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President's Message

Welcome to Febril or Apruary if you prefer. I have a hard time calling it winter though. Of course, there's been just enough cold weather that the roads are covered in salt but otherwise not bad...so far.

Last month I gave a brief outline of what to expect in 2023 and now there are some more details to share. First, we had a great turnout for our show meeting on 2/8. There were over 20 members in attendance! I'd like to thank everyone who was there, as it was a very productive meeting. All the show/event chairs were filled, as well as most committee chair positions. Don't worry though, there's still plenty of ways you can help at each event.

February 15th – GSRMC Meeting. Our first meeting at the American Legion Hall will be an action packed one. In addition to discussing all the big events for the coming year, we will have representatives from the MCSlattery Det. 206 of the Marine Corps League on hand to tell us about their work. This group will be our designated charity for our spring show.

April 15th – GSRMC Mustang Day Celebration. Event chairs: Ben Ashmore, Tom Spring Jr. & Bill Chernack. Even though this is the first major event on our calendar, we still have some details to work out. Performance Ford has offered to return as the kick-off point but we are looking at several options on where we go from there.

June 11th – Spring Round Up All-Ford Show. Show Chairs: Paul Betts, Nancy Clark & Brian DiDomenico. The show will be at Performance Ford on rt.10 in Randolph. Due to space constraints, this show will be limited to 150 vehicles. I am hoping to have the flyers available at this Wednesday's meeting.

October 8th – 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. Our target for flyers is March.



The rest of the year is starting to fill out with some great events/activities as well. Later this month we will be heading to Boyerstown, PA for a tour of 3Dog Garage. The club visited this Ford biased private museum/collection many years ago and we have been waiting to get back there since 2021. They finally offered us a time slot on 2/25 and I jumped at it. Although I think most of us are Ford enthusiasts, but they have a wide range of vehicles, artwork & memorabilia to appeal to everyone. The collection has grown and is now located in two buildings.

We will be celebrating the club's 30th Anniversary at the March 15th meeting. I'm not sure yet what will be happening that night but rest assured, there will be cake! Maybe green cake since it is a couple of days before St. Patrick's Day.

Speaking of St. Patrick's Day, Norm Lester just informed me that the Ringwood St. Patrick's Day parade will take place on Saturday, 3/25. Even though the weather is always a question mark, this is a popular club event with members.

Another event that is in the planning stages is a Mustang Concours d'Elegance at Brook Hollow Winery in Columbia. The winery, owned by GSRMC member Paul Ritter, was host to our Mustangs & Merlot event last fall and it is a great facility. It would be a judged event for Mustangs using some sort of modified MCA rules. The show would be open to both stock and modified cars of all years. I would like to see if we can get judges from outside the club to do the judging.

I think that catches you up on what's been going on for the last month. Who said this is the "off" season.

Enjoy the Big Game & I'll see you at the meeting,

Mike DeLiberto, #001

Welcome New Members		
Emil & Chen Gitman	Tenaflly	'19 Mustang
		'23 Mach-E GT
Ed Frischkorn	Hasbrouck Heights	'66 Mustang

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- Feb. 15** GSRMC Meeting at the American Legion Hall
- Mar. 15** GSRMC Meeting. Our 30th Anniversary.
- Apr. 15** GSRMC Mustang Day Celebration
- Apr. 17** National Mustang Day
- Apr. 22 Battleship NJ Car Show. Camden. www.Patriotconnection.org
- Apr. 23 4th Ann Totowa Car Show. Municipal Bldg. Mark.r.monteyne@gmail.com
- Mar. 25** St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ringwood
- May 7 Nam Knights Car & Bike Show. 197 Washington Ave., Carlstadt. www.namknights.org
- May 12-14 Spring Wildwood Car & Truck Show. JSM Productions LLC 609-778-7887
- May 21 Wheels for the Wheel Car Show. The Red Mill, Clinton
- June 2-4 Carlisle Ford Nationals. All-Ford show, swap meet, parade & racing
- June 3 6th Ann Car & Truck Show. Prince of Peace Church, Howell. Tommy Xgma94@optonline.net
- Jun 11** Spring Roundup All-Ford Show. Performance Ford, Randolph.
- July 13-15 Team Shelby East Coast Nationals. Pittsburg Int. Race Complex. PA.
- Aug. 19-24** Royal Caribbean Cruise to Bermuda
- Aug. 27** GSRMC Picnic
- Oct. 8** Autoberfest Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover.

FEBRUARY MEETING

CLUB NEWS



Our first meeting of the year at the American Legion Hall will take place Wednesday, 2/15. It should be a great meeting, as we have much to discuss including our new All-Ford show and a trip to PA later this month.

We will also have guests at the meeting representing the Marine Corps League MCSlattery Detachment 206. This organization will be one of the charities for our spring show and they will fill us in on their activities.

3DOG GARAGE TRIP

Some time ago the club took a ride out to Boyertown, PA to visit the 3Dog Garage car collection. Everyone enjoyed the private museum/restoration shop/vintage racing shop that we decided to go back. After being closed due to the Pandemic and then because of construction, they finally emailed me with a date of February 25th. The time for our visit is 11 am until 1 pm.

3 Dog Garage is a unique, not-for-profit, historic that occupies a restored, three-story, early 20th century brick manufacturing building with an attached one-story wing built approximately 50 years ago. Display areas, a working restoration shop, a library and other spaces comprise 32,000 square feet. The collection's main focus is on FoMoCo race cars and vintage hot rods.

We will be meeting at the Clinton Station Diner on Rt. 78 W. We will need to leave there at 9:30 am for the 75 minute drive to Boyertown. If you will be eating breakfast there please allow enough extra time.

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.

WEB PHOTOS

Bill Chernack is looking to completely redo the Member Rides section of our website, www.GSRMC.org in 2023. He is now accepting pictures of your vehicle for the Mustang Ride section of our website.

Please submit a picture that follows the required guidelines:

- 1 -Mustang or Specialty Ford Vehicle
- 2- Color Picture
- 3- "NO" Pets in the picture
- 4- "NO" Support Animals in the picture
- 5- "NO" Humans in the picture

A side picture will be best.

For more info or to send a picture, please contact Bill at bluebyu2011@gmail.com

JOIN THE PARADE

Ringwood will be having their St. Patrick's Day parade and the GSRMC will once again be participating. The 2023 parade will take place on Saturday, March 25th. We will be meeting behind the CVS building located at 115 Skyline Drive at 11:00am. The parade begins at 1:00pm. All years & body styles of Mustangs and special interest Fords are welcome. Further details next month.

FORD'S NASCAR REGULARS BURTON & SMITH HANG ON TO WIN MICHELIN PILOT CHALLENGE OPENER

NASCAR driver Harrison Burton held off hard-charging sports car veteran Spencer Pumpelly by a slight 0.688 seconds to earn the overall victory in Friday's BMW M Endurance Challenge, the season-opening IMSA Michelin Pilot Challenge race on the 3.56-mile Daytona International Speedway road course.

Pumpelly, who co-drove with Jeroen Bleekemolen and Tom Collingwood, moved the No. 83 BGB Motorsports Porsche 718 GT4 RS Clubsport from fifth place to second in the final 30 minutes of the four-hour race, applying pressure on Burton as he cut into the lead with each lap.

But the 22-year-old Burton – who drives the famed Wood Brothers Ford fulltime in the NASCAR Cup Series – steered mistake-free, high-pressure circuits of his own in the No. 42 PF Racing Ford Mustang GT4 to ensure he and teammate Zane Smith – the 2022 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series champion making his IMSA debut – became the first NASCAR regulars to take the victory in this race.

Ben Rhodes, the 2021 NASCAR trucks champion, and fellow NASCAR truck series driver Hailie Deegan finished third in the No. 41 PF Racing Mustang to complete the podium for the 32-car Grand Sport (GS) class.

Smith, 23, qualified an impressive third and moved forward immediately on the start, holding a sizable lead with just under three hours remaining. Late pit strategy by the competition, however, shifted the lineup as the No. 41 Mustang pitted to change drivers – Smith out and Burton in – just past the midpoint.

Burton ran third with just under 50 minutes to go, steadily making his way forward. He took the lead for good when leader Elliott Skeer in No. 47 Nolasport Porsche had to retire with 22 minutes remaining.

"I felt like I was a little bummed out early because we got shuffled back a little after the first pit stop," said Burton, making his second start in the race. "It was taking me a little bit to get back to the lead and I was like, 'I don't want to be the guy that lets the team down and not finish the race off like we should.'"



"But a few restarts came our way and I kinda shuffled my way through there. A lot of hard racing," he added with a grin. "Pretty similar to NASCAR racing, to be honest with you, the amount of bumping and aggressive dive bombs and stuff. I felt kinda home in that. That was fun."

Smith, who will attempt to make his first Daytona 500 start in February, gave a thumbs-up to his friend Burton's work.

"Watching Harrison at the end with Spencer coming had me shaking in my boots, but he didn't make a mistake," Smith said, delighting in the win at the famous track. "If you can win anything at Daytona, whether it's a dirt bike or a go-kart or a stock car and now a GT4 Mustang, is just so dang cool."

"Daytona just brings such a different vibe than really any other racetrack. Not only to win at Daytona but in our first start is just so cool."

Holly Cain and Godwin Kelly, IMSA Insider, January 2023

For Sale:

New, never used, full size spare for 2020 Mustang EcoBoost. 8x18 Enkei wheel, Pirelli P Zero Nero tire (235/50 ZR18). Includes installed TPMS, Activation Tool, Lug nuts. Asking \$250.00 Contact Mitch Sandak, mksandak@msn.com, 908.400.8569 (cell & text).

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



BLACK BEAUTY

Ford has treated Mustang anniversaries in different ways over the years; sometimes with a dedicated model, sometimes with an anniversary option package and sometimes by ignoring it completely. Until 2015, the anniversary models all used 1964 as the birth year of the Mustang. It will be interesting to see if they choose 2024 for a potential 60th anniversary model. It would make sense, due to the 2024 Mustang being the first year of the new generation.

To celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary in 2004, Ford offered a 40th Anniversary package which was an option for V6 and GT coupes and convertibles with the premium trim. Approximately 5,700 vehicles were produced with the package.

There were only three paint colors available with the anniversary package; Black, Oxford White and Crimson Red which was exclusive to the 40th Anniversary

package. All had a Medium Parchment interior with the upgrade package. The convertibles also got a Deluxe Parchment cloth top, similar to the Cobra models.

For the \$895.00 MSRP, buyers also got Arizona Beige Metallic tape stripes across the hood, decklid and rocker panels as well as, that same color accent paint for the wheels. Also borrowed from the Cobra, were color-keyed dual foldaway sideview

mirrors. The anniversary cars were also specified rear spoiler delete. The interior featured a 40th Anniversary badge just ahead of the shifter and the obligatory anniversary logo floor mats.

This month's feature car is a Black 2004 Gt convertible with the 40th Anniversary package. The car is currently owned by Mike DeLiberto who purchased the car from former GSRMC members,



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traction control and ABS, unusual in 2004.

It is powered by a SOHC, 2V modular V8 backed by the optional 4-speed automatic transmission. The 260 horsepower is put to the ground by a limited slip rear axle with 3.27 gears.

The car does have a few additions that were added by the Dunsmuir. If you have a 2004 Mustang brochure handy, under dealer accessories you will see a Windstop, which was a foldable or removable mesh screen that blocked the wind when driving with the top down. This car also has Ford part #F4ZZ-18A179-A, which are plastic covers for the shock towers. The final “modification” is a color-matched, two-piece, fiberglass tonneau cover.

(Beauty, continued)

John & Linda Dunsmuir. They were the second owners of the car, having purchased it in 2005. This black pony now has only a little over 15,000 miles on the odometer.

For the most part the car is still in original condition as you might expect of a car with so few miles. The rear bumper was refinished, but the rest of the paint is in excellent condition. The original Goodyear tires were still on it when Mike took ownership. The Dunsmuirs were excellent caretakers, and the car came with a binder with all the receipts and service records.

This anniversary GT drop top is loaded with just about every option, but it is notable for what it doesn't have. Besides the aforementioned spoiler delete as part of the anniversary package, the car was also ordered without



the car.

The plan is for this pampered pony to be used for club-related activities and sunny day driving. I would like to enter it in some shows and take it to MCA events possibly entering either the Street Driven Concours or Unrestored classes. I'm looking into the best classification for

Text & Photos – Mike DeLiberto, #001



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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



354th Meeting

Date: January 7th, 2023

Doors opened: 5:00 pm for Installation Dinner.

President Mike D. welcomed everyone and began with a moment of silence for those we lost, including GSRMC member, Joe Rose.

Semi-Hemi John P. from Nielsen Dodge & Al Vizzone (Tom Addeo not present) were on hand to “present” donation checks from the 2022 Spring Round Up show to NJ Firemen’s Home (\$1,250 presented previously) & Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter (\$1,000 to be presented at a later date).

Paul Betts was called up to present donation checks along with John P. from the 2022 Autoberfest show to Dorothy R. from Sister2Sister (\$1,000) & Brick City Rescue (\$1,000 which John will present to them).

Mike thanked Nielsen Dodge and everyone who volunteered and help make the shows a success.

Mike also thanked the following members who perform yearly jobs for the club & chaired major events:

Joe DeLeo – Membership & Facebook

Bill Chernack – Web

Bryan & Casey King Hosp & Sunshine

Maureen Yowe- Hosp & w/Tom Merch sales

Stacey Yauch & Paul Betts – Hosp
Bill & Sue McCombs – Picnic
Bill Chernack – Mustang Day

Mike also thanked the many others who ran or assisted in club activities throughout the year. The Outgoing officers were recognized and presented with plaques.

Tom Addeo – Board Member/Vice-President

Al Vizzone – Board Member

Helaina Semmler - MCA Regional Director since 2005

Mike then welcome new Board Members Tom Spring & George Wieger and Natl Director Steve Yamin. They certainly have big shoes to fill.

Returning Officers & Board Members; Bill Chernack, Jim Signorelli, Bill Hartmann, Maureen Yowe & Steve Yamin, were called up for a group picture. (Not present: Dale Favia & Carol Rose)



Business Meeting opened: 7:07 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18 pm

Started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 70 members & guests attended.

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(Minutes, continued)

Guest Speaker:

None

Secretary’s Report:

Louise DeLiberto was filling in again for the lovely but still ailing Carol, who will hopefully return next month.

The December monthly meeting minutes as printed in the January 2023 Pony Xpress newsletter were reviewed and approved!

Treasurer’s Report:

Jim S. gave the report.
Report accepted.

Membership Report:

Joe D. was not at meeting.
No new members.

Sunshine Report:

Card was sent to Paul Semmler; Joanne Signorelli; Miles Kaplan; John Meyer; Fern Klindt. Need to send to John Gaschler

Merchandising:

If anyone needs to pick up an order, please contact Mike D.

Website:

Bill C. has been adding pictures to the website for a new section of members’ cars – only – being collected for future posting.
Feel free to send in any other car show photos.

Facebook:

Joe D. was not there, but no issues being reported.

Newsletter:

Send Mike pictures from the show for the archives and Newsletter. Always in need of cover cars

National Report:

Steve – 3 MCA National shows, June through September 2023 scheduled. (Alberque NM, Indianapolis & Florida)

Old Business:

Nothing to report. Working on 2023 event schedule

New Business:

No meeting in January

Miscellaneous Business:

’73 parts for sale (302) and Fox body parts, see Mike D if interested.
2008 GT500 for sale, 1,500 miles in Long Island.

Hospitality Report:

Mike thanked Bill McCombs for organizing the Installation Dinner and Helaina Semmler for running the gift exchange and for providing the centerpieces on each table.
Thank you to Stacy and Paul for setting everything up tonight.

Reminders:

No meeting in January

Motion to close the 354th meeting was made and seconded.

**GSRMC meetings begin at 8pm on the
3rd Wednesday of each month at
American Legion Post 155,
13 Legion Pl., Whippany, NJ 07981**

**Members & guests are encouraged
to attend.**

Repectfully Submitted,

Louise DeLiberto, #001for
Carol Ann Rose, #653
GSRMC Secretary

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: _____

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?

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

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