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GPMC NEWS

September 2000



Mustang of the Month

1992 GT Hatchback Owner: Bob Kacinko

Bob writes: "When I was growing up in the late 70's, my teenage neighbors owned late 60's and early 70's muscle cars that had been modified. I thought they were so cool that when I grew old enough, I knew I would own one. In 1989, I was living in Virginia where I was first introduced to the new powerful 5.0 H.O. Ford Mustang LX. A kid that I went to electronics school with bought the car brand new and was showing it off for me. I remember being planted into the seat when the car was at wide-open throttle. In 1990, I moved back to Pittsburgh and an old friend of mine asked me to help him rewire a 1978 Mustang Hatchback that he was modifying. After completion, the Stang was sharp looking and moved! That's it I thought, I'm going to get a Mustang for myself.

I had just started working a good job and started saving up. In early 1992, our union went on strike. This was the perfect time to start looking for my Mustang. I got brochures and an Edmund's New Car Book and went out to Ford Dealers in search of a new Mustang. I Loved the Black exterior color but was undecided on the interior color - Black or Titanium Gray. Also, I didn't like the stock stereo. Finally, with the strike settled and a final decision made, I went out and special ordered: A 1992 Ebony Black Ford Mustang GT 302 H.O. Hatchback with Titanium interior and a sunroof. It is fully loaded except for the standard sport bucket seats and radio delete option (Leather is too hot and I really hated the stock radio).

Just after the Mustang was ordered in late April, the Teamsters went on strike and I waited 10 weeks for arrival by car carrier. Finally, I received a call from the dealership that the Mustang had arrived. It was my 25th birthday when I picked up my Stang. What a birthday gift! Unfortunately, I had to pay for this gift myself. While driving home, I decided to see how this Mustang ran. With a tight seat belt and a firmly planted foot, the Stang rocketed - what an adrenaline rush! I finally had my childhood dream come true - my very own muscle car.

The Stang received tinted windows, an alarm system and the beginnings of a top-notch stereo system. Along the way, 3.73's, a higher stall torque converter, a beefed up tranny valve-pack and purple neon lights were installed. The adrenaline rush got bigger!

After two years of daily non-winter driving, and with a lot of tender loving care and a lot of elbow grease, I decided to start showing off the Mustang. Together, we have attended numerous cruises and shows and have acquired over 25 awards over the years. The proudest moment came when we received 1st Place in 3rd Generation Concours Class at the Carolina 2000 Grand National Show in Durham, North Carolina several weeks ago.

The Mustang, like my family, is a big part of my life, an extension of my youth. The kids are growing up learning a lot about cars, and loving and enjoying the Mustang. Even though I tease about being buried with the Mustang, I plan on handing the muscle Mustang down as the time comes. After all, childhood dreams are inherited too!"

To have your car featured on an upcoming cover, send a picture along with a one-paragraph write-up to *The GPMC Newsletter*, c/o Beth Ann Brady, 319 Tadmar Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-1821. Your picture will be returned, and you'll also get a color version of the cover possibly suitable for framing, or at least for your scrapbook!

GPMC General Membership Meeting Minutes - September 6, 2000

The last Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club General Membership Meeting held at Roosevelt Grove for the 2000 season was called to order by President Duane Lashua at 7:45 PM. There were 29 members (and 1 canine) signed-in.

Duane welcomed new members Larry Lusckay from West Mifflin who owns a 1968 coupe and John Lamorte from North Hills who owns a 2000 GT. Treasurer Thelma Medley gave the financial report. Added to the treasury was a check from Coxon Ford for sponsoring food at the PVGP, GPMC club tent. A donation of \$109.00 was made to the MDA, monies collected at the PPG event. Rege Donovan, membership director reports that the membership now consists of 143 families. Membership applications were a hot commodity at the PPG event with no less than 35 applications being distributed. Rege announced that the Hot Rod News would like to give the club free space on a monthly basis to advertise events or to spotlight a "Member of the Month". MCA Director, Bob Kacinko reported on the 2000 Grand National, the Mahoning Valley

Mustang Car Show and the A&W Mustang Cruise. Bob also announced MCA events scheduled for next year. Merchandise Directors, Jack and Thelma Medley said that the club gear sold very well at the PPG event and continues to move. A new order of white shirts has arrived. They can be purchased by members at cost (\$7.50). Acting TRCCC Representative Duane Lashua will attend the meetings, which are held every other month however he asks if anyone is interested in the position to please contact him.

Terry Silliman reminded the membership that the meetings will move indoors next month, resuming at King's in Harmarville. Terry also announced upcoming events and the plans for the club picnic Pig Roast on Sept. 24th from noon to 6:00 PM, which will be held at

Flagstaff Grove, adjacent to Roosevelt Grove in North Park. All members are invited.

Jack Medley reported that the Woodward Dream Cruise near Dearborn, Michigan was quite an event, 17 miles of every kind of vehicle imaginable. He added that everyone should make it a must to attend at least once.

New Business:

Duane announced that the BOD was suggesting a few changes to the by-laws.

Article 9 Section 2 Add unexcused, to read: Directors shall notify the President as soon as possible if unable to attend a regularly scheduled Director's meeting. Two (2) UNEXCUSED consecutive absences will constitute an immediate expulsion from office and the Board of Directors shall appoint one of the

alternate board members as a permanent replacement. If no alternate board of directors exists, the Board of Directors may appoint a replacement officer until elections are held. Motion made by Jack Medley and seconded by Terry Silliman to accept the change. Motion carried.

The other change was to add the Activities Director position to be a permanent seat on the BOD, eliminating an at large position unless the Activities Director holds another position on the Board. Motion made by Jack Medley and seconded by Rege Donovan to accept the change. Motioned carried.

Bob Kacinko won \$15.00 on the 50/50.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

~Michelle Silliman
Secretary

MCA NEWS - September 2000

The 2000 Grand National was held in Durham, NC on Sept 1-3, 2000 with rainy skies. However, our members came home winners. See the separate report!

The first National Show for 2001 is the Gulf Coast National Mustang Show on March 23-25, 2001 at University Mall, Pensacola, Florida. Show information is available by calling Russ Baxter 850-457-3916, russbaxter@email.com or www.gcrmc.com for on-line registration.

The Kansas City Grand National 2001: A Mustang Odyssey will be held August 30 - September 2, 2001. Instead of having a Saturday dinner with Ford, they will have a Sunday morning breakfast at 7 a.m. with Ford. Call Lorne Willard 816-455-2631 or E-mail vintagemustangofkc@swbell.net for further info.

The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Mustang Club of America is being held on September 27-30, 2001 at the Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, Georgia. This will include a static Car Show with classes for Concours and Judges Choice cars along with Drag Racing and a multitude of Manufacturers and Vendors. The Class breakdown is similar to the 35th Mustang Anniversary Show. Official souvenirs will be available shortly. See Mustang Times or myself for the show information. I will most likely, be going to this event.

See you soon,

~Bob Kacinko,
National MCA Director
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2000 Grand National Report

The 2000 Grand National was held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel at Triangle Research Park in Durham, North Carolina on September 1-3, 2000. Several of our club members made the trip. We spent a nice, fun-filled weekend down there, even though it rained from the time we left Pittsburgh, till we came home.

A Record amount of cars had pre-registered (411) for the event, and with "day of registration" filling all 450 spots available. Some cars unfortunately, had to be turned away. There were Mustangs from 30 different states including one driven long distance from the state of Washington!

Ford SVT had their trailer there displaying new products including items used on the FR500 Mustang. Steve Saleen was there autographing and displaying and selling cars and merchandise, including posters of his new production race car, the Saleen S7 valued at mere \$375,000 plus pocket change. Very nice door prizes were given away all weekend by local and national vendors and a 1965 Mustang was raffled off - no Duane, we didn't win it.

Judging started at Noon Saturday with light rain until 5 p.m. when the sky unleashed and chased out both judges and crowd. Judging ended Sunday morning with the classes left over. A BIG thank you goes out to Mike and Kristen Oleksik and myself who braved the rain to Judge the Mustangs. While down there, I got certified in judging the Modified Classes.

The Awards Ceremony was moved up to Noon on Sunday due to the threat of anticipated bad weather in the late afternoon. Congratulations to the following GPMC members came home proud winners!

Mike and Helen Oleksik - 1st Place Street Driven 64½-66 Closed Class
Kristen Oleksik - 1st Place Street Driven 64½-66 Open Class
Rudy and Betsy Beyer - 2nd Place Trailered Saleen Class
Bob Kacinko - 1st Place Third Generation Class

And finally, congratulations to Dom DiDominico for being a one-day freelance writer for Mustang Monthly - thanks Dom!

~Bob Kacinko,
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CRUISE CORNER

Here it is that time of year of again, the weather is getting cooler and the nights are getting longer. It can mean only one thing; it's time once again for the annual fall foliage cruise.

This year's event on Sunday, October 15th will find us touring the Laurel Mountains with stops at Fallingwater, Klay Winery (cheese & wine tasting included), and the Summit Inn for dinner. To those of you that have attended previous fall tours you know how much fun they can be. To our new members and those club members that haven't been afforded the pleasure of attending the fall event yet, let me assure you this is an activity that once participating in you will look forward to doing so again. What an awesome sight to see the 30-50 Mustangs along with the other classic cars of friends cruising down the roads. It's easy to see why we turn heads every place we go and have a great time. This is an open event to everyone and even if the weather doesn't cooperate you can still drive the family mobile. Michelle Silliman has been hard at work

making plans for this event so be sure to check out the plans also included in this month's newsletter.

Chuck & Melissa D a r r a h a r e sponsoring a cruise on October 29th at their business the Unique Pizza Factory on Babcock Blvd. across the street from Beatty Tech. School. It will be a Halloween cruise from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. This event is only for club members and their families. Looks like it's going to be a really great time with food, fun, prizes for all kids in costumes and free movie passes for the best costume. There will also be a DJ to provide music. Chuck informs me that you don't have to have children to attend and all adults should also feel free to wear a costume. Hope to see everyone there for a scary good time!!

Plans are being

made for the annual Holiday Party for some time in December. Looks like we might be at the Lamplighter in Delmont. More details on this as they become available. Also I don't know if you're like me but all winter long I really miss doing things with our club. So... This year we're planning a few things to cure the blahs. Right now we're talking about attending a Penguin game, touring the festival of lights in Oglebay and possibly even a weekend getaway. If you have any ideas on things you would like to see our club do please let me know.

And last but not least a couple of reminders. First don't forget that our general membership meetings once again move indoors. The next meeting will be at Kings Restaurant in Harmerville on

October 4th at 7:30PM. And second but with out a doubt the most important, our club still needs two people to step forward and agree to chair and co-chair next years car show. Although it seems premature let me assure you that it's never too early to start planning what is our largest event of the year. Come on guys I know that there are people in our club that would just love to step forward and take on the responsibility let us hear from you.

As always, see ya out there

*~Terry Silliman
Vice President &
Activities Director*

Fall Foliage Stampede to the Laurel Highlands, Fayette County

Sunday, October 15, 2000

This years Fall Foliage Stampede will visit Fayette County in the Laurel Highlands. It will be a very easy drive heading east on the PA Turnpike to the Donegal exit, along the Laurel Ridge of the Allegheny Mountains to our destinations.

The day will begin with a round up of the ponies and friends at the roadside rest (mile post 59.7) 3.5 miles east of the Monroeville exchange. There will be coffee available during the round-up, as well as goodie bags and dash plaques for all participants. We will depart at 8:30. There will be a quick stop at the Hempfield Service Plaza (mile post 74.8).

We will travel the Scenic Byway of Routes 711/381 to our first attraction, Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water. One of his most widely acclaimed works; Fallingwater was built to be the weekend home for the family of Edgar J. Kaufmann, owner of the Pittsburgh Department Store. The fee to tour the house is \$15.00 per person, \$7.00 for the grounds tour or free to visit the visitors center.

Leaving Fallingwater we will travel through Ohiopyle State Park and stop to see the natural beauty of the white water rapids of the Youghiogheny River Gorge.

Unfortunately Kentuck Knob has been eliminated from the tour due to a lack of parking space for the cars, however we will turn off Route 381 and climb the 2000-foot mountain passing Kentuck Knob coming to Route 40. Known as The National Road or National Pike US 40, it was the first federally funded road in the United States. President Thomas Jefferson signed into law the order to begin construction of the highway in 1806. Our remaining stops will be traveling along The National Road.

Located within this historic region is the Christian W. Klay Winery, which opened in May of 1997. The restored 1880's bank barn sits on 215 acres and is the highest elevation vineyard east of the Rockies (2350 feet). Here we will taste the fruits of their labor and tour the processing room and cellars. Then we will take an old fashion hayride to the mountain top vineyards with tri-state panoramic views. Special arrangements have been made with the winery to customize a label that will read: "The Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club, Fall Foliage Stampede 2000". They will even try to put our logo on

the label! What a great souvenir of the event! There may also be a photo opportunity at the winery that can be made into a photo plaque! The winery package is \$7.00 per person. Wines can be purchased for as little as \$8.00 a split to \$15.00 for a bottle.

If time allows we will also drive through Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and Spa, which is just incredible, and visit a few gift shops before arriving at the Historic Summit Inn for dinner.

The mountain top resort will be our last stop of the day. Opened in 1907, the Summit Inn is one of the last turn of the century porch hotels in the country. Views of the west are spectacular with a 10 county view. Pictures of Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and Thomas Edison are displayed near the dining room depicting their stay at the resort. Meeting rooms have even been named after the trio of friends. Selections for dinner are as follows:

Pasta Primavera.....\$12.95
Penne Pasta, fresh garden vegetables and Parmesan cheese tossed in garlic butter.

Grilled Breast of Chicken Marsala. \$14.95
Sautéed breast of chicken served with wild mushroom Marsala sauce.

New York Strip Steak.....\$16.95
Twelve once grilled to perfection, topped with béarnaise butter.

The Fall Foliage Stampede is rain or shine. Bring your daily driver if the weather is lousy. Call or e-mail to register with the number in your party, dinner selections, and your intentions at Falling Water. The club will be liable for all no shows. Deadline to register is October 8th. Family and friends are welcome! Non-Fords welcome also!

Hope to see you for this colorful event!

~Michelle Silliman
Foliage Event Chairperson & Secretary

EVENTS CALENDAR

October 4: GPMC General Membership Meeting at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville 7:30 PM. **WE ARE BACK INDOORS** (sigh) *Don't go to North Park!!*

October 15: Fall Foliage Stampede Fall Foliage Stampede to the Laurel Highlands Fayette County **SEE DETAILS THIS ISSUE & BE SURE TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS** Michelle Silliman (412) 243-2377 mtsilliman@webtv.net

October 18: Board of Director's Meeting at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville 7:30 PM.

October 28: BOO Cruise at The Unique Pizza Factory, Babcock Road, McCandless Twp. North Hills 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. (GPMC Club Members & their families only, please.) *See Details in the Cruise Corner this issue!!*

November 1: GPMC General Membership Meeting at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville 7:30 PM.

November 15: Board of Director's Meeting at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville 7:30 PM.

November 18: Second Annual Oldies Benefit Dance from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM at the Bethel Park Elks on South Park Road just before entrance to South Park. For info call 412-220-0336. Hosted by: Tri County Thoroughbred Corral. All proceeds will be donated to the Carroll Shelby Children's Foundation Oldies music by the Spikeman. Dinner & dancing, cash bar, Chinese auction, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, dash plaques. Registration requested

no later than November 10, 2000. GPMC members who are planning to go, please inform Bob Kacinko 412-247-0771

December 5: GPMC General Membership Meeting at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville 7:30 PM.

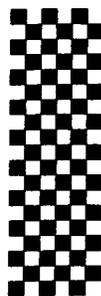
December 19: Board of Director's Meeting at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville 7:30 PM.

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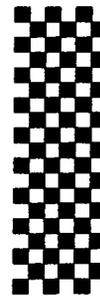
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General Membership: First Wednesday of each month, 7:30 PM. May thru September at Roosevelt Grove in North Park. October thru April at King's Restaurant, 907 Freeport Road, Harmarville. Off Route 28-Harmarville Exit, to the 2nd light at Freeport Rd. (Ames) turn left, 2 more lights, located on the left behind McDonald's. From the PA Turnpike, take Exit 5 - Allegheny Valley, head South towards Pittsburgh, turn right at 1st light, behind McDonald's.

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