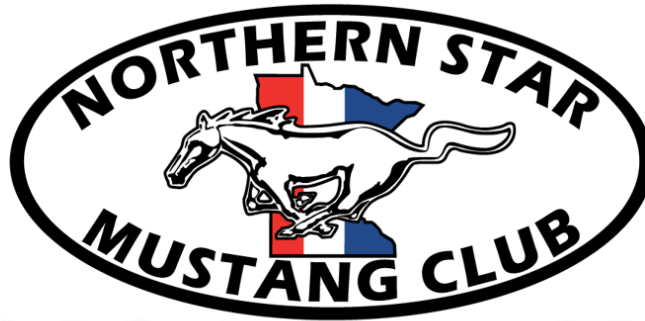




NSMC Pony Tales

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE NORTHERN STAR MUSTANG CLUB

Minnesota's Chapter of the Mustang Club Of America

The Northern Star Mustang Club holds meetings on the first Monday of each month (unless it's a holiday) at **6:30 pm** at **Davanni's** in Edina located at **5124 Gus Young Lane**, (952) 920-9090. Feel free to come early and join fellow club members for dinner and camaraderie before the meeting. The next meeting will be held **Monday, May 5th**.

May, 2025



By Mike Boulka
President

At a recent Eagan Kick Start Rotary meeting, our guest speaker, Nick Johnson, head football coach for Eagan High School, gave a presentation on his coaching and football program. Eagan High School is not what one would call a powerhouse in Minnesota football. Eagan High School is not a powerhouse in any High School-sports for that matter. Under Coach Johnson, they went winless in his first year as coach. They did not score a point until the third quarter of the third game. And they got penalized for spiking the ball in the end zone!

He continued on to talk about the tough games, tough losses and tough seasons. Coach Johnson's never won more than six games in one season, made the district playoffs twice and have never played for a championship.

So what keeps Nick Johnson coaching at Eagan High School one might ask? He says it is the players, the parents, and the atmosphere of the school. He challenges "his" kids to do more than just play football. Many of his players carry a 4.0 GPA. Most are in the 3.0 range. Many of them are in band, choir, student

council and have part time jobs. He encourages his kids to help out others who might not carry such a high GPA to get those grades up, and maybe to get them into other school activities.

As the coach spoke, I began to think about our club and our history. Fortunately, we have had mostly good times and many wins. But, we have also had some dips in the road where our future seemed in doubt. Sometimes, you have to trudge through those potholes to move forward. Most recently, we went through a period that created some pretty good rumble-strips in our group.

I still feel guilty about resigning as President. But most of you do know why.

But from that situation, I believe we have grown stronger over the past two years. Led by Mike and Carole Ackerman, we have become more of a true team. I have noticed over the past couple of years that many people have stepped up to participate, led an event and help out where you are needed. Much like a football, baseball, hockey, or other sports teams, we have found a need and we are stepping up to take care of that need.

Much like the Coach Johnson's kids, we have become more of a team in supporting and encouraging others in the club. Our club's relationships with our sponsors and charities have also grown greatly.

As a result, the club has become more successful than we have been in some time. We should all be very proud of what has helped with our club's success. We have once again proven that this is YOUR club!

Now get out there and drive 'em!

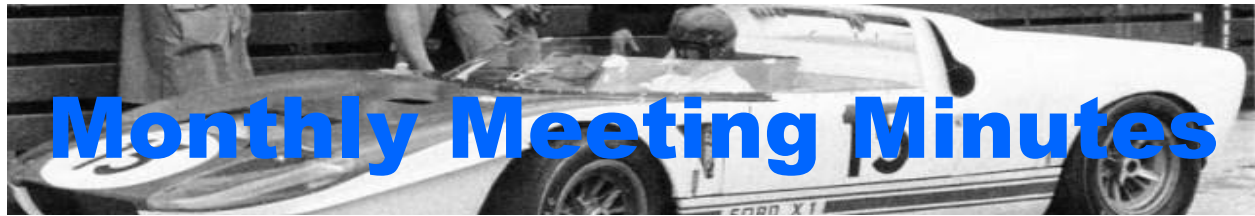
See you at the May 5 meeting!



By Chuck Anderson
Membership Lead

Members = 183
New = 5

Maria E Carl Erickson, East Bethel MN
Terry Didion
Casey & Paulette Rostad, Zumbrota MN
David Lind, Fridley MN
Joe & Christina Kadolph, Baxter MN



By Pat Alfonso
Secretary

You can check out of the minutes from the club's previous Monthly Meeting by visiting the Club website by clicking [HERE](#).



By Mike and Cindy Neimann and Christine Millington
Cruise Directors

Pella, Iowa Cruise May 2-4, 2025

We will stay in a town close by to keep the room cost down. This is the hotel information for the Pella IA trip.

Cobblestone Inn & Suites
4222 S 22nd Ave E
Newton IA
641-275-9495

Please email (chrsmillington65@gmail.com) or message her at (507-202-1965) once you make a reservation so she can block more rooms if necessary. Thanks.

PELLA TULIP TIME Agenda B

May 2

Depart early from a Southern location off 35W

Lunch in Ankeny, IA at Maid Rite

Free Guided tour of state capitol in Des Moines

Hotel check-in- Cobblestone Inn- Newton.. Time to explore Newton or Pella.

Dinner in Newton at 7p at Biagio Italian Restaurant- ltd menu (plenty of choices) due to our group size

May 3

Breakfast at hotel

Lunch on own- there will be food stands in downtown Pella

Ticket options- Tickets to events will be available soon, please continue to monitor website to purchase individual tickets or you can get on site (although it is possible tours might sell out, tickets are non-refundable <http://www.pellahistorical.org>)

Tour of Pella -\$10
Tour of Museum and Windmill- \$25
230p-Parade and Grandstand Show- \$25
Quilt tour
Visit shops, meat markets, bakeries, coffee houses
Tea Time-\$22 10a or other times- includes Scholte House Tour- Note you will need to have a ride to Pella. Buy tickets at <https://www.pellahistorical.org/mariastearoom..>
Dinner-tbd

May 4- Breakfast at hotel/ return on own

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Save the Dates

The Pony Express Run, Sept 19,20,21,2025. Lake of the Torches Casino /Hotel and Minocqua, WI area. Cruise organizers Andrea Nelson, Shad Brand and Phil Zuehl. More info to come regarding rooms, sign up and itinerary.

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MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!

BIGGER THAN THE VIKINGS IN THE SUPER BOWL!!
(If they ever get there)

MAY 17th

A Cruise of epic proportions!!

A Phil & Tammy and Shad & Kevan Production!

We will start in Apple Valley at 8:30 for breakfast at

Valley Diner
15332 Galaxie Ave.

Valley Diner has a lot of parking in the back and you can also enter
from the back.

Cruise to Kenyon, Mn and hook up to:

The TWISTY 60!!

We end up in Kellogg, MN home to

Lark Toys!

(We can play miniature golf
and have a group photo, like we have never seen)

After spending time there, we will cruise up to Lake City

and have a late Lunch at

Wild Wings Plaza!!

All you can eat BBQ Buffet for \$14.95
(You can also order off the menu if you choose)

There parking lot is so big we can do drifting and burnouts!!
Yeah, right!

This Cruise could be one for the history books!

Don't miss it!

Please reply to Phil & Tammy at

beep@hutchtel.net

Or

Shad & Kevan at

keysolutions@usa.com

Please, no later than May 7th!!

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April 26 Cruise to Osceola, WI

A fast group of cars attended the cruise that started in East Bethel, made a pit stop in Forest Lake and then on to the Tippy Canoe for lunch. Plans had to be changed from the Stillwater destination due to a bike event. Lunch was great and the cruise there was fabulous. Thanks to Mark Klous and Vickie Bohn for setting this up. Hope to see you at our next cruise to Pella, IA (overnight) or on May 17th to Lake City!





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Roadworthy Restaurant Review

Here is a new idea for the club. If you have a new or favorite place to head out to when the weather is fine, the car needs some exercise and you feel that hunger growling in the belly these reviews might give you a new destination, or even call another club member to join in. We encourage you to submit your reviews to the newsletter editor to post and share with the rest of the club. Give your opinion on the variety of foods, flavor/quality, pricing and service. Would you go back again? So here we go on a first attempt.:

Northstar Tavern
 5101 W 98th St, Bloomington, MN 55437
 Menu <https://www.northstartavernmn.com/menus/>

The restaurant is located in the old Famous Dave's location at 98th St and Normandale, about a ½ mile west of Normandale College. They updated the interior and have a large bar area and a number of flat screen TV's showing some very interesting videos.

The menus are good for brunch, lunch and dinner. We went for dinner on two days at 5:30 in the evening and had no issue getting a table. By 6:00 there was a waiting list.

The menu was varied and included burgers, pizza, pasta, salads, meatloaf, steak, fish and chips, salmon and more. The burgers are a little unique in the meat mixture they use, being a combo of beef and pork belly as the standard protein, but you can also choose from 8 others (turkey, chicken, waygu, fish and more). Then you select your "holder" from 8 items, from buns, tortilla, pita, and then several "setups" that include the condiments, cheeses, and vegetables.

We went to dinner with 4 other people and have been to the Tavern twice and each meal was good quality, tasty and better than standard restaurant fare. Prices are typical for today in the range of \$14-20. The desserts were also very good. We'd recommend it being worth the drive and liked the variety of options on the menu. We will be going back to try the brunch.

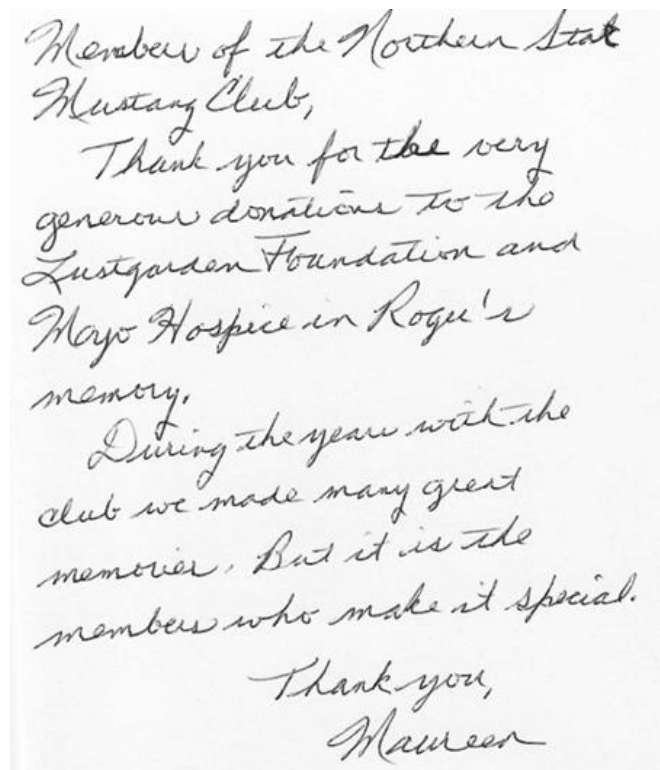
Pam & Steve Flaten



By Doug and Karen Saunders
Charity Director

No update this month.

A thank you card was received from Maureen Stolley after the NSMC sent memorials after the death of her husband Roger.



By Pete Schmidt – MCA Regional Director
NSMC is the Twin Cities' MCA Chapter club

Below is the Information for the 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 (so far) MCA national shows. More information can be found at <https://mcashows.com/>.

Ponies in the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, MO (OIR)
MCA National Show in Cincinnati, OH
MCA Grand National in Fredericksburg, VA

May 23-25, 2025
June 27-29, 2025
Aug 29-31, 2025

MCA National Show Jacksonville, FL
1st Tennessee Regional Group National Show (Bristol, TN)
Mustangs on the Mother Road National Show (Claremore, OK)
Mustang Club of America 50th Birthday (Road Atlanta, Atlanta GA)

April 3-5, 2026
May 14-17, 2026
July 24-26, 2026
Aug 28-30, 2026

MCA National Show Gulfport, MS
Ponies in the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, MO (OIR)
MCA Grand National in Kansas City, MO

April 23-25, 2027
May 28-30, 2027
Sept 3-5, 2027

Ponies in the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, MO (OIR)

May 26-28, 2028

If you have any questions about MCA shows and HPDE's please send an email to Pete at northernstarmustangclub@gmail.com.



Visit the club's website [HERE](#) to see all of the cool activities that we have planned for the year! Watch your emails for the latest scoop and any changes that may happen through the year.



Mike and Carole Ackerman, Pat Alfonso

We are one month away from the show at AVF!!! We have lots to do to get the show ready. If you have not pre-registered your car for the show please do so. It makes it easier on the day of the show and move cars along faster. Also, you will be entered to be eligible to win some great prizes. Shad Brand has been busy getting us some great door prizes. As of 4/26 we only have 40 cars pre-registered, that is about half of what we had last year. Let's get that number up!

If you loved the North Star donut food truck at the show last year, then you can love them again. I have confirmation that they will be back again this year. We also will have Game Day Grub food truck at the

show. The Apple Valley High School Band will be back. They always do such a great job with their music. The balloon people will be back this year which was a fun addition. The Apple Valley fire department will be back with a demonstration the jaws of life. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** putting on the show. It takes the club to put on a show like this. Please signup for a time slot to help with the show. It is a great way to meet other club members and to help with the show. We really need help with parking cars and the car gate if you are ok on your feet. If you need a sit-down job, we have the spectator front and back gates where you can sit. There are other positions available, take a look at the signup genius. Don't worry if you have never helped before there is always someone to show you what to do. If we do not get people to help with the shows, we cannot continue to do them. It takes more than a just a few people to put on a show of this magnitude. We look forward to having a great show this year with the Ford GT as our feature car. We are hoping to get see lots at the show.

We look forward to seeing you at Apple Valley Ford on June 1st !!

Click HERE to sign up to help at the June All Ford Powered Show and Swap.

NORTHERN STAR MUSTANG CLUB

ALL FORD POWERED SHOW & SWAP

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

41st Annual!
Trophies in
each class
1st, 2nd, 3rd

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Gates open
at 8AM



Apple Ford
Lincoln Apple Valley



Celebrating the
20th Anniversary Edition
of Ford GT40!!

For more information:
Mike or Carole
612-850-9134
northernstarmustangclub@gmail.com

Pre-registrations by
05/28/25 are eligible for
special prize drawings!

Spectators

\$2 Adult | Under 12 Free

*Show Cars

\$10 Pre-Registered | \$15 Show Day

*NSMC members may enter cars but will not be eligible to vote.

No Dogs
Please



SWAP | Car Corral

\$15 Per Space | Pre-Registration Available



Pre-Registered Drawings
Door Prizes * Food Trucks

Live Music by the
Apple Valley High R&B Band!

See Backside for
Registration Information



Car Show Registration		Name:	
Email:	Class Number:	Phone:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Make:	Model:	Year:	
Mods & Notable Features:			
CLASS	STOCK CLASSES	CLASS	STOCK CLASSES
100	Pre 1960 Stock All Vehicles	1300	1974-86 Mustang Stock
200	1967-73 Cougar Stock	1400	1987-93 Mustang Stock
300	Lincoln Stock	1500	1994-04 Mustang Stock
400	Pre 1980 Trucks Stock	1600	2005-09 Mustang Stock
500	1980-2024 Trucks Stock	1700	2010-14 Mustang Stock
600	1960-2024 Compact Stock	1800	2015-18 Mustang Stock
700	1960-2024 Midsize Stock	1900	2019-24 Mustang/Mach E Stock
800	1960-2024 Full Size Stock	2000	1993-04 SVT Cobra Mustang
900	Thunderbird Stock	2100	Pre 2006 Shelby, Ford GT ORIGINAL Cobra, Pantera
1000	1965-66 Mustang Stock	2200	2006-12 Shelby Mustang
1100	1967-68 Mustang Stock	2300	2013-24 Shelby Mustang
1200	1969-73 Mustang Stock	Make checks payable to: NSMC	
		Mail form and payment to: NSMC, 3734 Greensboro Drive, Eagan, MN 55123	

Directions to the Show: Apple Ford Apple Valley 7200 West 150 th Street Apple Valley, MN 55124	Apple Ford Apple Valley is located 7 miles south of the Mall of America. From I-494, take MN Hwy 77/Cedar Ave S to Cty Rd 42 (150 th St). Turn left (East) on 42 and go 1 block. Turn Right (South) just before Speedway gas station.	Pre-Registration & Payment: https://nsmc.middlewin.com/portal/events/35/register
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NSMC
3734 Greensboro Drive
Eagan, MN 55123



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Upcoming Non-Club Shows:

June 20-22, 2025 – Back to the 50’s, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
 July 18-20, 2025 – Street Machine Nationals, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

NSMC Elected Officers



Your NSMC Elected Officers from left to right are Mike Boulka (President), Dan Bye (Co-Treasurer), Scott Sokol (Vice-President), Ericke Rosquist (Co-Treasurer), and Pat Alfonso (Secretary).

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This is the Club Contract Information.

Area	Primary Contact	Backup 1
Apparel	Pam Flaten	
Calendar - Web	Erica Gustavson	
Calendar - Year at Glance	Pete Schmidt	
Cruises by Committee	Cindy & Mike Vicki & Mark	
Domain Name	Erica Gustavson	
Facebook Postings/Admin	Carole Ackerman	Erica Gustavson
Facebook Backup 2	Sharon Bye	
Facebook Backup 3	Andrea Nelson	
Financial Docs	Dan Bye	Ericke Rosquist
Google Account	Erica Gustavson	
Google Forms / Payable	Erica Gustavson	

Middletwin Admin/eMail blasts	Chuck Anderson	Erica Gustavson
Email blasts Backup 3	Sharon Bye	
MCA Representative	Pete Schmidt	
Meeting Agendas / Minutes	Pat Alfonso	
Membership Management	Chuck Anderson	
MS Forms, Surveys	Erica Gustavson	
New Member Outreach	Phil Zuehl	Pete Schmidt
New Member Packet	Pete Schmidt	
Newsletter	Sharon Bye	Chuck Anderson
NSMC Bis Cards	Pete Schmidt	
NSMC Clings	Pete Schmidt	
NSMC Email	Mike Boulka	Erica Gustavson
NSMC Email - backup 2	Mike Ackerman	
NSMC Name Tags	Pete Schmidt	
NSMC Show Flyers	Erica Gustavson	
POS - Wix Payment	Dan Bye	
Web Site	Erica Gustavson	
WIX Forum	Erica Gustavson	NSMC



Our expanded web-based forum is up and running! Only a few hiccups that we discovered along the way. What's missing from the discussion? Many of you! We currently have about 70 members who have signed up and are looking for more people to interact with and share their passions and experiences with fellow club members. This is a great place to ask questions, buy/sell/trade those missing or excess items in your garage or storage.

Please go to the club website and request an account with your email address used for club communications. If you don't want to check the site for updates, you can register to get notified of new postings by checking the BELL icon on a given category or post. Be sure to update your profile with a name and picture to help others know who they are interacting with. If you have questions about the forum, please email the club account, and we will reply. Web forums and clubs like this only work if we get participation, so check it out!

If you have something that fits this column, email us a description and pictures by clicking [HERE](#)!

New Club Merchandise

Check out the merchandise tab on the club website to see our new merchandise selection consisting of a nice assortment of both Men's and Ladies products and accessories that can be embroidered with the club logo script or you can have the club logo screen printed.

All items have options for you to select – quantity, color, size logo color and logo style

When you have made all your selection it will be sent to your cart.

When you are ready to purchase select the “continue to checkout” button.

There you enter your name, phone number and email address and make payment.

Once you successfully place your order, Fully Promoted (our new supplier) will process your order.

Once a month Pam Flaten will pick up all the orders and bring them to the club meetings to distribute to members saving you shipping charges.

If you don't see what you are looking for or you have any issues with the new site -Please call Pam Flaten at 612-300-7209.





Thanks again to Scott Sokol for sharing some of his interesting finds in the Ford world. Are you wondering what vehicle this is? Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the new 2025 Lincoln Navigator.



Apple Autos

It's different here.

Apple Valley Ford is a proud sponsor of the NSMC!