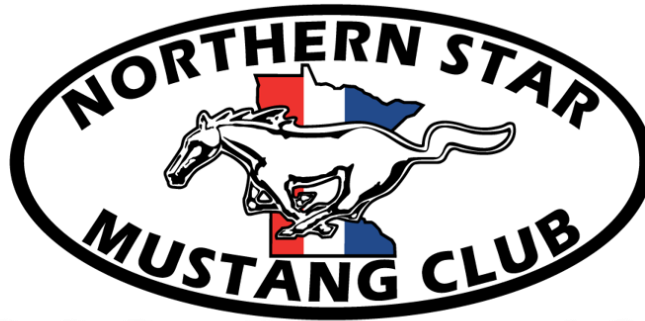




NSMC Pony Tales

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, March 3rd**.

March, 2025



By Mike Boulka
President

The other morning during breakfast at the OPH in Maple Grove, the discussion at our end of the table turned to some upcoming club events and what we had planned for Summer. My personal start up date for both my fun cars is April 1-earlier if the weather is good like last year.

Kurt and Andrea Nelson are putting together a "gun shooting" night on April 15. A good date to take out your frustrations on Tax Day. You may have received an email to sign up. It is a week night event, but shooting a gun (SAFELY!!!) is always a good time. So, if you can stay out late on a school night, sign up and join the gang!

On May 2-4, Christine and Scott have planned a weekend cruise to Pella, IA. Lots of fun lined up, but hurry up and make your hotel reservations. I would recommend that you call the hotel directly, as they would have a better handle on what rooms (if any) are left. There were a limited number of rooms in the block, but when I called them, I did get a room, but it was upgraded to a slightly higher rate for a king room.

We have many other cruises and events planned for the season. Check the schedules, and see what fits your schedules. I can guarantee you will have a great time with lots of great conversations.

Which brings me to my monthly topic. I don't know how many of you insure your collector cars through Hagerty Insurance, but you might want to take a look at them, as well as some of the other collector car insurance companies. With Hagerty, you become a member of their Drivers Club, which includes a real paper, delivered to your home magazine 6 times per year. Always great articles and columns written by Jay Leno, Wayne Carini, Aaron Robinson and McKeel Hagerty.

McKeel's article in the January/February magazine hit really close to home. Bottom line, his article was entitled "It's Up To Us To Keep The Fire Alive In 2025". In the article, he summarizes their annual survey of their customers. He outlines some of the ways to help our hobby going by drawing attention in a positive way. And that does not include doing burnouts and doughnuts, or blasting down the road at high speeds, weaving in and out of traffic.

Some of his suggestions:

- 1) Take at least one road trip this year-in your fun car! Go somewhere you have always wanted to go. No matter the distance. Pack a bag, point the car in a direction and go!
- 2) Get a young person involved. Whether it is your own kid, grandchild or the neighbor kid, if they show interest in your car when you are working on it, bring them over. Have them hold the light for you. At a show, offer to let a youngster sit behind the wheel. There will be two smiles-theirs and yours!

Over the past couple of years, my grandson started taking an interest in F1 racing on tv. He even asked me to take him out to Elko Speedway for his birthday the last two years. Spending time with Joel at a short track? Hell yeah!!!

- 3) Learn to drive stick shift! Manual transmissions are becoming a thing of the past. More and more performance cars are coming with a form of an automatic transmission. At best, those transmissions come with those flappy paddle shifters. Yeah, I know automatics turn quicker 1/4 mile times, but you lose that "personal" control of the car. You don't get that satisfaction when you nail that perfect upshift or downshift, where you almost don't feel it.
- 4) McKeel also speaks of the car "community". Join a car club. Whether it is a "make" club like ours, a racing club (SCCA, NASA, NHRA, VSCR) or something more "generic" (street rods, muscle cars), you will meet some great people and learn more about your interest.
- 5) Start a car tour. I love this one. Whether it's to meet a group for breakfast (like we do 3 times a month), or to Pella, IA, what a great way to enjoy your car and your friends. I am always up for a tour. Pick out a location on the map. Just make sure to take time to take in the local history. Museums, food, shopping, quilting. Let me know, and I will be there!

Lots of stuff to look forward to this year. I look forward to seeing you at at least one event.

Remember: This is YOUR club! Can't drive 'em yet, but it's getting closer!



By Chuck Anderson
Membership Lead

Members = 161
New = 1

Gene Wicht, Isanti, 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

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.

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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Car Club- Off Season Activity

“GET THE LEAD OUT EVENT”

Where: TOTAL DEFENSE

6001 167th Avenue NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

When: April 15th (take your tax frustrations out on a target!)

Private Pistol Bay for our group: 6 lanes – pistol calibers only
and 2 lanes in the Rifle Bay – if anyone wants to shoot a rifle or pistol at longer distance

Cost: \$10 per person (max 3 people per lane) and includes a FREE target per shooter

Unlimited Firearm rentals (no charge) with purchase of range ammunition

TIME: 6 pm for range etiquette and run down with approximately 1 hour shooting time

Clean up and out the door by 8 pm

Join us for a beverage and a Tuesday Night ½ price burger at **JR's Outpost**

6141 US Hwy 10, Ramsey

I need a head count to confirm with the Range – Count you in?

Please respond to **Kurt Nelson** by Text, E-mail or CallASAP!

kurt.nelson6@gmail.com

763-232-9239





By Doug and Karen Saunders
Charity Director

Below is a thank you note from Wishes and More, a charity which grants wishes to Minnesota teens and children who have life-threatening illnesses. NSMC donated \$1750 to them in December. Often the wishes are outdoor, hunting, or motor vehicle related, which sets it apart from Make-a-Wish. The thank you note gives an example of a teen pursuing an automotive project. We are in contact with Wishes and More about another teen with similar automotive wishes with the possibility of having the club do something more personal.

Also below is a thank you note from Hennepin Technical College, where three students received The Northern Mustang Club scholarships of \$800 each. The students, who are in the Ford Asset program, are Zachary Bonine (pictured), Brandon Powers, and David Castro. We attended a scholarship luncheon at HTC in hopes of meeting the students. While none of our scholarship winners were able to attend the luncheon, we had a good conversation with Ford Asset instructor Brian Friede and with a different scholarship winner, Skye, who is in the robotics program. Our conversation with Brian and Skye, along with presentations by other scholarship winners at HTC, impressed on us that our HTC donation supports a really important institution.



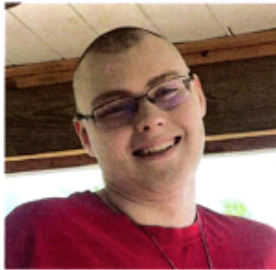
"Wishes & More® enhances the life of a child fighting a terminal or life-threatening condition by providing extraordinary experiences... and more"

January 10, 2025

Northern Star Mustang Club, LLC
8511 West 97th 1/2 Street
Bloomington, MN 55420

Dear Friends at the Northern Star Mustang Club,

On behalf of all of us here at Wishes & More, thank you for your generous donation of \$1750 on 12/31/2024. Your kind gift supports our mission of granting wishes and scholarships to kids with terminal and life-threatening conditions; and our memorial grant program for the parents of children who did not survive to have their wish come true. As an example of what your gift enables, please read on for Garrett's story.



At the end of Garrett's senior year of high school, he began suffering from constant headaches and blurry vision. After a trip to a specialist, he immediately underwent surgery and just seven days later walked across the stage at his commencement ceremony. He then began an extensive treatment protocol of radiation and chemotherapy, which sidelined his hopes of entering college. But he was determined to keep active with farmwork and tinkering with cars. As a self-proclaimed gear head, Garrett's wish was for a "project car" - a 1987 Monte Carlo, and Wishes & More was proud to grant it. Garrett is looking forward to working on the car and using it to hone his skills as he finally begins college at Riverland

Community College for auto mechanics. Wishes & More again supported him with his college expenses through our Scholarship of Hope® program, and he used the first installment of \$1,000 toward the purchase of the required tool and equipment he will need for his hands-on classwork.

Thank you again on behalf of Garrett's family, and all of us at Wishes & More.

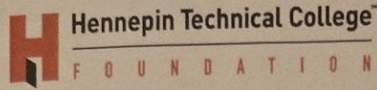
Warm regards,

Karla Blomberg
Volunteer President

Nathan Mueting
Executive Director

Official tax receipt. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution.

961 Hillwind Road NE • Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432
763.502.1500 Phone • 763.502.4707 Fax
info@wishesandmore.org • www.wishesandmore.org



Doug Saunders
Northern Star Mustang Club
16227 Grinnell Avenue
Lakeville, MN 55044

Dear Doug,

As I reflect on the past year, I am so grateful for the generosity of donors like you. Your support is critical in helping the college break down barriers, create opportunities, and give students the tools they need to pursue their dreams and build brighter tomorrows. In 2024, the Hennepin Technical College Foundation made an incredible impact:

- Awarded over \$327,000 in scholarships and grants to students
- Provided over \$37,700 in crisis funds to students facing emergencies. This support often means the difference between staying in school or dropping out.
- Received in-Kind donations of equipment, goods and services valued at over \$873,000, helping to ensure students receive training using the tools and technology they'll see in the workplace.
- Provided funding support to open a food pantry at our Brooklyn Park campus. In the first eight weeks of being open, the food pantry welcomed over 480 visits.

This letter lists your tax-deductible transactions for 2024. Pledges and soft credits are not included. If you made any in-kind donations, we will send details in a separate letter.

Date	Amount	Fund
10/15/2024	\$2,400.00	2-202 Northern Star Mustang Club Scholarship

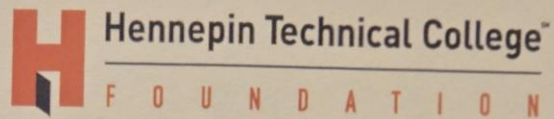
Because we are a registered 501(c)3 organization, your donation is completely tax deductible. Please keep this for your tax records to claim your deduction.

On behalf of the Hennepin Technical College Foundation and the countless students and families whose lives you've changed, thank you. You're not just giving; you're building a legacy of opportunity, resilience, and success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Leintz'.

Alison Leintz
Vice President of Advancement



The Northern Star Mustang Club Scholarship

Thank You from HTC Scholarship Recipients
Spring 2025 Scholarship Details

3 students awarded
\$800 per student



Student: Zachary Bonine

Thank you to The Northern Star Mustang Club for providing me with this scholarship. This will help greatly with this semester's financial obligations.

Students not pictured: Brandon Powers
David Castro



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

We have received email confirmation from the MCA that the club's MCA charter has been renewed.

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

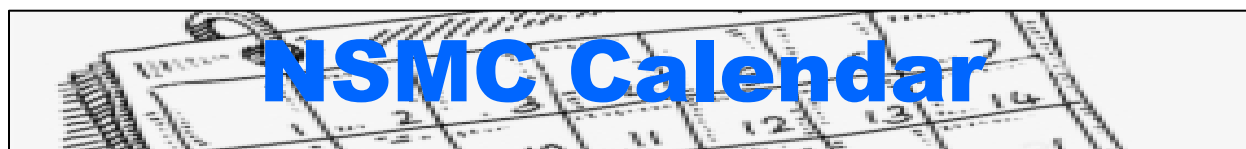
MCA National Show Jacksonville, FL
1st Tennessee Regional Group National Show (Bristol, TN)
Mustangs on the Mother Road National Show (Claremore, OK)
Mustang Club of America 50th Birthday (Road Atlanta, Atlanta GA)

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

MCA National Show Gulfport, MS

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.



Mike Ackerman

Hello Northern Star Mustang Club Members, it's that time. Car Show Season is just around the corner and the nice weather is on its way! The Car show team has working hard at the flyers, getting pre-registration ready to go, Lot maps. Signup sheet has been sent out, please take a moment to check out an area you can help your club out so we can make the shows very successful. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Without it we can't continue to do one of the best and largest Ford Powered shows in the area. Apple Autos is very excited to get the shows going this year. Also if you were at the show in September you may have noticed that there was a big change in the audio part of the show, and that was due to one of our members. Sarahlynn Joseph was doing the announcing at the show. We had live short videos of exhaust, and interviews with attendees of the show that went very well. And the DJ and music was brought to you by Wealth Management Aurora Wealth Solutions Group. So, we should be in for a great time in June to see what Sarahlynn has in store for us. I am sure it's going to be wonderful. We do have some vendors wanting to set up also. The details of that will be coming very soon. We meet with Apple soon also and talk about the year coming up. So as of now please pre-register for the show and also look and see where you can help out!

Thank you all for your support!

And on the behalf of the team and myself thank you all! And remember! It's your club!

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







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.

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.middleletwin.com/portal/events/35/register	

NSMC
3734 Greensboro Drive
Eagan, MN 55123



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Upcoming Non-Club Shows:

- March 22-23, 2025 – Motorhead Madness Car Show, at DECC in Duluth, MN
- April 12-13, 2025 – Rod & Custom Spectacular, Canterbury Park in Shakopee, MN
- 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



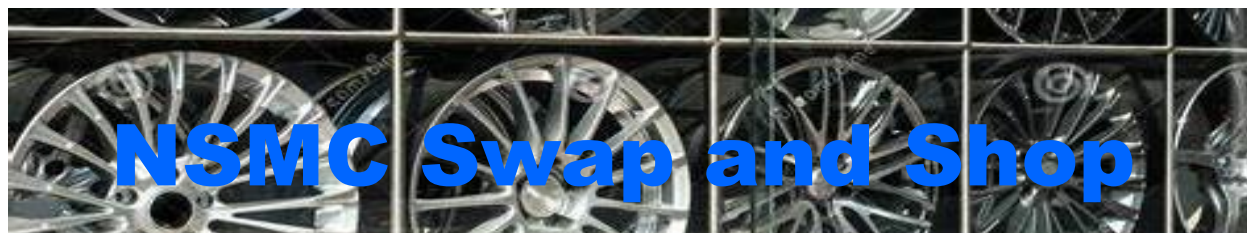
Your NSMC Elected Officers from left to right are Mike Boulka (President), Dan Bye (Co-Treasurer), Scott Sokol (Vice-President), Ericke Rosquist (Co-Treasurer), and Pat Alfonso (Secretary).

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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](#)!

Check out our club wearables, below.

We still have a few t-shirts and hats that will be available for purchase at our shows. **Coming soon** – you will be able to order custom new merchandise and a new club vendor. Contact Pam Flaten 612-300-7209 with questions.

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.



BUSINESS LIQUIDATION ONLINE AUCTION



Bid. BlackDiamondAuctions.com

Auction Starts Closing: 6:00 pm, Sunday, March 23, 2025

Preview: Saturday, March 15 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Pickup and Removal: Tuesday, March 25 by Appointment on Website Scheduler

Located at: 728 8th Avenue South, Sauk Rapids, MN



SHOP EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

2) Two-post Rotary 9000 lb lifts
Bendpak Four-Post 9000 lb lift
6x6 low-rise car lift (raises approx. 24" high)
20-Ton Hydraulic press
C-Aire Upright twin cylinder air compressor
Coats Rim Clamp Model 7065 AX tire changer
Coats 700 Direct Drive Solid State Computer Tire Balancer
Skat Blast sand blast cabinet with dust collector
Engine Hoist, Engine stands, Transmission stands, Floor jacks
Sun double-door metal cabinet with work bench top
AC Fire Ring Spark plug two-door wall cabinet
Blue-Point roller wiring display and tools
Snap-on roller tool cabinet
Snap-on tools including sockets, ratchets, wrenches, drivers
Bolt cabinets - metric and standard

SPECIAL ITEMS

1967 Jaguar project car (with title)
Dry storage locking 32' semi-trailer (no title)
Low-profile car trailer with wood floor and sides (with title)
Snap-on Gas Grill (very nice shape with tank)
Smoker trailer for cookouts with grill and 100# tanks
Toy collection of gas station dioramas, matchbox to-scale model cars
Several car posters and framed art and auto banners

Auctioneer's Note:

After many years of working on cars and providing a valuable service to those that love automobiles, Dan is ready to take some time off to enjoy life. There are excellent tools and equipment for repair and service of automobiles. Please join us at the Preview on March 15th from 9 am to 3 pm.

This Auction starts to close beginning at 6:00 pm on Sunday, March 23rd.

Removal will be on Tuesday, March 25th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm by appointment. There will be a bobcat on site to assist with loading on removal day (March 25th).

-Col Frank and Peg Imholte, Lic 73-05-003

Full List of Items and Photos Online



For more information or to view many more photos online:

Bid. BlackDiamondAuctions.com

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Col. Frank Imholte
Lic. 73-05-003



Col. Keith Sharer
Lic. 73-05-002



Col. Joseph Imholte
Lic. 73-05-032



Col. Michael Imholte
Lic. 73-05



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 return of the Shelby GT350 and GT350R for the 2025 model year.



It's different here.

Apple Ford Shakopee is a proud sponsor of the NSMC!