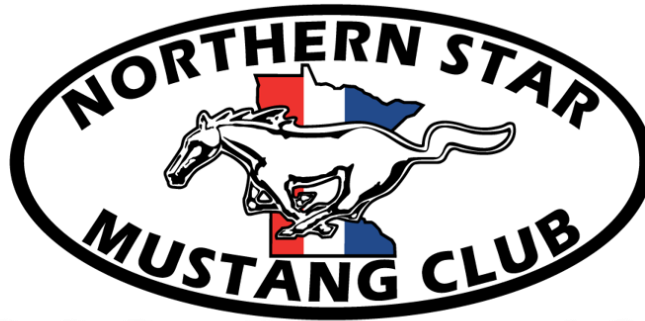




NSMC Pony Tales

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, January 6th**.

January, 2025



By Mike Boulka
President

Well!

I'm back!!

As we all get older, we are often uncertain as to what the future will bring. I did not expect to be back as President of the NSMC. With a lot of support and encouragement from many of you, I am back. I sincerely hope I am worthy of your support.

The club has gotten a lot more "tech" in the past couple of years, so you have to bear with me as I am not known to be a techy person.

2025 is almost here (probably will be here by the time you read this), and there are many events being planned, from shows, cruises and get togethers, this year is shaping up to be busy...and a lot of fun!

I'm not sure about you, but I have several race events already scheduled at BIR and Road America...maybe even a Saturday evening or two at Elko Speedway. It's shaping up to be a full Summer. I hope yours will equally as enjoyable.

"Our" first club event of the year will be our annual Winter Party on January 18. Pam and Steve Flaten have always put together a fun evening at the Lost Spur Country club in Eagan. There will be great food, fun games, door prizes and wonderful socializing with fellow members. The Lost Spur is a great venue, and their food and service is excellent. If you haven't signed up yet, please do. At \$20/person, it is quite the bargain.

And that is just the start of things for the coming year. Keep your eye and ears open for upcoming events announcements on your emails, the newsletter and at the meetings.

I hope to see you at the January 6 meeting.

Once again thank you for your support.

And remember, this is YOUR club!!

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Christine Millington recently received this note from Eileen Arnold:

This is Eileen Arnold and Craig Hohensee from MCA. Craig was hit head on by and excessive speed youth and is and has been in Critical Condition but stable. He came out of a coma yesterday after 9 days. He has had several surgeries and more to go. We won't be attending meetings for some time dependent on his healing rate. Have a Merry Christmas!



By Chuck Anderson
Membership Lead

Members = 288
New = 1

Mark & Karen Lichtscheidl, Centerville, 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 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 Vacancy
Cruise Director

We have an opening for leadership of this committee. Please let Mike Boulka 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.



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.

Donations this year are \$12,350 + \$3000 match = \$15,350 total, so far!

\$6000 (+\$3000 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

\$2400 to Hennepin Technical College for Northern Star Mustang Club automotive scholarships
(Thank you letter attached.)

\$2700 to Dakota County Technical College for Northern Star Mustang Club automotive scholarships
(Thank you letter attached.)

\$250 to Samaritan's Purse in support of hurricane relief

In addition, we estimate we will have over \$3000 to split between these two charities at the end of this year:

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)

Wishes & 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

We have been in contact with Wishes & More about supporting a teen with cancer who is a Mustang enthusiast and is doing an automotive customization. Braiden was not able to get a Mustang to work on, but he and his grandfather are customizing a vehicle they already had -- a Chevy S10 pickup (oh well). Improvements aided by our donations include a supercharger, headers, wheels/tires, lowering kit, and a custom steering wheel. We have suggested a few activities to Wishes & More that the club might do to encourage Braiden: small cruise/car show to Zimmerman MN (Braiden's home), invite his project to our car shows, and membership in the club.

Thank you to Pete Schmidt for organizing the annual Toys-for-Tots collection at the Shakopee Southbridge theater. Thank you to Marcus Theaters for showing us the movie "1941" about brave citizens thwarting a Japanese attack on the California coastline shortly after Pearl Harbor. I'm no historian, but something tells me the movie wasn't quite accurate.

Attached is a holiday card from Dakota County Technical College, where we are sponsoring the Northern Star Mustang Club automotive scholarship.

Happy New Year!

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

April 4-6, 2025
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)

April 3-5, 2026
May 14-17, 2026

Mustangs on the Mother Road National Show (Claremore, OK)
Mustang Club of America 50th Birthday (Road Atlanta, Atlanta GA)

July 24-26, 2026
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.



On Saturday December 7th the club held its 6th Annual Toys for Tots collection and movie off season activity. We collected about 50 donated toys from 22 people who attended the event. The Marcus Southbridge Theater was once again a generous partner by donating the movie theater for free. After taking the group photo in what was fantastic weather in comparison to some past years, folks headed inside to stock up on snacks and settle in for one of my favorite movies – "1941".

After the movie, the toys were delivered to the Apple Ford Shakopee dealership where their donation box was filled to overflowing. Our delivery brought a smile to many of the folks in the lobby area.

Thanks to all who donated toys to make Christmas special for needy families.





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NSMC's Holiday Party January 18th 2025

Sign up and prepayment required by January 5th

Come celebrate the New Year with your friends.

This evening will have a Route 66 Theme- so wear your old car theme shirts.

Here are the details:

Location is Lost Spur Golf Course 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy Eagan MN

Saturday, January 18th 2025.

Social hour 5-6:00pm with cash bar

- Dinner buffet 6-7 pm
- Dinner includes-BBQ Buttermilk Fried Chicken, Carolina Pulled Pork, White Cheddar Mac and Cheese, Seasonal Creamed Corn, Scalloped Potatoes, Bake Beans, Sweet and Sour Coleslaw, and Cheddar Chive Drop Biscuits.
- Desert will be Cake and Cookies
- Entertainment will be Music Bingo 7-9pm
- Door Prizes will be awarded after bingo
- Cost is \$20.00 per person.
- Reserve your spot **no later than January 5th**. Go to the club website to pay via paypal (nonrefundable after January 5th) this serves as your RVSP to us.

NSMC Elected Officers



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).

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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	Sharon & Dan 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](#)!

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 2024 Ford F-150 Tremor.

