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President's Message

We are starting the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! A season to give thanks, eat too much, spend time with family and of course the presents. Maybe a Mustang under the tree? No matter the difficulties we face, they are temporarily put away and we just celebrate JOY. For many of us we will be able to enjoy traditions as we did pre-COVID.

I want to thank the Lesser's for the many, many years they have been our Hospitality and Sunshine. They are retiring from these positions. For those new to the club, before COVID we used to have coffee and dessert at every meeting. Joanne and Norm were always there an hour early to get the coffee going and set up the snacks. Casey and Bryan K have volunteered to take over these roles... and I think it is safe to start up coffee service again.

OCTOBER

Mustang & Ford Cars and Coffee. Thanks Mike D for making the arrangements. Article and pictures are below. Trunk or Treat. The location was moved to an inside venue do to anticipated bad weather. Thanks to everyone who participated.

NOVEMBER

17th 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. Hopefully we will be in the room upstairs to give us room for all the food. POT LUCK is back. Bring your favorite dish, your appetite and your MASK for the buffet line. We also have elections. If you did not vote via email (deadline to receive an email ballot was 11/10) please try to make the meeting as we have several people running. Thanks to the Nominating Committee – John P, Bill H and Mark S. The toy drive is replaced with gift

cards this year for St Peters Orphanage in Denville. We ask that they be in small denominations for Walmart, Target, or Amazon. Last year we collected almost \$1000. Hopefully we will be able to do a parade to present our gifts sometime in December.



DECEMBER

15th 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. Cookie Swap is back. Bring your favorite Sweet Treats and their recipes to share. This will be the final collection day for gift cards for St. Peters.

18th or 19th TENTATIVE Cruise to St. Peters Orphanage. If COVID restrictions allow, we will cruise to Denville to present the gift cards. The facility has a large curved driveway which is great to meet the kids and display any Mustangs that have not gone into hibernation.

JANUARY

9th Installation Dinner. It's time to sign up for our annual Installation Dinner. Last year was cancelled due to COVID but things are looking good for 2022! Our former location is no longer in business, but we were able to replicate the dinner at The Lafayette House. Since so many are having delayed wedding receptions, Saturday nights require a minimum too large for us, so we are moving to Sunday afternoon. Thanks to Bill H for suggesting this venue. It is a very simple drive, for most just Rte 80 to Rte 15. This is a very fun evening, especially the gift exchange. See the attached flyer for the menu and more details. Please be sure to RSVP before 12/31. Don't forget to include your Entrée choice on the form. FYI GSRMC pays more than half of the cost of this dinner. Hope to see you there.

There is NO General Meeting in January.

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

Happy Diwali!

Happy Veterans' Day! Thanks to all who have served.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Hanukkah!

Dale, #733, GSRMC President

Welcome New Members

Richard Wronski	Kinnelon	'04 SVT Cobra
Jaeven & Anna Rutz	Paramus	'08 Mustang GT/CS
Mark Herman	Somerset	'21 Mustang GT
Howard & Diana Pulaski	Lincoln Park	'79 Ford F 150
Sarah Sandak	Westfield	'20 Mustang
John & Alicia Cinoski	West Caldwell	'18 Shelby GT500

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Nov. 17	GSRMC Meeting. Club Elections & Pot Luck Supper
Dec. 15	GSRMC Meeting. Holiday party & cookie swap
Dec. 18/19	Club cruise to St. Peter's Orphanage in Denville. We will be dropping off donated Gift Certificates. (Date Tentative)
2022	
Jan. 9	GSRMC Installation Dinner. The Lafayette House, Lafayette

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.



CLUB ELECTIONS

CLUB NEWS



The meeting will be held at our new location, American Legion Post 155, 13 Legion Way, Whippany.

The Election Committee presented the following slate at the October meeting:

- President Dale Favia
Mike DeLiberto
- Vice Pres. Bill Chernack
Al Vizzone
- Secretary Carol Rose
- Treasurer Jim Signorelli
- Board Memb. Maureen Yowe

The election will be at the November 17th meeting. All members who have not already voted by email may vote in-person that night.

Votes will be tabulated and winners will be announced at the meeting.

The club would like to thank all of the nominees as well as the members of the Election Committee; Bill Hartmann, John Pestrichelli & Mark Signorelli.



MEETING EATING FRENZY

Our annual Fall Potluck Supper will take place at our November 17th meeting. The club will supply the drinks and desserts, members are asked to bring appetizers, salads, side dishes or entrees. You can spend hours creating a culinary masterpiece or pick up some takeout on the way to the meeting, the choice is yours. This is always a popular meeting and one of the busiest, so in order to ensure that we have enough time to enjoy the meal and get everything done, we will begin eating by 7:45pm.

This will be the first meeting that we will have use of the larger, main room. **Please bring a mask and wear it while you are getting your food.**

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 the September and become delinquent on January 1st. The dues remain a steal at just \$15 per year. We like to think that we remain one of the few bargains left in this hobby. Please send the renewal form in this newsletter along with your check for \$15 as soon as possible. You will also be able to pay online using PayPal. Our Membership Chairperson, Joe DeLeo will be at the meetings to accept your renewals in person as well. 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.



CLUB PHOTO

The reproductions of the 2021 Club Photo are printed and ready for distribution. Anyone who participated in the event can get a free copy by seeing Mike D. at the meetings or contacting him at 8550mustang@gmail.com. They are available on 5x7 photo paper or as a magnet.



SIX UNDERAPPRECIATED WAYS TO WINTERIZE FOR STORAGE

The fall colors are upon us, at least in the states where that kind of thing happens. That means the vintage rides are being prepped for storage as we collectively brace for the snow to fly and the salt to hit the roads. Hagerty has covered proper winterization methods and tips for your car in a multitude of ways, but here are a few suggestions that haven't always made our lists but you should consider.

No parking brake

Opinions regarding the use of parking brakes can get oddly heated, so whether or not you should use yours regularly is a discussion for another day. The key thing here is to not set it and leave for months over the winter. If you're worried about your car rolling from its parking spot, wheel chocks are a better option because the chance that your parking brake binds or seizes up over time is too great of a risk. It's no fun finding your classic is garage-bound for an additional couple days or weeks for a brake job when all you want to do is drive in the spring.

Floor moisture

I used some leftover rollup vinyl flooring to keep the moisture off the bottom of my Model A. Kyle Smith

The enemy of any vintage car owner is rust, and the easiest way to keep it at bay is to keep things dry. Moisture can wreak havoc on multiple parts of a car, but it's the underside and chassis that often end up paying the price when rust takes hold. If you aren't lucky enough to have climate-controlled storage, consider laying down plastic sheeting before parking your car in its winter resting place. Whether the floor is dirt or concrete, moisture will rise up, and this plastic will help keep it from condensing on the bottom of the vehicle and take hold.



The sheeting will also help keep the concrete from pulling moisture and oils from your tires, extending their life too.

UV control

Even a thin and affordable cover like this one can keep the paint from getting nicks and scratches while in the garage. It only takes a few moments to throw on and off. Kyle Smith



Just like you want to protect the underside of your car, the top and interior need to be saved from invisible forces: UV light. Some garages have cave-like architecture, and therefore there's no concern about sun wearing on your paint or interior, but if you're parking a car in one spot for a long time, be sure to take into consideration where the sun hits it and what that might do. Faded and cracked interiors can be avoided with the right cover or some careful window blocking.

Deep clean

This one is simple. Vacuum and deep clean your interior. Don't leave any debris or dirt in the nooks and crannies and allow it to take hold and stain or rot your interior surfaces. This will not only help keep the materials soft and supple during cold winter months, but it will also keep any small things from growing into stains that might require more work to remove in the spring or will attract rodents or vermin. Did you eat in your car this year? Get that french fry out from underneath the seat. You aren't fooling anyone.

Top up

Not your fluids, but your convertible top, if you've got one. We've seen many a car with a nice cloth top that shrunk to the point that it is nearly unusable without extra hands helping to get the frame close enough to latch and risking a tear or two. Even if you live all summer with the top down, store your car with the top up. Most car covers are fitted to be used with the top up (you do have a car cover right?) and this yearly top-up time is also the perfect opportunity to lube all the pivot points before the long winter season.

Record your winter priorities

Planning to work on your ride at all over winter? Now is the time to make your to-do list and set your priorities while you can still do a last drive and any diagnostics that might require moving the car. Also think about how the car is placed into storage. Need to work on the engine but you backed into the garage, so now you have to walk around the car every time you need tools? Set yourself up for success and avoid that mistake by thinking through what you plan on doing and when.

Kyle Smith – Hagerty Media, 04 November 2021

ALL-FORD CARS & COFFEE

The All-Ford Cars & Coffee Meet scheduled for October 10th, was moved to the 24th after a dismal weather forecast and it turned out to be the right decision as the new date was perfect, if a little cool in the early AM. In addition to the rescheduled date, we also had to change our original meeting spot, as the Molly Pitcher Service Area was closed due to remodeling.

We drove in together, with fourteen GSRMC Mustangs. We were given a dedicated parking area and the South Jersey Mustang Club parked next to us. A few more members would join us later in the morning. By 9:00 they were closing off the main parking area and shifting cars to alternate lots. All tolled, there were over 400 Ford vehicles in attendance.

While Mustangs made up about 80% of the total, there were some great Ford's, Mercurys and Lincolns to look at. There were even six Ford GTs from both generations.

Our host, Dave W. invited us into his private late model Mustang museum to view his collection of 1985 and up (+ a '79 Indy 500 Pace Car) Mustangs



with ridiculously low mileage. He also has a few Ford prototypes and lots of memorabilia. His collection has grown so much over the last couple of years, that he had his "overflow" Fox body Mustangs parked in a line outside the building. He even had an SSP ex Nevada State Trooper Mustang that he used to drive around the event to make announcements.

The morning was capped off with a raffle of some great Ford-related prizes and our own Marc R. won the big screen TV prize. It's a good thing he has a convertible, as he had to put the top down just to get it home. Afterwards many of us went to a nearby bar & grill for lunch.

All in all a great way to end the season.

Text & Photos: Mike D., #001







Garden State Region Mustang Club Renewal Application



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

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	Trailered	Race Car

Dues for the Garden State Region Mustang Club are \$15 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

Garden State Region Mustang Club

2022 Installation Dinner

Sunday, January 9th, 2022
1:00-5:00PM

The Lafayette House
75 State Route 15, Lafayette, NJ 07848

\$20.00 Per Person GSRMC pays the rest

Please join us for Installation of The Board, Good Company, a Great Meal and a very fun Gift Exchange. Note: There is no General Meeting in January

The Sit-Down Table Service Menu will include:

Penne with Vodka Cream Sauce
Garden Salad with Balsamic Dressing
Entrée Choice #1 - Roast Prime Rib Au Jus
Entrée Choice #2 - Chicken Francaise
Entrée Choice #3 - Salmon Dijon Buerre Blanc
Twice Baked Potato
Vegetables of the Day
Warm Rolls & Butter
Cheesecake
Fresh Brewed Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee and Hot Tea
Cash Bar available in the Tavern

If you would like to participate in the Gift Exchange, please bring a \$20.00 WRAPPED gift appropriate for a man, woman or either.

Member Name _____ Entree Choice # _____

Guest Name _____ Entree Choice # _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Checks payable to: **GSRMC** Send to: Dale Favia 21 Braemar Ct, Parsippany, NJ 07054

All forms must be received by **December 31st**

No exceptions as final head count and payment is due to facility in advance of the event.

Questions: Call or Text Dale at 201.306.8127

WE SHINE A LIGHT ON THE 3-ELEMENT 1966 MUSTANG TAIL LAMPS THAT NEVER HAPPENED

Ford enthusiast Richardson and I have been good friends for a lifetime, dating back to the mid-1980s. Chris has always had an intense passion for Ford history. You can imagine Chris' reaction when he stumbled upon prototype 1966 Mustang taillights at a suburban Detroit garage sale nearly four decades ago. There they were among all sorts of household goods and garage items – escaping notice of most of the people looking for bargains who were there.

But Chris noticed . . .



Chris, who knew immediately what they were, snapped them up quickly for a song and drove off with elements of Ford Mustang history. Most of us familiar with these taillights have wondered why these striking three-element lights never made it into production. They would have made the '66 Mustang model year distinctive, and surely noticeably different than the '65. Yet, they just weren't in the cards, we presume, from a cost standpoint. Ford's bean counters simply weren't going to allow them. With sales were so good in 1966 and an all-new Mustang coming for 1967, the likelihood is that it was perceived unnecessary to change the car for its second model year.

But the thing is, these attractive die-cast taillights came incredibly close to becoming a reality on production Mustangs for 1966. They even

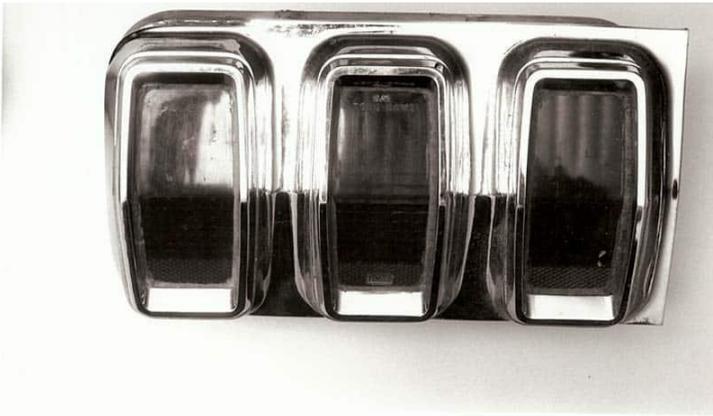


received a '66 Ford part number: C6ZB-13440-A. Mack Pattern Works fabricated these prototype pieces in the fall of 1964, and they were approved at the Mack Pattern Works level in February of 1965. Sometime after that, they were reviewed by Ford decision makers and dropped from consideration. They managed to make it out the back door and into someone's garage where they collected dust until the 1980's.

These stillborn prototype taillamps that never made mass production leave a lot to the imagination. It is easy to envision them bolted onto a 1965-66 Mustang as a mind-blowing conversation piece. They surely would draw all kinds of attention and hoards of questions from enthusiasts eager to know where you got them and how to get them. Enthusiast Bob Zappo is also said to have come across a set of the three-element prototype taillamps, so it's possible they were removed from the cars used in promotional photography back in the day and set aside – only to re-appear all these years later.

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One clue as to why they were rejected by Ford comes from the late Gale Halderman, the principal designer behind the 1965 Mustang. A few years ago he had told John Clor, the Enthusiast Communications Manager for Ford Performance, that he had discussed the prototype taillamp design for the Mustang with the engineering team. The Design Studio was told that the three-element taillamp that Halderman and his Ford Studio chief Joe Oros had first included on the original Mustang clay (which was dubbed "Cougar") was not going to be implemented on the production Mustang for one main reason – "The Falcon (upon which the Mustang and its taillamp wiring harness was based) has only one bulb."

All of the Mustangs shown in this article were '65 Mustang test mules dressed up to look like '66 Mustangs. All you can do is lust over the pop-open GT



gas cap that never made production, either. If you examine the image closely, the words FORD MUSTANG are etched in the pop-open cap. You can actually duplicate this pop-open cap for your 1965-66 Mustang by combining a '70 pop-open cap and any of the pop-open fuel doors -- you just won't get the words "FORD MUSTANG" in the base unit.

The GT fastback in these images is actually a regular production Dearborn Assembly Plant unit used within Ford for promotional purposes to look like a '66 GT fastback. However, it is Caspian Blue -- a '65 color -- with a black 289 High Performance V-8 beneath the bonnet. Those are '65 styled steel wheels on the ground and in the trunk.

It is unknown where these Mustangs are today.

Text & Photos – Jim Smart/
Ford Performance

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

339th Meeting

Date: October 20th, 2021

In person meeting opened at 7:00pm for social chat.

Business Meeting opened: 8:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned: 9:01 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 September monthly meeting minutes as printed in the October 2021 newsletter were reviewed and approved!

Treasurer's Report:

Jim S. gave the report.

Membership Report:

Joe D reported that as of tonight we have 213 members
Time to renew your membership; see Joe to renew your membership

Sunshine Report:

Joanne L has always done this in the past. She needs to give this up. Need someone to fill in. Casey volunteered.

Rich C had a set back and is back in the hospital. Joe put Rich on the phone for all of us to say hi. Will go back to Care One for rehab.

Bob A. had his surgery. All went well and he is recovering nicely.

Merchandising:

Mike had a choice of merchandise or club photo; he chose club photo.

Club pictures are available for those who attended the picnic.

Website:

Bill C reported website has pictures of the car show, not many members posted pictures on our Facebook page so we



were limited as to what could put on the website. Remember, we cannot use pictures from your personal Facebook page on the website, so please post on our Facebook page.

Facebook:

Nothing new to report. Just keep posting car shows and pictures from shows you attend.

Newsletter:

Mike sent the newsletter out last week; if you didn't get it let him know as you should get one every month.

Remember you too could be on the cover page.

Please send in some articles and pictures; we are always in need of content for the Newsletter

National Report:

Next show in Tucson Arizona (2021); Buffalo, NY July 29-31, 2022

South Carolina beginning of April 2022

Old Business:

Several members went on Pete's Fall Foliage weekend. Weather was good. Went to every museum. Great time had by all those who went.

Car show – Tom A. absent. Show was great. Dale thanked everyone who helped out. 8 other shows that day that we were competing against. Kept open an extra hour which helped to get extra cars to our show. Everything ran smoothly. Only hiccup, food vendor cancelled on Friday before the show. He had to cancel as he had no people to help him out. Empanadas were amazing, she added breakfast, had more coffee. Some people had issues with the

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empanadas, but everything worked out. Other food trucks had the same issue – can cook the food but has no one to serve. Got Wegman subs for the show – ordered 100; sold about half and gave the rest away to members. Had to do it last minute.

50/50 went well \$600.00; tickets pre-cut; \$300.00 to us and \$300 to Pink tutu and dog rescue.

Thanks to June and Mark for hosting trophy making day.

Raffle brought in \$785.00;

Need to do better job with the vendors as they were too far away. Was pointed out that none of the vendors paid in advance so we would take up paid parking spaces. This year we did not fill the whole parking lot like we did on the last show. Usually there isn't that much distance between the cars and the vendors.

Concerned about voting as ballot is given with packet and that they may not get judged if they show up later.

Lots of compliments on the show and people do enjoy coming.

New Business:

Installation dinner – January 8th – need to guarantee a minimum of 75 people. So Picatinny may not be an option. Dale has reached out to them. For Saturday night you have to guarantee 75. Usually only have 50; is everyone comfortable with a Saturday afternoon or Sunday. It is a buffet. At Zerus we had a choice of 4 different entrees. Last year we created our own menu with Picatinny. Will do that again. Picatinny came in the lowest price then other restaurants around.

Cars n Coffee is this Sunday; all Ford cars and coffee; they have raffles and donuts. Close to 400 cars last time we attended. Our club will have a specific area to park our cars. It's in Millstone, NJ. Meeting on Route 33 East – Wawa – need to leave at 7:30 am.

He does have a collection of mustangs. See Mike if you would like to go.

November is Potluck and we will be upstairs – bring a serving spoon. Everyone please wear a mask when getting your food. Sit with people you are comfortable with.

Start collecting amazon gift cards for St. Peters orphanage. Gift card or check. Amazon, Target and Walmart. Small demonization \$10.00 - \$25.00; most that get these gifts are aged out of foster care. Hoping to do a parade of cars. Bring them to the next meeting. Last year we had over \$1,000.00. Chose those places so they can get food, can also give a ShopRite gift card.

Hospitality – Norm and Joanne can no longer do the hospitality due to their work schedules. We are looking for volunteers to fill the spot. Will start in December. We have Keurig, just need some cream and a few sweets. Need to get to the meeting early to set up.

Truck or Treat in Oakland is the 30th. 8:15 departure at Dunkin Donuts. Bring enough candy for 300 kids. Wear gloves when handing out candy. Can bring your daily driver. So far 8 members are attending. Very nice event – let Rich Peterson know if you are interested as he needs a head count. Elections – everyone is aware tonight is the last night to let Mark and Bill know. One board seat up is up Maureen is running; Treasurer, Jim S.; Secretary, Carol R. – Vice President, Rich is stepping down – two people running for that spot Bill C. and Al V. President – Dale up for re-election and being challenged by Mike D. Motion to accept to slate approved.

Paper ballot will be available at next meeting. For electronic voting, you may request a ballot starting tonight and up to one week before the next meeting. Can't ask for ballots on day of election. Allowed to vote up to the day before the meeting. You will request a ballot from John and email him back.

Concerned about anonymity – email only going to John so he would not disclose any names. He will check off who already voted electronically.

Results will be at the meeting.

December will be a sweet treat swap. Bake your cookies and bring the recipe.

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.

Hospitality Report:

No report tonight as there were no refreshments provided.

Motion to close the 339th meeting was made and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
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: _____

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?

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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REAR VIEW

