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Next Meeting Wednesday, February 5, at King's, Harmarville
Board Meeting 7:00 pm, General Meeting 7:30 pm

Dear Fellow Mustang enthusiasts,

Thanks to Ken for 6 great years as President. As I told you at the December meeting I have a big beard to fill. Ken's "administration" left the club in great shape and with a growing membership.

Charlyn and I have had a long relationship with Mustangs. She shared a 67 with her mom while in high school and I had a 66 when we started dating and got married. We drove the 66 to my first assignment in the Air Force in Texas in 71 and traded it in on our first new car. Not a Mustang unfortunately. Years later after a couple of Thunderbirds we got a 87 GT we drove to Pittsburgh from Florida when I left the Air Force in 88. The 87 did not work out for winter driving so sadly we had to trade it too. In June of 2010 we got our 2003 Black GT convertible and I started looking online for a Mustang Club. We found the GPMC and drove out to Northway Church for their Starlight Cruise and met Ken B. and Dwight H. Ken said when I told him this story last night "and you still joined?"

We have really enjoyed the fellowship, new friends and fun at the club events since joining in 2010. Please join in the fun and participate in Club activities. If you have ideas or questions about activities please get in touch with Dwight H. or any member of the Board.

We had a great Holiday Party in December with 88 members attending and having a festive fun time. Our next activity is the 5th Annual Invitational Golf Classic on Sunday, Jan 26 at Monster Golf in Monroeville. Join us as no real skill is required to enjoy yourself as I have previously demonstrated. It is less stressful than the Bowling and my left knee is still not right.

Hope to see you soon,

Mark M.



Minutes of January 8, 2014 Combined Board and General Meeting

The combined meeting was called to order by Mark Mu. , President, 7:25 PM, at King's Restaurant, Harmarville. The sign-in sheet was passed around, and the 50/50 was sold by Bill and Eileen M.

General Meeting

Guests: None. New Members: Bill and Marian C. of Weirton, 1973 Convertible and 2011 GT Hardtop; and Ernie P., 1994 Convertible.

Correspondence/Illnesses: Mark reported that Carole H. had surgery and is home.

Minutes: The Dec. 4 2013 ,Meeting Minutes were reviewed. It was moved by Carl C. and 2nd by Mark Mo. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Announcements: Mark mentioned, in addition to the 50/50 drawing, Jeff and Denise of Star Automotive have donated a Catback Exhaust System installation, valued at \$500, and it must be used by Dec. 31, 2014.

Treasurer's Report: Jason reported the income was from Dues, MCA Dues, Dec. 50/50 Raffle, Holiday Party, Oct.-Dec. Merchandise, Star Automotive Advertisement, and Bodytech Advertising renewal. Expenses were to John H. (postage and badges), Ken Ba. (newsletter expenses), TRCCC (annual dues), Ed S. (attendance awards), Hyeholde (holiday party balance), Charlyn M. (holiday party gifts), and Weldon Acres Trophy (trophy award). Two expenses that are not on the Dec. report were to Waterfront Embroidery for two invoices never received for merchandise and two donations in Dan C.'s name. They will appear in the January report. It was moved by Ken Ba. and 2nd by Jeff B. to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Membership: Mary reported member renewals were completed and we have 125 memberships. Thirty-five did not renew and they were mostly from the PVGP. Late renewal dues are now \$25. Membership cards were distributed. Mary will e-mail the updated Directory this month.

Newsletter: Andrew absent. Jan. 15 is the deadline for the February Newsletter. Send photos, articles, and event info to Andrew at gpmc.newsletter@yahoo.com and to Jennie at webmaster@gpmc.org.

Merchandise: John absent.

Webmaster: Jennie reported she will change the password and give it to members at the next meeting. For the year we had 5,000 visitors and over 78,000 page views. The average was 14 visitors and 234 page views per day. July and August were the busiest months, and there was an uptick in December just before the Holiday Party. Also, send car and event photos to her at webmaster@gpmc.org for posting on our site.

TRCCC: Mark reported that Ken Br. and Scott U. will coordinate attendance at the TRCCC meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20. Ken Ba. is still in negotiations with TRCCC to obtain permission to digitize their bi-monthly newsletters so we can post them to our Members Only section of our website.

MCA: Ed stated, if you joined MCA this year as a new member, send him your MCA number and expiration date. If you haven't joined MCA yet, consider doing it through our club. Next MCA Nat'l Board Mtg – 1-19-14.

Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration: Registration for the event is available on the website – www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com. See page 7 of latest GPMC News: **“Ford Recognizes the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration as THE 50 Years Celebration of Ford and Becomes a Partner!”** By TooSlowGT.



Published on October 21, 2013 11:16 PM (MCA website) -- This will be the first time that the Mustang Club of America and Ford Motor Company have truly worked together on the planning and execution of a Mustang Anniversary Celebration. Instead of just being at the event and a sponsor of the event, Ford Motor Company will actually become a partner with the MCA in the planning and organization of the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration. With this new partnership, the MCA will benefit from Ford support in many different areas including facility help and layout support, set up and parking support, PR and Marketing Support and Simulcast/Broadcast to those who can't attend the Celebrations. They will also be working to secure Ford Stars, including the Ford family and senior Ford executives, performers from the recording industry including American Idol stars, and many racing stars of today, tomorrow and the past.

Parties/receptions at the 50th Birthday celebration: Thursday, April 17th Mustang 50th Birthday dinner - \$40 – Cabarrus Arena & Event Center, 7 to 10pm – Ford execs to be there; Friday, April 18th Charlotte Welcome Party - \$25 – Embassy Suites, 7 to 10pm; Saturday, April 19th, Main Event Banquet – \$75 - Embassy Suites, Doors open at 6pm. Also, there will be open track and drag events. Ed passed around the MORE Program – pass out binder. If we get 20 people to register, we can park together right outside the entrance. This parking area has in and out privileges during the day. (Inside parking does not.) We need to submit our list by Mar. 15, 2014. Let Ed know if you want to park in the MORE lot. (We have 18 Mustangs on the list at this time.) There was a discussion about several Mustang caravans coming through Pittsburgh to the various event cities.

Ken Ba. suggested doing a Can-Am caravan.

Event Wrap-Ups: Charlyn reported 88 members attended the Holiday Party. She mentioned that Charlene J., who doesn't own a Mustang, won the Mustang clock but she gave it to Ken and Jennie. Charlyn thanked Danielle L. and Joanne H. for their help, and Toni G. and Jennie for the event pictures.

Activities/Upcoming Events: Dwight reported the 5th Annual Invitational Golf Classic event is being finalized. The scheduled date is Sunday, Jan. 26, 6-9 PM, at the Monster Golf in Monroeville. He needs a minimum of 75 people and the cost might be \$15. He has nothing scheduled for February or March yet. Dwight asked if the members were interested in attending another Mystery Dinner Theater event. He would check into it.

Mentioned last month was the World of Wheels event, scheduled for Jan. 24-26, but three or four members responded. Several Swap Meets were mentioned. An indoor automotive parts/collectibles flea market will be hosted by the North Hills Historic Auto Club on Sunday, Feb. 23rd from 8am-1pm at Krebs Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge, Gibsonia, located on Rte. 8 one mile north of the Butler Valley exit from the PA Turnpike. General admission is \$1/person; vendor spaces are available for \$20/each. Food and beverages will also be available for purchase. Also discussed was the Irwin Car Cruise scheduled for Sat., April 26.

Old Business: The GPMC generic business cards are available.

New Business: Bill C. had some old Mustang Owners Manuals and gave them to members who wanted them.

Attendance Awards: Per Ed any member who attended 8+ meetings or worked on the All Ford-Powered Show was eligible for the award. Four prizes were purchased from Griot's. The winners were Ken Ba., Jeff B., Mike D., and Danielle L.

Other: Mark Mo. won the 50/50 and Ernie P. won the Catback Exhaust System installation. Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 5, 2014, at King's, Harmarville.

Adjournment: It was moved by Danielle L. and 2nd by Dennis L. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Gerri C., Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS

GPMC Activities are listed in bold print. Some dates and events are subject to change, so please check the website and most recent newsletter for the latest information.

- January 26** **GPMC Fifth Annual Invitational Golf Classic, Monster Golf, Monroeville**
- February 5** **GPMC Meeting, King's Family Restaurant, Harmarville**
- March 5** **GPMC Meeting, King's Family Restaurant, Harmarville**
- April 2** **GPMC Meeting, King's Family Restaurant, Harmarville**
- June 27-29** **Can-Am, Youngstown, OH—Details to follow**
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The FIFTH ANNUAL GPMC INVITATIONAL GOLF CLASSIC

WHEN : Sunday January 26th, 2014

WHERE : Monster Golf in Monroeville.

<http://www.monsterminigolf.com/fran-pa-monroeville/>

The event will begin at **6 PM**. We will have the two rooms for 3 hours. As you will remember from last year, the rooms are a bit small, but we will do our best. We may overflow into the hallway outside the room. Details to follow based on how many attend. This is a large facility with a big golf course, an arcade and a bit of room to roam around. So don't worry (be happy).

AND....this is a kid-friendly event. So bring the whole family !!!!

We will be having our usual pizza party starting at 6. Pizza will be provided by Voccelli's. Mary & I will bring the pop, ice, etc.

Anyway, I will be getting more details as we get closer. The cost will be up a bit from last year and will be based on getting 70 people as a minimum. I'm guessing about \$13-15 per person for the evening, but that may change.

The more we get, the cheaper it becomes per person. Ask me about lower rates for kids.

PLEASE RSVP if you plan on attending : activities@gpmc.org or call me at 412-977-5894.

Please include the number of adults and number of children attending.

As for guests, we typically can accommodate a few, sometimes a lot.. Check with me first so we can make sure we will have room. And of course, club members & families get first dibs.

So.....get your putters out and get ready to play some serious golf !!! ☺

2013 Attendance Awards

At the January meeting, Ed gave away the attendance awards. The names drawn were Ken Barker, Jeff Bilka, Danielle Lane and Mike DeLeonibus. Also, in conjunction with the 50/50 drawing, a new Cat Back dual exhaust was awarded to member Ernie Petruzzi. It was donated by Jeff Bilka of Star Automotive.



Member Submission: Mark and Betsy Bedel Ordering Our 1985 Mustang GT

I decided that after watching the horsepower gradually increase with the inception of the new 1979 Fox platform introduction, that when this figure surpassed 200 horsepower, (seems very weak by today's offerings), that I would pull the trigger and buy one. Car & Driver Magazine's Editor David E. Davis, Jr. test drove an early release and pronounced this one of the most exciting Mustangs that he had driven in a long time! I actually have Ford's promotional poster with his quote on the bottom, something like, "Stab the throttle and then watch the trees blur!" This synched the deal for me. After convincing Betsy my wife that this would be a great purchase, we went searching. Since we lived in the North Hills, McCrackin and McCain were the two closest stores. Both had offerings with either every option on them or almost none, and no bright red exterior. I figured that if I was purchasing new, I wanted the options I/we preferred. Ordering is what was then suggested. We did.

This is where the saga began. How soon I asked would the car arrive once the order was placed? Oh, about 3 to 4 weeks. Great, I replied. Not wanting to be a pest, I waited until four weeks were just about up before I called to check on our order. I was told quite surprisingly that our Mustang might not be made! The reason offered was the newly adjusted CAFE requirements imposed by the government, (Corporate Annual Fuel Economy Standards). Ford had apparently not manufactured enough 4 cylinder units to offset the eight cylinder units, and heavy fines were on the line if this balance was violated.

We can certainly refund your deposit I was told. I didn't want my deposit back I responded, I wanted the car. What followed was a series of calls and referrals which led further up the dealer chain of command which if I recall accurately ended with the regional manager. Bi-weekly calls went on for several months before we finally received a call that informed us that Ford was finally in compliance and our bright red GT 5-Speed with the grey interior would be made. Two weeks later it showed up at McCrackin and with great relief we drove the object of our desire off the lot and home where we have had it ever since.

It has been babied. Never been driven in snow, (kind of pointless with rear drive and significant amounts of torque at low RPM's), seldom has it even seen rain. Today it has just over 45,000 miles on it. Less than 1,000 per year for the last decade or so, but has pleased us with several long road trips in the past. A trip to Washington DC to visit my wife's brother and his wife. A memorable 10th wedding anniversary weekend stay at the Century Inn along quaint Route 40 in southern PA. It's become as my daughter puts it, a part of the family. Both she and my son have learned to drive a manual on the Mustang since with its copious low end torque, it is very forgiving to a new student.

Mustang's run deep in the Bedel bloodline though. My father purchased a new 1965 metallic blue coupe, 289 with a 3 speed automatic and uniroyal double red ring sidewall tires. My uncle, his brother, bought a 1969 Mach 1 with a 351. I've always loved the styling of that iteration and clearly the designers of the current models do also. My father later bought a 1985 canyon red GT with an automatic and my brother bought a used 1986 V-8 LX shortly thereafter. My uncle then purchased a 1989 yellow GT convertible while my brother also purchased an early 90's GT and most recently restored a 1968 coupe. On my wish list...a late model GT 500 coupe, race red would be sweet. Love to experience 662 horsepower! Time will tell.

Mark & Betsy Bedel

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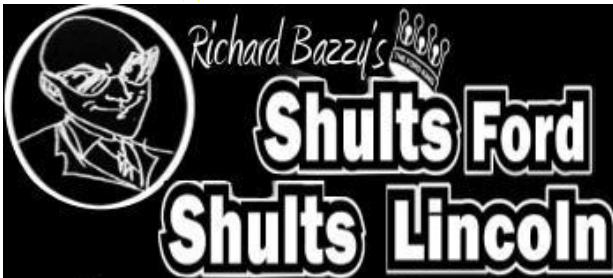
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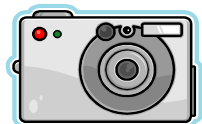
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