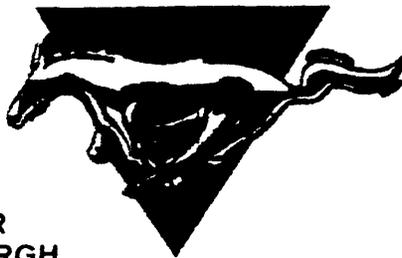


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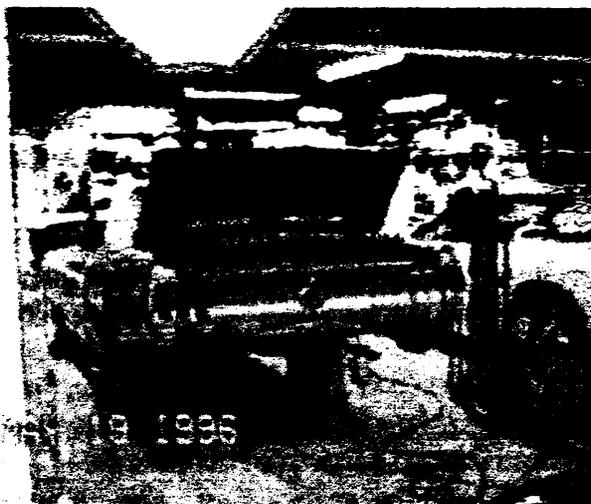
## Just A Simple Rear-End Swap Chris Fisher

Have you ever started a project and then asked yourself, "Why, why, why did I start this?" Well, I'm right in the middle of one of those projects. Yes, fellow Mustangers, with less than a month to go until Ford Carlisle, my '68 has been up on blocks in the garage since Tuesday, April 30 while I install the Versailles 9" rear end I bought a few months back. No problem, you say? Keep reading.

I didn't get very far before encountering trouble. After 28 years, the nuts on those u-bolts holding the axle assembly to the leaf springs weren't going anywhere. I wound up cutting through the bolts to free the rear end. Immediately after cutting through the u-bolts, parts of my leaf springs went clanging to the floor in pieces. "Fine," I thought, "I'll just get new springs." So, I set about to removing the old springs. The rear shackles came apart easily. The front bolts were another matter altogether. After rounding off the bolts and breaking a socket wrench - thanks to a 4-foot cheater bar - I decided that the only way to get the springs out was to somehow cut the bolts. It took a reciprocating saw and roughly a dozen blades to accomplish this. It also took until Sunday, May 5.

At this point, I made a rather alarming discovery. I knew that the left rear frame rail wasn't in the best of shape, but I had no idea how bad it was. It was rusted badly on the bottom side and cracked around the spring mounting point. Rather than risk catastrophe, I decided to replace the frame rail A.S.A.P. This required removing the bumper, left taillight, rear valance, and gas tank. It also required cutting a section of trunk panel away for access to the rail. I managed to get the rail securely welded and the trunk panel welded back in place, but not without running out of welding wire and shielding gas for my MIG welder. The date was Sunday, May 12.

It's now Sunday, May 19. I got a call on Friday informing me that the mid-eye leaf springs, which lower the car 1", were on back order and wouldn't arrive in time for my project. This was after I had been waiting nearly two weeks for them. So, I had to go with standard-height springs. I'll install lowering blocks at some (distant) point in the future. As if that weren't enough, I've been waiting all week for a guy at the local salvage yard to pull a 3.00:1 center section out of a Ford Van for me. I spoke to him yesterday morning and informed him that I'll soon be desperate enough to summon my super-human strength, flip the van over, and take the rear-end out myself. He assured me that wouldn't be necessary, and that I'll have what I need on Monday. I'm not holding my breath...



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So this is the month of May. If you attended the monthly meeting you could not convince myself or anyone else who did. I truly hope that mother nature has decided to take a vacation from all this nasty weather and bring us some warm and sunny days.

We have several events coming up that we really need club support on; the Pittsburgh-A-Rama, the GPMC Car Show, the club picnic, and a car cruise that has come up in the last few weeks.

The club has a spot at the Pittsburgh-A-Rama, June 14th -16th, we are in need of volunteers to help at our club booth. We will be able to set-up our club tent and be able to promote the club.(i.e. sell club merchandice, sign-up new members, advertise our car show, etc...) If you have sometime you can spare or if you are going to be there and can give sometime the club would really appreciate it.

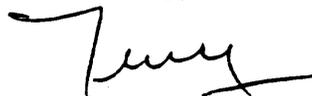
The car cruise that the club is involved with will be on June 29th at Daddy O's ice cream place . Daddy O's is located on Mt. Royal Blvd. in Shaler Twp. across from Elfin Volunteer fire Hall. We are looking for people to help out at the car cruise and we are encouraging all members to show up for a good night of fun.

The club's biggest event of the year is our Car Show being held July 21st at Barden McKain Ford in Wexford. Plans are going along smoothly and are progressing well. We are in need of volunteers to help keep this up. The club is looking into doing the concession this year so we will definitely need additional help with that. We also need members to pass out flyers to help promote the car show. There will be a sign up sheet at our June meeting and we encourage if you have the time to give, even if it is a hour or two or if you help out before the show please sign-up. We are also need members to help sign-up sponsor(s) for trophy classes for the Car Show. A trophy class cost \$35.00 and the sponsor will get their name on the three trophy plaques. If they would not be interested in sponsor a class, we are also looking for door-prizes. Any participating business who sponsor a trophy class or give door prizes let them know we will be announcing their business throughout the day of the Car show. For more information contact anyone from the Car Show Committee.

Finally on April 27th the club had an event at Dream Spinners on Rt. 422 near Butler. This was the first event the club paid for and all who attended had one heck-va time. We had 24 members show up and were treated to a nice dinner and great service at Dream Spinners. Needless to say we had the waitress constantly on the go. It was a bit of a chilly night that night so we decided to give our members an option on where to go next; either Putt-Putt or Go-Cart Racing. Majority ruled or I should say unamously we decided it just was not quite cold enough to run the go-carts. And run they did or I should say fly. We went to Esracers on Rt. 68 near Butler and had one whale of a time. They had a track for everyone. The road course suited our younger members who when they get their drivers licenses look out. It also allowed some of our other members to get out and cruise around. Now some of us other members decided to try the slick track, needless to say their no bumping rule did not apply. Just picture on the track Gene Hagerty, Harold Borgen, Chuck Kolder, Wilbur Knotts, Tom Cativito, Lou Nelson and myself. It was quite experience, this must of brought back fond memories for Gene because their was not stopping him nor could we get him out of the go-cart while we were there. For Mr. Kolder he either had a cart that like to spin out or he just enjoy facing on coming traffic. All in all everyone who came out on our first club night out really enjoy themselves. So next time there is a club event come out and join us you never know it might just be on the club.

The club picnic is on August 18th at Roosevelt Grove in North Park. We are looking for volunteers to help set-up for the picnic and also to help organize games for both the young and the old. More details to come at June's meeting.

If you are able to help out at any of the club events we really could use it so contact anyone of the club officers or board members. See you at June's Meeting.



# May 1 Meeting Minutes

## Bonnie Kolder

GPMC held its first outdoor meeting of the year on May 1, 1996 at Roosevelt Grove, North Park. Several loyal GPMC members braved the elements and attended, even though it was very cold and a thunderstorm sent everyone scurrying to their cars when the meeting was concluded. No new members attended.

### Schwab's Ford All Ford Car Show

Scott Schwab, the owner of a Ford dealership in Titusville attended the meeting and invited GPMC to attend their 3-day car event to be held at the dealership on July 11, 12, & 13. "Big Foot" is scheduled to be at the event. The car show will be held on Saturday. Scott plans to send more information to the club regarding the show. If you can't wait, you can call Schwab Ford at 800-961-FORD.

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EVENT!**

### Mustangs Across America

The Mustangs Across America luncheon will be held on September 4 at Woltz & Wind Ford. Time will be approximately 12:00 noon. A cruise is being planned for the caravan's evening stopover in Canton, OH. More information to follow.

### TRCCC Meetings

Brian Kuntz reported on what's happening at recent meetings of the TRCCC. The meetings are held on the third Monday of the month and are open to everyone. TRCCC has judges available for car shows for a donation of \$20. Plans are being made for a trip to the Rock & Roll Museum for sometime in September or October. The bus trip will be approximately \$30. Brian will provide more information as it becomes available.

### Council of Motor Vehicles Meeting

Gary White reported on the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicles Annual Meeting which he attended. Gary also suggested that the club consider getting "Official" GPMC letterhead and a post-office box. These issues will be discussed at a future meeting.

### GPMC Car Show - July 21



GPMC Car Show will be held July 21 at Barden-McKain Ford. It will be an All-Ford show. Terry Conroy and Gene Hagerty are to meet with Bob Albert of Barden-McKain to discuss what the dealership's commitment will be as far as financial assistance, etc. The Club will do the concession stand this year. Cluck Kolder asked that each member provide one door prize. Call a business in your neighborhood and ask if they would be willing to donate a door prize or sponsor a trophy class. There are 21 trophy classes.

### GPMC Picnic

We're still looking for someone to volunteer to plan the annual Club Picnic. It was discussed at the Board meeting that it may be catered this year.

## Dreamspinners Outing Report

Terry reported that the Dreamspinners dinner and go-cart racing afterwards. Everyone that attended had a really good time. The guys really had a blast racing around the track. It was a very cold evening, but that didn't stop anyone from having a good time. We thought a few guys were going to have to have their hands pried off the steering wheels (you know who you are). Thanks to GPMC, this was a free evening for everyone, since the club picked up the tab.

## Meetings:

See you at the next meeting which will be **June 5 at 7:30, Roosevelt Grove, North Park.** The May Board of Directors meeting will be **Tuesday, May 28, at King's, Rt 910 & I-79.**

Board Meeting: Monday, April 29, 7:30 PM, Hoss's Restaurant, Rts 910 & I-79.

Club Meeting: Wednesday, May 1, 1996, 7:30, ROOSEVELT GROVE, NORTH PARK.

**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 (great58@aol.com GREAT 58 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** - New 1978 Mustang II - car was only driven home and put in dry storage - 00031 miles on this red car - \$8000 - Harold Ehrenberg 843-6780, 846-8565. (2)

**For Sale** - Excellent 289 engine and auto transmission - taken out of a 1966 Mustang - Harold Ehrenberg 843-6780, 846-8565 (2).

**For Sale** - 1972 Cougar XR-7, needs restored, good project car, low miles, \$1800/obo Call Terry Conroy 761-1159. (1)

**For Sale** -4 Styled steel chrome wheels for 1968-69 Mustang, includes "GT" wheel covers & trim rings. \$400/obo. Tony Miller 821-5172. (1)

**For Sale** - 1966 Convertible, parts or restore (if you're really good), 289, Auto, manual steering and brakes, power top, no title, \$850. Chris 937-8333, 468-4938 (0).

**For Sale** - 1964½ Convertible, 260, 3-speed, burgundy, white top, new brakes, excellent mechanical condition, always stored, \$8500. 869-9957. (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 ½" x 2 ¾" 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

## *Volunteers Wanted*

*Below are some of the many opportunities coming up for you to do your part for the club.*

*Help is needed for the car show. Sponsors are needed for trophy classes and door prizes, so even if you aren't able to help out the day of the show, you can solicit businesses in your area for donations. For more information or to volunteer your services, call Terry Conroy at 761-1159.*

*The annual club picnic is coming up. We're in need of a volunteer to head up the picnic committee.*

*Speaking of committees, I'm sure Karen Borgen is looking for help planning the Mustangs Across America Luncheon and Evening Cruise. For more info, contact Karen at 487-6285.*

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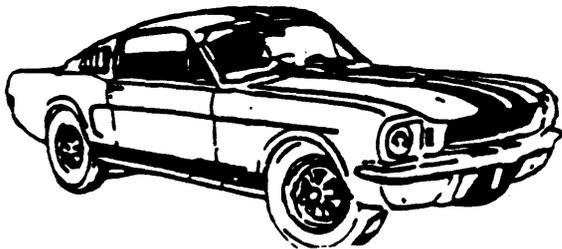
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# CAR SHOW

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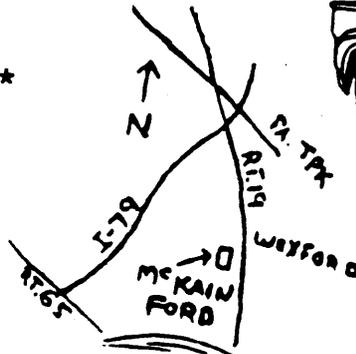
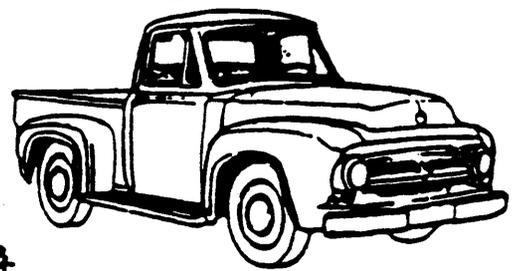
**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS JULY 15, 1996**

**Registration day of show \$7.00**

**Registration open 9AM. Closes promptly at noon.**

**No cars admitted after 12 noon.**

**Trophies awarded at 4PM**



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GREATER PITTSBURGH MUSTANG CLUB  
CAR SHOW  
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LOCATION: Barden-McKain Ford, RT 19, Wexford, PA

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

Pre-registration must be received by July 15, 1996 and cost is \$5.00 per vehicle. Vehicles may be registered on the day of the show at a cost of \$7.00 per vehicle. The show will take place rain or shine. Registration fee is non-refundable.

Mail registration to: Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club, 426 Stanford Ave., Pgh., PA. 15229

NUMBER OF VEHICLES \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

I am encouraged by the fact that the car is now in the process of being put back together, and I'm confident that my 9" rear end will be installed and the 4-wheel disc brake set-up fully tested in time for the trip to Carlisle in less than three weeks. GULP!!

I'm almost afraid to tally up what all this has cost me. It's just like a few years back when I installed Granada front discs. By the time I bought new wheels and tires - the old ones no longer fit - the job cost me 10 times what I had initially expected. This time, I've spent more like three times the anticipated amount, so I'm getting better, but I've still got room for improvement. (Don't we all?)

I'll have details on the finish of my big little project next month.

## News Bits

**According to the July Issue of "Mustang & Fords" magazine, one of the 27 cities currently under consideration as the location for the Mustang Museum is none other than Pittsburgh, PA. What a treat that would be! The Mustang Museum Steering Committee can be reached at Mustang Museum, Inc, P.O. Box 865, Dearborn, MI 48120-0865. Let's let them know how much we love our Mustangs and how much we'd love to be home to the Mustang Museum!!!**

Club members who will be attending the event at Nelson Ledges and are in need of directions can contact Lou Nelson at 884-2642.

## CLUB EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 28** - GPMC Board of Directors meeting, Rts 910 & 79, Wexford, 7:30. Please note that this is not the usual "last-Monday-of-the-month" date.

**Wednesday, June 5** - GPMC Monthly meeting, Roosevelt Grove, North Park, 7:30.

**Friday, June 7 - Sunday, June 9** - Carlisle All-Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA.

**Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16** - Pittsburgh Parts-a-Rama. If you're planning to attend, plan also to man the club booth for an hour or two. Contact Terry Conroy for more info.

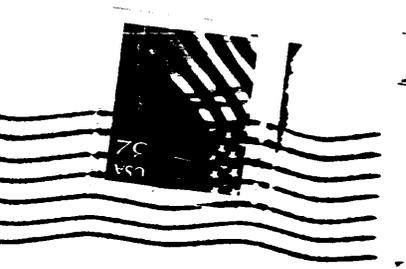
**Saturday, June 29** - Cruise at Daddy O's, Mt. Royal Blvd, Shaler Twp. Volunteers are needed, as this event is co-sponsored by GPMC!

**Sunday, July 21** - GPMC All-Ford Car Show, Barden-McKain Ford. Volunteer assistance, door prizes, & trophy sponsors are needed.

**Sunday, April 18** - Annual GPMC Picnic, Roosevelt Grove, North Park. A volunteer is needed to form and head-up the committee.

Has anyone checked out the new "Mystic" paint available on the '96 Cobra coupe? I was passing by the local Ford dealer a week or so ago and I spotted one. It's a very unique color, or should I say colors? The paint can appear to be black, purple, green, red, or blue, depending on the angle of your view. The base coat is black, and the varying hues are provided by high-tech clearcoats. It's a great effect, but I have to wonder how it's possible to get a good paint match, should it become necessary.

Automobile Magazine recently ran an article comparing a '96 Mustang Cobra to a '96 BMW M3. The Mustang came across as a worthy competitor for the BMW, particularly considering its near \$20,000 price advantage. As could be expected, the magazine was overrun with mail denouncing the comparison and the Mustang Cobra.



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