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President's Message

It's the end of the line for 2024. As a club we had a pretty good year, running two successful shows, a Mustang Day event and numerous other great events. I hope we can continue the string of great activities into 2025.

We also celebrated the 60th anniversary of our namesake, Mustang. While there may not have been as many Ford-supported anniversary events as in years past, there were still many shows/events that marked the occasion. I was fortunate to be able to attend the MCA 60th Celebration in Birmingham, AL., along with several other GSRMC members. I was also lucky enough to attend Carlisle this year as part of the record crowd.

I visited the Detroit area many years ago ('88?) and have been meaning to go back ever since. Using the Mustang anniversary as an excuse, 2024 would mark my return. Detroit is a better place to visit since the eighties and they have this little event called the Woodward Dream Cruise now. So off we went, with a number of fellow members also making the trip. As you've been reading in this newsletter, I was able to visit many Ford-related sites but did miss out on some. Hopefully I'll find time to get back there soon. Who's in?

This year, we had one of the largest turnovers on our Board I think I've ever seen. We elected/approved a new Vice President and three new Board members. I look forward to working with Ben, Jeff, Bill, & Roland next year as well as returning officers; Carol, Lisa, Stacey & George.

Four new officers means that we must say goodbye to four departing officers of the club. It will be hard to see the three Board members; Bill H., Bill M., & Tom S go, as they were all members who

Welcome New Members		
Steven & Janet Daniel	Florham Park	'13 Shelby GT350
Doug & Virginia Weierich	Branchburg	'22 Mustang

really cared about the club. I hate to play favorites, but Bill Chernack will be hard to replace. He has served as V.P., President & Board member for at least 15 years that I can remember. He has made his mark on the club and in some ways has brought (dragged) us into the 21st century. Although he will continue to be active in the club, his presence by my side will be missed.



Please keep in mind that we did not find anyone to replace Carol as secretary. She has a seat on the Oakland town council and would like to step down as our secretary sooner rather than later.

Looking forward to 2025, January 11th is our Installation Dinner. This is really a great night to celebrate our Officers & Board members that is always very entertaining. Look for the reservation form elsewhere in the newsletter.

The December 18th meeting is our traditional Holiday Party, emphasizing party over meeting. I hope you can join me at either or both great nights.

See you at the meeting, but if I don't, have a great Holiday Season & a Happy New Year!

Mike DeLiberto

GSRMC member, William S. Takacs, 67, passed away Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Born in Passaic, Bill resided in Garfield all his life. Before his retirement, Bill was employed with Sam Ash in Paramus as a music equipment repairman. Bill was a talented musician and played the bass guitar in local bands including The Wretched Ones and The Pickles.



Bill was only a GSRMC member since July '24 but was very active & enthusiastic in that short time. He was regular at meetings and attended our October 16th meeting.

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Dec 18	GSRMC Meeting. Holiday Party
2025	
Jan 11	GSRMC Installation Dinner. Cinders Grill, Mine Hill
Feb 19	First GSRMC Meeting of 2025
Apr 17	Mustang Day

HOLIDAY PARTY

The December 18th meeting will be our annual Holiday Party. We ask members to bring in their favorite home-baked holiday cookies and desserts along with a few copies of the recipes to share with fellow members. The meeting will be kept short to allow more time to party.





Garden State Region Mustang Club Renewal Application



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's E mail: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

MCA # (if applicable): _____ Expiration Date (if applicable): _____

Collectible/Special Interest Vehicles Currently Owned: _____

Check all that apply:

Year:	Make:	Model:	Stock	Modified	Work in Progress	Daily Driver	Occasional Driver	Show Car	Concours Correct	Trailerred	Race Car

LAST CHANCE

Dues for the Garden State Region Mustang Club are \$20 per year. Dues include member, spouse and children under the age of 17.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail to:

*Joe DeLeo
Garden State Region Mustang Club
38 Prospect St
Paramus, NJ 07652*

Make checks payable to: Garden State Region Mustang Club

WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION - PART III

Mike Berardi's Motorcity Mustangs Collection

The third installment of my vacation series focuses on a private Ford collection near Dearborn. After crossing the Roush Collection off my list and then visiting Ford's Piquette Avenue plant (Coming in Part IV), Louise & I met up with fellow GSRMC members at this must-see location. Since I'm pressed for time and Ford Performance did such a good job of describing Berardi's incredible collection, I'll let them take it from here.

Some Ford fans who have seen Mike Berardi's personal "MotorCity Mustangs" collection have described it as a walk through Mustang history. Others have even said it's a Mustang Paradise. Both descriptions would be correct. Mike served as Global Director for Ford Service Engineering Operations for 34 years before retiring to become a full-time automotive enthusiast based around the much-loved Ford Mustang. In fact, Mike has some 100 examples of the proud pony car – and other unique Fords -- in a private warehouse just outside of FoMoCo's HQ in Michigan. Berardi has just about every Mustang year and model that you can name.



Berardi is not only an avid Mustang collector, but he also restores, races, and rebuilds many types of Ford vehicles. During the summer months, Mike and his wife, Sue, both race S197 Mustangs at

Michigan tracks such as Gingerman Raceway and attend many Ford and Mustang events throughout the Midwest in one of Berardi's restored Ford "Good Humor" Ice Cream trucks. On the resto side, Mike always has something in his collection to tinker with, with many of his project cars being



placed up on lifts so as not to take up too much floor space in his facility.

From the Mustang Indianapolis 500 Pace Cars to many late-model high-performance variants,

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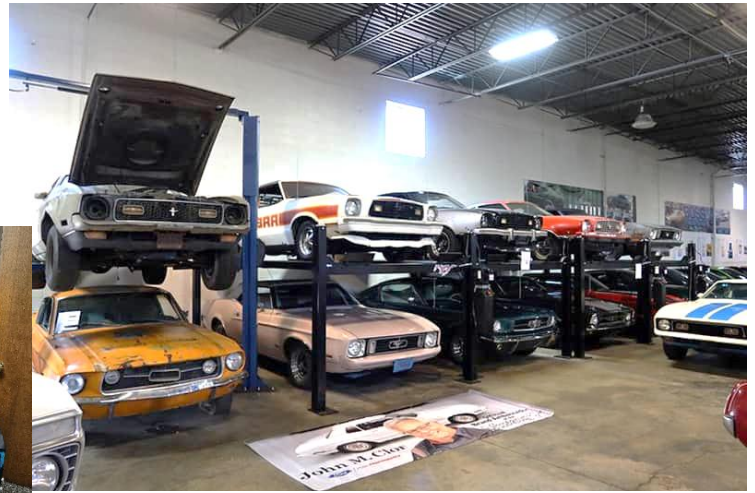


(Collection, continued)

Berardi has now grouped his Mustang on display – including SVT Cobra R's, the Mustang, Maverick and Pinto “Sprint” models from 1972 and even the “Stallion” trio from 1976. Want “in” on seeing Mike’s eclectic collection? Mike grants the local Mustang club (MOCSEM) a private tour during Woodward week to all club members and friends. That’s how GSRMC members in town for Woodward got to see the collection.

The best part of visiting Mike’s collection is not just to see all the new, added or traded Mustangs in his collection, but also to hear Mike’s own story behind each and every car he owns – which is what makes this tour so very special.

Photos – Bill Cook, Mike D.



Garden State Region Mustang Club

Installation Dinner and Gift Exchange

Saturday January 11th, 2025, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

“Cinders Wood Fire Grill”

319 Route 46, Mine Hill, NJ. 07803

\$40.00 Per Person

Join us for the Installation of the Board, Great company, A sit-down Dinner, and a Fun Gift Exchange

Note: There is no General Meeting in January

Dinner includes:

- House Cinders Salad
 - Penne Pasta Dish
 - Choice of main course Entrée
 - Choice #1 Chicken Francaise
 - Choice #2 Prime Rib
 - Choice #3 Shrimp & Scallop Scampi
 - Dessert NY Cheesecake
 - Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are included
- Cash Bar will be available

If you would like to participate in the Gift Exchange, bring a Wrapped gift costing at least \$20, marked
Man, Woman, or, Either

Please print names below for attendees:

Member Name _____ Entree Choice # _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Entree Choice # _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Make Checks payable to: **GSRMC** Send to: Bill Hartmann, 15 East Shore Drive, Newton, NJ 07860

All forms must be received by December 20th, 2024. Questions: call or text Bill at 973-919-7240

FOR SALE



2014 Shelby GT500, Ingot Silver w/Sonic Blue stripes, Shaker 1000, Glass Roof. Orig. Owner - Spe Order. Completely Original - Factory Perfect. 3,199 Miles. Never wet, washed or in rain. Full documentation from inception including promotional literature, materials & owner's log. Marti Report documenting One of One produced. Full set of extra OEM Wheels & Tires, plus 2nd set OEM tires. Oil Lab Tested every change. Car featured in several automotive articles. \$75,000. Please call or text Walter 201.444.2713. Car in N J.



2003 Cobra convertible zinc yellow, 13,900 orig. miles, mint condition. No accidents, clean car fax, Garage kept. \$15k in mods I have all the receipts, \$41k negotiable. Manny - manny500kr@yahoo.com

67/68 Mustang Parts

C7ZZ-8242A & 8243A - Left & Right Outer Grill Trim Moulding with C7ZZ-8221-A - Center Outer and Inner Trim \$300

C7ZZ-8390-A - Right Grill Bar \$75

C7ZZ-6520910A - Door Edge Guard Mouldings \$80

C7ZZ-16856-A - Hood Lip Trim Moulding \$200

C7ZZ-6542512-A - Trunk Lid Trim Moulding \$200

C7ZZ-6513208-D - Door Scuff Plate \$200/pair

All parts are Ford NOS in original packaging. Scuff Plates are open box with minor box wear.

Email - spesposito@outlook.com Cell - 908-337-3099 Please leave msg if goes to vm.



1966 Mustang - 6 cyl, auto trans Emberglo with white/tan interior. Power firt disc brakes, fog lights, AM/FM Bluetooth radio. New & Improved Parts: Full Sniper EFI System, fuel lines, coil, distributor, computer, gas tank & electric fan. Passenger & driver window tracks. Rubber & glass felt on passenger & driver doors including vent window. Insulation under carpet. Rubber, front & rear windshields. Tires. Upgraded center console (original console inc.). USB charging port. Oil pan & gasket. New front end suspension, undercoated front end. Water pump & thermostat. Rear window valance. 3-Rubber trunk seal. Air cond. Shocks (4). Eng comp. wiring harnesses. Exh. system. Upgraded alternator system. Radiator & hoses. \$25,000. spellegrino@mac.com



2003 Mustang GT - V8, Auto. Redfire, Parchment int./top. Borla cat-back exh. Exc. Cond. 47,600 mls. \$14,000 OBO. Ralph 201-615-1557.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



376th Meeting

Date: November 20th, 2024

In person meeting at American Legion in Whippany

Business Meeting opened: 8:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm

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

Guest Speaker:

None

Secretary's Report:

The October monthly meeting minutes as printed in the November 2024 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

Treasurer's Report:

Lisa S. absent. Mike reported that we started off with \$9,861.28 and ended with \$11,310.37. (\$1,600 is for jackets)

Membership Report:

Joe D. absent; have 219 members as of today; 71 are paid through 2025; dues are \$20.00

Sunshine Report:

Maureen is absent. Paul Semmler is in rehab in South Jersey.

Merchandising:

Mike D. – jackets orders tonight. Should have them at December meeting & January dinner

Website:

Bill C. – absent. Posted pictures of recent events. Can renew through website.

Facebook:

Joe D. – absent; nothing to report.

Newsletter:

Newsletter went out this past Friday.

Send Mike pictures from shows for the archives and Newsletter.

Always in need of cover cars

National Report:

Steve Y. absent.

Old Business:

Elections: Since all nominees were running unopposed, a motion was made and approved to accept the slate without a formal election,

Board members: Jeff Chase, Bill Klindt, Roland Lorente and George Wieger; VP: Ben Ashmore
Still looking for President and Secretary

New Business:

Advertising – looking for someone to coordinate ads for the website and newsletter; would like someone to chair a committee.

Show question - \$20 or \$25; most shows are \$25 if more cars at \$20 make up a difference; we no longer

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offer pre-registration; keep at \$20 If you would like to be involved in shows and events please see Mike. Rich C. can't be with us but will here in spirit. Antique Auto Club – Jersey Region 26 years or older; 1st year national dues are waived;

Miscellaneous Business:

Cars for sale – Leser's GTCS – white 90,000 \$10,000 or bo

2024 Dark Horse at Ciocca Ford, Flemington Shows – except a Cars and Coffee at Crossroads Church in Franklin Lakes.

Hospitality Report:

Thank you everyone for bringing food. Paul & Stacey for setting up and George for drinks.

Reminders:

Attendance sheet; renewals and dinner Stay awhile

Motion to close the 376th meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol-Ann Rose, GSRMC Secretary.



2008 Mustang GT. California Special. V8, Auto. Clean, well maintained. 94000 miles. \$10,000 OBO call norm at 973 248-5895 if no answer please leave a message.

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, 3/4 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 Musang gets the star status it deserves. It really is just that simple.

DUES ARE DUE

It is that time of year again where we ask you to renew your club dues. Your GSRMC dues were due at the end of September and become delinquent on January 1st. The dues are now \$20 per year. Please send the renewal form in this newsletter along with your check for \$20 as soon as possible. You will also be able to pay online by credit card or you can pay at the meetings. Either way, please be sure to submit a renewal form with your payment to assist in record keeping. If you fail to send in your payment by 12/31, you will cease to have access to the newsletter and will be taken off the e-mail list. Paying on time will also save us the time and/or expense of sending you a reminder letter.

GSRMC meetings begin at 7:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month EXCEPT JANUARY at American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Pl., Whippany, NJ 07981

Members & guests are encouraged to attend.

PONY XPRESS MUSTANG INFORMATION SHEET

Name: _____

City: _____

Year: _____ Model: _____

Body Style: _____ Mileage: _____

How Long Have You Owned This Car? _____

Original _____ Restored _____ Modified _____

Who Performed Restoration/Modification? _____

Exterior Color? _____

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: _____

Engine Modifications: _____

Trans: _____ Axle Ratio: _____

Open, Limited Slip or Locker? _____

Other Options or Additions: _____

Primary Use: _____

How Often Driven _____

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 Sheldys in recent years? What and when?

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

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REAR VIEW

