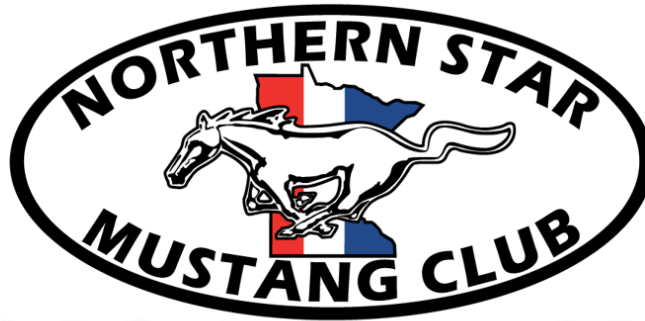




NSMC Pony Tales

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, June 2nd**.

June, 2025



By Mike Boulka
President

By the time you read this, we will be on the verge of our club's biggest, most important event of the year. For 40 years, our club has put on, arguably, one of the best, well-organized car shows in this area. Many shows gather 150-175 cars-which is very impressive any way you look at it. Last year we had over 300 cars (closer to 340 if I remember right) fill the lot at Apple Valley Ford. How does this happen year after year??? Great people and great planning to start with! Treating people well across the board. Good Customer Service I like to think.

We have all had good experiences and bad ones. The bad experiences keep us away from that situation. The good ones keep you coming back. Kind of like playing a round of golf, and scoring a birdie (one under par for you who don't know) on one hole. One out of 18 will keep you coming back for a long time. Guess how I know?

I have had three recent experiences that have really driven that home to me. A couple of years ago, Kathie needed a new cell phone. I figured there is a big box store (hint: the corporate office is on the corner of 494/Penn, where Lindahl Oldsmobile used to be) in Eagan that handles all types and styles of phones.

Shortly after Kathie got her phone, she began to have some problems with it. We took it back to the Eagan location. The phone was 4-5 weeks old. We were told that they would have to send the phone back to “the factory” to be repaired. We were then told that since we did not buy the extended warranty on it, she would have been without a phone for 5-6 weeks. We could rent a phone until hers was done, for \$50/week. You can imagine my response was to them. I may have embarrassed Kathie! We ultimately took the phone to A T and T (our service) who wound up getting Kathie a new phone within 3 days. Can you guess who still gets my business?

I recently opened up a new customer who placed an order with us. One of the coatings they ordered was in a neutral (clear) base as they wanted get a custom color for their customer. When I was helping one of their guys load up a rather beat up Toyota mini van, I know I did not explain to him the neutral base and the custom color tint needed to be mixed together. I got a rather irate phone call on a Saturday afternoon asking why the coating was clear and not tinted. I then reminded them that the tint was separate container and needed to mixed into the product. I told them exactly where the tint was in the mini van, which they found right away. I kind of saved the day by answering my phone, and being able to tell them where the tint was in their van. They are buying a fair amount of product from us. You can be rest assured that I will always remind people of the tinting of a neutral base-no matter how stupid and simple I sound!

Right before the cruise to Pella, IA, I noticed that my right rear tire on the Mustang was low. I filled it that day, but noticed the next day that it was down slightly. I called the Discount Tire in Eagan and was able to get it in right away. They brought the car and were able to find the problem. A little bit of corrosion on the inside of the rim, which was the source of the slow leak. They had the car in their shop for about 45 minutes. When I got the receipt for the repair, they were not charging for the repair. I had bought new tires at the end of last year, but not from them. I did buy new tires for my Miata from them this Spring, but not on the Mustang. When I questioned them about this, I was told by the store manager it was “company policy” not to charge for flat repairs or inflating your tires. Guess who just won all of my business for tires.

The same goes for our car shows and other events. Realize that people do have a choice to go to a lot of other events. Let’s give them a reason to make that choice to be at our events! Treat people nicely and be helpful to them at our shows.

Now, get out there and drive ‘em! I’m waiting on a master cylinder for mine, but I will be driving it soon!

See you all soon!



By Chuck Anderson
Membership Lead

Members = 196

New = 10

Kyle & Sara Gray, Watertown MN

Tom & Vicki, EstremEdina MN

Scott & Terra Kuusisto, Farmington MN

Jamie & Lisa Clepper, Andover MN

Stan & Tina Shinke, Farmington MN

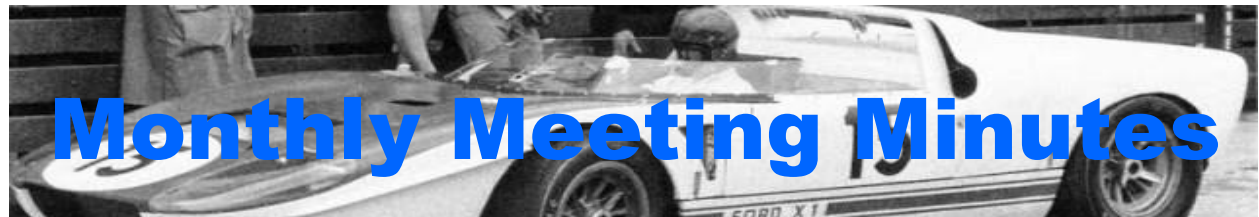
Travis Brady, Golden Valley MN

Jon Wright, Maple Grove MN

T.J. Cobenais & Christie Bluhm, Danbury WI

Todd & Andrea Myers, Somerset WI

Braiden Benjamin, Zimmerman 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 – May 2-4

Spring Cruise found us down in Pella Iowa. Weather wasn't the best. It was drizzly chilly but lots of fun. On the drive down we had to lunch at Maid Rite in Ankeny. After lunch some went and toured the Capital building in Des Moines. A few of us went on a self guided tour of the foundry distillery. The hotel and staff were very accommodating and nice, they even put hot wheels, Mustangs of course, on the breakfast/bar area. Dinner Friday night was Italian yum! Saturday was a roam on your own and a good time was had in Pella despite the weather, someone even went so far as to break rules and do a lap on the speedway. As of the current date there have been no arrests or fines.

Dinner Saturday night was at Legends which was also yummy. Sunday morning was breakfast on your own and head home. What a wonderful cruise it was! Everyone get geared up and ready for the June 1st car show in Apple Valley. Don't forget to volunteer to help out and keep the fun times rolling on!







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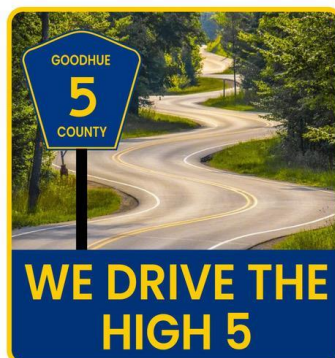
Twisty Sixty – May 17

Even though the weather was cool and cloudy, we all met at the Valley Diner in Apple Valley for breakfast. After breakfast, we started our cruise and in about an hour or so we stopped at Wanamingo for a rest stop. Then onward to the Twisty Sixty. We arrived in Wabasha and continued south to Kellogg. We stopped at Lark Toys.

We couldn't play miniature golf because of the weather, but we toured the Toy Store and took group photos on a Carousel. It was a lot of fun!

We left and headed to Lake City for a late lunch. After lunch about half wandered back home and the other half went on another spirited cruise.

We drove the "high five" and the Welch Road. It was a blast!!



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21st Annual Pony Express Run – Dates: Sept 19-21

We know we are just gearing up for a season of car driving experiences. We have already had one great cruise weekend and more events in the near future. Which brings me to future – yes it's sad to say but we do have to plan ahead for our ever popular fall 21st Pony Express Run! The most important issue right now is to reserve your room. Details.....

21st Annual Pony Express Run – Dates: Sept 19,20,21, 2025

Location: Minoqua, WI

Hotel: Lake of the Torches Casino, Lac du Flambeau, WI

24 Rooms are being held under Northern Star Mustang Club

Rooms are \$96.00 a night and each room has two queen beds

Reservations can be made online using the LINK to the reservations below. The link will take you directly to our group reservation. No need to use a code of any kind. Select your room and get a confirmation number.

OR you can call the Casino at 715-588-9200 to make a reservation. Tell them you are with the Northern Star Mustang Club group ID 4721407 and our dates to get the special rate.

MAKE Your Room Reservation NOW. This cruise tends to fill up fast. If you need to cancel, you have until 24 hours before your reservation to cancel for a refund. The cutoff date to make reservations is September 12th.

Check in Time is 4 pm – Check out is 11 am. A secure and guarded parking area will be provided for our cars. There is a Buffet Breakfast available on site – additional cost.

Once you have made your reservation PLEASE reply e-mail or text to Andrea with the name(s) of those attending, the night(s) you will be at the hotel with us (you can email via the RSVP button below). Please be sure to provide your contact information – email and phone number. That way we can keep track of who is coming and room availability! Andrea Nelson is in charge of hotel rooms/reservations so if you have any questions call, text or e-mail her.

Other events like the cruise route, food events, and fun activities (there is mini golf and bowling in the area) are being coordinated by Phil and Tammy, Shad and Kevan. You know it will be EPIC! More details on that as the plans unfold.

Once again: If you are planning on attending the Pony Express please let your hosts know that you will be attending. Number of people, Name(s) and Contact information (e-mail, phone #). Some of the plans that we are making require that we have the number of people attending.

Phil and Tammy Zuehl: 320-221-0928 beep@hutchtel.net

Shad and Kevan Brand: 320-290-8157 Keysolutions@usa.com

Looking forward to a great fall weekend together!

Andrea Nelson
763-232-9051
andreaesnells48@gmail.com

[Click Here to Reserve Your Hotel Room](#)

[Click Here to RSVP to Andrea](#)

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Roadworthy Restaurant Review

I went to Kendall's Tavern and Chophouse at Bunker Hills Golf Course with Phil and Tammy Zuehl for a late lunch. Tammy had a POT PIE savory cream sauce, peas, carrots, potatoes & rotisserie chicken \$16.00, Phil had ITALIAN MELT Capicola, ham, salami, provolone, lettuce, tomato, red onion, garlic mayo & Italian vinaigrette on toasted hoagie and coleslaw \$17.00 and I had the TURKEY CLUB turkey, thick cut bacon, lettuce, tomato & mayo on toasted sourdough \$16.00 with Tots.

It was fantastic. I would highly recommend this place.



12800 BUNKER PRAIRIE RD
NW COON RAPIDS, MN 55448
(763) 755-1234

Shad Brand



By Doug and Karen Saunders
Charity Director

We have sent a club T-shirt and baseball cap to Braiden, a teen stricken with cancer who is working on a truck customization funded by Wishes & More. Wishes & More provides wish fulfillments and scholarships to Minnesota children with life-threatening illnesses. The club donated \$1750 to Wishes & More last year. We have also given Braiden a club membership for this year.

Dakota County Technical College has opened applications for the Northern Mustang Club Scholarship for the Fall semester. So far, eight students in the automotive programs have applied for the scholarship. The club has committed to providing a \$900 scholarship for the next six semesters (it can be a different student each semester).

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Quilt of Valor

Once again some of the quilters in the club have created a beautiful Valor Quilt to be given away at the September Charity show at Apple Ford Shakopee held on September 14th. This will be our 8th annual Quilt of Valor.

Carole Ackerman and Pam Flaten have created the quilt. Angie Roberts from The Noble Quilter in Elk River has donated the quilting on the quilt as she did last year.

This year as in the past year we are looking for club members that are veterans that would be interested in receiving this beautiful handmade quilt in honor of your service. A club member that is not a veteran can also nominate a veteran club member.

Prerequisite:

1. Must be a current club member.
2. Must be a Veteran. (unless you are nominating a fellow Veteran club member)
3. Must attend the show on September 14th and be there to receive the quilt during the awards ceremony.

If interested, please send an email to Valorquilt5@gmail.com with your name and military branch. The email must be received by Sunday, August 17, 2025. You will be notified before the end of August if you have been selected, we will then request that you email a brief description of your military duties and where you served, to share at the show presentation.



***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/>.

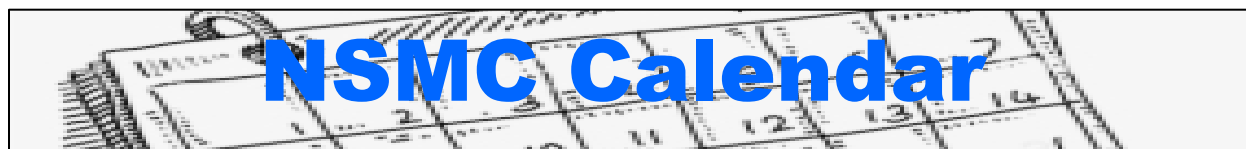
MCA National Show in Cincinnati, OH	June 27-29, 2025
MCA Grand National in Fredericksburg, VA	Aug 29-31, 2025

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
Ponies in the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, MO (OIR)	May 28-30, 2027
MCA Grand National in Kansas City, MO	Sept 3-5, 2027

Ponies in the Ozarks, Gravois Mills, MO (OIR)	May 26-28, 2028
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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.

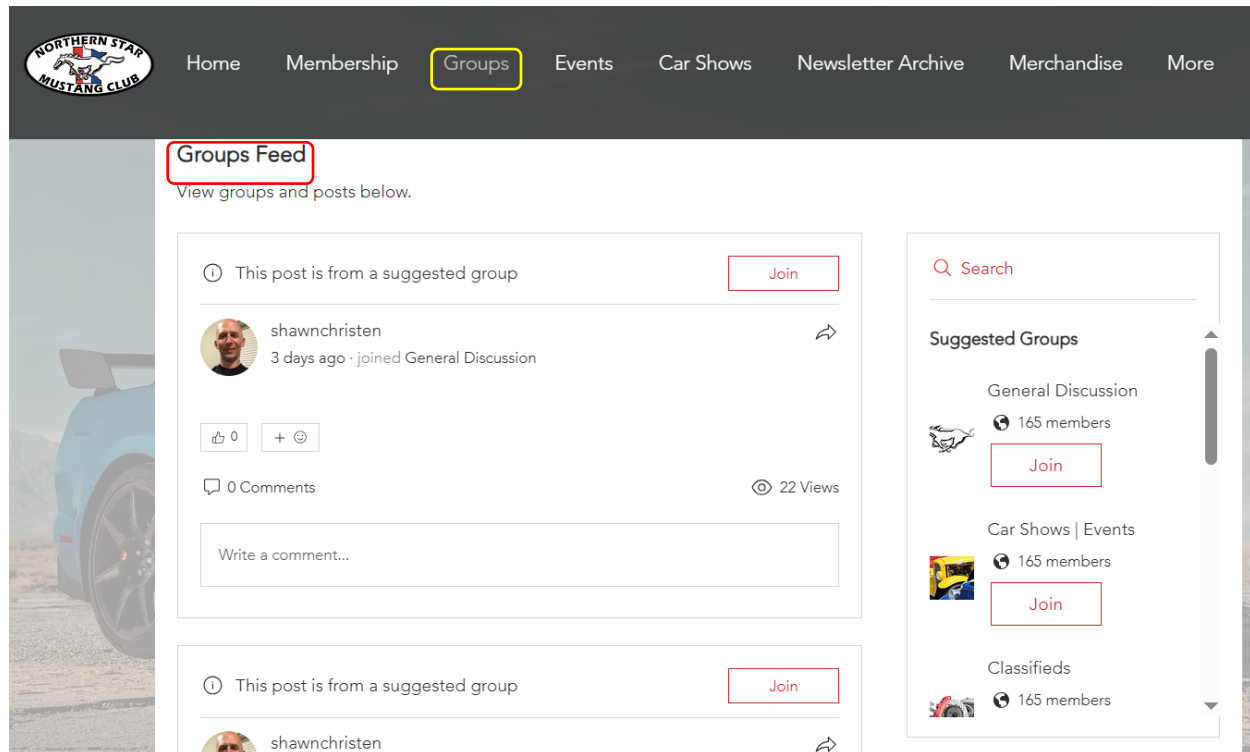


By Erica Gustavson
Communications

Hello NSMC! I want to share some updates with our club website and provide some insight on the differences between our two platforms. Let's begin with the updates! The [NSMC Site](#) is our **PRIMARY** site and is hosted on the **Wix Platform**. Wix is the provider of the site, and the program used to make edits and publish our site. As of May 25, 2025, Wix has discontinued the **Forum** functionality and replaced it with **Groups**. I have made required updates to our site, which you will see reflected in our menu header.

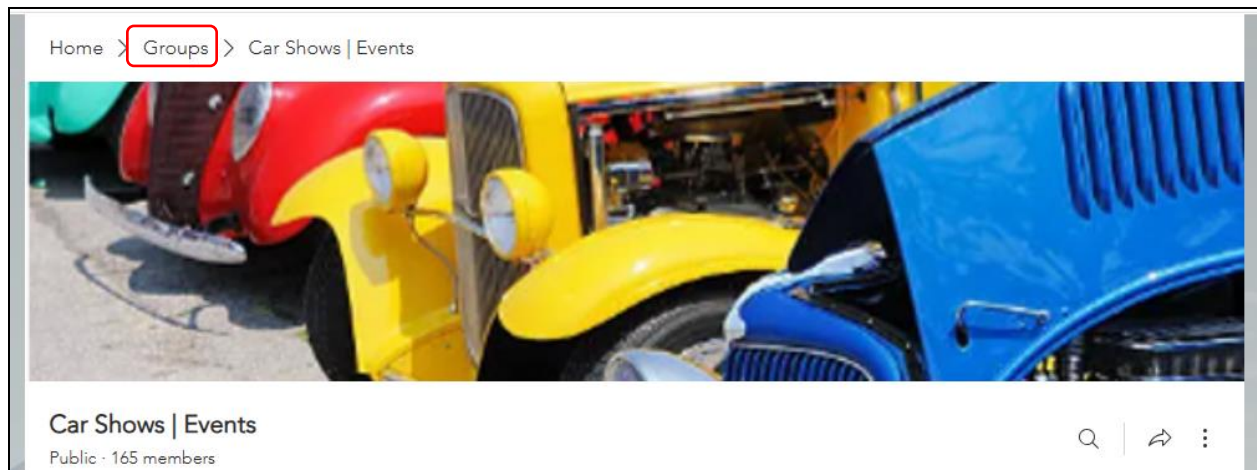
With this update, you DO NOT need to be logged in to **VIEW** the postings, but you DO need to log in to **POST A COMMENT**.

When you click on the **Groups** option in the header menu, you will see the **Groups Feed**.



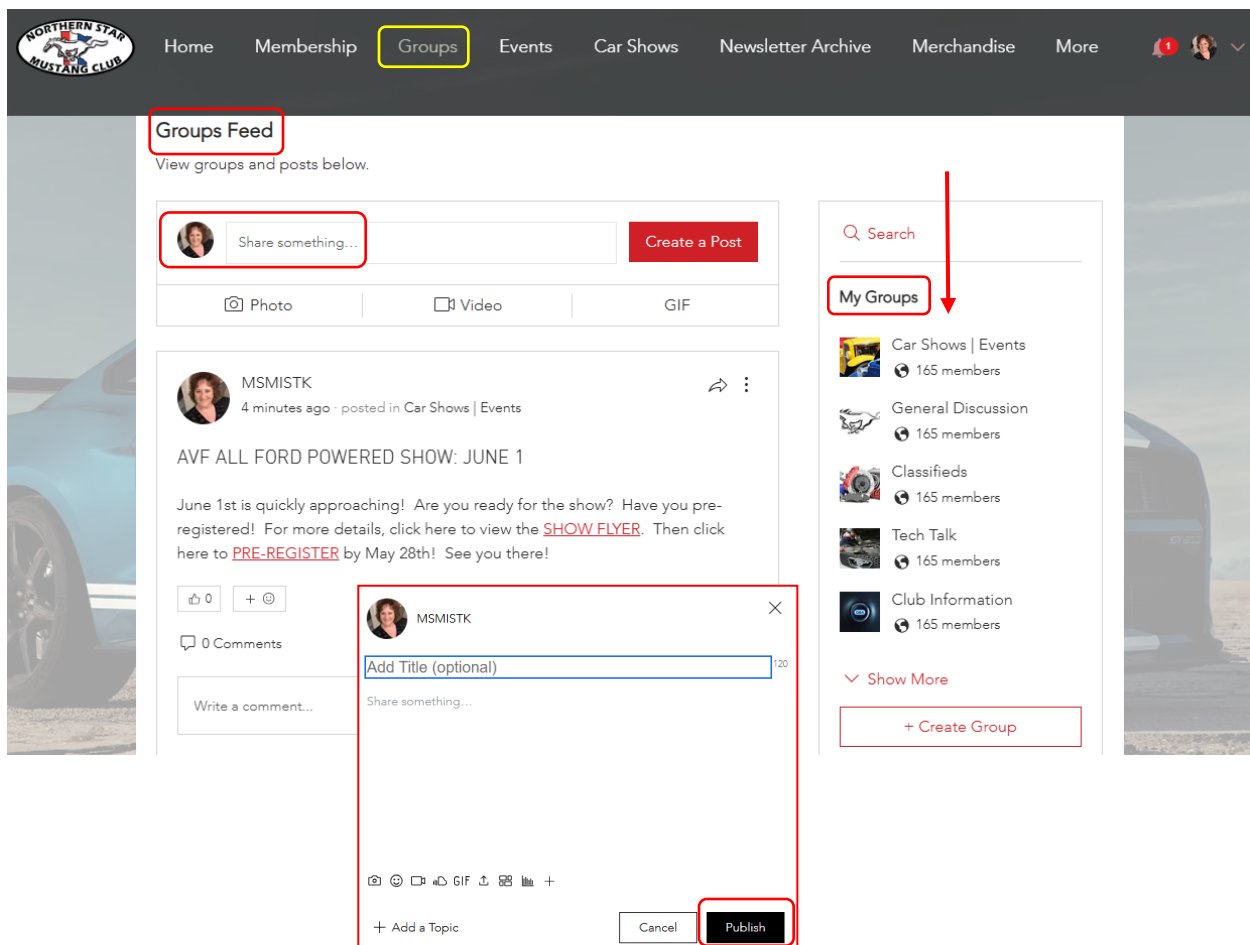
The groups, which are our old Forum categories, are listed on the right side of your screen. You can click on a group you'd like to view to see all postings within that group. As mentioned previously, if you would like to add a comment, you click in the **Write a comment** box and you will be redirected to log in (if you haven't already logged in). Once you are logged in, you can add your comment to any of the groups.

If you are viewing a group, and you'd like to return to the **Groups Feed** to view all the groups, scroll up to the top of your page to view the path (i.e. Home > Groups > Car Shows | Events) and click on **Groups** within that path. This will take you back to the main Groups Feed page and you can select another group to view. If you were to select **Home**, you will be brought back to the main home page of the NSMC site.



Below I have selected Groups, you can see I am back at the main **Groups Feed** page. I see all the groups I have joined on the right side under **My Groups**. I can now click on a different group to view or add a post to. Please note, as a default with the conversion, I have added everyone to all the groups. If new groups are created, you will need to join them manually if it is a category of interest to you.

To add a **NEW** post or comment in a group, you would click in the **Share something...** box next to your avatar image and create your post. You must click on **Publish** when finished to publish your comment.

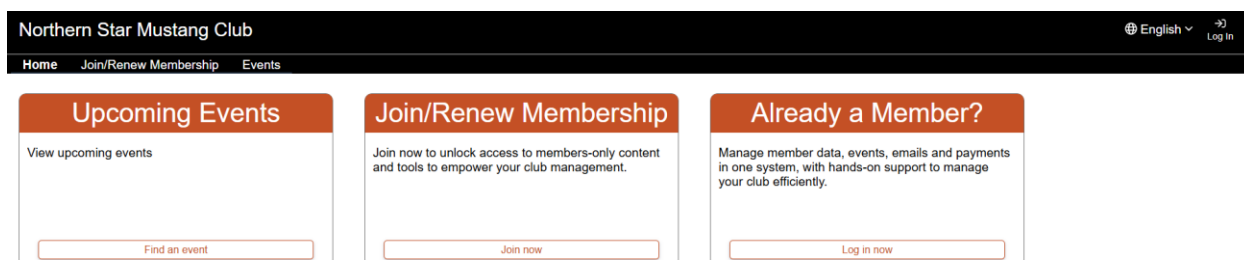


If you have questions regarding this update or how to move around in the site, please contact either the club email northernstarmustangclub@gmail.com or reach out to me directly at 37gustav@gmail.com. Please enter **Attn Erica: NSMC Site Question** as your subject line.

Let's move on to the second platform the club uses. This platform is called **Middletwin**, and it is used to manage our data behind the scenes. Here is the [LINK](#) if you'd like to view the page. Our club uses Middletwin to manage our club roster, membership and payment, Car show and event registration, especially if payment is involved. It has replaced mail chimp and is used to send out mass marketing emails to club members (i.e. weekly breakfast reminders, etc.) You get the idea! This site is the **engine** that manages our **backend** needs.

The only time a member would interact with Middletwin is when you are renewing dues or have been directed to a specific address on the site to register for an event. We have removed the requirement of having a log in name and password when renewing your membership dues. This is a huge help as it is one less thing to remember! **Please note**, Middletwin is **NOT** the site you go to for member postings, event information (unless directed there) or any social interaction.

Chuck Anderson is our Middletwin guru and can assist you with questions regarding your membership status or payment, registration for an upcoming event, such as pre-registration for our June 1st AVF show. Or if you are not receiving club emails. Here is a view of the Middletwin Platform.



Please direct any Middletwin questions to the club email: northernstarmustangclub@gmail.com and add **Attn Chuck, Middletwin Question** in your subject line.

Well, I hope that was informational for you and not too confusing! As always, happy to assist if there are questions.



By Mike and Carole Ackerman, Pat Alfonso

It's Car Show Day!!

We look forward to seeing you at Apple Valley Ford today!!

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.

EVERY MEAL
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER

Pre-Registered Drawings
Door Prizes * Food Trucks

No Dogs
Please



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

See Backside for
Registration Information

SWAP | Car Corral
\$15 Per Space | Pre-Registration Available





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	

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 this is? Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the next Shelby GT500 engine.





Apple Valley Ford is a proud sponsor of the NSMC!