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The Pony Post

CHARTERED REGIONAL GROUP OF THE MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA

March & April 2009



Special Thanks

A very special thank you goes out to Mike and Brett from Powerhouse for their great presentation on 'go fast' parts. We all appreciated the information. If you need anything for your Mustang or daily driver, give them a call at 814-774-4966, or stop out and see them at 107 Main Street East Girard, PA 16417.

From the Prez

Well, March has come in like a lamb with mild temperatures and a little rain. However, I now have a personal dilemma. I would really like an early spring, but I also want us to break the record for snowfall (the last I heard, we were 8" short). My solution ... a good snowstorm (10" or more), followed by a couple 70 degree days, then Spring arrives. Okay, enough about the weather.

I want to extend our appreciation to Mike Bowen for joining us at our February meeting and speaking with us about Powerhouse. Mike did a great job presenting some background on his business and the products/services he offers. I'm sure we will now think of them for any special products or services we are considering for either our Mustangs or daily drivers. Thanks again Mike. We really enjoyed having you at the meeting.

Our guest speaker for April will be PA State Police Trooper Robert Brown. He will be speaking with us about Road Rage/Aggressive Driving. This should also be an interesting topic, so please plan to attend the April meeting and hear what Trooper Brown has to say.

On a final note, remember the first ever LEMOC outing to JR's Comedy Club is set for Friday, March 27th. This will definitely be a fun winter outing for our group. See details later in this issue.

Our next club meeting is Wednesday, April 1st at 7:30p at the Boy Scout Building, 1815 Robison Road. I hope to see you there!!

Jerry S.

JR's Comedy Club Outing

LEMOC members are invited to our first ever outing to JR's Comedy Club. Comedian, Jerry Miner will be the Headliner, along with 2 other featured comedians. JR's always provides a great evening of laughter and enjoyment, in a totally non-smoking environment. If you have never been to JR's, you won't want to miss this outing.

This event is scheduled for Friday, March 27th at 6:30pm, with a cost of \$12.50/person, payable to Jerry Seamans. You should plan to arrive no later than 6:15pm to be seated before the show begins. Food and drinks are available there too, so you can grab a bit and enjoy the comedy.

This is always a great event, especially when a group like ours joins in. If you are interested in attending, please contact Jerry Seamans (814-450-8505). Hope to see you there!

Visit www.jrslastlaugh.com if you want to check it out further.

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 Activities

March 27	LEMOC outing to JR's Comedy Club; Contact Jerry Seamans for details
April 1	LEMOC Meeting; Guest: Trooper Robert Brown (Road Rage/Aggressive Driving)
April 16-19	45 th Anniversary of Mustang; Birmingham, AL
June 11	LEMOC/Erie Yacht Club Outing
June 26-28	CAN-AM; Hosted by Niagara Mustang Club
July 25	LEMOC Mustang Night at Lake Erie Speedway

March 4, 2009

Minutes of the Monthly LEMOC Meeting

In Attendance:

Merrel Chrisman, Gavin Hedderich, Don Schmitz, Jerry & Chris DeRosa, Deb & John Whelpley, Jim Henning, Dave Cochran, Doug & Beth Mather, Gary Garis, Bob Wurst, Jerry Seamans, Basil Yurchak, Jim Cooney, Jason Scanlon, Larry Keith, Tammy Wright, Denise Ricci, Al & Pat Birch

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Membership reports a total of 64 members, no delinquent renewals. A new member roster is being prepared and will be included in the Pony Post.

An abbreviated edition of the Pony Post was emailed for the month of February by Jerry Seamans. He has added more to the email list, we now have less than 20 to mail. Jim Cooney is the new Pony Post editor with his first issue in March. Jim is open to suggestions to improve it, and would like submissions of stories, trivia, etc. Classified ads will also be published.

Results of the Executive Board Meeting include a club history sent to MCA; Post cards will be printed as handouts about our club; Agreed on new approach to the Pony Post along with the new editor; Chris Cochran will be contacted to update the website; Completion of By-Law updates, which will be published in the next two Pony Posts; Increase the number of board members to eight; clarification of dues structure. These issues will be voted on in May.

Volunteers are needed! We need a new car show chair for our Mustang show in August, and we also need a Can-Am coordinator for the June event.

The LEMOC event at Jr's Comedy Club has been set for March 27th 20 tickets will be available, get reservations to Jerry Seamans as soon as possible. Prices are \$12.50 per ticket, arrive by 6:00 PM.

Our guest speaker was Mike Bowen from Powerhouse, along with his associate Brett, who presented a very interesting and comprehensive talk on Powerhouse's abilities. Our thanks to Mike for the information.

Jason Scanlon proposed a Lake Erie Speedway LEMOC Hospitality Party, featuring parade laps in our mustangs and a buffet dinner; proposed date is July 25th, at \$15.00 per ticket.

Trooper Brown will be our guest speaker at April's meeting

Chris DeRosa would like to put together a club cookbook to sell at our show, and would like recipe submissions to include in the cook book.

The Ladies Auxiliary will not be able to do the food booth this year at our car show and we need a replacement, preferably someone who wants to earn money for a group.

LEMOC Member Spotlight – Anne and Jerry Seamans

I have to admit that I enjoy and appreciate all antique and classic cars, regardless of manufacturer. But I'm sure my preference for Fords comes from my entire family owning and driving nothing but Fords (except 1 brother-in-law who insisted on owning a Cadillac – we ignored it for my sister's sake).

My first car was a 65 Fairlane with a whipped 289 that burned nearly as much oil as gas. I lost my first ever drag race to a 6-cylinder Camaro, and vowed that would never happen again. No, I didn't rebuild the engine, I just never drag-raced anyone with that car again!! I then moved to a 71 Torino with a 351 Cleveland, Ram-Air, and Hurst 4-speed. No problems getting to point B with this car!!

Every car lover has one car they wish they had back. The Torino is mine!! I got \$500 trade-in value for it ... the biggest car mistake of my life!! So far anyway.

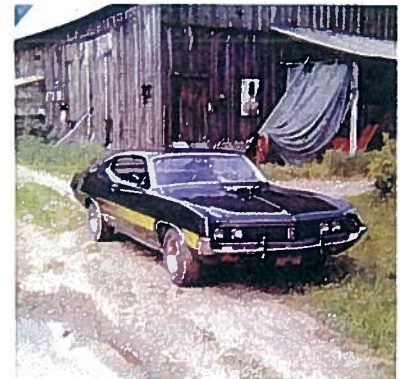
Anne and I had many dates in both those cars, but I figured I had better upgrade if I wanted her to say Yes. So I bought a new 76 Mustang II Ghia, complete with velour interior, sunroof, and powerful 4-cylinder automatic! Yeah, yeah, I know some of you are thinking "wimper Mustang", but I really wouldn't mind having this one back either.

But, my plan worked and she said yes! It was the beginning of a long beautiful relationship with Mustangs (33 years)... and Anne (32 years)!

As most of you know, we currently own a 64 ½ Convertible and a 90 7-Up Special. I say we, but Anne really claims the 64 ½. It is her sunny-day driver and she really gets a kick from drawing comments from envious guys she passes by. I enjoy the 5.0 muscle, but have a slight problem wearing rear tires (need to check the rear alignment I guess).

Our daughter Abby, grew up driving the 64 ½ (yes, she drove it quite often). She now lives in Southern Maryland, which is very weather friendly for Mustangs. I don't know if it was coincidence or fate, but her boyfriend is a Mustang guy too. He has owned an 89 GT since high school, but a recent accident now has them in a great looking 88 GT Convertible.

Okay, I guess that's it for my Mustang history. Think Spring!!



Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club, Inc. By-Laws

The LEMOC Board of Directors has reviewed our club By-Laws and are presenting the following as proposed changes. Please review these proposed changes and forward any questions or comments to Jerry Seamans (jrsmustang@aol.com). These will be voted on at the May 6th meeting.

Legend: Current – Wording as stated in current By-Laws;
Proposed – Printed in Boldface; Changes in wording are underlined;

Article II; Section 1 - Current

Membership shall be permitted upon the appropriate payment of dues. Payment of dues shall entitle each individual member the right to one vote.

Article II; Section 1 - Proposed

Individual and Family memberships shall be permitted upon the appropriate payment of dues. Payment of dues shall entitle **members to voting rights as stated in Article II; Section 8.**

Article II; Section 8 – Current

Minimum age for membership in LEMOC shall be 16 years of age, unless person is covered under a family membership. Any person covered under a family membership must, at the age of 18, establish individual membership. However, a person of 16 or 17 years of age may opt to establish an individual membership and receive full rights of membership, except that of minimal age to hold an office as stated in Article IV Section 3.

Article II; Section 8 – Proposed

Minimum age for membership in LEMOC shall be 16 years of age. **Family members under 18 years of age shall be considered members, but will not have voting rights.** Any person covered under a family membership must, at the age of 18, establish individual membership. A person of 16 or 17 years of age may opt to establish an individual membership and receive full rights of membership, except that of minimal age to hold an office as stated in Article IV Section 3.

Article IV; Section 1 - Current

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) persons each of whom shall be a participating member of LEMOC and become a member of the Mustang Club of America. One person shall hold each of the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, and Editor of the Pony Post. These offices require the individual to be at least eighteen (18) years of age when elected to office and require the individual to be a participating member for at least one year prior to holding an Officers/Board of Directors position.

Article IV; Section 1 - Proposed

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of **eight (8) members, seven current elected officers, plus the immediate past President.** One person shall hold each of the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, Pony Post Editor and **MCA Regional Director.** These offices require the individual to be at least eighteen (18) years of age when elected to office, and be a **member in good standing of LEMOC** for at least one year prior to holding an Officers/Board of Directors position, **and be a member of the Mustang Club of America.** **One person may hold multiple offices, hence the Board of Directors may consist of fewer than 8 members.**

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.

Article IV; Section 3 - Current

The Officers/Board of Directors shall be elected annually and for a term of one year, said election to occur at the December meeting of the Membership of LEMOC. No person shall be made a nominee for an Officers/Board of Directors position unless that person has been a participating member of LEMOC for at least one (1) year prior to being nominated and shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Officers/members of the Board of Directors may be nominated by motion of any member and, if the motion receives the second of any other member the nomination may be voted on by the Membership and the nominee receiving the most votes of those members present and voting shall be declared elected. The first office to be up for election shall be that of President, to be followed by Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson, and Editor of the Pony Post, in that order. A person not successful as a candidate for one office may be nominated for a subsequent office. At such election each member in good standing shall have one vote for each office being voted upon. No person may be a nominee for Officer/member of the Board of Directors unless that person is a member of LEMOC. Every person elected as an Officer/member of the Board of Directors shall be or shall agree at his/her own expense to become a member of the Mustang Club of America. This membership fee for the Mustang Club of America shall be reimbursed to the elected Officers/Board of Directors during his/her term of office upon appropriate proof of payment to MCA. No person may assume office without having taken such steps as are necessary to achieve such Membership in the Mustang Club of America.

Article IV; Section 3 - Proposed

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New Pony Post Editor – Jim Cooney

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Pony Post editor. My name is Jim Cooney, and this is my second year with the club. I hope you like the changes to the Pony Post. I would like you to have some input into this newsletter. I am looking for suggestions for articles, something someone would like to share, or just a write-up about yourself or a Mustang event. I would like to see more members become more involved in club activities. Remember this is our club and everyone's involvement and support is what keeps us strong.

Thanks for reading ... and remember, all inputs are welcome.

Article VI; Section 2 – Current

The amount of dues for each member shall be proposed by the Board of Directors to the Membership and shall be put into effect by majority vote of the Membership.

Article VI; Section 2 – Proposed

Annual dues for individual and family memberships shall be proposed by the Board of Directors to the Membership and shall be put into effect by majority vote of the Membership.

Article VI; Section 3 – Current

Dues shall cover a term of one year and may not be changed during that period except in emergency.

Article VI; Section 3 – Proposed

Annual dues shall cover a term of one year, except as applied for new members joining for a partial year. New members shall pay the full annual dues amount, regardless of when they join. However, new members joining for a partial year will receive a membership period as follows:

<u>Month Joined</u>	<u>Membership Period Covered</u>
January 1 st thru August 31 st	Remainder of current fiscal year (thru August 31 st), and 1 additional fiscal year (thru August 31 st) of following year;
September 1 st thru December 31 st	Remainder of current fiscal year (thru August 31 st);

Examples:

- New member joins May, 2008 ... membership is valid through Aug 31st, 2009
- New member joins September, 2008 - membership is valid through Aug 31st, 2009

Article VI; Section 4 – Current

Dues are due on the day before the first day of the fiscal year and are in arrears if unpaid after that date. Dues may be paid at any time prior to that date.

Article VI; Section 4 – Proposed

Annual dues are due on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, and are in arrears if unpaid after that date. Annual dues may be paid at any time prior to that date. New member dues can be paid at any time, resulting in membership per the schedule stated in Article VI; Section 3.

Who Likes Car Shows?

2009 Cruise the Bay car shows on most Monday nights are back starting May 18 from 6-9

Backyard Burger car shows are on Friday nights from 6-9

Charlies Pub has six shows starting Sun May 17th 1-4



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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. Thanks Jason!!