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President's Message

The weather is crazy, but summer celebrations are in full force. I appreciate each gathering with reverence after missing so many last year. It's wonderful to meet so many new members and see new cars for existing members. We even added our first Mach-E. Many of us have been attending Car Shows and Cruise Nights. The schedule was very light, but now the shows are popping up everywhere.

For new members...we post shows that we are attending on Facebook and often set a meeting place so we all arrive and park together. For a full list of shows throughout the state check NJcarshows.com.

JUNE

General Meeting: We welcomed 3 new members. Current GSRMC membership is 196. The parking lot was dominated by Blue Mustangs.

Cruise for a Cause: There was not enough interest to run this cruise.

JULY

Ridgefield Park Independence Day Parade: What a wonderful day! The weather was perfect. The crowds were huge. This was truly a 'back to normal' event and included Governor Murphy. We provided 18 Mustangs (some brand new members) including 3 convertibles to carry Honor Students. As always, the candy we throw is a big hit. I had over 1000 pieces, yet ran out about 3 blocks from the end. Some of our cars made the ABC News. See the piece posted on Facebook. Thank you to the Delibertos who hosted an after-parade BBQ.

7/11 - Ann. River Edge Car Show: Several GSRMC members volunteered to judge this show.

7/17 - Hudson Valley Mustang Assoc. Show in Kingston, NY: This show is in a beautiful setting, providing a wonderful background for pics of your car. Details on Facebook.

7/21 - General Meeting at NEW LOCATION. 8:00-9:00PM: American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Way, Whippany, NJ 07981. People start arriving at 6:30 to socialize.

7/25 - Anything on Wheels Super Show at East Side Park. Several clubs with beautiful modified cars participate. Great BBQ. Lots of music.

AUGUST

8/1 - Museum Village Show in Monroe, NY at another unique venue. Support the Mustang Club of Orange County. Details on Facebook.

8/18 - General Meeting

8/20-29 - New York Car Show at the Jacob Javits Center. This was one of the first large events cancelled due to the Pandemic. Would we have ever imagined that the convention center would be turned into a hospital and then a vaccine center?

8/29th or 8/22 - GSRMC Picnic We are still working on details. Hope to have everything nailed down by the General Meeting.

OCTOBER

10/3 - Autoberfest Car Show at Nielsen Dodge. Tom A and Al V have volunteered to chair again. Food and music are set and we have 6 vendors registered. Permits are in process. Our charities are The TuTu Project (supports breast cancer patients) and Brick City Rescue (trains dogs to be adopted). Flyers and posters have been printed. I will have them at the General Meeting and car shows. May's show was a success because of all the volunteers, so contact Tom A at 973.229.7735 and let him know how you would like to help. Also, please use your contacts to acquire gifts for the raffle and door prizes. I will have letters with our 501©3 status to give the business owners.

If you have any questions or ideas contact me at 201.306.8127 or dfavia@optonline.net.



Welcome New Members

Frank Marano	Sparta	'20 Mustang GT
Sal & Margherita Haddad	Ramsey	'68 Mustang Conv.
Stacey Yauch	Newton	'92 Mustang
Paul Betts	Lake Hopatcong	'90 Ford Mustang
Elizabeth Meehan	Wharton	'20 Mustang
Bern & Eileen Davis	Roseland	'97 Mustang SVT
William Deats	Morganville	'67 Mustang
Deann Muzicar	Lake Hopatcong	'20 Mustang
Pete Philomey	Edgewater	'21 Mustang Mach-E

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- July 17 HVMA 39th Ann Car Show. Robert Post Park, Kingston, NY
- July 21 GSRMC Meeting**
- July 24 Car & Bike Show. Firemen's Hall, Bloomingdale. www.bloomingdalefd.org
- July 25 All American Corvette Club Car Show. Open Car Show. Kohl's, Paramus www.allamericancorvetteclub.com
- July 29 20th Ann Car, Truck & Bike Show. Wallington Supply, Saddlebrook. www.wallingtonplumbingsupply.com
- July 31 Summer Swap Meet. Island Dragway, Great Meadows. Islanddragway.com
- Aug. 1 6th Ann MCOC Museum Village Car Show. Monroe, NY. www.MCOCNY.org
- Aug. 8 Tri-County Cruisers' 28th Ann Car Show. Wayne Town Hall, Wayne 973-882-0330
- Aug. 14 15th Ann Cops N Rodders Car Show. Lowe's Shopping Ctr., Hackettstown
- Aug. 14-15 Greenwood Lake Air & Car Show. Greenwood Lake Airport, West Milford
- Aug. 18 GSRMC Meeting**
- Aug. 29 GSRMC Picnic Alt. date, 6/22**
- Sept. 2-5 Dead Mans's Curve Wild Hot Rod Weekend. Sheraton Hotel, Mahwah www.deadmanscurveusa.com
- Oct. 3 Autoberfest. Nielsen Dodge, East Hanover**
- Sept. 12 40th Ann. SJMC Mustang & Ford Car Show. Holman Ford, Maple Shade. www.southjerseymustangclub.net

TRACK TIME WITH TEAM SHELBY

To start this story, it's probably a good idea to give a little background on my car. I purchased a 2010 GT in 2016 as a "sunny day driver", just to take back and forth to work occasionally. I specifically remember stating: "I'm not going to do any modifications, I'm just going to drive it". Well, I think that lasted about a month as I had a short throw shifter and exhaust on the way. This trend continued over the next five years until my father and I had essentially built a budget GT500. Current modifications include: Tremec T56 Magnum six-speed transmission, aluminum driveshaft, Ford Racing Hot Rod Cams, Ford Racing Adjustable Suspension, 4 Piston Brembo Brakes, and a GT450 Department of Boost supercharger kit.

Now, it's one thing to install all these parts and drive it on backroads or highways "to work occasionally". It's another experience entirely to be able to use them on a track and drive the car the way it was meant to be driven. My first track experience was Day 1 of the 2021 Team Shelby East Coast Grand Nationals at Pocono Raceway, which I heard about through fellow GSRMC member Bill Chernack. The track day offered several class choices and as I had never tracked before, I chose the Touring class with the pace car leading the group. The weather was cloudy and 57 degrees when we woke up at 6:00 that morning and it didn't warm up much with the threat of



rain looming throughout the day. Prior to the first session, the track steward and flaggers reviewed the flags and their meanings, which I was trying to commit to memory as fast as possible. Truth be told, I almost was wishing for a cheat sheet that I could tape to the dash, but that's probably not the safest thing to look at while traveling at high speed.

My first session was a completely new experience, and it was great to not worry about traffic or police while I pushed the car mildly through the corners and went full throttle on the straightaways. Even if you have a stock car, it's a great experience to use it in a completely different manner than you would on the street. Despite the other cars on the track, everyone was professional and there were no major incidents during my sessions. By the time the final afternoon session, I was pumped to get back out there. Top priorities included making that supercharger whine and using those big brakes to slow me back down. This session kicked up the pace quite a bit and I was able to break triple-digits in a safe environment, all while trying not run into the car in front of me. Even though there was no passing in this class and helmets weren't required, it really encouraged me to track my car more and elevate my skills to the next level. Now I'm looking at track events in September/October and buying the required helmet to move up to the Novice class. When you've put so much effort (and money) into something, it's great to feel the benefit of all those components working together in harmony.



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PRESENTS



Autoberfest Open Car Show

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GSRMC members will NOT compete against non-members

Pre-Registration by 9/25 \$16.00 Day of Show \$20 ~ Vendors Welcome, No FOR SALE signs, No Alcoholic Beverages

Name:	Phone:	NC#1
Address:	City:	State: Zip:
Email:	Vehicle Year:	Vehicle Model:
Are You A Member of GSRMC?	Vendors \$25.00 each (10'x12') _____ #of total spaces needed	

Checks Payable to: Garden State Region Mustang Club • Mail To: GSRMC Car Show 711 Maywood Ave • Maywood, NJ 07607-1507

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE – RIDGEFIELD PARK



CAR and DRIVER'S 2021 EV OF THE YEAR

If an automaker wanted to convert people from EV skeptics to EV evangelists, it's hard to imagine a better vehicle for the job than the Ford Mustang Mach-E. It arrives in the familiar shape and size of the crossovers Americans love, at a price that competes with gas-powered alternatives, and with a design that gets noticed. The Mach-E has the range and charging speed to wave off the most common EV criticisms, and thanks to Electrify America's recent work, there's a nationwide charging network that makes long interstate trips not just possible but tolerable. For new EV converts, piloting a Mach-E isn't so different from driving a gas-burning SUV that it feels foreign, yet the experience is futuristic enough to be exciting. It's the right car to bring drivers along during this watershed moment as EVs transition from niche alternative to new normal.

Best of all, the Mach-E is fun. It moves us past the argument that we should drive EVs because they're better for the environment and proposes a simpler, more fundamental truth: EVs can be as rewarding to drive as their gas counterparts. The Mach-E strikes a sweet balance between practical and visceral, landing in the space where Mazda often operates. Ford has built an EV that's suited to kid-hauling duty, Costco runs, and daily commutes but that doesn't strip the soul out of driving.

You don't attack a road in this Mustang. You set a swift pace and find flow in a seamless plateau of torque as you transition between foot-to-the-floor acceleration and the precise modulation of regenerative braking during one-pedal driving. The all-wheel-drive, big-battery version makes 346 horsepower and hits 60 mph in 4.9 seconds. On city streets, tapping into that power is exhilarating. The Mach-E punches out of 25-mph corners and zaps past dawdling delivery trucks. Thrust arrives as fast as your foot can ask for it.

Ford adds drama with a synthetic soundtrack of a big-engine burble that's been smoothed into a warble. The

piped-in audio doesn't read like a combustion engine and isn't exactly the stuff of science fiction either. But based on how many of our drivers were content to keep the sound enabled, it appears that Ford has come the closest of any automaker to figuring out what an EV should sound like.

Unlike so many nose-heavy gas-powered competitors, this family crossover is surprisingly neutral if you push the speed in corners, and quick steering places the Mach-E exactly where you want it. Ballasted by the 88.0-kWh battery pack under the floor, the body stays flat and passengers remain upright as the car swings around bends feeling as planted as a hundred-year-old oak tree. On Michigan's nastiest roads, though, the Mach-E bounces in a way that reminds us of other Mustangs, both the two-door and four-legged varieties. Ride quality is the one aspect where this Ford sometimes left us wanting.

The Mach-E sails down a 70-mph highway with remarkable isolation. To passengers, the outside world sounds like a 68-decibel breeze. The seats are supremely comfortable, and the driving position neatly splits the difference between car and crossover. You sit relatively high at the elevated vantage that so many buyers want, yet your legs

stretch out in front of you, as in a car, thanks to the underfloor battery. Back-seat space is generous, and the deep cargo hold is roomy despite the fastback roofline.

Ford clearly borrowed a few ideas from Tesla: panoramic fixed-glass roof, unconventional door handles, vertically oriented center display. While these highlights aren't particularly original, Ford managed to make the cabin design feel fresh without resorting to gimmicks or trying to pass off cost-cutting measures as innovation the way Tesla does. And unlike in, say, a Model Y, there's no learning curve for driving a Mach-E. The gear selector doesn't double as the cruise-control switch, like it does in Teslas. There's a simple instrument cluster in the driver's line of sight. And if we have to live with touchscreens in our cars, they all should be this huge. The Mach-E's 15.5-inch screen supersedes the virtual buttons so they're easy to peck at, and the interface is logically laid out.

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While the track day was only the event's first day of three, the other days were packed full of activities, including a poker run and the Carlisle parade entrance. Despite not having a Shelby, I would encourage all to take part in the event or even just one of the days should you not be able to commit to the entire timeframe. Everyone in the group was very welcoming and we made several friends throughout the weekend. It was great to share Mustang stories and, in this case, compare/contrast our track experiences. Due to the sheer enjoyment I had at Pocono, I'm now hooked on tracking my car and getting the satisfaction from using all those modifications in a safe environment. Spending the weekend with fellow Mustang enthusiasts and seeing all the cars lined up going into Carlisle is something to remember. I'll definitely be attending next year and I hope to see you there!

Text & Photos -Tom Spring, #976

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All of these strengths would be moot if the Mach-E didn't have the range to go long. According to the EPA estimate, the Ford is good for 270 miles on a full charge, and at a constant 75 mph in our hands, it came just 20 miles shy of that figure. In Car and Driver's range testing, only the Tesla Model S has covered more ground. Not

coincidentally, the Model S is the sole EV currently for sale with a larger battery.

The Mustang Mach-E starts at \$43,995, a couple of thousand above the average transaction price of a new vehicle, although the federal tax credit can take \$7500 off that sting, for now. The more powerful, longer-range, all-wheel-drive version that we drove opens at \$56,400. Even at that price, the Ford has the premium materials and build quality to make the more expensive luxury cars in this year's EV test look like rip-offs.

One key requirement for our EV of the Year—in addition to fun, value, and mission fulfillment—is that it make electric vehicles more desirable to buyers to a degree that moves the industry forward. That's where the Mach-E stands out from the 10 other vehicles we evaluated. At long last, an automaker has given us an EV that competes head to head with Tesla on design, performance, price, and range, and it neither looks nor feels like it was built in a tent. It's the perfect vehicle to rewrite preconceptions that were formed when the vast majority of EVs were too small, too slow, too expensive to buy yet too cheap to live with, and hobbled by too-short range and too-spotty public infrastructure that wouldn't allow them to venture far from home. Plus, the Mach-E has the driving dynamics and design to push new buyers past mere acceptance of EV technology to excitement.

The worst thing about the Ford Mustang Mach-E is the name, which implies a loud and rowdy machine that will have you seeing red anytime a stoplight turns green. Ford triggered our emotions and raised our expectations by calling its EV crossover a Mustang, then delivered a vehicle that's great in an entirely different way. It's as smooth and calm as cars come, with quiet dynamic competence, ample room for four, and a cabin that appears luxury-car expensive.

But if the name is our biggest gripe, that says something major about the stuff that matters. An established automaker has created a relatively affordable, long-range EV with the gotta-have-it factor of a Tesla. It's a pivotal moment as electric vehicles become far more intriguing to both mainstream buyers and enthusiasts. Even if we're still not comfortable with the idea of calling the Mach-E a Mustang, we are calling it our EV of the Year.

Eric Tingwall, Car and Driver 7/7/2021

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES



335th Meeting

Date: June 16th, 2021

Doors opened at 7:00pm for social chat.

Business Meeting opened: 8:01 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 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 May monthly meeting minutes as printed in the June 2021 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

Treasurer's Report:

Jim S. reported.

Membership Report:

Joe D not present. Three new members at attendance. Elizabeth – son Devon; 2020 Ecoboost Wharton NJ; Paul – 1990 convertible – Lake Hopatcong; Stacey Newton 1992 coupe still in Florida 66 Fastback in need of full restoration; Mark – 06 GT convertible returning member;

Sunshine Report:

Joanne L absent. Dale reported that Richie C. had a triple by-pass done. Will be cooped up for a while. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Merchandising:

Mike is set up at the bar and has plenty of shirts and hats to sell. Stated he needs to order more Medium, 2x and 3x shirts. Please send him an email and will order what people want. Jackets will be ordered in September – wind breaker and light jacket.

Website:

Bill C reported that he added photos from Carlisle. He is limited to what he can post since members aren't posting

pictures on our Facebook page. If club members have pictures, they should put on our Facebook page so he can copy them to the website.

Facebook:

Joe not present. If you hear of a car show or cruise night, please post on Facebook page.

Newsletter:

Mike reported that those who get by mail, there is a delay with the post office. Most get it by email. Please send in some articles and pictures; we are always in need of content for the Newsletter

National Report:

Helaina not present.

Old Business:

Car show was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and made it such a success. Dean invited us back for another show.

New Business:

Team Shelby Northeast had an event the day before Carlisle, held in Poconos. Great time had by all who attended. Was able to run a track in different classes. Cool cars to see. Might do Millville next year as Pocono Raceway is expensive. Would like to get more people to attend. If you are thinking about it – act early.

New car show - Autoberfest on October 3rd at Nielsen Dodge. Paul Semmler has already registered for the show. Al and Tom have agreed to chair. Have already confirmed some vendors. Will need volunteers. Zino's will add some Octoberfest food.

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Two charities – Dean’s brother-in-law is active in Brick City Rescue – hard to place dogs. They will be one of the charities. Bill suggested since it’s October to do something for breast cancer. We are no longer doing big charities. For the second charity we chose the Tutu project for the second charity. They do all of the back end that you normally don’t think of – car rides, buy groceries. Our club has donated over \$80,000 to charities. They will be attending a vendor spot and will have people out there in Tutu’s.

Money is really made on 50/50 and raffles. If you know of a vendor, seek a donation from them. We will have flyers at next meeting.

Fourth of July cruise – Maywood is having a parade but not with cars. Only doing Ridgefield Park on the 5th of July. They are looking for as many mustangs as possible. We get \$500 to participate. Can decorate your car. Bring candy. It’s a huge parade – first organized in 1894 this one of the oldest parades in the US. Meeting at 10 am at Wawa in Lodi with 10:30 departure. Have to arrive as group. Need three convertibles. Mike & Louise would like to invite everyone over for a BBQ after the parade.

Car shows coming up – Saturday Haledon; another show in Belvidere; Cruise to the shore this Sunday in Long Branch; following weekend – Paramus Elk’s on Rt 17; Saturday the 26th we are running a cruise. A winery, a distillery or brewery in Sussex. Do hot dog Johnny’s or sit down restaurant. Will send an email out this week. Meeting place at Walmart in Boonton. Cruise for a cause will be a Food Pantry. Any type of items that are not perishable. Will post on Facebook.

July 11th is River Edge car show; register in advance; limited spaces.

Picnic trying to set up at Picatinny. We are aiming for the 29th; second choice will be Sunday before (the 22nd) or Lake Denmark on the 29th

Peter C. is running another event this year to Pocono’s October 17-19th \$400.00 per couple all inclusive. Luke Ends Farm Resort in PA.

Hospitality Report:

No report tonight as there were no refreshments provided.

Motion to close the 335th meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Ann Rose, #653 GSRMC Secretary

CLUB MEETING CRUISE NIGHT

We will be having a meeting Cruise Night since just before our monthly meeting Wednesday, **July 21st**. Come as early as 6:30 pm with your Mustang for socializing before the 8 pm meeting.

Our new location is a has a large parking lot but it is in a residential area, so please be mindful of the neighbors.

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.

**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.**

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: _____

Exterior Color? _____

How Often Driven _____

Original Paint? _____ Original 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.

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 Shelbys 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: _____

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