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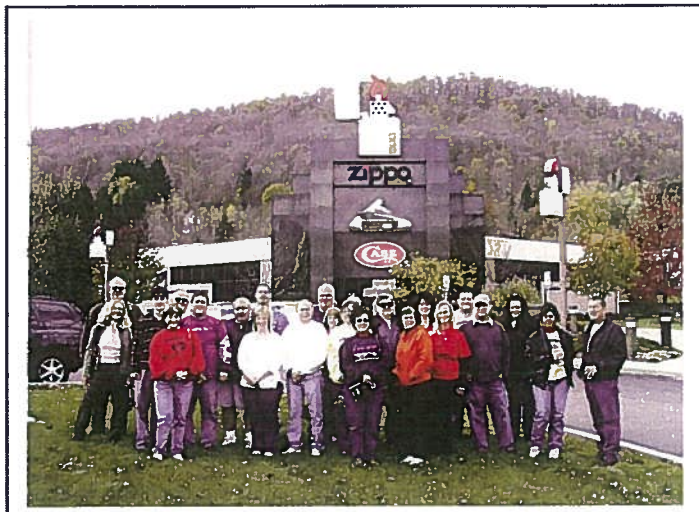
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Special Thanks – Trooper Robert Brown

A special Thank You to PA State Trooper Robert Brown for joining us at our April meeting. Trooper Brown is a 17 year veteran trooper and currently works out of the Lawrence Park Barracks. He spoke to LEMOC about Aggressive Driving and Road Rage, shared interesting anecdotes and experiences he has encountered, and answered questions from the group. The presentation was interesting and informative, and the Aggressive Driving Quiz yielded interesting results for some of us.



From the Prez

It's official – Spring has arrived!! I know this because Chris D. tells me the Peet Moss is out at K-Mart. This means it is time to uncover the Mustangs and get them on the road. The rain should have washed the salt from the roads by now, so the Mustang season can begin.

Some LEMOC members will be enjoying the 45th Anniversary of the Mustang (and hopefully warm, dry weather) in Birmingham, AL this month. I'm sure this will be a fantastic event, and look forward to attending. I'm sure there will be a good report and some pictures at the May meeting.

Our guest for the April meeting was PA State Trooper Robert Brown. His presentation on Aggressive Driving & Road Rage was very interesting and hopefully made us all think a little about how we might handle different situations we might encounter. The aggressive driver quiz may have revealed some things about each of us as well ... *especially those who answered truthfully!!*

Our first ever LEMOC outing to JR's Comedy Club was quite successful. It was a great evening of laughs, fun, and good food/drink. Everyone had a great time.

Our next club meeting is Wednesday, May 6th at 7:30p at the Boy Scout Building, 1815 Robison Road. I hope to see you there!!

LEMOC History

The MCA has requested a brief history from each Chartered Regional group. The following has been provided to the MCA for LEMOC.

The Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club (LEMOC) was founded in Erie, PA in 1983, with a focus on the preservation and enjoyment of all years and models of Ford and Shelby Mustangs. In 1986, LEMOC became a charter regional group of the Mustang Club of America.

The strength of LEMOC is our focus on family involvement and our common love for the Mustang hobby. We are currently supported by 70+ family memberships. Our monthly newsletter, "The Pony Post" keeps all members aware of club business and events, as well as other Mustang related news and activities.

LEMOC hosts and participates in numerous Mustang related activities, and coordinates various other club related activities for members. LEMOC's signature club event is our annual Mustang Round-Up. The first Round-Up was held in 1988, making 2008 our 20th annual all Mustang show. This show is traditionally held the first Sunday in August, with proceeds benefitting various local charitable organizations.

LEMOC Calendar of Activities

April 16-19	45 th Anniversary of Mustang; Birmingham, AL
May 6	LEMOC Meeting – 7:30pm; French Creek Boy Scout Building, 1815 Robison Rd.
May 16	Erie Zoo Parade; Details at May meeting
June 3	LEMOC Meeting – 7:30pm; French Creek Boy Scout Building, 1815 Robison Rd.
June 5-6	All Ford Nationals at Carlisle, PA
June 11	LEMOC/Erie Yacht Club Outing; Details coming soon
June 26-28	CAN-AM; Hosted by Niagara Mustang Club
July 1	LEMOC Meeting – 7:30pm; French Creek Boy Scout Building, 1815 Robison Rd.
July 4	Millcreek Parade; Details coming soon
July 25	LEMOC Night at Lake Erie Speedway; See Pony Post for Details
August 2	LEMOC Mustang Round-Up; Ferrando Ford World, Girard, PA
August 29	Titusville - 150 Year Celebration of Oil Cruise-In; Details coming soon

April 1, 2009

Minutes of the Monthly LEMOC Meeting

In Attendance:

Mike Trinko, Al & Pat Birch, Don Schmitz, Carol & Basil Yurchak, Bob & Kathy Gibson, Gary Garis, Candy Skeeker, Bill & Karen Palmer, Dave Cochran, Doug & Beth Mather, Jim Henning, Tammy Wright, Jason Scanlon, Tom Curtis, Denise Ricci, Jerry Seamans

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

PA State Trooper Robert Brown gave an excellent presentation on Aggressive Driving and Road Rage, including a traffic safety test which we all passed.

The March edition of the Pony Post was mailed this month to all due to the proposed By-Laws changes and probably will be mailed in April also.

We will vote on the By-Laws changes at the May 6th meeting. A new set of updated by-laws, if approved, will be sent via email to all members. An updated membership roster will also be sent out.

Upcoming events:

June 11th – Yacht Club outing

June 26-28 – Can Am, several members attending. Mike Trinko and Basil Yurchak will coordinate.

July 25th – LEMOC night at the Speedway, need reservations as soon as possible with payment required in advance.

Buggin State events are still unconfirmed.

The new Mustang Club of Western New York (MCWNY) is forming in the Buffalo, NY area, and is seeking members. They meet in Hamburg, NY the 2nd Monday night of each month, and have invited LEMOC members to join. More information upcoming.

We still need a car show coordinator for our show in August – need a volunteer soon!

Information cards for LEMOC have been approved and will be ordered. The membership application will be printed on the reverse.

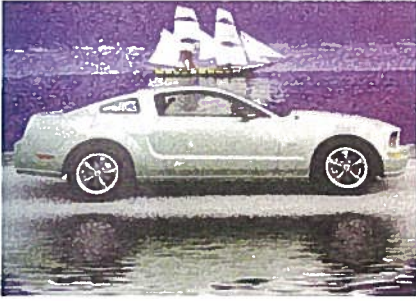
Chris Cochran has been contacted and will be updating the website with a two-week completion date.

Welcome to new members Bob and Cathy Gibson from Franklin, who joined us at the April meeting. They bought a new Mustang last year, and have a 2008 Cobra GT 500. Also welcome to Bill and Karen Palmer who also were at the April meeting. Their 1966 Mustang is in the process of restoration.

The Cruise the Bay schedule is now out and pamphlets are available.

On August 29th there is a car cruise and show in Titusville PA. Beth Mather is coordinating it and is looking for volunteers to help with parking. All are invited to attend.

The Erie Zoo Parade is May 16th, in which the LEMOC club is invited to participate. Final information at the May meeting.



LEMOC Member Spotlight - Patricia and Alan Birch

I've enjoyed antique and classic cars my entire life. I was hooked to the point that our neighbor in Lawrence Park (Ed Strong, former Chief of Police) would take me to the corner and try to stump me. I was pretty good at spotting different models and one day I was with Ed and former Lawrence Park commissioner Bud DePlachet. Keep in mind that this was summer of 1963. Bud's wife pulled up in a VW convertible, yellow with a black top. Knowing that I was pretty good at spotting years and makes Bud bet Ed that I could not tell him the year of the car. Ed took the bet and on his command I said 1963. Bud went nuts because \$5.00 was a lot of money in 1963. Of course Bud wanted to know how I knew but I wouldn't tell him. Savvy car guys know, don't you?

My 1st Mustang experience was 1965, I was 12. I was at my friend Ricky's house when his dad pulled in the driveway and surprised Ricky and his Mom with a white coupe with red interior. I was hooked.

My 1st car was a 1963 Falcon, 170 CI 6 cylinder with 3 on the tree (it was a little weak on power). With 3 guys in it I had to back up Cooper Hill Rd. Through the years I've had a 77 Thunderbird, 79 Pinto, LTDs and other family cars.

In 1998 I bought a VW convertible as a "fun" car to replace my ailing Lincoln Town car. Our collection increased in size when I bought Pat a pick up truck to travel back and forth to the stables. We needed a way to haul our family around so we bought a van. Then we needed a "trip car" so we bought a sedan. Then our children started to move all over the country so we bought a motor home. Of course we never sold anything, we just kept adding to the collection.

Then it happened, 2003 was the year that the new Mustang went on display along with the Cobra at Cobo Hall in Detroit. I went nuts. Pat was very agreeable to have a new toy in the garage. I studied everything I could find on options and combinations. The Canadian Ford web site was more complete than the USA version. I ordered my car from Ferrando and took delivery the weekend before Thanksgiving in 2004. Legend Lime Green, 1000 watt stereo, spoiler delete, classic mag wheels, Parchment interior with the ponies running across the cloth seats, 300 horses, GT badges. Wow! It only took 40 years to get one of my own.

We joined LEMOC shortly after the Mustang purchase and never dreamed we would meet such nice people.

Keep in mind that while I'm the car nut in the family, Pat has a mustang of her own. Katie is a 21 year old 4 legged mustang that Pat has owned since Katie was 4 years old. She also owns Taco, a registered Quarter Horse with a zero to 60 time that scares me.

The Mark of the Mustang – The Pony

The Ford Mustang symbol, the pony, has become an American symbol for performance. Just about anyone who sees the galloping pony will instantly tag it as the Ford Mustang emblem. It has indeed become an American icon that extends far beyond a car; it is a piece of Americana.

The history of the pony emblem is as fascinating as the Ford Mustang logo is popular. Phillip Clark was on his way to California. His destination was the Art School of Design. He was in Nashville, Tennessee when he saw wild mustangs running free and was entranced with the spectacle. He began to formulate the first designs for the Mustang two seater car and wanted the running mustang to represent it, to be its icon.

Interestingly, Clark first attempted to court General Motors with his idea, but GM did not pan out. Clark's dream car made its way to Advanced Design and Research, which was funded by Grants ETC. From there, it was completed by a team in Clay where it attracted the attention of Eugene Bordinat, division head for Lincoln Mercury.

Clark, in the meantime, had designed several versions of running horses for the car and the Ford Mustang logo was born. A two seater, Clark's Mustang Coup design, was featured in the Motorcade Magazine, 1963 fall edition, but it wasn't until 1964 that the Mustangs hit the production line. Clark had been asked to "streamline" the Ford Mustang emblem to make it just one piece. The original Ford Mustang symbol was actually two pieces. This new emblem was placed on the production cars and the rest, as they say, is history.

While some of Clark's other ideas were incorporated into the final design of the Ford Mustang, it was the pony, the Ford Mustang emblem that has endured all of the many changes to the car. The pony is what is has remained consistent, a symbol that means to many, Made in America.

The Ford Mustang symbol, the galloping pony, was considered the perfect emblem to reflect the rugged new breed of top performance car. The galloping pony, mane and tail flying in the wind, was the symbol for the Ford Mustang, but it was so much more. It represented the most popular car in history. Originally, though, the pony was running from left to right. However, when the artwork was converted to the metal die for stamping, the image was unintentionally reversed. This left the Ford Mustang pony to forever gallop from right to left.

The Ford Mustang logo is an American icon. It has endured the test of time and has remained virtually unchanged despite the numerous changes that the car itself has experienced as well as the nation, the world. The Ford Mustang emblem is the symbol for a car that America fell in love with. It crossed so many gaps because it appealed to both young and old, men and women, conservative and liberal.

The Ford Mustang took the nation by storm - and the pony gallops on.

ATTENTION ALL COOKS

We are looking for some special recipes to be placed in a LEMOC club cookbook. So if you a great recipe that you would like to share with everyone please contact Chris DeRosa at mustang@velocity.net or mail it to her at 2738 West 25th Street Erie PA 16506. We would like to sell these books at the 2009 show.

LEMOC Classifieds

2007 Mustang GT – 13,800 miles; Automatic; Roush Performance Package; Shaker Sound System; Sirius Satellite Radio; 6 CD changer; leather interior; Tinted windows; \$25,000 (Mentor, OH)



1987 Mustang GT – Runs good, needs some work; 814-397-6554; \$1,800 (Girard, PA)



Pony Plates





Hospitality Village Party

Lake Erie Speedway's Hospitality Village offers a great way to entertain family and friends!

- *Fully catered dinner, picnic style buffet*
 - *Hamburgers, Smith's hot dogs, sloppy joe's, potato salad, macaroni salad, Troyer Farms chips and pretzels.*
 - *Coca Cola products are served*
- *Opportunity for your company banner to be displayed in hospitality village*
- *Public address announcements welcoming your group*
- *Race night ticket is included*
- *Private area for your group (wristbands provided at the hospitality village gate)*
- *Grandstand seating is available in the Hospitality Village, or you may sit in the main grandstands*
 - *LEMOC Special \$15 per person (\$20 value)*
 - *A keg of beer can be added for \$150*
 - *Alcohol is also available for sale on the concourse*
 - *35 person minimum*

Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club Added Value

Club cars will be on display on the concourse prior to the feature racing events. At approximately 7:00pm, the club cars will take 2 parade laps around Lake Erie Speedway in front of all of the spectators. This club parade will kick off the nights feature races. After the parade laps, the cars will return to the concourse for display. All cars must be in place on the concourse no later than 4:45pm. If a car must leave before the night is over, they must be escorted off the concourse by a security officer.

LEMOC may also set up a table to promote club membership as well as the annual LEMOC car show.



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Lake Erie Speedway – LEMOC Outing

Lake Erie Speedway has invited LEMOC to their Hospitality Village for a terrific evening of entertainment on Saturday, July 25th. This event has been arranged by Jason Scanlon (LEMOC member) and offers a picnic style buffet, display of our Mustangs on the LES concourse, parade laps prior to the races, and a ticket to enjoy the races. All for just \$15/person!! What a fantastic event!! See flyer in this Pony Post for details. Reservations are required and we must have 35 people, so please come to the May 6th meeting prepared to make your reservations.