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- ◆ **Spring Outing to Flight 93 Memorial, May 18th** Diane provided the information on what she has planned for the trip. We will leave on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. from the McDonalds on Rte. 44/I-76. The 2 1/2 hour drive (1 pit stop) will take us to lunch at Tailgatez Sports Grill in Somerset and then a 30 minute drive to Flight 93. We will be taking the Turnpike should you need cash if you don't have an E-ZPass. The museum is open until 5:00 and is free to visit. If you choose to stay over until Sunday you can visit Fallingwater and/or the Johnstown Flood Museum where advanced admission tickets are needed; you can go on your own or get a group together. Dinner at Jean Bonnet Tavern. Hotel info: Hampton Inn 324 Laurel Crest Road, Somerset, PA 1-814-445-9161 There are 12 rooms blocked under NEOMC, the rate is \$137.70. Call to reserve your room or book online at [www.Hampton.com](http://www.Hampton.com) and under the "special rates, group code" enter 90Q. Deadline is May 4th.
- ◆ **Cars & Coffee (lunch, breakfast)** Diane also gave an update on the places she has picked out for the next few months. She explained that there is usually a limit on how many can attend depending on each restaurant's specific guidelines and that is why she needs a sign up sheet. She also personally checks out each new restaurant in advance to make sure the food is good, the place is nice and has ample parking. (See the list of dates at the end of newsletter)
- ◆ **Bowling Sunday 2/18** To be at Spins Bowl 2911 E. Waterloo Rd (rte. 224) in Springfield from 4-6. Bowling is making a comeback so John was unable to get a Friday or Saturday. Cost will be \$18 to \$20 per person. A sign up sheet went around so contact John if you did not sign up but want to attend. Lunch prior is at 2:30 at Johnny J's (same parking lot, walk next door to bowling).
- ◆ **Upcoming Car Events**  
**2024 Krieger Ford All Ford Show** Sunday 5/19/24, in Columbus. 50 year celebration of the MCO.  
**The Hot Rod Power Tour** is Thursday June 13 in Hebron, Ohio. Spectators can come out and see the tour at no cost.  
**The 2024 Great Race** is Sunday June 23 and they will stop in Marietta at about 4 p.m. were you will be able to observe and interact with the rallyists until 6 p.m. Steve Kitz's plan is to have lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Mulligan's, 4118 Belden Village St. Canton and leave at 1:00 for the 2 hour drive to Marietta. After the event you are free to return home or spend the night in Marietta. The local Hampton has rooms for \$129 plus tax.  
 For info on the **above** shows contact Steve Kitz 330-690-2515
- ◆ **Cruises as club events**  
 John has arranged for Mustang Night at Gervasi's on July 10th. Maize Valley is scheduled for September. Rick Clark is checking into the cruise-in in Solon .
- ◆ **Car Shows to attend as club events**  
 Maps Air Museum June 8th, Mustang VS Camaro Showdown on June 29th at Summit Racing and the LEMOC show in Erie, PA.
- ◆ Rick and Norm Clark both commented on the fantastic trip Steve Kitz put together to go to the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan and to hear the presentation by John Clor. They had a great time.
- ◆ Dick Pahls spoke of looking into going to Nelson Ledges on track day. He mentioned the equipment needed and cost of taking your car out onto the track.

- ◆ **MCA National Show, Mustang 60 Years** April 5-7  
Approximately 10 club members are planning on attending this 3 day event in Birmingham, Al.
- ◆ **Meetings** John is looking for alternative meeting sites that can be held outdoors during the summer. If anyone has any ideas please contact him.
- ◆ **Club Dues** If you have not paid your dues for the year please do so by the end of February in order to remain active and receive the newsletters. \$25.00 per family. Please mail your checks to: Peggy Moeller 6712 Hillside Rd, Independence, Ohio 44131
- ◆ **Roster Updates** Contact Peggy for any changes or errors. 216-905-0748
- ◆ **Website Updates** John O'Brien is looking to update the website. Please send him photo's of your cars. obrienj@neo.rr.com 330-697-0847
- ◆ **Name Tags** Don't forget to wear your name tag! Not everyone can remember names. There will be a token penalty of \$1 if you forget to wear yours. Need a new name tag? see the secretary, Karen.

John mentioned the birthdays of those present today.... Randy Albaugh.

Jerry then held the 50/50 raffle which was won by Peggy Moeller!

The meeting was adjourned.



## Future Events

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| <b>February 17</b> | LEMOC Cruise The Bay Snowflake Cruise-In Dinner and Dance  |
| <b>February 18</b> | Bowling at Spins Bowl on E. Waterloo Rd, Lunch at Johnny J's at 2:30 Bowling from 4-6 pm                     |
| <b>March 6</b>     | <b>NEOMC General Meeting</b> at The Venue—dinner starting at 5:30, meeting at 7 p.m.                         |
| <b>April 5-7</b>   | MCA 60th Anniversary Celebration—Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, AL                                     |
| <b>May 18</b>      | Spring trip to Flight 93 Memorial  |
| <b>May 19</b>      | Krieger Ford All Ford Show—Columbus <a href="http://www.mustangclubofohio.org">www.mustangclubofohio.org</a> |
| <b>June 8</b>      | Maps Air Museum Annual Car Show—N. Canton  |
| <b>June 13</b>     | The Hot Rod Power Tour —Hebron, Oh. <a href="http://www.hotrodpowertour.us">www.hotrodpowertour.us</a>       |
| <b>June 23</b>     | The Great Race—Marietta <a href="http://www.greatrace.com">www.greatrace.com</a>                             |
| <b>June 29</b>     | 16th Annual Mustang VS Camaro Showdown—Summit Racing   |
| <b>July 10</b>     | Gervasi's, N. Canton— Mustang Night  |
| <b>July 13</b>     | Annual Club Picnic at Countryside Campground   |
| <b>July 26-27</b>  | CAN-AM—Pittsburgh  |
| <b>September 8</b> | Annual NEOMC Car Show  |
| <b>September</b>   | Maize Valley —date TBD   |
| <b>December 14</b> | Christmas Party  |



# Cars & Coffee Dates



Breakfast's meet at 9 am on Saturdays — Lunch's are at Noon on Wednesday unless stated otherwise.

Remember to sign up for these at the meetings or contact Diane Geul to get on the list.

If you need to cancel please be courteous and let Diane know in case she has a waiting list. Diane 330-332-3537

- February 21** Lunch at Hopocan Gardens —4396 W. Hopocan Ave Ext, Norton
- March 9** Breakfast at Walther's Twin Tavern—43 Applegrove St NW, N. Canton
- March 21 (Thursday)** Lunch at Hartville Kitchens—1015 Edison St. NW, Hartville
- April 6** Breakfast at Lukity's Country Inn—2697 Manchester Rd., Akron
- April 17** Lunch at Maize Valley Winery—6193 Edison St NE, Hartville
- May 4** Breakfast at Samantha's—4954 Portage St NW, N. Canton
- May 15** *Road trip!!!! Caravan will leave for Sebring from Summit Racing, time TBD*  
Brickhouse Bar & Grill 206 E. Ohio Ave., Sebring

**Newsletter Snafu.....Some folks are not receiving the newsletter even though their email addresses are in my contacts list for the club. Some have received my email after I made corrections last month but not the first email with the newsletter. I usually try to get the newsletter out within 4 or 5 days so if you do not receive the newsletter within a week please contact me via email or phone. Thanks, Karen Kropp Secretary**

### February Birthdays!



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| Randy Albaugh   | Sue Sabol    | Don Woerz     |
| Melanie Harwood | Jeff Heitger | Shiela Lovett |
| Barbara Stamps  | Ken Stress   | Debra Stress  |

### Dessert Sign-Ups for general meetings.

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| February—Karen Kropp        | March-Diane Geul                | April—Jeff & Jean Minar       |
| May—Marina Reese            | June—Peggy Moeller              | August—Jerry & Connie Leonard |
| September—Tom & Linda Baker | October—Jean & Danny Derreberry | November—Betty Crewes         |



### DID YOU KNOW? TIDBITS FROM THE PAST

The Club was founded in 1981 after Dennis Bujak (he's still with the club!) and Fred Schwab got together. Dennis was the first president!

Calling on all long standing members!! I am looking for any member that might have old newsletters prior to 2000 and would let me make copies of them. Karen 330-265-5975



## Member Highlights

I would like to bring back the member highlights section I started back when I was secretary about 10 years ago. This month I am highlighting John and Marilyn Wanacheck, they were highlighted before but we have a lot of new members since then so John and Marilyn are getting a redo. I am asking for members to email me a paragraph or 2 about you, your family and your Mustang connection. I would also like some pictures so other members can visualize you and your journey, so don't be shy, give it a go! Thanks, Karen

**John & Marilyn's Story:** John owned a 1967 Mustang coupe just out of high school. After he wrecked it he got \$200.00 towards a 1966 pick-up truck. He then met Marilyn in Ravenna in 1977 while on the job as an electrician, she was their waitress. With the lack of work John joined the US Navy in 1980 unannounced to Marilyn OR his Mom and Dad! So, it was either go together or split up. John sold his GMC truck (yes, a GMC!), married Marilyn in September 1981 and "inherited" her 1979 Mercury Cougar. They hooked it up to a U-Haul and headed out west to one of their first duty stations, one of many more to come. John says when stationed at Bangor Submarine base in Poulsbo, Washington they saw all these old cars in great shape. They both got the restoration bug. It first started with a 69 Mercury Cougar, then on to a 69 Mustang Fastback. He bought a 69 Ranchero with a 351 Windsor motor and transmission to put into the fastback. This was a family effort with Marilyn and their girls Nicole (13) and Abby (10) taking parts off and zip stripping paint. With another move to Virginia they sold the Cougar and hauled the 69 across the country. John met his new neighbor who found him a deal he could not refuse; a 1969 Mach 1. It was in pieces but all the parts were there. It took John, the family and his neighbor two years to restore it on the weekends. While working on the Mach1 his neighbor found him ANOTHER deal he could not refuse! They bought a 1971 Ranchero, 42 Cobra Jet. It was just a fun "sleeper" car. He surprised a number of people on the road with it.

After serving 25 years with the Navy and retirement coming in the near future in 2005 he sold the Ranchero to a guy who put even more power to it and raced it for years. He still regrets selling the car to this day. Before they left Virginia he started helping his daughter rebuild a 1987 Mustang GT. Yes, she got the bug too! They then hauled it to Ravenna to finish the restoration when Marilyn and the girls moved back in 2004 where their families lived. John moved from Washington DC to Ravenna in 2005. The girls told him that when he came back they wanted him to start taking the Mach out more. So....they saw this car show advertised and decided to take the Mach to the Nate Deyarmin Benefit, Nate was a local Tallmadge "hero" who lost his life in the Iraq war. This is where they met some very nice fellows, long time NEOMC members Rick and Norm Clark and Dave Zeitler. Marilyn and the girls persuaded John to join the club so he would take the car out more often! Since that show John, Abby and Nicole just happened to find Marilyn the perfect "daily driver", a 2004 Mach 1. Well, daily is used loosely and they still drive it today.

With more time on his hands after retirement John decided to tackle his version of an Eleanor clone. He took a 67 fastback roof and a 68 coupe body, motor and transmission to make a 68 fastback with an Eleanor kit. That car made him realize that "parting" out cars was MUCH easier than restoring them. So about 15 cars later, that was his "retirement" job. He sold Eleanor and the 69 Mach 1. They now have an 87 Saleen that he only had to put back together, their Screaming Yellow Mach 1 and a Factory Five Cobra Kit car.

Don Woerz, NEOMC president from 2005-2010, stepped down and John who was his VP during those years then became President and held the position from 2011-2015. John says it was a great experience and their family has met so many long term, wonderful people and friends along the way. He hopes to meet more NEOMC member friends this next year as your president again. John says this club is "your" club and the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.

In addition to their 2 daughters Nicole and Abby they have 2 granddaughters and another one on the way very soon.

