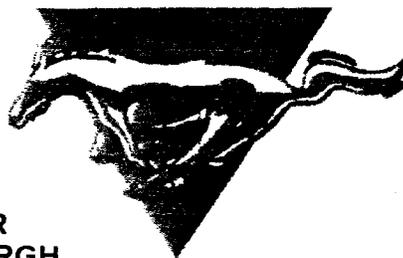


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The Editor's Page

Chris Fisher

It's clear that we're nearing the end of winter. Conversation at the last meeting was filled with talk of going to this event or that event. I get the feeling that everybody has just about had it with winter. Personally, I'm through clearing snow off my T-bird. If we get any more snow, I'm staying home until it melts.

My collection of Mustang paraphernalia keeps growing. I'm sure many of you out there are in a similar situation: friends and family snap up every Mustang item they can find. Hardly a Christmas or birthday goes by without my receiving a Mustang shirt, mug, tie, or something. It's wonderful, isn't it?

Ever the intrepid shopper, my mother bought me a sweatshirt embroidered with a remarkably detailed 1965 Mustang hardtop. Intrigued, I called the people who made the shirt. Debbie and Ray Rua operate a shop in Greensburg where they embroider designs on Hats, Sweats, Jackets, etc. Debbie told me that they have several Mustangs among their 8000 designs, including a '95. For more information, you can call them at 838-7616. (I'll try to remember to wear the shirt to the next meeting!)

WANTED:

CLUB MERCHANDISE COORDINATOR(S)

We are in search of person(s) willing to take over the club merchandise coordinator position. Thelma and Jack Medley have done a terrific job in the position, and must regretfully pass on the reins. A great big THANK YOU goes out to Jack and Thelma for a job well done!



Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 25! We're going bowling at Perry Park Lanes, Rt 19 & Ingomar Rd. (just outside North Park), 1:30 PM. Cost is \$2.00 per game, \$1.00 for shoe rental. It's not "Bowling for Dollars," but it should be a good time nonetheless.

While you're marking those calendars, Sunday, March 17 is our annual Swap Meet at Barden-McKain Ford. A flyer is included in this newsletter. If you're able, copy it and post it wherever you can. Also, volunteers are needed to help out with various swap meet duties. Contact Terry Conroy for more information.

TIDBITS

Apparently, the supercharged 4.6 liter DOHC "King Cobra" Ford was rumored to have been developing has been axed...However, expected to debut with the Lincoln Navigator sport-utility vehicle is a 5.4 liter DOHC Modular V8...**The Mustang Cobra Convertible debuted at the Chicago Auto Show this month, at \$29,415 fully loaded. Good luck buying one for that price...**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

(Information compiled from "Voice of the Hobby",
Bob STEVENS, CARS & PARTS MAGAZINE, MARCH 1996)

I'm sure most of us have heard about the repeal of the national speed limit. Although it has had little effect on us here in PA, many western states have already raised their speed limits (Montana, in fact, now has no daytime speed limit at all - who's up for a road trip out West?).

Not as widely reported are changes in the EPA's Emission Inspection / Maintenance (I/M) program. In a nutshell, states have been given more authority in the development and implementation of emissions I/M programs. These changes were made in response to objections made by Pennsylvania and Virginia, and by threatened rebellion by several other states. Cars & Parts Magazine presented it as a clear victory for motorists.

Even more encouraging is the death of a federally sponsored "clunker bill." This does not mean the such legislation is dead, only that federal money will not be available for crusher programs. Taken from the March '96 issue of Cars & Parts: "Much of the credit for killing the federal clunker bill has been given to E.G. "Bud" Shuster, a U.S. representative from Bedford, Pa., who was also instrumental in drafting legislative language that limited the EPA's I/M enforcement powers." Way to go, Rep. Shuster! It's great to know a representative from our state was instrumental in fighting for the rights of the old car hobby!

I was a bit alarmed by a notice sent to me by Doug Walls. It described very frightening legislation enacted by New Jersey this past summer.

On the surface, it seemed to be similar to the centralized emissions testing which our state has abandoned. As I continued reading, it was apparent that NJ's program was much more severe.

Only three percent of cars which had failed after spending the required \$450 on emission control system repairs would be granted a waiver and permitted to operate for two additional years.

This next part is simply appalling. (In fact, I wasn't going to print any of this - it just seemed to be too outrageous to be true. However, An article in Cars & Parts substantiated the story.) The law included a "vehicle confiscation" regulation. Simply put, state inspectors could confiscate vehicles which didn't meet emissions standards. "As originally drafted, the law gave the state the authority to confiscate an offending vehicle that was caught operating on a public road, or found parked in a driveway, private parking lot, off-road course, etc. The state had defined any such private property as public property if it was accessible from a public road or highway. That certainly would cover most driveways and parking lots in the state."

Amazing, isn't it? When did old cars become "Public Enemy #1"? The lawmakers in New Jersey should be ashamed of themselves. There are certainly better ways of handling pollution control than removing privately owned vehicles from private property.

Luckily, saner heads prevailed. Thanks largely to efforts by Stella Pyrttek-Blond and SEMA, the New Jersey law has been changed. The "vehicle confiscation" regulation is gone, and special consideration has been given to collector cars: they've been exempted from the emission inspection program! Also, cars modified by the fitting of a non-original engine are required only to meet the emission standards for the chassis and model year of the vehicle. Sounds like something for our legislators to consider....



EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, THE SCALES OF JUSTICE TIP IN OUR FAVOR. SOMETIMES, THOUGH, THEY NEED A LITTLE SHOVE. WE'VE GOT TO GET INVOLVED AND STAY ON TOP OF THE SITUATION!

P O N Y E X P R E S S

With the start of February I am definitely looking forward to warmer and drier weather. The past month of snow and ice have played wonders on gutters and downspouts on our house. I would much rather begin to work on the 'stang than having to put back up what mother nature took down. I hope that everyone has survive this winter so far with little or no damage. I just keep thinking of that nice warm weather that is just around the corner.

Our first Board of Director meeting went rather well. It is the first event of the year. We plan a bowling outing at Perry Parks Lane on February 25. The bowling lanes are located at the corner of Rt. 19 and Ingomar Rd. right by North Park. More information is located within the newsletter. The biggest item that we discussed was the March 17th Swap Meet at Barden McKain. We began to organize varies jobs for the event. We are looking for additional volunteers to lend a hand at the Swap Meet on March 17th. The sign up sheet will be at our March club meeting.

The board also decided several other items of importants. We are planning on keeping the "pony points" that were started last year, but we have decide to expand the points to include club merchandise. Members will be able to redeem pony points whenever they want to, until the end of the year. We also are looking into possibly attending the Spring Nationals in Columbus, Ohio in June. If it is cost efficient and if we can get enough members to attend we are looking into what a bus would cost. So, if you are interested in going or if you would like to help us with organizing it, just contact any one of the board members. The board began to discuss the club's annual summer car event. This year we decided to go back to our "car show". To make this show different from our previous shows we decided to open it up to "all makes and models". We did this because the board felt that we want a show that everyone could enjoy. We are just beginning to organize this event and are looking for members to join the Car Show Committee. We have other events that we are looking for help with, they are: the club picnic, GPMC car cruise, Pgh Zoo, possibly a river boat cruise and some events for the fall. We appreciate everyone that has helped out in the past and we appreciate anyone that would like to help out in the future. The more people we get to help arrange, set-up and clean-up events the easier it is on everyone involved. So even if you are only available for a short period of time, that time is more appreciative than you can imagine.

We have a lot of events that we have begun to plan but we have a lot more up and coming that we would like to have some help with. If you have the time please volunteer it really is appreciate. I am looking forward to the events coming up and I really am looking forward to the warmer weather that is hopefully on the way. I hope to see you at the March meeting.

TERRY

February 7 Meeting Minutes

Bonnie Kolder

I just want to start out by saying that your new secretary for 1996 will not be as interesting as you have ben used to. Janet has done an excellent job of writing the nomads and you will find that my minutes will be pretty cut and dried and straight to the point. I've been as secretary for many years, but I will confess that I have not considered any job that required taking minutes at any meeting, but here I am. You can always fire me and rehire Janet if I get too boring

President Terry Conroy opened the meeting by asking if there were any new members. No new members were present. 27 members were present. Those new members will start showing up again when the snow melts and spring is here.

GPMC Parts Swap Meet will be held March 17, 1996 at Barden-McKain Ford. Snow date will be March 24. Terry passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. More volunteers are needed. Please support the Club by volunteering to help at the Parts Swap meet. Flyers were available and members were encouraged to take several to pass out in their neighborhoods.



BOWLING PARTY - February 25, 1:30 PM at Perry Park Lanes, rt. 19. Dinner afterwards (of course) to be decided that day where we will go. Come out and have a good time with us!

Christmas Party - Volunteers are needed to arrange the party in December.



Pony Points - It was suggested that pony point system be expanded to include redemption as soon as points are earned. Points can be used towards club merchandise, as well as dues, The Christmas Party, etc. Details to follow.

AutoFest vs. Car Show - It has tentatively been decided that the club will host a car show this year at Barden-McKain Ford in late summer. Details have not been worked out yet. It was felt that due to the limited number of volunteers at AutoFest '95 and the magnitude of the undertaking, it would be best to have a car show (open to all makes and models). Details will follow.

Activities - Terry sent a letter to the Ohio Club to work out a joint activity with them, possibly at the Super Car Showdown at Salem Drag Strip.

Other possible activities: Spring Nationals, Canfield Hot Rod Super Nationals, Ford Carlisle, Oldsmobile Spring Nationals. Details will be provided at a later date.

Karen Borgen talked about the caravan of Mustangs Across America and their trip from California to Atlanta for the show in Atlanta in late August. Karen suggested that maybe some of our members might like to hook up with the caravan either on their way to Atlanta or when they caravan from Atlanta to Detroit where they plan to tour the Henry Ford Museum. It was also suggested that the Club host an event for the caravan while they pass through Pittsburgh on their way to Detroit. The caravan will be coming through Pittsburgh September 3 or 4.

Club Buttons - If you need a button, please see Wayne Hildenbrand at the meeting. Remember to wear your buttons to all meetings so we know who you are and also to get two raffle tickets for the price of one for the 50/50 drawing.

50/50 Raffle - Carl Cramer won the raffle and got \$15.00. I should say, it went past him and straight to his wife, Pat. Bumper stickers (the most coveted items of the evening) were won by Peg Darrah and Bonnie Kolder.



Project Update - Chuck Kalish reported on the progress he is making on his Boss 302. I hear D.J. already likes being behind the steering wheel. Chuck, Michelle, and D.J. will be cruising real soon.

Make-A-Wish Update - Karen Borgen read a letter from the Make-A-Wish Foundation that said that our donation sent a special three-year-old child and family from Evans City to Disney World. All the hard work of several special hardworking club members (and you know who you are) that spent so much time and energy in AutoFest '95 can feel very proud and happy to have made that possible.

If you have any announcements, births, birthdays, anniversaries, etc, that you would like to share with the members, please call me (Bonnie) at 728-7911.

See you at the next meeting at Hoss's. - WEDNESDAY
R+ B. MARCH 6, 7:30

NEXT BOARD MEETING
FEB. 26, 7:30, KINGS - Rt 79 & 910

WANTED or FOR SALE ADS for car related items will be placed in the monthly newsletter at no cost to GPMC members. Your ads will be published in 3 consecutive newsletters. The numbers in parentheses at the end of each ad indicate the number of remaining newsletters in which the ad will appear. Please notify me if you want an ad to be continued beyond the three month period. You have four choices for getting the ads to me. You can mail them (Chris Fisher, 318 Circle Dr., Delmont, PA 15626), you can call (468-4938, evenings and weekends), you can fax them (same number, but you have to call first so I can set up the PC), or you can E-mail them (great68@aol.com "GREAT 68" is the plate on my '68 Mustang!) Please DO NOT leave ad requests on my answering machine (it's a bit temperamental).

FOR SALE ADS:

For Sale - 5.0 - New water pump, front cover, timing chain set, oil pan and fly wheel; 65/66 - hood, 5-gauge instrument panel, 9" housing, 3.50 9" pumpkin, Boss/Hi-Po con rod set & S.B. scattershield; 32 Ford - Walker radiator, rumble lid hinges, windshield frame w/glass & Bitchen Products steel floor kit; much more miscellaneous rare & valuable good stuff.
Lanny 264-5856 (2).

For Sale - Quick 5-sp shifter, signed by Saleen, make offer. 487-6285 (1).

For Sale - Carter 625 cfm performance carb, electric choke, Ford auto kick down, 3 months old, perfect shape, includes Carter strip kit, paid total of \$260, sell for \$145. Ray 466-5279 (1).

For Sale - 1966 Coupe, NM/CA Mustang, excellent cond., dark green w/black interior, 289, auto, factory air, p/s, 10K on rebuilt eng (110K orig), owner needs garage space, asking \$7000. Frank 453-0742 (1).

For Sale - '89 GT Cyl. Heads, comp. valve job, shaved 10th, ready to bolt on. Also cam (roller) - timing gears & chain. All for \$275 Firm (412) 466-5279 (0)

For Sale - A lot of misc 1966 parts - too numerous to mention. The parts are used, were replaced to update car. \$100 takes all. I need to clean out my garage. Call Mike (412) 439-3181. (0)

For Sale - Pony Interior (cpe) installed, exc. cond, \$250/obo; C-4, \$25; Complete pwr steering, \$175; Woodgrain steering wheel w/Ford center cap, \$200/obo; Ford rear valance w/backup light holes, \$30; 2v intake, \$10; 2v carb, \$5; '68 2v Autolite carb w/tag, \$5; misc items; Ron George (412) 262-7292. (0)

1985 Mustang GT - Black; SVO 2½" stainless dual exhaust w/H-pipe; 8.8" 3.08 Traction-Lok; SVO sail panels; 4 GT rims & 2 steel police rims; 53K, no rust; spotless interior (less front seats) - no motor or trans (was 5.0/5-speed); car hit passenger front - not bad; CHEAP!; call Ron George for details (412) 262-7292. (0)

For Sale - 4 BFGoodrich Trailmaker snow tires mounted & balanced on steel rims (5-bolt) and 20 new lug nuts - used one season (only 2000 miles); exc condition; fit Ranger 2wd \$250/obo; Ron George (412) 262-7292. (0)

1965 Shelby Mustang Leftover - titled 1966; S/N SFM6S069; only 252 made with 1965 & 1966 updates; Wimbledon White w/blue racing stripe; lowered A-arms; Weber carbs; Detroit locker; Cragar 5-spokes; 4-speed; etc.; restored correctly; \$60,000/obo. Call Ron or Pat Kaminski (412) 935-5461. (0)

WANTED: 1965 Convertible; V-8, Red or Black; Ready-to-drive. Jason (412) 364-6970. (1)

WANTED: Red dash pad for 83-85 Mustang. Must be perfect, reasonable. (412) 466-5279. (0)

WANTED: 65 or 66 Mustang; Original rust-free GT with Pony Interior. Red, blue, black, or white exterior. Prefer restored. Consider all up to \$10,000. Gary (412) 852-2785. (0)

BUSINESS ADS: We welcome any businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter. The small charge helps to defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. The cost for a 4 1/2" x 2 3/4 area is \$7.50 for members and \$15 for nonmembers, and the ad is printed in THREE monthly newsletters. Our newsletter is sent to over 190 homes and several local car clubs, and the number grows every month. All FULL PAGE FLYER ads must be "run-off" buy the person submitting the material (please provide enough copies for the entire montly mailing). Additional charges may be required on full page ads depending on newsletter space availability and mailing weight.

Mustangs to Atlanta

The Mahoning Valley Mustang Club is planning a caravan to the MCA's 20th anniversary show in Atlanta August 29 - September 1, 1996. The caravan will be leaving from Youngstown, OH on August 28, arriving in Atlanta on August 29. Interested Mustangers should contact Joe or Dee Horne at (216) 792-1004 (after 5PM) or write "Mustangs to Atlanta" c/o MVM, P.O. Box 275, Youngstown, OH 44501. They are also in need of volunteers to staff various committees for the caravan. If you can provide assistance in any of the areas below, please let them know.

Registration

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Activity

Food

Route and Service

Publicity

Advertising

Mustangs from Atlanta

Once the big event in Atlanta is over, another caravan will depart and head North, through Washington DC, and on to Dearborn for a possible tour of Ford facilities. This second leg of "Mustangs Across America 1996" should pass right through Pittsburgh (unless they're taking a very unusual route from Washington to Dearborn), providing us an opportunity to join up with the caravan and/or host a "rest stop" cruise for them, with food and refreshments. A caravan of perhaps hundreds of Mustangs has to be an absolutely awesome sight, and I must say, I'm looking forward to it already!

For more info or an entry form (\$20), contact: Sam Haymart, Mustangs Across America, Dept MM, P.O. Box 4131, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-4131. Phone: (916) 789-0220, Fax: (916) 723-1370.



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Mustang Club
7th Annual Parts Swap Meet**

ALL MAKES AND MODELS!

**Barden-McKain Ford
Route 19, Wexford, PA
Indoors/Outdoors**

**Sunday, March 17, 1996
(Snow Date: March 24, 1996)**

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission: \$1.00

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