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**SNAKES & HORSES LIVING TOGETHER
JUST ANOTHER MUSTANG DAY**

President's Message

I am delighted and relieved that John and I, as well as the rest of our household, are fully Covid vaccinated. It will allow us to enjoy car shows without worry this season and we were able to enjoy a lovely dinner with club members last night. So nice to talk to each other face-to-face rather than via Hollywood Squares on Zoom. Hopefully you are all able to connect with friends and family. All of my flowers are purchased and it would be nice if the garden fairy would come to plant them for me. But does anyone have a way to keep the pollen off the white convertible roof?

As we start to attend car shows, please let everyone know where you're going. Post on our Facebook page and/or let me know to include in this newsletter. And don't forget to post pictures (especially of the trophies you win)!

APRIL

Mustang Day Celebration Was a huge success with about 50 Mustangs over 3 events! It didn't rain, but it was certainly chilly. We started at Rockaway Mall and cruised back roads to Smoke Rise for a surprise 65th birthday celebration for Dave. They expected about 6 cars, we had over 30. As we departed, my car decided it was only going in reverse. Thanks to Bill H for diagnosing, Janine F for chauffeuring, Al V for arranging with his Trans place and Rich I for waiting for AAA. Pictures from the rearview mirror of our entrance were amazing. We then cruised up Rte 23 to Nielsen FORD. Their social media staff did interviews. Then we left for a curvy, hilly cruise back roads to MECO Equestrian Center. Thank you to the owners and staff. We got great pictures with their magnificent horses (so friendly to feed carrots). Gifts were won, lunch was had and we were able to reunite with members. Check out all the beautiful pictures on our website.

General Meeting at NEW LOCATION. American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Way, Whippany, NJ 07981. This hall is large enough for social distancing and has a large parking lot. It was so nice to see everyone as more events get back to normal.

Carlisle Spring Collector Car Flea Market, Corral & Auction. Acres of stuff – crap and treasures. Went for Mustang seatbelts and Camaro parts, came home with a F150 tailgate. Again why GSRMC is a family. Rich P found a treasure, but ran out of room. We met up and had plenty of room for it in my Explorer. The next day we swapped for a Z28 trunk he found for us.

MAY

16th (rain date 23rd) Nielsen Spring Roundup Car Show Weather forecast is 73 with sun and clouds, perfect for a car show. Tom A and Al V have everything under control. The trophies are done thanks to John G, Ken N, John F and both Signorelli's. We still NEED more volunteers for a job at the show. Thanks to those that have already signed up. You can still sign up by call/text Tom A at 973.229.7735. All members are expected to arrive by 7:00 so we are parked prior to our guests arriving. Let's raise lots of money for our charities!

19th General Meeting at NEW LOCATION. 8:00-9:00PM American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Way, Whippany, NJ 07981. If the weather is nice come early. The large parking lot is great to show off our beautiful Mustangs.

JUNE

3rd-6th Team Shelby East Coast Grand Nationals Portions of this event can be coordinated with Carlisle.

4th-6th Carlisle Ford Nationals This is acres of Fords. Good Luck to GSRMC members to bring home a trophy in this show of over 1,500 Mustangs. If you want more info, give me a call/text at 201.306.8127. Many members just come for the day to enjoy the event. Again, this is acres, so bring your chairs and park them by a member, because you will need to rest. Cars, vendors, celebrities, swap meet and food.

16th General Meeting

TBD Cruise for a Cause

JULY

5th Ridgefield Park Independence Day Parade. Save the date. Details forthcoming. Minimal 5 convertibles for town council. Hopefully as rules are relaxed, as many Mustangs as possible. Should know details by next month. Maywood will not be doing a parade.

Summer weather is upon us. Car show season is upon us. Normalcy is upon us. Hugs are upon us.

Can we ask for anything more?

Dale, #733, GSRMC President

Welcome New Members

Karl Kemmerer	Sparta	'20 Shelby GT350
Tom Bielan	Hillsdale	'66 Mustang Conv.
Sean & Kristina Fitzpatrick	Morristown	'20 Mustang GT PP1
Ernie & Daria Nutile	Franklin	'00 Mustang Conv.
Edward Trinkleback	River Edge	'66 Mustang Cpe.
Josel Franchino	Berkely Heights	'68 Mustang Fastback
Henry & Judith Semmler	River Edge	'68 Mustang Sprint
Tom Stanley	Mendam	'93 Mustang LX 5.0
Paul & Gina Scala	Lake Hiawatha	'20 Mustang GT
Robert & Kate Lorenzo	Franklin	'03 Mustang

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- May 16** GSRMC 2021 Spring Roundup Open Car Show. Nielsen Dodge, E. Hanover
- May 19** GSRMC Meeting
- May 22 Cops & Rodders Loop the Lake Tour. Bagels on the Hill, Lakeside Blvd. Landing. www.njcruisenews.com
- May 23 Mustang & Ford Spring Roundup. Healey Bros. Ford, Goshen, NY. www.mcocny.org
- May 23 Wheels for the Wheel Car Show. Red Mill Museum, Clinton. www.theredmill.org
- May 30 Memorial Day Car Show. VFW Post 133, E. Brunswick. www.njcruisenews.com
- June 3-6 Team Shelby East Cost Nationals. Pocono Raceway, PA. Racing, show cruise to Carlisle Ford Nationals <https://www.teamshelbynortheast.com>
- June 4-6 Carlisle Ford Nationals. Carlisle, PA
- June 5 4th Ann. Car Show. Prince of Peace Church, 434 Aldrich Rd., Howell. www.Princeofpeacehowell.org
- June 6 10th Ann Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. NV High School, Demarest. nvhotrods@gmail.com
- June 6 13th Ann Car Show. Waldwick Train Station, Waldwick. www.waldwickcommunityalliance.com
- June 12 20th Ann Classic Car Show. Downtown Historic Chester. www.ilovechester.com
- June 13 25+1 Car, Truck & Cycle Show. Westwood HS, Township of Washington. www.wtfd.us
- June 16** GSRMC Meeting
- July 5** Ridgefield Park Independence Day Parade

2022 NEXT GEN NASCAR MUSTANG INTRODUCED

A completely new era in stock car racing is ushered in as Ford unveiled its all-new 2022 NASCAR Next Gen Mustang to the public in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 5th. The Next Gen Mustang will compete in the NASCAR Cup Series starting next season.

The new car, which has been under development for two years, is completely different from its predecessor – redesigned from the ground up. Unlike past versions, with the exterior being the only noticeable change, this model is built for the future, featuring flexibility for technological advances such as a hybrid or electric powertrain.

The new race car more closely mirrors its Mustang production counterpart, which maintains its title as world’s best-selling sports car.

“A lot of work has been done behind the scenes to make sure this Next Gen Mustang remains relevant to our customers,” said Mark Rushbrook, global director, Ford Performance Motorsports. “As the automotive industry continues to change, we’ll have the ability to keep up in the racing world without having to go through a complete overhaul or redesign of the car. This is something we’ve been waiting for and we’re glad the time has finally arrived.”

Changes include rack-and-pinion steering, independent rear suspension and 18-inch tires with aluminum forged wheels. The all-new body features a wider stance, while a symmetric exterior shell, tail and



smaller greenhouse area closely resemble the production Mustang.

“This car is true to the Mustang brand and we have to thank the Ford design team for working hand-in-hand with our aerodynamic engineers to ensure it is competitive on the track, while maintaining unique Mustang styling,” said Rushbrook. “That requires a lot of give-and-take on both sides, but with the new smaller greenhouse area and shorter rear deck, we were able to do a lot of things to make sure there’s no mistaking this is a Mustang.”

Development of the new car took place both in Ford’s Dearborn design center and at the Ford Performance Technical Center in Concord, North Carolina, where Ford’s NASCAR scale model and aero teams are located. Extensive development continues on full-motion simulators at the technical center, where both racing and production car work takes place.

“Mustang is an iconic brand for Ford and when I saw the Next Gen Mustang in person for the first time I was pumped,” said Team Penske driver Joey Logano, the 2018 NASCAR Cup Series champion. “The aggressive look of the nose and the changes to the greenhouse and tail make the car more authentic to the street Mustang than ever before. I know the fans are going to love the Next Gen Mustang and I can’t wait to get it on the track.”

Mustang came to the NASCAR Cup Series in 2019 and has won at least 10 races each of its first two years, including a season-high 18 victories in 2020 that helped Ford win the manufacturers’ championship.

The NASCAR Next Gen Mustang makes its competition debut at the 2022 Daytona 500.



CLUB MEETING NEW LOCATION

CLUB NEWS

All unpaid, ordered shirts will not be held longer than the 5/19 meeting due to shortages in larger

We will be conducting our monthly meeting Wednesday evening, **May 19th**. It will be held at our new location: **American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Way, Whippany, NJ 07981**. The new location is a little secluded but has a large parking lot so come early with your Mustang to socialize. Merchandise will be available including the new t-shirts.



sizes.

The shirts were so popular world wide, that the Mustang Owners Museum printed more. The good news is that we will be able to get more in the sizes that ran out.

New Merchandise

There are some other designs such as women's shirts & youth shirts that people have been asking for. When we order more of the other shirts, we may be able to add those

styles.

Now that we are back to in person meetings and events, we want to address the subject of GSRMC jackets. Look for more info on these new items at the May meeting and/or in a future email.

To place an order for the shirts pictured here, e-mail Mike at 8550mustang@gmail.com.

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, 3/4 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.



Front Left Chest



SHIRTS FOR SALE

We took a lot of orders for the new t-shirt designs. All three of these designs are printed on high-quality 100% cotton shirts, are available in sizes medium – 3 XL and feature a large print on the back & a smaller design on the left front chest. These shirts are so new that a couple of the designs haven't even been printed yet.

All three shirts will be \$20 (M-XL) or \$23 (2XL - 3XL). There will be limited quantities, especially in medium, 2XL & 3XL,. They will all be available at the Spring Roundup show on 5/16 & at the meeting on 5/19 as well as future meetings & events.

CELEBRATE YOUR INDEPENDENCE

We have been invited back to the Independence Day in Ridgefield Park. Last year we were only asked to provide a limited number of convertibles as they had a scaled back "Pandemic Parade". We are still waiting to see if that is the case this year and hope to know by the next newsletter. **The date is July 5th** and we would need to meet at least 90 minutes before

the parade's starting time of 11:20am. They start closing down streets early near the parade route.

Look for more info in the next newsletter.

MUSTANG DAY APRIL 17th, 2021





Photos: David Nelson Jr., #014 & Mike DeLiberto, #001

GSRMC MEMBERS TRAVEL TO GEORGIA IN SEARCH OF GOLD & MEDALLIONS

This is a narrative of the trip John and Anelle Pestrighelli, Steve and Pat Yamin took to the MCA 45th Anniversary National show in Braselton, Ga.

It was a beautiful Tuesday morning when we met at the Molly Pitcher rest stop on I-95. We traveled south to I-85 in Va. and kept on heading south the first day for over 500 miles. The weather was great and the cars ran great.

The next day, Wednesday, the weather was damp and rainy. Our clean cars were soon to be subjected to the worst weather mother nature could throw at us. Rain, wind, and even small hail attacked our beautiful rides until we arrived at our destination in Georgia at the LaQuinta hotel. Our cars really took a beating. At MCA shows cleanliness is the key, and we had our work cut out to prep our Mustangs to their standards.

We rented a car to travel to and from the show field and visited friends of John and Anelle for two wonderful dinners Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Great hosts, Elaine and Don Kupis!!!

Thursday. John and I cleaned and cleaned, the



pollen was so bad, as soon as you cleaned the exterior, it was covered with a film of yellow pollen. This problem was passed along, and at the judges meeting it was determined there would be no point reduction for the

pollen problem, only for real dirt.

Friday, we drove to the Road Atlanta Race Track in Braselton (about 5 miles) registered and parked our vehicles. It was cold and the pollen seemed worse. I got my car judged Friday. They



spent about one hour looking on top, underneath, inside, in the engine bay, and trunk area. I earned a Gold in the end, but the time they spend judging your car is a lot of pressure.

I also earned my two points to complete my 20 to get my red medallion for my '08 Bullitt. John also earned a Gold for his '07 California Special, in the modified class. Needless to say, we were two happy "drivers." John also received his red medallion on Sat. for his earned 20 points for his California Special. My red medallion has been approved and I hope to get it at the Arkansas show in June. This was the 45th Anniversary of the MCA organization, so the show also had some special meaning.

On Friday and Saturday, John being a Gold Card Judge, was very busy with his duties of judging cars in the Modified Class. For me, it was nice to be judged on Friday so I could enjoy the show and vendors the rest of the weekend. It was a great show, every moment filled with an activity. The ladies picked us up in the rental to take us back to the hotel every night.

We took a different route home on Monday, for we noticed on the way down, the traffic around DC was very bad. Again, we stopped for one overnight in Woodstock Va. and made it home Tuesday with beautiful weather both days, stopping only for food and gas.

Another memorable trip to an MCA Show, I feel the four of us had a wonderful time. When Gold is earned by all, it makes it a great trip.

Steve Yamin #526

MARCH MEMBERSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

333rd Meeting

Date: April 21st, 2021

Doors opened at 7:00pm for social chat, a little too cold to hang outside with the cars

Business Meeting opened: 8:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm

Today's meeting was our first in person meeting since October 2020 and at our new location. 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:

Danny – former President of the original GSRMC. Director of Team Shelby. Club is having some great events. Flyers are located in the back. Track Day before Carlyle. September, SAC group is running Fall meet and tour and ax throwing. Cars and coffee events being planned.

Secretary's Report:

The March monthly meeting minutes as printed in the April 2021 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

Treasurer's Report:

Jim S. reported that as of today there is a balance \$17,271.81, which includes money from dealer.

Membership Report:

Joe D reported that we have 171 members as of today. Two joined on Mustang day. New member – Tom from Mendham. 1993 Mustang LX

Sunshine Report:

Joanne L – absent; Sue DeLeo's dad was in the hospital but doing better now. He is 96 years old.

Merchandising:

Mike is set up at the bar and has plenty of shirts and hats to sell. Mike made a deal with Mustang Owner's Museum



to sell some of their T-shirt designs. There are three different designs. One new shirt is available now for purchase; taking orders for two other shirts. Don't need to pay now, but should order. Old Club shirts, tool bag, masks and hats are also available. Jackets – Mike will look into two different styles and will hopefully have an idea for the next meeting. Won't order them until June or July.

If anyone needs Club items, please reach out to Mike directly.

Website:

Bill C reported that he added photos from Mustang Day. Put into four parts – meeting places, Smoke Rise, Nielsen and Farm. Took some pictures off of our Facebook page. Car show flyer goes back on tomorrow.

Facebook:

Joe reported nothing really happening. A lot of shows. A guy contacted Joe to give him pictures he took at Mustang Day. Check out the Facebook page. Can't use them for our Website as pictures are owned by photographer. Anyone new or not active on FB, if you go to any event and take pictures please post to FB page so we can add to website. We cannot take the pictures off of your personal Facebook page. If you aren't on our Facebook page, you can ask to join and either Joe or Dale will accept it.

Newsletter:

Mike reported about the car cover. This month we had Ken Olsen's car on the cover with a nice article.

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(Minutes, continued)

Will use Bill’s car for next month. Mike will take pictures of your car if necessary. He is at the end of his que so he needs cover photos.

Always looking for cars and articles for the newsletter.

Any interesting content.

National Report:

Helaina not present. Round of applause to John and Steve for getting their medallions. John P. reported on MCA planning, - nearest event to us is near Buffalo area July 29-31 of 2022 in Amherst, NY. Some members are going to Grand National in OK City. Everything will start next year for us around here.

Old Business:

For future meetings we will try Zoom meetings and in person so members who live far can attend our meetings.

New Business:

Dale took a poll as to who is fully vaccinated – most members have already had both vaccines. Some have had at least the first shot.

Car show – Tom reported – 15 vendors which is a lot (3 paid) Need to find places for them. Biggest glitch is help. If we can’t get volunteers we can’t do another show. People who signed up will end up working 10 hours and will not want to attend in the future. Any member who attends the show should help in some way. No one is forcing members to volunteer, however it would be nice to help your fellow members in allowing them a chance to enjoy the show as well. If you would like to volunteer, please see Tom A. at the end of the meeting. You can also reach out to him via email and cell phone.

A vote was taken for shutting down registration at 11 am. It was a unanimous vote. Obviously if there are cars online, they will still get registered. Any cars entering after we shut down will not get judged. We will have a designated spot for them to park their cars.

It was agreed that the 50/50 will be in one specific area to purchase tickets and rather than someone going around. Will be done at DJ table.

Door prizes – people like having games. Solicit for items for door prizes. Most places you just need a car show flyer or the letter with the 503c information. Advanced Auto not giving out gift cards. Can try Pep Boys, Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware. We received a \$100.00 gift certificate from CJ Pony. Need items before show.

Mike and Bill reported on road rally – big article in newsletter. Great day and weather was perfect. 16 cars – 2 people tried to do it by themselves and didn’t last long. Took a lot longer than they thought. Will try to do it once a year or every other year.

Trying to do different things every month.

Mustang Day – was a great day, weather was beautiful but chilly. Anyone not at mustang day, come up after meeting for your cooler and sticker.

Upcoming events: July 5th we are doing Ridgefield Park parade. Not sure if it’s just 5 cars or more. But contract is signed. Maywood is not having a parade.

Flyers on the counter – take some and hand them out at cruise nights. Hang them in different places.

Hospitality Report:

No report tonight as there were no refreshments provided.

Motion to close the 333rd 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.**

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 Sheldbys in recent years? What and when?

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

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