Denville. Have about \$800.00 in gift cards. Sunday the 19th will be making a trip to the Orphanage; Meet at Denville at 10:30; cruise over to orphanage; one kid



does have COVID so everything will be outside. Can bring your Mustang or daily driver. Will do lunch afterwards at Pub 199 on Howard Blvd. in Mt. Arlington. Great seafood place; cash only, also a bar. Taxidermy place. Starting February will have this room going forward.

NO GENERAL MEETING AT THE HALL IN JANUARY.

Hospitality Report:

Thank you to Paul Betts for setting up coffee and refreshments.

Motion to close the 341st meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Rose, #653 GSRMC Secretary

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

The JANUARY MEETING WILL BE VIA ZOOM.

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 Sheldys in recent years? What and when?

Tire Size/Type: _____

Exterior Options: _____

Interior Color: _____ Standard or Dlx? _____

Interior Options: _____

Engine Size & Type: _____

Original/Rebuilt? _____

If Rebuilt, Who did work? _____

_____ When? _____

Factory Engine Options: _____

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

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REAR VIEW

