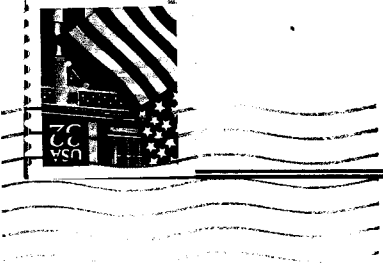
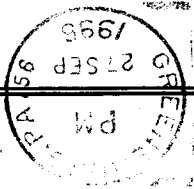
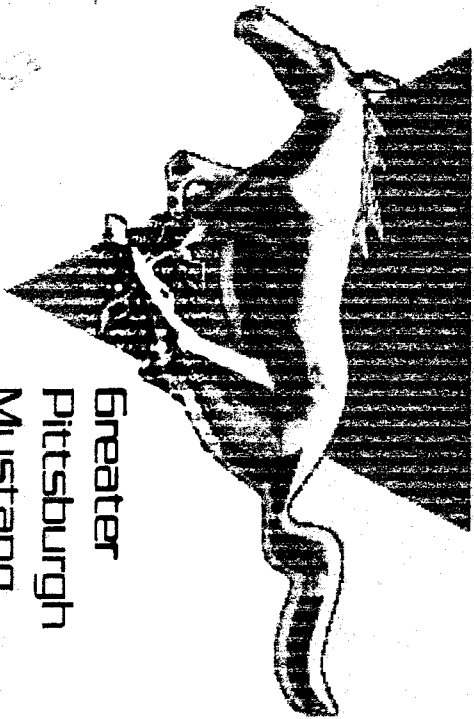




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MEETINGS

Board of Directors: Last Monday of each month, King's
Restaurant, Rt 910 & I-79, Wexford, 7:30 PM. ALL MEMBERS
WELCOME.

General Membership: Wednesday, October 2 - SPECIAL

LOCATION: ERACERS 60-CART TRACK, BUTLER. See enclosed
map.

Bony Express Very Courtey

Unbelievable -- the month of September is already here. It just seems like last week, everybody was bring their cars out of storage and soon we will have to begin to put them away. I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer and got as much out of it as you wanted to. I know, myself, I kind of wish it would last a little bit longer because I'm just beginning to get my work done around the house.

Last month we had our annual club picnic at North Park on August 18th. We had approximately 32 club members show up for it. Those who attended the picnic seemed to have a good time. We had more than enough food for everyone who attended, even enough to send home food for those who wanted to take it. I would like to thank several members who gave a hand with the picnic: my wife, Marcelle, who made many of the arrangements, Maxine and Rick Kaminski, for the delicious buns and cake, Chris Fisher, for handling the reservations, Bonnie and Chuck Kolder, for helping to set-up, Tom Butler, for playing a nice selection of music all day long, and Gene Hagerly for helping to bring the club items from the storage unit. Thank you. I appreciated the help, and I hope that everyone who did attend had a nice time -- and for those who did not, you really missed out on a good time.

On September 4th, the Mustangs Across America rolled into Woltz-Wind Ford in Heidelberg, PA. From what I've heard from the members who attended the "Pit Stop" in the 'Burg, it was quite a site. I'm looking forward to hearing from Harold and Karen on their trip to Atlanta and from Michelle Kalish on the event at Woltz-Wind. Special thanks to Karen, Michelle, and Heather Borgen for setting this up and thanks to all the members who went down and gave a hand at Woltz-Wind. Also, GPMC appreciates the effort put forth by Larry Wind and his fine staff from Woltz-Wind Ford. Without them it would not have been possible to hold this event. Thanks!

HORSE FEATHERS CHRIS FISHER

This weekend, I visited a true auto graveyard. Over the years, a truly eccentric man amassed some 70 cars, mostly GM vehicles dating from the 30s to 70s. The man died recently, and his nephew is in the process of liquidating the estate. Unfortunately, most of the cars are too far gone to salvage, but all have useful parts. Included in the many were 10 Cadillacs, mostly 2-door hardtops from the 50s - including a pink '56 Coupe deVille, several Chevs, a few odd Chrysler products, and a few Fords - an early 50s wagon, '63, '66, & '68 Ford wagons - the latter two with 390s under their hoods. Unquestionably, though, the saddest sight there was the remains '53 Buick Skylark, one of the 1600-odd factory custom convertibles turned out. Regrettably, all but a couple of the Fords and Buicks were too far gone to restore - even by my standards. Even more tragic, plans are being made for the crushing of these cars, most of which have valuable parts - including hard-to-find glass. The cars were advertised only briefly, and the man's nephew is unwilling to wait any longer. I find the situation to be very depressing. There really isn't that much money to be had from crushing the cars -- maybe \$5000 total. What would be the harm in giving people a bit more time to salvage some valuable items from these cars? I'd sure like to pull the 390 out of that '68 wagon, but I can't do it in time.

What's the point to all this? Well, I know of two other graveyards like this one in my area - one nearly all GM, and the other a wide variety of makes. I'm sure many of you are aware of some in your areas, as well. Keep your eyes open. Eventually, most of these graveyards have to be cleaned up. As is the case with the place I visited this past weekend, we may not have much time to grab the goodies!

Now some items that are coming up. First of all the October Monthly Meeting is going to be held at ERACERS near Butler on t. 68. We are trying to get one last run of fun before the snow flies. If you have not been to ERACERS, it is a go-cart and goofy golf course facility. We are going to meet there at 7:00pm, this way we can have our meeting, maybe eat some pizza then hopefully be turned lose on the track. So make plans to be at our last outdoor meeting this year, it should be pretty fun.

Also during the month of October, we have made plans to go on the Gateway Clipper Dinner Cruise. This is going to be held on October 12th. The cruise goes from 7:00pm-10:00pm and the cost is \$33.50 per person. We have done this in the past and everyone who went had a really nice time. Doris Keefe has been so kind as to take charge of this, so send her your reservation and check (made out to GPMC). DEADLINE is OCTOBER 5th. This way, it will give her enough time to make all the arrangements. We plan to meet at the Gateway Clipper dock between 5:45pm-6:00pm.

Some things to keep in mind that are coming up soon are: on November 10th we are planning on taking a drive to Sharon, PA. for a afternoon of site-seeing, maybe some shopping or browsing at a few of the outlet stores, and then dinner at one of the fine establishments there in Sharon. So if you would like to go, we are planning on leaving Kings Family Restaurant (the Kings located at Rt. 910 and 1-79 Wexford) at 12:15pm.

The GPMC Christmas Party is Saturday, December 6th. We are still looking for volunteers to help out with the party, so if you can lend a hand contact Bonnie Kolder - she would appreciate the help.

Also, please keep in mind that elections are just around the corner and if you would like to or know someone who might want to run for office or for the board just contact any of the Officers or board members.

I hope to see as many members at our next monthly meeting as we can get. Remember: it is at ERACERS near Butler at 7:00pm. It should be a good time. See you then.



It's new-car intro time, and things are quite mundane at your local Ford dealer. They're promoting the new Escort (yawn), the new Expedition full-sized sport-utility vehicle (nice, but not exactly nimple), a new 205-hp V6 for Explorer (automatic transmission only - B00000!!!), and a 5-speed automatic transmission for both Explorer and Ranger.

Due to slowing sales, Mustang production has been cut back. Could the slowing sales be caused by the Mustang's ever-increasing price tag? Mustang GTs are priced nose-to-nose with Camaro Z28's and Firebird Trans Am's, yet you have to step up to a Cobra to equal the GM pony cars' performance. Am I the only one who sees a problem with this?

This price creep seems to be happening all over at Ford. I recently priced a new Ranger 4x4 equipped identically to mine: a regular-cab Splash with a 3.0L V6, 5-speed, A/C, and AM/FM/Cassette. The sticker on a '96 was just under \$21,000 - for a stick-shift Ranger without so much as a tilt steering wheel or sliding rear window!!! For maybe \$1000 more, I could be into a comparably equipped full-sized, V8-powered Dodge Ram! Hello, FoMoCo? Anybody home?

More bad news on the sales front: the best-selling car in the US for 1996 is likely to be the Honda Accord. The controversially styled Taurus is currently running well behind the Accord in the sales race. Buyers just haven't warmed up to the Taurus' new look. Rumor has it that a crash program is underway at Ford to facelift the Taurus.

I had an adventure with my '68 late last month. My father and I bought a small tent camper, and, lunatic that I am, hitched it up to my Mustang and set sail for Prince Gallitzin state park for a weekend of camping. Let me tell you - if you want to attract a crowd, pull in to a campground in your Mustang with a trailer in tow. I had a blast.

Trophies, trophies, trophies

Chuck and Bonnie Kolder have been tearing up the show circuit in their fine '67 coupe. Here's a rundown of their latest awards:

North Hills Historic Auto Club
2nd Place - Pony Cars

Fairfield Ruritan (Columbus OH)
1st Place - 64□-79 Mustang Modified

NEO Mustang Club - All-Ford Show
1st Place - 67-68 Mustang

Super Car Showdown & Nostalgia Nationals
(Salem, OH)
Runner-up - Mustang Class

Hot Rod Super Nationals (Canfield, OH)
Photographer's Choice Award - received by
only 3 out of 2000 cars!

Congratulations, Chuck & Bonnie! I know there are more of you out there winning trophies. If you want some club recognition, drop me a line (at the return address printed on the back of the newsletter.)

Our journey to the Atlanta Motor Speedway for Mustang Club of America's 20th Anniversary Celebration was truly "an adventure" as promised! We left Pgh. with a rear seat & trunk full of tools and luggage to meet-up with Bob Frantz & 28 Malboning Valley Mustangs on our caravan across Ohio. This group was led by Joe & Doc Home, whos CB handle was "Mustang ONE", we were "Pgh." CB chatter within the caravan was very entertaining. (It also provided needed directional help!) A FAST, "tailgating" pace was set by Joe in his '93; but the early models kept-up... Not having a pedal on my passenger side didn't stop me from often slamming on the brakes! Cincinnati traffic, a construction barrel coming at us at 75mph, and the airborne retard smacking its way down the side of our '67 kept us rubber bust: Harold's "death wish" was pushing a disabled '65 off the Interstate's right lane (his shorts falling off) as an 18 wheeler bore down! It wasn't a Kodak moment.

We did arrive in Atlanta safely & the black scaff marks came off the side tool Area hotels were packed with mustangs & Club banners from across the US hung on balconys, which was pretty neat. (I pinned a GPMC shirt on our window drapery so Pgh was represented). The Atlanta Speedway was HUGE with lots of track thunder, 1,000 mustangs on the inner field, and hundreds in concours area. We saw friends we'd made in Charlotte & everyone was really nice... MCA even took me on a personal golf cart tour so I could see it all! I spotted a girl with a GPMC shirt on, but Harold said she'd probably bought it in Charlotte (since we'd sold so many there!). It did turn-out to be Oleksik's, (club members

from Uniontown, PA) with their newly restored '66 coupe! Mike, Helen, & Chris were good company the weekend long; especially when Harold was gone doing judging duties ('67 CP's & Concours). Dave Zimmerman judged our Division & he said he only deducted a few points for our: "This is no trailer potato" dash sign!

(Note: His cars are all trailered concours) Our convertible did receive the Award of Excellence & a Gold Metal, and so did the Oleksik's deserving '66 white coupe.

A Pony Party (sound familiar?) was held after Show hours with 750 guests attending. Live bands, food, skydivers, etc., but we had more than a few people tell us GPMCs Pony Party in Charlotte put this one to shame. (GPMC still holds the title of hosts of the "Best Party of the Year" as per many who kindly said so!)

At the Speedway on Sunday we were relaxing.. the judging was done, awards were given, Harold had time to shop at vendor areas for parts and I noticed the Mustangs Across America Group was lining-up on the race track. I thought: "Gee, that's nice that they get to take a parade lap"... followed by my realization that we had a MAA Pass to join them..... So up on the track we went! First lap was "Queen Mother Wave" to the crowds; 2nd lap was faster with me begging for Harold to "Let It Rip!" (as I hung-out the window with our camcorder); 3rd lap was: "Nail It, Hear the ROAR, Feel the Power, FLYING!". We were having so much fun we didn't notice the "BLUR"

was a track guy waving us in! (Almost got another lap before Harold "reigned 'er in" from high up on the track) What a THRILL WE HAD on our pony ride! Mustangs Across America participants were also permitted to stay on the track

for photo so we have some memorable pictures (can you believe we stopped with our rear tires resting on the finish line?) Plus an awesome VCR of our track time... My arm is still staking from that filming effort!

Our return trip to Pittsburgh was much more passive. Sam Haymart led the way with sixty pony cars at his back door....Notice how catchy CB lingo is? We heard ponyrales, jokes, lots of trucker compliments and got the "Humbe-up" from admirers all the way North. You can hardly imagine how much attention Mustangs Across America receives as they travel along... People pull-off the Interstate exit just to get a closer look!! Mustangs do bring out the good in people, and we were fortunate to witness some it. Some guy left Atlanta early, went home to Washington D.C. and roasted a pig, made baked beans, corn on the cob, & cole slaw and had this impressive food spread ready for MAA at the hotel where we stayed. NO CHARGE I man effort! (Isn't this heartwarming?)

Many of our fellow travelers were from the West and they were anxious to visit the Nations Capital, but no tour bus was available. 30 people chipped-in for two stretch limo's, and we went to D.C. "in style" with Harold & I doing our best to serve as their tour guides. Everyone seemed to enjoy a fun-filled evening, and the next day we found a dog biscuit under our windshield wiper (MAA's way of saying you're inducted into the "pack") We consider it an honor to be among such good company and hung the dog bone from our rearview mirror. This trip really was a "Mustanger Adventure Extraordinaire, just as Sam's creation

of MAA intended. These traveling pony pals were extremely friendly, helpful, & courteous.. All trails I call the "Mustanger Spirit". They made our relatively short "link-up" with their caravan TONS of fun, and we'll never forget the good will extended to us.

It was with GREAT PRIDE that we led the Mustangs Across America caravan into Pittsburgh to meet with our equally Special Pony Pals from the Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club! I left home knowing that final plans for the "PITT STOP in the 'BURG" were dropped onto Michelle Kalish, who not only accepted the responsibilities, she ultimately went "ABOVE & BEYOND" in her efforts to ensure the success of this event! (I knew her talents are plentiful) We trusted Larry Wind's generosity & that our GPMC friends would lend-their-hands to help. THANKS to ALL.... Words can't express how much your support was appreciated by everyone who enjoyed this event BECAUSE of YOUR personal contributions!

The final leg of our trip was the warmest & BEST Homecoming anyone could have thanks to WOLTZ & WIND FORD and GPMC Pals! My concerns mounted as we made our way through driving rain & thick fog and some of the MAA cars fell behind since the pace had been increased to get to the luncheon. Thinking Pgh. folks will be angry we're late, & MAA's were upset by the rush to get there (no win situation) so I prayed... The sun popped-out and there was our police escort, with sidewalks full of cheering/smiling faces. TV cameras, and Dear friends welcoming the caravan. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. It was perfection!

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 (cfisher@innovgrp.com) Please DO NOT leave ad requests on my answering machine (it's a bit temperamental).

FOR SALE ADS:

For Sale - 4 '93 GT wheels O. E. M. 5-spoke, 4-bolt, 16" with hubs. Includes tires - Dunlop 225x16. Call Tony Miller 821-5172 (2).

For Sale - 1992 SAAC MKII, #0004 of 17 produced, only 3 Hatchbacks, the only one in red with white stripes, definitely collectible, priced to sell, 48 original miles. Call Tom 785-3040 (2).

For Sale - 1966 Coupe, 289, Automatic, Runs great, Body good. Call Tim Zietak 881-2177. (1)

For Sale - 2.75:1 9" center section - needs yoke - \$80; 3.00:1 8" axle assembly, complete, \$100; 68-69 14x6 styled steel wheels, w/trim rings & caps, \$300. Call Chris 468-4938. (1)

WANTED - 200-cid cylinder head or complete engine (manual trans). Call Chris 468-4938. (1)

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 ads 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 monthly mailing). Additional charges may be required on full page ads depending on newsletter space availability and mailing weight.

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4 BONNIE KOLDER

The GPMC monthly meeting was held on September 4, 1996 at Roosevelt Grove, North Park. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by President Terry Conroy.

Terry reported that a good time was had by all at the **GPMC picnic**. Those who attended took home lots of goodies. Weather was beautiful and we enjoyed a nice afternoon. Approximately 30 members attended.

PIT STOP IN THE BURGH held at Wolz and Wind went very well. Approximately 90 cars attended (approx. 45 cars from caravan and approx. 45 cars from the area). Karen B. and Michelle K. did a fantastic job of organizing the event. Terry thanked all those members who were able to take a day off and help out at the event. Those who attended said it went great.

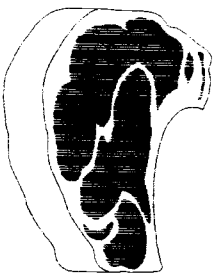
GATEWAY CLIPPER DINNER AND

DANCE - OCTOBER 12, 1996,
BOARDING 6:00-7:00, Cruise and dinner is from 7:00-10:00. Doris Keefe has volunteered to make the arrangements, so we hope you can join us for a fun night. All checks (\$67/couple) should be made payable to Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club and mailed to Doris Keefe, P.O. Box 373, Wexford, PA 15090 no later than October 5, 1996.



Our **October membership meeting** will be held at Eracers Go-cart Track in Butler. For more information about location and directions, call one of the GPMC Officers or Board of Directors. Meeting will start at 7:00. A map will be enclosed in

the newsletter. Meeting will be brief so that we can have fun on the race track.

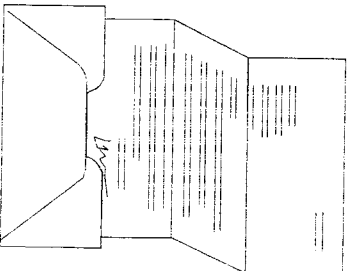


NOVEMBER 10 - We are planning a drive to Sharon, Pa. for some shopping at the outlets and then dinner afterwards at Quaker Steak and Lube or Hot Rod Cafe in Sharon. We will meet at Kings (rt 910) at 12:00 and leave promptly at 12:15 to caravan there.

Tentative dates have been discussed at the Board meeting for the **swap meet** on 3-16-97 and tentative for **car show** on 7-20-97. These are subject to change depending on whether we are able to have these events at Barden McKain Ford. Discussion was also held regarding whether or not we should talk to Wolz & Wind about holding the car show at their dealership and see what they have to offer to GPMC.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 7, 1996 at Devos, Cranberry Twp. More details later.

It was discussed that the Board of Directors is planning to purchase **GPMC letterhead** for the club. GPMC secretary will hold the letterhead and anything going out on GPMC letterhead will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and officers and will be typed by the secretary. The reason for this is so that the GPMC officers and board members will know what is going out on the letterhead.



GPMC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES will not be printed for every member upon renewal of membership. If members would like a directory, when sending in their dues renewal there will be a place for member to indicate that they would like a directory and they must send a check for \$3.00 along with membership dues to cover the postage of mailing out the membership directory.

Elections will be held in December. Please keep in mind that we will need people who are willing to run for office in 1997.

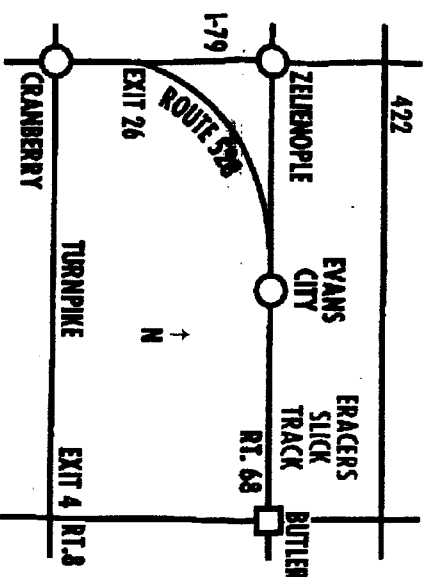
All club events and activities must be brought up at a board meeting 2-3 months prior to the event. This is not to discourage people from volunteering to plan an event or activity, but to help in the planning and allowing for the appropriate funds. **WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY.**

Brian Kuntz reported on the TRCCC cruise held at Neville Island Technical Center.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT ERACERS GO CART TRACK ON OCTOBER 2, 1996 AT 7:00.

ERACERS

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BUTLER, PA**



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ON RT. 68 (EVANS CITY ROAD)
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**GPWC DINNER/DANCE
CRUISE ABOARD THE
GATEWAY CLIPPER -
OCTOBER 12, BOARDING
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COST IS \$33.50/PERSON
(\$67/COUPLE).
RESERVATIONS ARE
DUE BY OCT 5.**

YES! I/WE WILL CRUISE THE RIVERS WITH GPWC

NAME: _____

PERSONS: _____

**ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$33.50/PERSON
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WELCOME! You are cordially invited to join the Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club! We are a group of enthusiasts dedicated to the acquisition, preservation, restoration, exhibition, and use of Ford Mustang automobiles, both new and old. GPWC strives to be an accurate source of technical and historical information concerning these great automobiles.

MEETINGS
Monthly meetings are held the **first Wednesday of each month at 7:30**. From May through Oct., meetings are held at Roosevelt Grove, Walter Rd., North Park. From Nov. through April, meetings are held indoors at Hoss's Restaurant, Rt. 8, Allison Park. Meetings are a social event where club activities are discussed and new members (spouses included!) are made to feel welcome.

EVENTS
There's always something going on. If we're not sponsoring a show, cruise, or swap meet, we're attending. We also have picnics, barbecues, corn roasts, pool parties, road rallies, Halloween parties, and Christmas parties, among other activities.

NEWS-LETTER
Each monthly newsletter is full of club activities, member news, and lots of Pony Talk. Submissions from the membership at large are welcome. Members may advertise car-related items free of charge in the For Sale/Wanted section.

DUES
Annual dues are \$20 for a family membership, which includes spouse and children under 18. The annual renewal period begins in October. We hope you'll become one of our active members by completing the application below and submitting your \$20 dues payment to the Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club. Thank you for your interest.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
Spouse: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
ZIP: _____ Work Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Mustang Club of America membership # (if applicable): _____
Optional Employment Information - (To help members to "network" within the group)
Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Spouse's Occupation: _____ Employer: _____
CURRENT CAR OWNED: Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Model: _____
Color (Ext/Int): _____ Engine: _____ Trans: _____
Special Options/Features: _____

Other details you wish to share (Is it your first Mustang? Is it a project car? Is it stock or modified? Etc. etc. etc.): _____

(Use rear of application to list more information or other cars owned)
How did you hear about GPWC? _____
Please send completed application with \$20.00 check made payable to GPWC to our Membership Director:

HUGH MCCARRON, 2278 WILDWOOD RD, GIBSONIA, PA, 15044

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