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January 3, 2026 General Meeting at The Venue

Attendance: Karen and Steve Kropp, Joe and Sue Silagy, Dave and Anna Tanczos, Lorrie and Steve Simmons, Betty Crewes, Laurel and James Caslow, Amy and Kerry Prater, Kevin and Jenny Cline, Steve Kitz, Jean and Danny Derreberry, Jim and Patty Baswell, Sonny and Marina Reese, Cathy and Scott Richardson, John Koza, Jerry Carafarelli, Dave and Peggy Moeller, David and Amy Brucato, Jeff and Jean Minar, John and Cindy O'Brien, Cathy Hirt, John and Marilyn Wanachek, Bob and Cecilia Joseph, Tom and Diane Geul, Bobby and Michelle Baker, Rick Clark, Tom Baker, John and Patty Buterbaugh, Joe Mitchell, Gary Smith, Steve Chimera, Kevin and Mona Kilzer, and Frank Schneider. There were 53 members present.

Our new president, Karen Kropp, started the meeting by thanking John Wanachek for his years of service as club VP from 2009 and 2010, then as president from 2011-2015 and again 2024 and 2025. She also recognized "first lady" Marilyn and all the work she's done supporting John and the club. Instead of a plaque, she presented him with Chocolate Cake!



Karen also thanked Sonny Reese for his years as VP as well as 4 years as past president and all the excellent car shows he organized. She then presented new officers Bob Joseph as Vice President and Sue Silagy as Secretary. Cindy O'Brien will remain as treasurer.

Karen has been a club member with her husband, Steve, since 2008 and was secretary for 8 years, bringing the club into the digital age. They've had five Mustangs, a Shelby GT, a '68 California Special that now resides in Malta (a little country in Europe) and their current Mustang is a 2015 Competition Orange convertible.

Karen, Marilyn, John and Maryanne Mackey have been working on designs for our 45th club anniversary. They'll be going to the printers this month so we should have new tee shirt designs available for sale shortly.

Last month, instead of a general meeting, the club met at the Venue for our annual Christmas Party. We had a couple of fun games and good food (and lots of desserts). We had 53 RSVP to attend, and 18 no shows (some due to illness and quite a few due to the weather.) Pictures are at the end of this newsletter.

Missy Baker gave an update on money collected for "Shop with a Cop" for the Uniontown Police Department. We donated \$400 in cash and gift cards. The Uniontown Police received \$2200 overall allowing each child to receive 2 toys and a bicycle (and helmets for the younger ones). It was a wonderful sight to see the joy on those kids' faces when they saw the bikes and gifts.

Karen announced the birthdays and anniversaries. Jerry held the 50/50 which was won by Jerry O'Brien. The meeting was concluded. Thanks to the Kropps for providing dessert.

Dates to Remember:

Kevin Cline is arranging a trip to the Gale Halderman museum just north of Dayton in May. It's a 3 hour drive down, not counting stops or lunch so we may look into another place to see and make an overnight trip if it.

Steve Kitz will be making arrangements with MAPS for next year's MCA National show July 24-27, 2027

The Can-Am show will be July 9-12 this year and is being hosted by the Mahoning Valley Mustang Club. Hopefully we can get a group of us to go and show support since it's in Northeast Ohio this year.

The Mustang Vs Camaro show will be held at Summit Racing on June 20, 2026 (Saturday).

LADIES: Sue Silagy's friend and her Camaro Club girls would like to get a group picture with our Mustang Club ladies and their cars at this show, so if you drive, please bring your car so we can get a group pic of our pony cars.

The Club Picnic will be held July 12th at Lake Cable again.

Jim and Patty are working on getting a date in early August for the Summit Racing Show. Our club will be meeting with Summit early in February (more details to come) We will only be having one show this year.

January 10 Gun Range and Dinner. Dinner is at 5 pm at the Canal Grille in Canal Fulton, followed by an hour at the Armory shooting range nearby at 7 pm. The next date for the Gun Range and Dinner is February 14th. Please contact Bob Joseph to sign up and with any questions.

Bob is looking into having a Euchre game at the Venue starting in February. He can accommodate 20 people and will have a sign up sheet at next month's meeting.

Bob also asked for thoughts on "Date Night Friday" during cruise season. He has some ideas on some places to drive about an hour away, have dinner and cruise back (more to come on this!)

Club Breakfast and Lunch dates:

- Marina has set up our club lunch for January 14 at Oak and Embers in Hudson at noon. As of Monday they had 3 spots available.
- The next cars and coffee breakfast will be February 7th at the Honeymoon Grille on Manchester at 9 am
- Next month's lunch will be at the Noble House in Hudson (Oriental Food) on February 18th at noon.

- Many of these places have limits on how many people they can accommodate without charging extra. Please call Marina if you'd like to attend breakfast or lunch, but also important to note, please call Marina if you've said you will attend and can't for some reason so she can open it up to others. (330-805-0233)

***Rick Clark noted that there will be a Celebration of Life for his brother Norm on June 27th.

Membership dues are due now. Membership fees are \$25 per primary member; \$5 more if the spouse wants voting rights. We also have an online payment option available. The link is on the form here: [NEOMC_Registration.pdf](#) You can also 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.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

Denny and Debbie Bujak – 1981 (45 YEARS!) Greg Huck - 1983 (43 YEARS)

Rick Clark – 1985 (41 YEARS) Norm Clark (In memoriam) 1986 (40 YEARS)

Don and Judy Woerz – 1992 (34 YEARS) Betty Crewes – 3 years Ed and Jody Sabo 2 years

Please welcome our newest member:

William Albright and his 1968 Coupe

DESSERT SIGN UP

January: Kropps

May: Josephs

September: Tanczos

February: Silagys

June: Geuls

Oct: Kitz

March: Reeses

July:

Nov.: Clines

April: Baswells

Aug: Brays

Dec: No Meeting

January Birthdays



Missy Baker

Kathy Hoppe

John Smith

Charlene Vallo

Adriana Blasio

Girlie Hogston

Steve Simmons

Aggie Maas

Chris DeStefano

Marsha Madden

Lorrie Simmons

Harriett Schwaben

Marilyn Wanacheck

Dennis Plescia



John & Lisa Gaetano

Significant Dates

MCA shows:

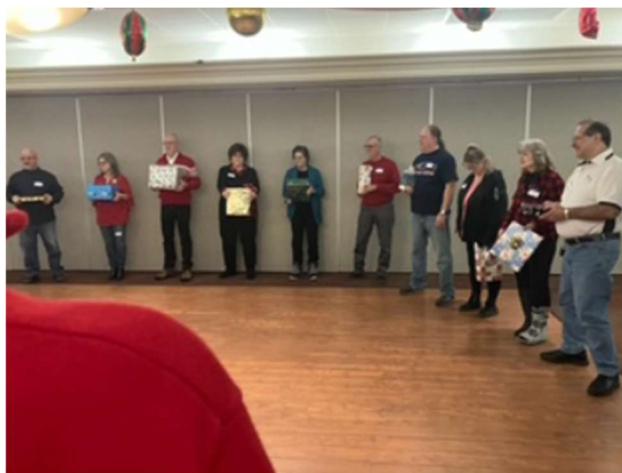
- March 27-29 River City Mustang Stampede, Jacksonville, Fl
- May 21-24 Ponies in the Ozarks III, Gravois, Mo
- July 24-26 Mustangs on the Mother Road, Tulsa, Ok
- Aug 28-30 MCA 50th Anniversary, Road Atlanta, Ga

Other Dates:

- Feb 4 General Meeting (The Venue)
- Mar 4 General Meeting
- April 1 General Meeting
- April 17 Mustang Day
- May 6 General Meeting
- June 3 General Meeting
- June 20 18th Annual Mustang vs Camaro Show at Summit Racing (9AM)
- July 1 General Meeting
- July 10-12 Can-Am, Mahoning Valley Mustangs hosting
- July 12 Club Picnic at Lake Cable
- Aug 3 General Meeting
- Aug 14-16 Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan
- Sept 2 General Meeting
- Oct 7 General Meeting
- Nov 4 General Meeting
- Dec 11, Christmas party

Christmas Party Games

White Elephant Gift Exchange game:



Trivia contest “board” game.



Thank you to Tony Maroon, our DJ for the evening, for providing an entertaining way to exchange the white elephant gifts.