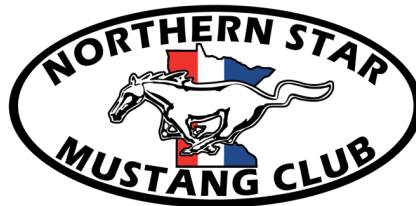


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NSMC Pony Tales

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By Mike Ackerman
President

Hello Members.

Well, it's February and the weather is starting to warm up after a long cold snap. Looking forward to some car shows that are starting up in the next month or so. It seems like when they start the weather starts getting better. We have had a few club events happening, Bingo was a great time, winter party that was probably one of the best, and the next one is night trains. This looks to be very interesting. Thanks to Mike & Cindy for getting these events going. And Pam & Steve for all the hard work in organizing the winter party! I look forward to more things coming up. I am trying to set up a little run out to Birnamwood WI to a restoration shop. It's still in the works and they are very busy but trying to fit us in, so stay tuned and keep an eye on emails.

I don't want to sound like a politician here, but I think the state of the club is strong! We have several members stepping up to help in different areas. Let me do a little recap on some and maybe this will help some of you if you need questions answered. First is the membership. Chuck Anderson is the guy if you have any issues with membership dues. Not getting emails? Send Chuck a note. Next is Sharon Bye, Newsletter editor. If you want your car in or want to submit something to newsletter, please contact Sharon. Then I think the Star of the show is Erica Gustavson. She handles all the events that get sent out like the invites to winter party, Train event and creates the content for all. The website has undergone some changes and will continue to. She is doing such a great job. If you see her at an event or meeting, please thank her. And if you want to set up an event, send her the information and you will be very pleased on the outcome. Finally, anything financial, Dan Bye and Erick Rosquist would be the people to talk with. And as always you can contact me, and I will do my best to take care of the issue.

As we move closer to spring and summer, we need members to help at the car shows Remember that's what keeps the club alive, and us able to have these events. So please help. Door prizes are always a big need so if you know someone or you can get a few things, please help.

As Henry ford once said, Don't find fault, find a remedy. Anybody can complain.

As always if I can help, please contact me if you have any questions.

And remember, this is your club!!!

Mike Ackerman

Proposed ByLaws Change

The club officers are proposing a bylaws change to give us the ability to have two treasurers. We are recommending this addition to the officers definition in the bylaws:

- The treasurer position can be shared by up to two people. If there are two, their terms will be staggered to elect one position each year.

We are also proposing that we change all other references to the treasurer to the plural treasurers(s).

This proposed change will be published in the January and February newsletters and discussed at the December and January meetings. We will vote on the change in the February meeting.

If you have any comments or concerns about this, please contact Mike Ackerman, or write to northernstarmustangclub@gmail.com.

Bingo Event

14 members of our club gathered on Tuesday, January 9th for dinner and Bingo at the Park Tavern in St. Louis Park. We had a few winners in our group and all had a fun time.

Save the date for February's Off Season Event - Night Train display at the Twin City Model Railroad Museum, Saturday February 24. Dinner to follow.

The formal invite was sent January 23rd.

Regards,
Mike and Cindy Niemann



2024 Annual Party

Saturday January 20th was the date of the annual party to celebrate the club and the work efforts you all have put in to make the club and events happen. If you missed the party this year you missed a good one.

The party was held at the Lost Spur country club and about 63 members showed up to celebrate. This year had a twist from past years, using a Polynesian theme, the table decorations and food followed the

theme, and everyone got a lei. The chef was given some latitude, and he did not disappoint. Kalua pulled pork, Hui Huli chicken, Hawaiian macaroni salad, fresh fruit and the delicacy in Hawaii- Spam Fried Rice. Add to that your favorite beverage and a chocolate mousse cake and no one goes home hungry.

Following dinner, the gaming tables opened for each member to get a fixed sum of play money to use in gambling at the Black Jack tables. Once again, we used Patty (and family) who we have known since the days when some of the club meetings were held at the Fort Snelling officers club. They seemed to have as much fun as the members did. There were winners and losers, but everyone had a chance to take their winnings or savings and use it to bid on an auction for a variety of door prizes in the blind. No one knew what was in each of the packages. There were NAPA and Kwik Trip gift cards, oil change coupons, tool kits, washing and detailing products and even a few bottles of wine. Sharon Bye was rumored to have won a hat for one of her favorite football teams to hate. Reminds me of another karma event at a past party when one of our deaf members won a radio for his car.

Thanks to all who contributed door prizes and made this party a success. Afterall, you have worked hard all year to put on events, drives, car shows and support the designated charities, it only seems right to give some reward back to the members. It is your club.

An idea was introduced to try and get a display group of Mustangs together celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Mustang at the June car show. We are working on trying to get one stock car for each year of the Mustang 1964½-2024. We got three pages of volunteers to sign up for this special class. Look for more information coming out on this effort and please sign up to display your car as 1 of the 60 years of the Mustang.







By Chuck Anderson
Membership Lead

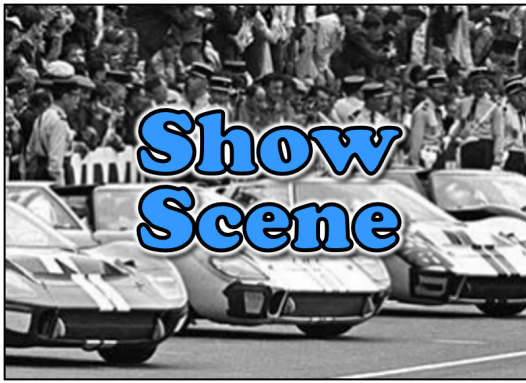
New members:

John Erlandson, Lino Lakes, MN
Bill Kallberg, Savage, MN
Bob Messier, Stillwater, MN
BreAnn Simon, Lakeville, MN



By Dennis Mevissen
NSMC Secretary

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



By Mike & Carole Ackerman
Show Directors

It's getting closer to car show season. If you were at the winter party, you would have heard about the news of the 60 Years of Mustang for the June 2 show at Apple Valley Ford and some have already signed up. We have an aggressive task of having a display with one of every year of Mustang to be displayed together. We are primarily looking for stock Mustangs but only 1 per year, 1964 to 2024 to be in our display. There will be 3 trophies to be given away for the 60 Year class. These cars will also be eligible to win in their car class. We need door prizes and give aways for both shows so please go to your local auto store and see if they want to be a part of donating prizes. We did a great job last year with door prizes and made the shows very desirable to attend. So please see if we can do it again. Also we need help in all areas of the shows so please help out where you can when the signup sheets are out. Also, I want to thank Pat Alfonso for stepping up to help with the car shows. Thanks Pat!!!!

Mike & Carole Ackerman



Vacancy
Cruise Director

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



Vacancy
Charity Director

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

The welder was delivered to Prior Lake High School Automotive and Small Engine Program by Rich Herpers in December. It looks like the class is very happy to receive this.



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

The NSMC MCA club 2024 re-charter information was submitted on 12/21/23.

Below is the Information for the 2024 and 2025 MCA national shows, one of which can be found on the events page affiliated with the Mustang Club of America, <https://mcashows.com/>.

Registration is available for the 60th Anniversary event 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	Oct 11-13, 2024
MCA National Show in Cincinnati, OH	June 27-29, 2025
MCA Grand National in Fredericksburg, VA	Aug 29-31, 2025

The Mustang 60th Anniversary Event:

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.

MUSTANGS AT THE CROSSROADS

MCA National Mustang Show

August 9-11, 2024




Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport
 6111 Fleur Drive
 Des Moines, IA 50321
 (515)287-2400

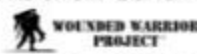
COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

**Night Cruise
 State Fair Event
 Day/Night Activities**



CONTACT: JIMMY BACON
 (515)491-3340 | CLUBINFO@MUSTANGCLUBOFCENTRALIOWA.ORG

This show benefits


Registration Begins Mid-October 2023!
 Last day to register a judged car is June 30th, 2024!










Hello Everyone.

It's been a cold few weeks here in the garage so not a lot of work being done, but did get the car ready and put the first coat of several coats of high build primer on. It's best to get this stuff on and let it be for a week or two to let it dry and cure. This stuff is like body filler in a spray. If you don't let it cure, it will shrink and crack when the paint is on. So, there are a few pictures of the first blocking. As you can see, the guide coat is in black. As this gets sanded down, the black disappears. If it doesn't then that would be a low spot and needs more filler sanded and blocked again. It's a long process and it's why a good job

takes time. Paint jobs cost is sometimes very expensive. If anyone of you guys have had a custom paint job or work done by someone, you know what the cost can be. As some of you know Carole and I go to the SEMA (Specialty Equipment Marketing Association) show in Las Vegas every year and have gotten acquainted with some of the top car builders in the nation. Well, I was talking to David @ Kindig-it Design and thought I would ask him, what would it cost to have my 1941 Ford done at your shop? Well, he says there's a lot to consider. But it would start about \$175,000 to \$250,000, and you bring me the car. Well at that point I had to run to the bathroom :) but that's a very high-end build and not exactly what I was looking for. But this is just some of the costs that are out there so just keep it in mind when you need some work done in the future.

Getting back to the job. The doors, hood, fenders-front and back, deck lid are all off and will be primed and finished separately. I will do the undersides of them and insides of the doors first. But the shell of the car will be painted as one, not much left anyway. So, I think and hope the next time we talk I will have some color on something to share.

Mike Ackerman
612 850 9134



The 2024 calendar is here!



Click on the picture above to see all of your elected officers of the NSMC.

Click on the picture above 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.

They are from left to right: Erick Rosquist, Dennis Mevissen, Mike Ackerman, Scott Sokol, and Dan Bye. If you want to contact any of the team you can email us by clicking [HERE](#)



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.



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