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January 8, 2025 General Meeting at the Venue

Attendance: John & Marilyn Wanacheck, Sonny & Marina Reese, Steve & Karen Kropp, Steve Kitz, John & Cindy O'Brien, Tom & Diane Geul, Jim & Laurel Caslow, Danny & Jeannie Derreberry, Dave & Kerry-lynn Pawski, Jerry Cafarelli, Pat & Iris McCon, Bobby & Missy Baker, Dawn & Bob Lang, Joe & Audra Flounders, Dave & Anna Tanczos, Gary Smith, Joe Mitchell, David Seed, Tom Baker, Rick Clark, John Koza. There were 34 members present.

John began the meeting just before 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the new officers for this year, VP Sonny Reese and Treasurer Cindy O'Brien. He thanked outgoing officers Joe Mitchell and Peggy Moeller.

- ◆ John thanked all the people who brought desserts to the Christmas party. He has received many positive comments about the party and thought the Bingo was a good addition.
- ◆ On January 5th the board members met to discuss the plans for 2025. Some of the items discussed were the budget, car shows, MCA National Show, cruises, and the annual picnic.
- ◆ It has been found that our non-profit status expired in 1991. John and Cindy O'Brien will check into possibly bringing that up to date. John Koza mentioned that to have a non-profit status our bank balance at the end of the year needs to be zero. That will be something Cindy will look into.
- ◆ Cindy has also been working on a budget for the year. She has reviewed last year's expenses and estimates the year's budget would be about \$4000.00. At this time she also gave the checking account balance and expenses for December; the biggest expense was the party.
- ◆ The "kick off the season pizza party" and monthly meeting this year will be held at Denny and Debbie Bujak's home on May 7th. We have been there in the past. Denny has a collection of cars, a huge die cast collection and other memorabilia to look at. This is an outdoor meeting so members will need to bring chairs and also drinks; the club will supply the pizza and paper products.
- ◆ The annual picnic will be on Sunday, July 20th at Lake Cable in Canton where Steve and Karen Kropp are members. The campground where we had been having our picnics has been sold. Sonny's band will play for a while and Steve plans on giving pontoon boat rides on the lake.
- ◆ Marilyn has been wanting to schedule a dinner trip in March to the Corner Field Model Railroad Museum and Trading Post Train Shop in Middlefield. She has since found out it is temporarily closed, so she will be checking into when they will reopen.
- ◆ Diane Geul is planning on a spring cruise to the Ohio Caverns area in May, either the first weekend or the 3rd weekend to avoid Mother's Day. She is still in the planning stages so more info to follow at the next meeting. She also gave the new breakfast and lunch spots for the next month or so. The lunch on January 15th at Akron Family Restaurant on Market St. **still has some openings**. If you want to attend please call or text Diane at 330-322-3537.
Fa-Rays is too congested with other large groups on the first Saturday of the month so she has moved to the second Saturday which will be February 8th. On February 19th there will be lunch at the Noble House in Hudson on Marina Reese's suggestion. Marina has been there before and claims they have really good Chinese food.
Payment for the *Jersey Boy* tickets are due by February 5th (the next meeting). Contact Diane to pay now. There are no more tickets to purchase from Diane but the theater may still have some available. Diane also needs to know from those attending the play if they plan on going to dinner or not, she will need a head count for the restaurant.
- ◆ John asked if anyone would be interested in bowling in February. People showed a lot of interest so he will schedule a date. Since he reserves the lanes with his credit card he will need a non-refundable payment when you sign up. Lunch will be at a nearby restaurant prior.

- ♦ CAN-AM will be hosted this year by the Niagra Mustang Club in Canada on July 11-13. Passports will be needed to attend. John gave a short explanation of what CAN-AM is. It is a gathering of 5 Mustang clubs from Canada and America. They rotate on hosting each year and provide activities that show case their area. This year will be interesting as it will be near the “Falls”.
- ♦ Cruise-ins for the year will include Maize Vally in the fall, hosting Mustang night at Gervasi’s, Solon, and MAPS. Other venues will be added as they come up.
- ♦ NEOMC Car Shows for 2025: July 26 is the All Mustang Car Show at Summit Racing and September 7th will be our 14th Annual Car Show held at Montrose Ford.
 Sonny spoke on the plans for 2025 and started out by saying he is looking for a replacement for himself and John W. as this will be their last year organizing the car shows. He would like a volunteer that would work with him this year to learn the ropes. He has a file on everything that is needed to hold a show. Steve Kitz has offered to take over, however he will be organizing the MCA National Show so Sonny would like another volunteer in addition to Steve. Sonny and Cindy are working on getting a credit card reader for registration. There will be 10 raffle baskets per show and a Good-year tire to raffle off. He has vendors lined up also and may get another for the Summit show. The charities we will support this year are Ashlie’s Embrace and Tunnel To Towers. Tony Maroon, co-founder of Ashlie’s Embrace provides the deejay services at our Christmas Party and car shows at no cost. John does not plan on having the Copley Fire Dept as he has done in the past. Flyers are almost ready. John wants make a good first impression for our first show at Summit Racing. Club members who donate a minimum of \$20 towards the baskets will automatically be registered for the show.
- ♦ At the board meeting on January 5th, the board members reviewed the answers Steve Kitz had provided to the questions put before him in November on the pro’s and con’s of hosting an MCA National Show. After the discussion, the board members voted 5-3 to allow Steve to bring his plans to the club for voting on.

Steve has been working on plans for the show to take place in July of 2027. If that date gets taken by another club before he can submit an application, the show would have to move to the year 2028. There is a 20 page document that helps with the planning to avoid mistakes. Things that need to be considered are security, judging areas, hotels, and parking for trailers. He stated that car shows held near the I-70 corridor are well attended due to the ease of access. Seed money will be provided by Steve’s committee; once registration starts he will have those monies to make the necessary purchases and deposits with. The average fee for MCA shows is about \$95 to \$100 per car. A lot of these shows have 300 to 400 cars participate, but the amount of cars we would have will depend on the chosen venue’s parking capacity. The car show will have it’s own accounting that is separate from NEOMC funds. Once the show is over Steve can apply for a \$3500 reimbursement from the MCA. Some of the proceeds will go back to the club and some to charities that will be chosen. He has been looking into several sites to hold the show such as Summit Racing, Summit Mall and MAPS. He states that unlike other venues, at Summit Racing there is no fee for holding the show there. There will be a need for many volunteers to help with this 3 day event, the more volunteers the less hours each person would need to contribute. Some things, like parking, could be done by the Boy Scouts or another organization for a donation to their cause. Jeannie Derreberry stated that these shows are usually sold out within a short time once registration is opened, and many of the people go to multiple shows. Steve Kropp brought up the fact that this show will not be using club funds; since the money brought in from registrations would be substantial. John has been assured that the club wouldn’t go under financially since we would not be providing the funds, he mentioned that giving a donation though would be possible.

Before the

Before the voting began John cautioned the members from voting yes if they aren’t able to help in any way at the show.

Paper voting

Paper voting slips were passed out and returned, then tallied. The outcome was 17 for, 7 against and 2 non votes. Steve Kitz then thanked the club for their approval of holding the show.

- ♦ The Mustang vs Camaro Showdown will be at Summit Racing on June 21.
- ♦ John then announced the birthdays and anniversaries. Jerry held the 50/50, which was won by Iris McCon.
- ♦ Marilyn is taking orders for t-shirts and also has t-shirts for sale. See her at the meetings.

The meeting was then concluded. Thank you Marilyn for providing the dessert!

For those of you who may be wondering what the charities are about that we will be supporting, here is a little info.

Tunnel to Towers is a non-profit organization that was formed to pay tribute to a NY firefighter after his death during 9/11. It provides housing and support to fallen first responders and catastrophically injured veterans.

[Tunnel to Towers Foundation](#)

And Ashlie's Embrace was formed after the loss of Tony and Erin Maroon's daughter Ashlie. Ashlie's Embrace provides cooling units "CuddleCots" to medical facilities across the United States to help support families experiencing stillbirth or infant loss.

<https://www.ashliesembrace.org>

Membership dues are due now. Membership fees are \$25 per primary member; \$5 more if the spouse wants voting rights. Please see Cindy O'Brien at the meetings or mail a check payable to the *Northeastern Ohio Mustang Club* to Cindy O'Brien at 4024 Kings Mill Rd, Stow, Oh 44224.

If you have had any changes or want to make corrections to the information that is on the roster now is a good time to do that. Enclose a note with your payment for the updates.

Annual Membership Anniversaries for January

Denny & Debbie Bujak—1981—44 years! Greg Huck—1983—42 years!

Rick Clark—1985—40 years! Norm Clark—1986—39 years!

Don & Judy Woerz—1992—33 years!

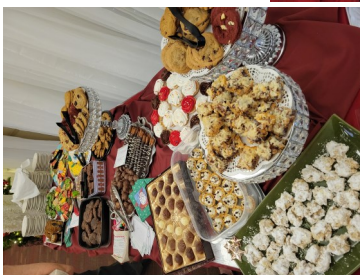
Betty Crewes—2 years Ed & Jodie Sabo—1 year

Welcome New Members

Yulia & Howard Gray—2007 Convertible

Dessert Sign-Ups for Meetings

January—Wanachek's	February— Reese's	March—Geul's	April—Minar's
May—Baswell's	June—Emily	August—Leonard's	September—Tom & Linda Baker
October—Steve Kitz	November—Cline's		





Cars & Coffee Dates



Breakfast meets at 9 am on Saturdays — Lunches are at noon on Wednesdays 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 kind and let Diane know in case she has a waiting list. Diane 330-322-3537

January 15	Lunch Akron Family Restaurant, 254 W. Market St., Akron
February 8	Breakfast Fa-Rays, 1115 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton
February 19	Lunch Noble House, 60 W. Streetsboro St, Hudson

Future Events

***NEOMC General Meetings—Dinner from 5:30 on, Meeting at 7 pm**

February 5	*NEOMC General Meeting The Venue
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March 23	Weatherlane Theatre "Jersey Boys"
April 2	*NEOMC General Meeting
May 7	*NEOMC General Meeting at the Bujak's, 4200 Dudley Rd., Mantua 44255
June 4	*NEOMC General Meeting
June 21	17th Annual Mustang VS Camaro Showdown, Summit Racing 9-2
June 27-29	MCA National Show; West Chester, Ohio
July 11-13	CAN-AN— in Canada, Hosts Niagra Mustang Club
July 20 (Sunday)	NEOMC Annual Picnic; Lake Cable Club House, 5725 Fulton Dr. NW, Canton 44718
July 26	NEOMC Car Show—Summit Racing
August 6	*NEOMC General Meeting
September 3	*NEOMC General Meeting
September 7	NEOMC Car Show—Montrose Ford
October 1	*NEOMC General Meeting
November 5	*NEOMC General Meeting
December 13	Annual Christmas Party