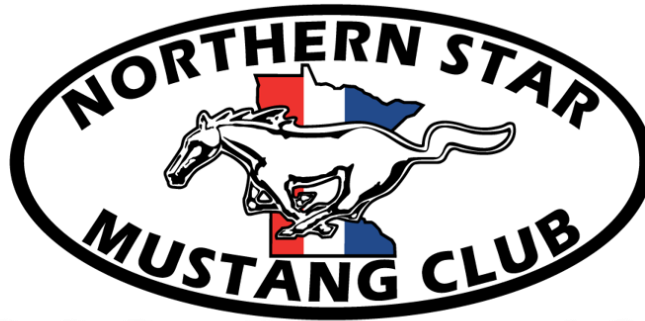




NSMC Pony Tales

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, November 4th**.

November, 2024



By Mike Ackerman
President

Hello everyone!

Well, it's November, the weather is still nice and hope we can keep it for a bit longer. I need to get more yard work done. At our October meeting we added a new President (Mike Boulka) and Secretary (Pat Alfonso). I think these two guys will do a superb job. We will be having an executive board meeting coming up soon. If you have any concerns or questions, please forward to me and I can bring them to the meeting. In the past few weeks, we have had two cruises one to the Pepin winery and one to Schells Brewery and Distillery. Top notch organizing on both!! Looking forward to winter activities. If you have any ideas, please let me know and we can get the information to the powers that be. Also, we are in the process of a face lift on the web page and should be ready to roll out after the first of year. We had a meeting looking at different website setup and changes we could make. We have some ideas now and will start making those changes. The concepts look very good and hopefully easier to use.

Our cars are tucked away for the winter which is coming one way or the other. But that doesn't mean that meeting with friends is done for the winter. Come join us at our off-season activities scheduled

every month, our almost every Saturday breakfast meet-ups and our 1st Monday of every month meeting. And don't forget to mark your calendar for the Toys for Tots movie in December and the Winter Party which will be held at the Lost Spur on January 18th, details to come. Looking forward to a great holiday season.

And remember, it's your club!!



By Chuck Anderson
Membership Lead

Members = 286
New = 2

DeAnn Frederick, New Ulm, MN
James Duwix, Isanti, MN

As we get near the membership renewal season, Middletwin has added a feature where you are able to renew your membership online without actually logging in. So if the only time you log into your Middletwin account is to renew, you don't need to remember your login information to do that now.

When you receive the renewal reminder email, I have set the button in that email to send you directly to that page, where you will enter the email associated with your account and it will pull up your information for confirmation and then allow you to renew from there. There is also now an option to renew for more than just one year if you like.



By Dennis Mevissen
Secretary

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



***By Vacancy
Cruise Director***

We have an opening for leadership of this committee. Please let Mike Ackerman know if you are interested

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Pella, Iowa Cruise May 2-4, 2025

This area gets sold out, so we are looking at blocking rooms ASAP. We will stay in a town close by to keep the room cost down. If you are interested in this trip, Please R.S.V.P. by September 15 so that we can get a room block. This will not commit you to going but just give us an idea of interest. We will reach out again with more details in early 2025. You will have an opportunity to sign up then too.

Please email Christine at chrsmillington65@gmail.com.

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.

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Fall Color Cruise

Jethro's Big Guy BBQ in Hudson WI, Pepin WI and Villa Bellezza Winery
October 5, 2024

26 cars and 40 people started out at Big Guys BBQ in North Hudson, WI. After a nice lunch we started cruising to Villa Bellezza Winery and Vineyards. It was a beautiful day. The Fall colors could have been a little better, but we are supposed to be looking at the road anyway! We had a great cruise of about two hours. The winery is located in Pepin, WI. After some more food and drinks, people took off for home. There were some new people on board and thanks to all who participated and those that took a lot of pictures. Hopefully a good time was had by all!

Shad Brand



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New Ulm Cruise - October 19

We had a wonderful day/weekend on a cruise to New Ulm. 33 people and 18 cars were in attendance.

Our first stop was at a popular meat market, Schmidt's who has won awards at the Minnesota State Fair. It was very busy and almost everyone came out with a bag of goodies.

The next stop was Hermann Park and a walk around the Hermann the German monument who stands 102 feet overlooking the city. We read about the history and got a group photo.

There was some free time in the city to explore shops, museums, or grab some lunch. We then met at the Glockenspiel and watched the clock play 37 bells to several songs with dancing figurines.

After going around a stopped train, we made it to the Black Frost Distillery where we ordered fancy cocktails and had a private tour. Their first whiskey release will be end of November and there was talk that some may want to go try it in the Spring.

The next stop was the Schell's brewery where we had a private tour. Just before it began, there was a loud fire alarm and we evacuated out the front entrance. Suddenly we smelled burning pizza and they let us back in once they got the alarm turned off. We had a fun tasting at the end.

The last stop was the Kaiserhoff German restaurant where we got to try our choice of ribs, schnitzel, spaetzle and other items.

Most drove home and a few of us stayed overnight. It was a full day visiting popular New Ulm sites.

Thanks to everyone in attendance.

Mike and Cindy Niemann





***By Doug and Karen Saunders
Charity Director***

The Charity Committee thanks the club members, the car show participants and Apple Ford for the funding that allows us to give to charities in our communities and to scholarships for local students entering the automotive industry.

Charities so far this year total \$12,100 (+3000 match):

- \$6,000 (+\$3,000 match) to Every Meal, Apple Valley and Shakopee Apple Ford shows
- \$500 to Apple Valley HS Music Dept, who performed at the Apple Valley Apple Ford show
- \$500 to Magnus Veterans, Bill Cochrane memorial
- \$2,400 to Hennepin Technical College for Northern Star Mustang Club automotive scholarships
- \$2,700 to Dakota County Technical College for Northern Star Mustang Club automotive scholarships

In the first week of October, we delivered the checks and scholarship agreements to Hennepin County Tech College and Dakota County Tech College. They were very appreciative. At HTC, Foundation VP Alison Leintz took us back to the Ford Asset program building where they were having a cookout with their students. The instructors Drew and Brian were great. They explained how the program works and pointed out some of the cars they were working on. It was also very apparent that they were truly dedicated to the students. The instructors knew where the students came from and talked about their back stories. The program has been around for almost 40 years now -- enough that they've had a few second generation students. We left feeling very good about the program. And, we each got a brat out of the visit.

Pete Schmidt has let us know that various Mustang Clubs of America around the country have been donating to the hurricane relief. We propose joining them with a donation of \$250 to Samaritan's purse, a charitable group which has been aiding the relief effort from the beginning. Other club members may

want to also contribute directly to hurricane relief at samaritanspurse.org or other agencies like teamrubiconusa.org or redcross.org.

We need to choose one more organization to receive our remaining charity dollars (around \$1,000). Here are three charities we would like to consider but will want to choose only one. We would rather give \$1,000 to one rather than a few hundred dollars to each. Last year we gave \$2,975 to Alexandria House.

Alexandra House (Blaine MN, \$4M yearly budget) -- Empowers victims of domestic and sexual violence, and inspire social change through education, support and advocacy.

Wishes and More (Minneapolis MN, \$2M yearly budget) -- Grants wishes and scholarships of hope for Minnesota kids (<19 yrs) with a terminal or life-threatening condition, often outdoor sports or car related

Magnus Veterans (Dayton MN, \$1M yearly budget) -- Welcoming community of members, health specialists, and volunteers working together to provide a comprehensive approach to veteran well-being (580 patient members)

Charity Committee: Doug Saunders, Karen Saunders, Carole Ackerman, Dan Bye, Scott Sokol, Gary Ostberg, Pam Flaten, David Kronk, Gordy Vosberg, Dennis Mevissen



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

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

Mid-Florida MCA National Show Orlando, FL	April 4-6, 2025
Ponies in the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, MO (OIR)	May 23-25, 2025
MCA National Show in Cincinnati, OH	June 27-29, 2025
MCA Grand National in Fredericksburg, VA	Aug 29-31, 2025
MCA National Show Jacksonville, FL	April 3-5, 2026
1st Tennessee Regional Group National Show (Bristol, TN)	May 14-17, 2026
Mustangs on the Mother Road National Show (Claremore, OK)	July 24-26, 2026
Mustang Club of America 50th Birthday (Road Atlanta, Atlanta GA)	Aug 28-30, 2026
MCA National Show Gulfport, MS	April 23-25, 2027

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.



December NSMC Off-Season Activity Toys for Tots Toy Drive!!!

We are again meeting to collect Toys for Tots and hosting a movie for club members.

We will be showing a great classic comedy movie this year – 1941

We will collect toys between 8:45am and 9:15am. The theater will open at 9:00am to sell concessions and the movie will start at 9:30am. There is no fee for watching the movie so please patronize the theater's concessions if you are hungry. This is a family friendly event so bring everyone who may enjoy the movie.

Details...

- **What** - NSMC toy collection for the Marines Toys for Tots toy drive
- **When** - Saturday, Dec 7th between 8:45am – 9:15am
- **Where** - Marcus Southbridge Crossing theater in Shakopee (8380 Hansen Avenue)



We hope you consider dropping off a new toy that is unwrapped and suitable for kids up to about age 12. We will be taking pictures of club members and donation at 9:05am. After the movie we'll bring the toys to Apple Ford Shakopee which is a T4T collection point.

There is no need to RSVP – just show up. Email northernstarmustangclub@gmail.com with any questions.

We hope to see you there!



Your NSMC Elected Officers from left to right are Erick Rosquist (Co-Treasurer), Dennis Mevissen (Secretary), Mike Ackerman (President), Scott Sokol (Vice-President), and Dan Bye (Co-Treasurer).



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!](#)

Check out our club wearables, below.

The NSMC has t-shirts (\$20) available in three colors and baseball hats (\$20) in three colors as show here. They can be purchased at many of our events and shows.

If you have an existing garment or fabric item, you can get the club logo embroidered by Joyce Swanson. She does great work and is very reasonable. Joyce does this as a hobby, she is able to make something large on an 8x12 inch hoop, for something on the back of a jacket or shirt. You would need to bring her your item, or mail to her, with a picture of what you need, and she will be happy to help you out. She also does vinyl iron on items most anything, especially words or cut out shapes, this can be ironed on a flat t-shirt or sweatshirt or apron something with a smoother flat surface, nothing quilted. Her number is 763-453-1029. Joyce Swanson.

The club has set up a new source for apparel using the club logo. Check it out [HERE](#).

Members can also order custom screen-printed items from REDBUBBLE. Enter the club's name in their search function and browse through the 60+ items that are available. Check them out by clicking [HERE](#).







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 Super Cobra Jet 1800 EV-powered racecar.





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