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President's Message

What a weekend, 2,000 plus Mustangs, 5,000 plus people and a sunburn. Such was the Mustang Club of America's 60th anniversary event in Alabama, April 5th – 7th. The GSRMC was represented by a dozen members showing five Mustangs. All of whom drove through wind and rain to get there and then cleaned their cars for judging or display.

Louise & I opted to drive our Explorer the 14 hours southwest to Birmingham. As we were driving through the aforementioned storms, I was glad we left the Mustang home. Besides, I wanted to be able to take in the show without having to be tied to the car. Not having been to an anniversary event since the 40th or even an MCA event in six years or so, I had a lot of catching up to do.

We were hoping for southern warmth and sunshine but were greeted Friday morning by clouds and temperatures in the high 30s. It did eventually get up to the low 60s and the sun shined through the clouds enough that our faces were sunburned by the end of the day. The cooler temperatures did make it more comfortable for those cleaning their Mustangs and for us walking around. There was a lot of both throughout the weekend.

The event was held at Barber Motorsports Park which is a world class road racing facility. The track and its surrounding landscape had several elevation changes and really lived up to its park name. There were trams to take you around the sprawling track, which was a good thing, because the show was split into various parking areas plus the paddock area for track cars. The trams, however, got crowded as the day went on.

As my wife will tell you, I usually spend half my time at these large events admiring the cars and the other half talking to people. Every Mustang has a story, and every

owner is willing to tell it if you ask or sometimes if you just walk by close enough. Besides meeting new people, I ran into members of the South Jersey Mustang Club. They had about the same number of cars and people that we had and it's always great to catch up with them. I've known a few of them since the '90s.



Speaking of GSRMC members, we were well represented by two cars in the display area and three in the judged section. I'm happy to report that all three; Roy Boccadifuoco, Scott Dobbs & George Wieger received Gold awards. Congratulations.

The variety and quality of the Mustangs was incredible. Whatever is your favorite, you were likely to find it in the show. Every generation was well represented, except for Mustang IIs, with only three or four in attendance. There were rare models, rare colors and in one case a rare option. There was a '67 coupe with a rare dealer-installed option known as Branded. This option offered a choice of interesting roof coverings, unique rear window trim, a Branded emblem as well as a side stripe reminiscent of a California Special. I provided a picture of the car in this issue showing its unique flowered roof.

Speaking of pictures, I took over 400 hundred of them at the show and the two auto museums we visited while down there. I hope to have a slide show running at the meeting on the 17th. Don't forget we will be celebrating Mustang's actual birthday on that night with a cruise night followed by pizza, drinks and a birthday cake. There are more details elsewhere in this issue.

Our Performance Ford show is only a couple of weeks away! I need you to get the word out. We were almost at capacity last year and are hoping to have an even bigger show this year. More cars mean more help is needed so please consider it. We usually get volunteers at the show but please sign up ahead of time so we can plan better.

See you at the meeting,

Mike DeLiberto, #001

Welcome New Members		
David Schuppe	Flanders	'67 Mustang
Raymond Junio	Union	'20 GT 350
Dominic Szymanski	Long Valley	'22 Mustang
Thomas & Lisa Lawlor	Brick	'08 GT 500
Toni & Natasa Petreski	Denville	"66 & '07 Saleen
Michael & Laurie Spaziano	Long Valley	'03 SVT Cobra
Richard Szymanski	Long Valley	'23 Mustang GT
Brian & Joan Danner	Fairfield	'71 Mach I

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| Apr. 17 | National Mustang Day, GSRMC Meeting. Pizza & Cake |
| Apr. 28 | GSRMC Spring Show, Performance Ford, Randolph |
| May 3 | 71 st Ann Spring Collectible Car Show & Swap Meet. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover. Info: vincentdelisi@comcast.net |
| May 3-5 | Rhinebeck 2024 Car show, Celebrating 60 years of Mustang. Dutchess County. Fairgrounds, NY. www.rhinebeckcarshow.com |
| May 26 | Oakland Memorial Day Parade |
| May 26 | 28 th Ann. Memorial Motor Madness Car Show. Mars Wrigley, Hackettstown. info@hackettstownrotary.org |
| May 31-Jun 2 | Carlisle Ford Nationals. Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA. Celebrating Mustang 60 th Ann & Mustang II 50 th Ann. www.carlisleevents.com |
| June 9 | 3 rd Ann. Ford & Muscle Car Show. All American Ford, Old Bridge. 347-988-0184 |
| July 4 | Maywood & Ridgefield Park Parades |
| Aug. 2-4 | 61st Ann Das Awkscht Fescht. Car Show & swap Meet. Mustang is featured car. Memorial Park, Macungie, PA www.awkscht.com |
| Aug. 16-17 | Woodward Dream Cruise & Mustang Alley. Detroit, MI. Area |
| Oct. 6 | Autoberfest Open Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, East Hanover |

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

APRIL MEETING

CLUB NEWS

WE will be celebrating National Mustang Day again at our meeting on April 17th, the actual 60th anniversary of Mustang's debut at the 1964 NY World's Fair. The club will be providing FREE pizza, drinks and even a cake commemorating the event. We just ask that if you are attending, and didn't sign up at the last please **meeting, contact Mike at 201-421-0871 or 8550mustang@gmail.com**, so we can get enough pizza.

It wouldn't be much of a celebration without Mustangs, so we strongly encourage you to bring yours. This isn't a show, so even if you've got a running work-in-progress Mustang, drive it to the meeting. We would like members & guests to start arriving around 6:30 pm (not before please), we will take a group photo and pizza will be served around 7:30 pm. Since we share the building, Mustangs & **only Mustangs should be parked on the right side of the building.**

We will also be auctioning off the 9/11 print that was given to us by the Marine Corp League. The winning bid must be paid in cash or by credit card that night.

JOIN THE PARADE II

Oakland will be having their annual Memorial Day parade and the GSRMC will be participating for the first time. The 2024 parade will take place on Sunday, May 26th. We will be meeting at the Copper Tree Mall located at 350 Ramapo Valley Rd. at 11:30am. The parade begins at 1:00pm. All years & body styles of Mustangs and special interest Fords are welcome. We may be asked to give rides to some of the veterans participating in the parade.

SHOW REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

One of the perks of being a GSRMC member is that you get to register for either or both of our 2024 shows for only **\$10**. This discount only applies to vehicles pre-registered by the Sunday before the show. **This special rate is not printed on the flyer so it is up to you to register at the \$10 rate and indicate on the form that you are a GSRMC member.** Registration for the Performance Ford



show is open now for members only. You can register in person at the meetings, or you can mail a check for \$10 to GSRMC Spring Show, P.O. Box 289, Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. Please include your name and year & model of car. If you want to register online, a QR code was emailed to all members that will take you to a form where you can pay by credit card. We hope that all members attending our shows will volunteer to help while they are there.

9/11 PRINT AUCTION

Our Performance Ford charity, the Marine Corps League gave us a limited edition, signed & numbered print depicting a scene from the aftermath of 9/11 at our Installation Dinner. Since we do not have a permanent space to hang it, we asked if we could auction it off. Therefore, we will be doing just that.

The print will be available for viewing at our Mustang Day event on 4/13 prior to the auction at our April 17th meeting. The money generated will be donated back to the Marine Corps League. The winning bid will be accepted in cash or by credit card.





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GSRMC members *will NOT* compete against non-members

Registration: Only \$20 • NO Vendors, NO FOR SALE signs, NO Alcoholic Beverages

Limited to 150 Vehicles

ALL-FORD CAR SHOW

SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2024





COMING SOON!
PERFORMANCE FORD
ALL-FORD CAR SHOW
APRIL 28, 2024

We're only 2 weeks away now. 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 chairmen, Paul & Brian, are busy with many of the show details, but **you** need to get involved. The first thing you can do is get the word out. The car season is starting wake up after the winter slumber, so we need you to spread the word about the show. If you are going to a car event, bring some flyers which will be available at the April 17th meeting or by contacting a show chairman.

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, trash collection and perhaps some other jobs throughout the day. 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 8:00 am. If you can't be there by 8:00, please note when you will arrive on the signup sheet.

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Brian D. briandidomenico@me.com

FOREVER 21 FORD
X COLLECTION

Officially called the Forever 21 x Ford collection, this new clothing lineup is designed to reintroduce today's generation to the good old days, when car culture played a big role in America in general. The new co-branded Forever 21 x Ford collection was inspired by The Blue Oval's rich history in that industry, as well as its influence on the Americana car culture, ranging from the many iconic models it has produced to mechanic fashion aesthetics.



The Forever 21 x Ford collection consists of a grand total of 28 pieces and includes classic imagery of Ford Motor Company icons including the Ford Mustang and Bronco, along with vintage washes, embroidered logos and patches, and retro moto silhouettes. Styles include mechanic coveralls, jackets, shirts that showcase innovative denim washes and styling, and embellished artwork.

The new Forever 21 x Ford collection is available exclusively through that retailer – both online and in-store – offering fashion conscious Blue Oval fans – as well as those who may eventually become fans – a number of cool options ranging from summer-friendly shirts and shorts to outerwear like jackets and hats, all bearing some sort of cool Ford design from the past and/or present.

SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 6th
AUTOBERFEST 2024
Neilsen Dodge, 175 Rt. 10, East Hanover
FLYERS COMING SOON!

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

368th Meeting

Date: March 20, 2024

In person meeting at American Legion in Whippany

Business Meeting opened: 7:37 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:31 pm

President Mike welcomed all attendees. Started with the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 39 members attended.

Guest Speaker: Phil Freeman from Marines

Secretary's Report:

The February monthly meeting minutes as printed in the March 2023 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

Treasurer's Report: Lisa S. gave the report.

Square – take credit and debit cards and membership at car shows; set up and in place. First run will be at the upcoming car show. Good step forward. Lot of issues with PayPal – people registered for shows and didn't get information; Will use it for merchandise and renew membership.

Membership Report: Joe D. absent

We have 169 members.

Sunshine Report:

Anthony Cecala – is able to eat and walk; just having difficulty remembering things short term.

Rich Calabro – had serious heart surgery two years ago; had to go to hospital last week as his port got infected; more extensive than they thought. At home recovering. Tom Yowe tripped over dog and fell – Maureen taking care of him.



Merchandising:

New – my other car is a mustang decal and/or magnet. Very little interest so may not order; but will investigate a smaller order. Magnet is more expensive so if you switch, we can probably get it done.

Need someone to sell merchandise with Maureen.

Website: Bill C.

A few changes this month with the Square – can do registration to the car show with a QR code.

Facebook:

No issues; posting car shows, members only page.

Newsletter:

Still struggling to get it out on time. Next month right in the middle of trip to AL. and mustang event.

Newsletter went out this past weekend.

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

National Report: Steve Y.

April 2024 – Mustang 60 years at Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham Alabama – judged show is sold out.

May 2024 – Ozark International Raceway

August 2024 – Deloines, Iowa

October 2024 – Savanna, GA

June 2025 – National show in Cincinnati

August 2025 Grand National, Fredericksburg, VA

He will not be attending any shows this year so if you

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go, please do a write-up and post pictures.
Steve has received all of his points and medallion.
George will be attending all the shows this year.

Old Business:

Woodward Dream Cruise 8/16-18 - There is a group of members heading to Detroit for the Woodward Dream Cruise, August 17th. Contact Mike if you are interested.

Dues – The board has voted to raise dues to \$20.00. This change will take effect later this year before renewal time.

St. Patrick’s Day Parade –3/23 Rain or Shine in Ringwood, NJ Meeting at 11 am kicks off at 1 pm; Skyline drive gets closed; weather can be weird; short parade and all downhill. Saturday is not looking good as to weather. If cancelled Mike will put on Facebook Mustang Day – April 13 Tom S. With rain date of the 14th; similar to last year – Performance Ford (next to Nielsen Dodge) 10 am – 12 pm cruise throughout the county and to a mall near M&M to eat. First 100 get a decal. Sign-up sheet. Now 46 cars signed up. Will have agenda at the event in the morning. No plan for rain date.

Mustang Day – April 17 at the meeting will also celebrate will have pizza and dessert; Also having an auction night of 9/11 print from Marines.

Performance Ford Show at Randolph – 4/28 Paul B. & Brian D. – rain date May 19th limited to 150 cars; no vendors; still have 50/50 – need volunteers for parking

etc. Registration for members has increased \$10.00; still need a parking chair; sign-up sheets for volunteers. Taking pre-registration from members. \$10.00 before the show; \$20 at show. If you can help with trophies need six people to get them done. Members – horseshoes; nonmembers – pistons. Meet at Mark’s house at noon on the Sunday April 7th short a couple of pistons – if someone knows a shop let us know.

Memorial Day Parade Oakland, NJ – 5/26 Carol R. now member of Oakland Public Events and will have more information once received.

Autoberfest – 10/6 Nielsen Dodge received payment from dealership already.

Macungie and Carlisle are having mustang events this year.

New Business:

9/11 Print Auction – will be auctioned at April meeting; Marines donated it to us. Proceeds will go to the Marines. Bring credit card or cash.

4th of July Parades – Maywood & Ridgefield Park. Maywood – same parking lot; get there at 8:30 am; we usually get a really good turnout.

Miscellaneous Business:

Happy 80th birthday to Kenny Hill

Hospitality Report:

Thank you to Stacey & Paul for setting up coffee and desserts.

Reminders:

Sign attendance sheet.

Mustang Day

Decals

Stay awhile!

Motion to close the 368th meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol-Ann Rose, #653, GSRMC Secretary

**GSRMC meetings begin at 7:30pm
on the 3rd 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: _____

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 Shelbys in recent years? What and when?

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

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