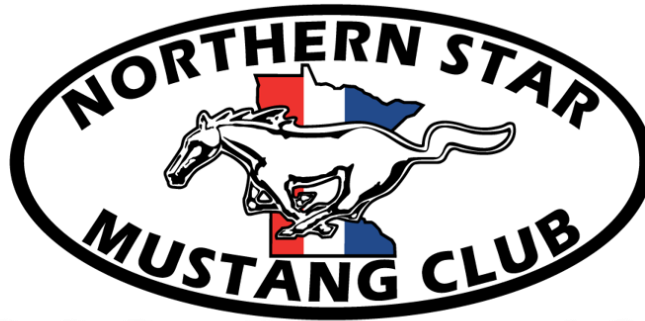




NSMC Pony Tales

THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE NORTHERN STAR MUSTANG CLUB
Minnesota's Chapter of the Mustang Club Of America

April, 2024



By Mike Ackerman
President

Hello club members!

Well as I am writing this, we have had the biggest snowstorm yet this season! Just as we all thought winter was over it came back to haunt us one more time. I hope! The club had a good month, we had a off season event at Pizza Luce March 21st thanks to Cindy & Mike Niemann for setting this up. We have Mustang Day coming up on April 20th @ Short Stop Bar and Grill, please join us for a Toast to Ty Granger. And a spring cruse is looking like it will happen! We have someone that stepped up to be the leader of the Charity group, Doug & Karen Saunders. Thank you for helping with this very important role for the club.

How is the State of the club? I have been asked this question a lot lately. I think it's because in October of last year we had kind of a disagreement in the club about some conflicting views and personalities. But I believe the State of the club is strong and continues to get stronger. As you all can see, we have several people stepping up to take on different duties within the club and that is just a testament of how strong we are as a club.

I was out driving around the last couple of weeks and as I was driving, I was noticing at the roundabouts and sometimes at intersections that the drivers do not pay attention to where they are going. They have their eyes locked on forward and not what's around them. At a stop sign I noticed just the straight look ahead and not what's around them or what's going on in the intersection! Have you seen this? It's

amazing that people can even drive that way. It seems to me that the more you know what's going on around you the better you can drive your car and avoid hitting another car or a person.

This car club has come so far can you believe this will be the 40th anniversary of the All-Ford Car shows! And 26 years at the same dealership!! This kind of stuff just doesn't happen on its own, it takes hard working members like all of you to make it happen. So please look at some of the things that are needed at the shows and maybe even help organize some of it.

As I touched on at the last meeting, we are looking for someone to take over the car show stuff as of now only one person has stepped up to help. That's Pat Alfonso and a newer member so can't we get more people to help out? Maybe? It takes a few to do this. If we can't find some people maybe we don't have shows? Just food for thought. Also, it's time to start thinking about elections. My term as president will be up this year and so is Dennis as Secretary and he has told me about its time for a change so there's time if you want to get more involved in club activities and business. Please come forward, talk with me or Dennis about the possibility of taking one of the spots. Carole and I just need a break from this. It doesn't mean that we are walking away from anything! As you can see from the past that won't happen!!! At all. But we do need a break.

That's it for now. See ya at a meeting And remember! IT'S YOUR CLUB!!!!!!

If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.
Henry Ford



By Chuck Anderson

Membership Lead

216 members

New members:

David Karels Cottage Grove MN

Barry & Tara Crotty Somerset Wi

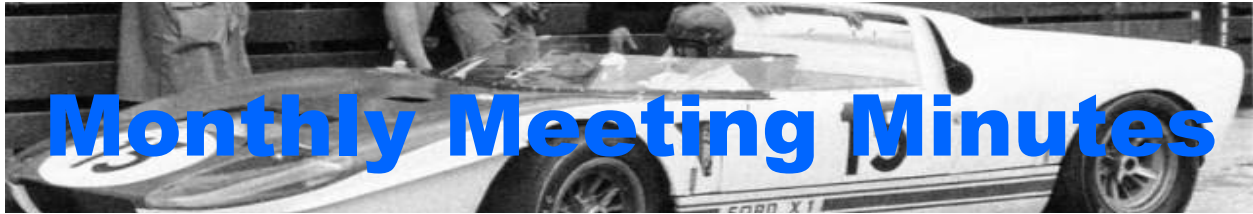
Jason Urbanski Maplewood MN

Michael Hennager North Mankato MN

Justin Palecek Plymouth MN

Wendell Sande St. Peter MN

David & Anna Anderson Merrifield MN



***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 Mike and Carole Ackerman
Show Directors***

Happy April everyone!

As you get this it will be only two months from your June show! And things are coming together well. Carole, Pat and I had a wonderful meeting with Apple Autos this past month and it was good! As things start to come together, we will share the news. I may have some at the meeting so please attend and get it firsthand. As you have seen already, the volunteer sign-up sheet is ready and there are some changes on there so please check it out and give us some needed help where you can. Get involved, this is your club, meet new people make new friends. Also, we need door prizes so please do what you can do to see if your local parts store can help. This show is noted for all the great prizes that get given away and that's all on you the members of the club! Pam & Steve are working on some great awards this year and a special dash plaque for the 60 Years of Mustangs. So please see if your car can get into the lineup of 60. If your car does not make it in and you know someone with one of the slots that are still open, let them know. We will be doing the club mailing at the meeting on Monday. Please stick around after the meeting and help with that. Pre-registration is open it is \$10 and you can win some pretty cool prizes! We are looking forward to putting together a fun show!

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Don't let the snow bother you, it will be gone by June. Be a part of the 60 year celebration at the June 2 show. We could use a hand. Please help by volunteering to help at the show.

Here's the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F44ACAE2BA4FB6-48481003-allford>



***By Vacancy
Cruise Director***

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

Spring Cruise

The Spring Mustang Cruise is finally set. This year we're going to Baraboo, Wisconsin. We'll leave Friday, April 26th and drive to Baraboo as a group, stopping along the way for lunch. We're planning a group dinner Friday night. We have some fun events planned for Saturday, as well as a group dinner. The hotel provides a continental breakfast. Sunday will be on your own.

We have a block of 25 rooms reserved for this event at the Clarion Hotel at 626 West Pine Street, Baraboo. Call 608-356-6422 to reserve your room. Mention the Northern Star Mustang Club to obtain a room rate of \$79 for 2 queen beds or \$89 for a king size bed. This rate will be available until April 12th but book early to guarantee your spot.

More information will be sent as it becomes available.

Let us know if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!!

Dan & Sharon Bye and Mike & Cindy Neimann.

Trivia Event

Eleven members gathered at Pizza Luce in Richfield on March 21 for dinner and Trivia Mafia. The theme was 70's Trivia and 15 Teams participated. We all had a fun time !

The two NSMC Teams were: Mustang 1 and the Mustang GTs. Our Mustang GTs achieved 1st place and won a Pizza Luce gift certificate and our Mustang 1 team took 4th place.



Team Mustang GTs



Team Mustang 1



By Doug Saunders
Charity Director

No charity updates. We'll be discussing June show during the April phone call.



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

Below is the Information for the 2024 and 2025 MCA national shows; Three of the four 2024 shows are open for registration on the events page affiliated with the Mustang Club of America, <https://mcashows.com/>.

Registration is available for the 60th Anniversary event, the Ozarks show, and the Iowa show at this time.

Mustang 60 Years in Birmingham, AL

April 5-7, 2024

HPDE event at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, AL

April 5-7, 2024

HPDE event at Ozarks International Raceway in Gravois Mills, MO

May 24-26, 2024

MCA National Show in Des Moines, IA

Aug 9-11, 2024

Registration is open <https://www.mustangsatthecrossroads.org/>

MCA Grand National in Savannah, GA
MCA National Show in Cincinnati, OH
MCA Grand National in Fredericksburg, VA

Oct 11-13, 2024
June 27-29, 2025
Aug 29-31, 2025

The Mustang 60th Anniversary Event:

I know of eight cars making the trek to Alabama this week; we leave early the morning of Wednesday April 3rd.

Registration can be found at: <https://mcashows.com/60th-anniversary>

The MCA knows a great venue when they see one and that's why we have chosen to return to Barber Motorsports Park for our 60th Celebration. Barber has a little something for everyone and is bigger and better than it was at our last event, and we all know what a great time that was!

I know you all have been anxiously waiting for registration to open and that time is finally here. If you are looking to have your car judged at this event, you will need to apply for the waiting list as judged registration is full. This MCA judged show will be limited to 250 cars and you **must** be an MCA member to have your car judged.

Our High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) will be running for 3 days in conjunction with the 250 judged cars and thousands of display cars. Registration can be accessed mcashows.com.

Along with the thousands of display cars – capped at 2,500 - that will be onsite, we will also have a huge vendor area full of vendors, autocross, a poker run and a Saturday night banquet at the Barber Motorsport Park Museum.

This promises to be a great weekend that you will not want to miss that has a little something for everyone to enjoy! So, mark your calendars, get registered, and plan your trip to come out and see us at Barber Motorsports Park April 5 – 7, 2024!

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



Mustang Club of America's 60th

Anniversary Show



**MCA NATIONAL SHOW AND TRACK
EVENT - OZARK INTERNATIONAL
RACEWAY**



***Mustangs in Historic Savannah
National Show***



2024 MCA National Mustang Show

August 9-11, 2024
Holiday Inn Airport
611 Fleur Drive
Des Moines Iowa 50321

For details including a list of daily show activities visit
mustangsatthecrossroads.org

Contact : Jimmy Bacon (515)491-3340
clubinfo@mustangclubofcentraliowa.org
Show proceeds benefits



By Mike Ackerman

Hello Garage people!

It's April and now we get snow?? WTH is this! As we left off the last time we met in the garage, the car was going to the upholster to get the headliner installed. Thanks to a fellow club member for the use of his enclosed trailer for a few weeks, the car is back! And the head liner is perfect. You will have to check in next time to see it. Carole and I have been busy with show stuff and family stuff so not a lot got done in the Garage this month but did manage to get some of the parts wet sanded and buffed out, as you can see in the pictures. I needed a break from this anyway. Lots of time spent on this. As I said before, it takes a lot of time to do something like this, especially if you are not a pro at it, as me. But I am learning and have a better understanding of what goes into this kind of work. So, with that said there are a few pictures of the car as it sits now and there's a sheet that you all may find helpful on sparkolators (sparkplugs). It kind of shows you the state of them as they are good or bad. Hope you can use this next time you change your plugs out.

Until next month. Get out in the garage and work on those cars!!







COMMON SPARK PLUG CONDITIONS

NORMAL

Symptoms: Brown to grayish-tan color and slight electrode wear. Correct heat range for engine and operating conditions.
Recommendation: When new spark plugs are installed, replace with plugs of the same heat range.



WORN

Symptoms: Rounded electrodes with a small amount of deposits on the firing end. Normal color. Causes hard starting in damp or cold weather and poor fuel economy.
Recommendation: Plugs have been left in the engine too long. Replace with new plugs of the same heat range. Follow the recommended maintenance schedule.



CARBON DEPOSITS

Symptoms: Dry sooty deposits indicate a rich mixture or weak ignition. Causes misfiring, hard starting and hesitation.
Recommendation: Make sure the plug has the correct heat range. Check for a clogged air filter or problem in the fuel system or engine management system. Also check for ignition system problems.



ASH DEPOSITS

Symptoms: Light brown deposits encrusted on the side or center electrodes or both. Derived from oil and/or fuel additives. Excessive amounts may mask the spark, causing misfiring and hesitation during acceleration.
Recommendation: If excessive deposits accumulate over a short time or low mileage, install new valve guide seals to prevent seepage of oil into the combustion chambers. Also try changing gasoline brands.



OIL DEPOSITS

Symptoms: Oily coating caused by poor oil control. Oil is leaking past worn valve guides or piston rings into the combustion chamber. Causes hard starting, misfiring and hesitation.
Recommendation: Correct the mechanical condition with necessary repairs and install new plugs.



GAP BRIDGING

Symptoms: Combustion deposits lodge between the electrodes. Heavy deposits accumulate and bridge the electrode gap. The plug ceases to fire, resulting in a dead cylinder.
Recommendation: Locate the faulty plug and remove the deposits from between the electrodes.



TOO HOT

Symptoms: Blistered, white insulator, eroded electrode and absence of deposits. Results in shortened plug life.
Recommendation: Check for the correct plug heat range, over-advanced ignition timing, lean fuel mixture, intake manifold vacuum leaks, sticking valves and insufficient engine cooling.



PREIGNITION

Symptoms: Melted electrodes. Insulators are white, but may be dirty due to misfiring or flying debris in the combustion chamber. Can lead to engine damage.
Recommendation: Check for the correct plug heat range, over-advanced ignition timing, lean fuel mixture, insufficient engine cooling and lack of lubrication.



HIGH SPEED GLAZING

Symptoms: Insulator has yellowish, glazed appearance. Indicates that combustion chamber temperatures have risen suddenly during hard acceleration. Normal deposits melt to form a conductive coating. Causes misfiring at high speeds.
Recommendation: Install new plugs. Consider using a colder plug if driving habits warrant.



DETONATION

Symptoms: Insulators may be cracked or chipped. Improper gap setting techniques can also result in a fractured insulator tip. Can lead to piston damage.
Recommendation: Make sure the fuel anti-knock values meet engine requirements. Use care when setting the gaps on new plugs. Avoid lugging the engine.



MECHANICAL DAMAGE

Symptoms: May be caused by a foreign object in the combustion chamber or the piston striking an incorrect reach (too long) plug. Causes a dead cylinder and could result in piston damage.
Recommendation: Repair the mechanical damage. Remove the foreign object from the engine and/or install the correct reach plug.

Obtained from Chiltons Manual

NSMC Calendar

Visit the club website 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.

UPCOMING SHOWS



CertifiFit
CERTIFIT AUTO BODY PARTS IS A DIVISION OF CERTIFIT, INC.
SUMMER CLASSIC CAR SHOW
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ALL MAKES, MODELS AND YEARS
AUGUST 3, 2024 • 5:30 TO 8:30 PM
2255 WALNUT ST, ROSEVILLE, MN 55113
THERE WILL BE A FOOD TRUCK AT THE SHOW!

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Must be present to receive your plaque Free to NCC members that bring their Camaro

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OF MINNESOTA

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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? Read about it in this article from Fordmuscle.com. Click [HERE](#) for a link to the article about the new Coyote Aluminator crate engine.



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