



JUNE MONTHLY FIRST STATE MUSTANG and FORD CLUB GENERAL

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of The First State Mustang and Ford Club was held on June 3, 2025 at Applebees on Churchman's Road, Newark, DE. The meeting began at 7:01 p.m. and was presided over by Tim Narvell - President, with Michelle Staffone as secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 18 members attended with the following Board Members: Tim Narvell, George Long, Debby Rosko, John Young, Paul Lafferty, John Rosko, Michelle Staffone

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Ed Yaworski

GUESTS:

Previous General Meeting held on May 6, 2025 minutes were approved, accepted and posted by the E-Board

Consideration of Open Issues:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TIM NARVELL

- Tim thanked everyone who came out to our general meeting.
- Our recent spring car show was successful and saw 85 cars registered, with additional late arrivals. Attendance included 47 non-affiliated participants and 37 club members, 1 registered vehicle did not attend. Seven other clubs were represented, and the three top judging picks were non-members, one of whom joined the club. The mock judging process was implemented and results were very close to the popular vote, differing by only two votes, and one system finished three to four minutes faster than the other. A meeting to further analyze the judging process is still pending. The show's success was due to strong volunteer efforts, despite weather-related tent challenges. Problems were noted with incomplete or illegible judging sheets and registration forms, which complicated data collection for club affiliations and email contacts.
- The charity auction raised only \$370 for Sean's House, the lowest amount in club history, with previous years reaching \$600-\$700. There were less than 40 items (possibly as low as 20). The club needs to increase donations and participation for the fall show charity auction. Efforts are needed to increase donations and participation for future charity auctions and to better support Sean's House, this years Charity.
- Planning for the Carlisle event (scheduled for this weekend, June 7-8, 2025) is all set. John Young is leading a group departing Thursday, June 5th, 2025, meeting at the Acme on Route 41 at 10:00 AM. There was discussion about others possibly traveling on Friday, June 6th, 2025, with Tim to post details for possible Friday meet-ups. Thirty hotel rooms were booked for the Carlisle event, with 27 used. Tim had difficulty obtaining a list of registrants from hotel contact Andre, requiring multiple emails and calls. There were concerns about air conditioning, as some members lacked functioning units in previous years. The hotel, now under new management, assured the club that spare P-TAC air conditioning units are available. The hotel eventually provided the registrant list.
- The website is progressing well, with ongoing updates and is being actively maintained, with newsletters and event photos available or soon to be posted. The sponsor page is complete and will be updated as new sponsors join. Members are encouraged to seek additional sponsors, who will be featured on the website and in newsletters.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DEBBY ROSKO

- Volunteers were thanked for their efforts at the recent show, which finished ahead of schedule. The weather was generally favorable, though strong winds caused issues with tents, requiring sandbags, weights, and creative solutions (such as using ice chests and tying to a concrete bench) to secure them. Despite these challenges, the event ran smoothly.
- The guest speaker who was scheduled failed to return calls or make contact as promised.
- Members are encouraged to submit articles for the club newsletter, and especially personal stories for the VP section. We've learned some interesting information on our members and we want to get to know others as well. Recent contributions included John Swycka's article on RC cars, Michelle Staffone's baking and bus driving, and Tom Dilworth's feature.

MEMBERSHIP- JOHN YOUNG

- The club now has 107 members, with three new member families: Jeff Caron and Austin Swoffer (Elkton, '68 Cougar), Chris and Norma Locke (Newark, '23 Mach 1, associated with Sean's House), and Patricia and Warren Meekins (Harrington, '77 Cougar II and '78 Cougar).
- Two renewals occurred at the show.
- Seven other clubs attended the recent show, including Soul Riders, Stray Ponies, Mid-Shore Fords, Valley Forge Mustang Club, Low Rollers, South Jersey, and MCA.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR - ED YAWORSKI (in absentia - presented by Debby Rosko)

- Registration for the Fredericksburg MCA show remains open through July 31st. The event dates are August 29-31. Currently 8 registered members and many club members attending are staying at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fredericksburg.
- The club's application for the MCA President's Award for 2024 has been accepted. The club has earned a prestigious MCA President's award once again. Great job by all club members which allows us to get this award. The President's award may be presented at a national event.
- The club newsletters are available on the website. Event photos are also posted for viewing pleasure. The club sponsor page has been completed and will be updated as more sponsors come on board. Events get regularly updated as received. If there is something you would like to see added to the site, please do not hesitate to ask.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - PAUL LAFFERTY

- Paul emailed and reviewed the June event list, noting many shows throughout this month. Key events include the Delcastle Vo-Tech show, June 7th, (which conflicts with Carlisle), the rescheduled Farm Car Show on June 21st, 2025, and the Father's Day show at Cornerstone Church (Lums Pond) on June 15th, 2025 (8:00 AM–1:00 PM, parking opens at 6:30 AM).
- Members not attending Carlisle are encouraged to represent the club at other local shows, with up to five or six shows on some Saturdays, members have many opportunities to attend car shows in June 2025. Reach out to other members to attend in smaller groups to represent the Club at many different shows. Paul is monitoring for rain date information for the Delcastle show.

NEWSLETTER - JOHN ROSKO

- John, will have surgery the end of this month. A backup plan is in place to manage the newsletter during his absence. He currently has four or five articles in the queue but requests continued submissions to avoid last-minute rushes.

- Members are urged to contribute articles to the newsletter to maintain a steady flow of content.

New Business:

- Tim Narvell and George Bowersox were recognized as trophy winners at the Valley Forge Mustang Ford Show.
- Mike Graening recapped a recent track event at Pocono, attended by several members. Despite cold and wet conditions in the morning, everyone enjoyed the event, and the weather improved some in the afternoons. A video of Clyde and Michelle on the track with Mike, was posted to the club's Facebook page.
- Mike Graening announced the next event at Watkins Glen over the 4th of July weekend, when he and a few other club members will be on track. The event will feature a car show, fireworks, and opportunities for track laps. The area was described as scenic, with wineries, waterfalls, and a charming town. Mike encouraged members to attend, noting at least one room is available where he's staying. Members are encouraged to attend Watkins Glen, even if just to watch and see how the event occurs and even possibly take a ride on track with Mike.
- Clyde VanDyke had a positive experience with an in-car instructor at Pocono. The Pocono event was enjoyable, and exceeded his expectations, leading him to join the upcoming Watkins Glen event.

Announcements:

- Chris from Sean's House may speak at the September meeting
- Door Prizes Winners - Sharon Wachter, Brian Staffone, Michelle Staffone, John Swyka, Sue Maisano, Jeff Thompson, Jim Stern, John Ricevuto, Caitlyn Young & Clyde VanDyke
- 50/50 Winner - Steve Buonopane \$35.00
- John Young had lunch with past member John Andersen who is doing well and says "hello" to all

FUTURE AGENDA

- Carlisle Recap
- People's Choice vs Judged Show
- Strategy to boost charity auction donations
- Upcoming Events - Back of the Dragon, Car Show participation, Fredericksburg National Show
- Fall Car Show

The next general member meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 1, 2025 at Applebee's on Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. by Tim Narvell - President