



SEPTEMBER MONTHLY FIRST STATE MUSTANG and FORD CLUB GENERAL

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of The First State Mustang and Ford Club was held on September 2, 2025 at Applebees on Churchman's Road, Newark, DE. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and was presided over by Debby Rosko - Vice-President, with Michelle Staffone as secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 38 members attended with the following Board Members: George Long, John Young, Debby Rosko, Ed Yaworski, John Rosko, Paul Lafferty & Michelle Staffone

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Tim Narvell

GUESTS: Christopher Locke

Previous General Meeting, held on August 5, 2025, minutes were approved, accepted and posted by the E-Board

Consideration of Open Issues:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - TIM NARVELL (in-absentia)

- Tim has been on a long road trip and could not make it to this meeting, his apologies

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DEBBY ROSKO

- Debby thanked everyone for a good turn out this evening, "I love this Club and it's great to see you"
- Board Nominations - Next month, all board positions will be open for nomination, including president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairman, social media director (web), event coordinator, regional director and newsletter editor. The current board members intend to put their names in for re-election, however; ALL positions can be nominated on. Nominations will be held at the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting. You must be present to vote
- Planning for the upcoming car show is in full swing and is progressing well, but volunteers are needed. We are looking forward to having judged and people's choice awards for this show. Trophies are ready and incredible, thanks to the team's development and innovation. George Long has pre-registration sheets available. Volunteers are still needed for the charity table, any interested members should contact Debby

- Charity Activities - The club is supporting Sean's House as its charity. A representative is scheduled to speak this evening. Over 18 items, including baskets and gift cards, have been collected for donation. All proceeds from the season will go to the charity. Thank you to all for your help, generosity and kindness
- Tim mentioned that he would like to do another fall photo shoot, and a location is needed; a drone can be available for aerial shots. An end-of-year cruise for October or November is also being considered, with details on place, time, and date to be determined. Anyone with any ideas, suggestions or locations in mind, please reach out

MEMBERSHIP - JOHN YOUNG

- The club now has 115 members, with Ray Fields of Smyrna, who owns a 2008 GT500 KR, welcomed as new members
- New vehicles in the club include Fred Frieze with a 2005 pepper gray, Eleanor Tribute and Flavio Carlini with a Backdraft Racing 427 Cobra Replica

EVENTS COORDINATOR - PAUL LAFFERTY

- Paul emailed the September event list out to all members
- Paul mentioned the 'Cruise for Kids' car show, which will take place on September 20th at Calvert Park in Rising Sun. The event is organized by club member Clyde Van Dyke. It is expected to feature a couple hundred cars, with 100 trophies being given out. The winners are chosen by the children who benefit from the charity proceeds. The club plans to post information on a meet-up on the preceding Wednesday (September 17, 2025) to organize a group to attend and support the member's event, despite it conflicting with the Hockessin car show
- Also mentioned was the upcoming Soul Riders, and Hagley (must register to attend) Car Shows. Other events will be posted or mentioned on the Club's FB page and if anyone sees something that isn't already on the list, please send the information to him

REGIONAL DIRECTOR - ED YAWORSKI

- The club and its members achieved significant success at the recent MCA show. The club received the President's Award in Fredericksburg, Virginia. It was received by all club members in attendance

- The MCA Grand National Show in Fredericksburg was attended by 9 club members. 8 were entered on the show field and 1 displayed separately. All eight members who had their cars judged at the show won an award and that included 5 first time attendees
- MCA members should have received a link to vote for directors. Dennis Healy is one of the candidates, and assisted several members during the recent show
- MCA show season for 2026 has been finalized and will be listed in our Newsletter. Early planning is underway for the MCA show at Road Atlanta on Labor Day weekend 2026

WEB

- Members will soon be able to submit photos of their cars for a new section on the club website
- The website continues to be routinely updated, and pictures have been added from the MCA show

NEWSLETTER - JOHN ROSKO

- Members are urged to contribute articles to the newsletter to maintain a steady flow of content
- Current newsletter was published and emailed to all paid members and is also viewable on the website
- Multiple members were recognized for their car show awards and for being featured in publications. Ginny Corrigan and Mike Graening were featured in Mustang Times. Several members, including Steve Brown and Ginny Corrigan, won awards at the Knights of Columbus St. John the Beloved show. John Ricevuto and Glenn Davis won class awards at a show in Detroit

New Business:

- Debby mentioned that it's time for Feature Car Nominations for Next Year's shows. Three members nominated their cars to be the feature car for the spring and fall shows: Steve Buonpane with a stock 2009 Mustang GT with 5300 miles, Rob Day with a restored 1970 Mercury Cyclone Spoiler, and Mike Hughs with a 2004 Roush 40th Anniversary convertible. The club will vote on these nominations at the next meeting, you must be present to vote. The 2 vehicles that receive the most votes will be the feature cars at the Clubs Spring and Fall Shows in 2026

Announcements:

- Guest Speaker - Chris Locke associated with Sean's House, our charity organization beneficiary for 2025, spoke to the group. He introduced us to Sean Locke and the Origin of Sean's House by sharing the story of his son, Sean, a successful student-athlete who secretly battled depression and died by suicide on July 18th, 2018. This tragedy, combined with a massive community outpouring that raised over \$200,000 at a single event,

inspired the creation of Sean's House. The Mission and Services of Sean's House are: 1) Educate the community to remove the stigma around mental illness, 2) Assist individuals in finding help quickly, getting appointments within one to two days, 3) Provide a 24/7 safe space (Sean's House) for immediate support. Key programs include the Peer 24 Program with 275 trained volunteers and a scholarship program for therapy, which currently supports 28 recipients. Since its opening five years ago (September 24th), Sean's House has had 39,000 visitors, conducted 4,600 peer-to-peer talks, and saved 164 individuals who expressed suicidal intentions. While initially focused on the 14- to 24-year-old demographic near the University of Delaware, it now serves people from ages 8 to 73, with 55-60% of visitors being non-UD students from Delaware, Cecil County, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Sean's House fosters a welcoming, 'grandma's house' atmosphere with food and no sign-in sheets to make visitors comfortable. They host dinners for various community and student groups (fraternities, sororities, sports clubs) to introduce them to the space. They also facilitate various support groups, including for student-athletes, Christian groups, LGBTQ individuals, and survivors of suicide loss. The organization successfully advocated for significant legislative changes in Delaware. This includes passing legislation to improve the counselor-to-student ratio in public schools from approximately 1:1200 to 1:200, mandating mental health education from kindergarten to 12th grade, and ensuring mental health checkups can be covered by health insurance, similar to annual physicals. A support group for people who have lost someone to suicide meets at Sean's House on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM. The group provides a space for shared experience and mutual support for individuals, whether their loss was recent or decades ago.

Conclusion

1. Sean's House was established at 136 West Main Street, Sean's former college residence, to provide a safe space for young people to have the conversations about mental health that Sean never did.
 2. The organization ensures there are no economic barriers to receiving mental health care and provides immediate, multi-faceted support. 92% of every dollar raised goes directly into these programs.
 3. Sean's House has a broad and significant impact, serving a much wider demographic and geographic area than originally anticipated.
 4. Through community outreach and targeted support groups, Sean's House effectively reduces the stigma and encourages people to seek help by creating a comfortable and inclusive environment.
 5. Through advocacy, Sean's House has systematically improved mental health education and access to care within the state's school and healthcare systems.
 6. The organization provides a dedicated and recurring support system for the unique grief journey of suicide loss survivors.
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 - 50/50 Winner: Steve Buonpane \$35.00
 - Door Prize Winners: Bill Miller, Sharon Wachter, John Ricevuto, Bob Maass, Ginny Corrigan, Pam McCarthy, Flavio Carlini, Bill Pearson, Terri Carlini, Rob Day, George Bowersox, Brian Staffone & Gail Bowersox

- Rob Day mentioned an upcoming show in Galena, MD. 15 Club members attended last year. Information can be found in the events list and on the Club website
- John Young congratulated the winners from the Knights of Columbus St. John the Beloved Car Show and John Ehlers thanked everyone for their help and attending, it was a great event
- George Long came in 2nd in the Newark Ping Pong Tournament

FUTURE AGENDA

- Feature Car for 2026 Shows
- Fall Car Show recap
- E-Board Nominations
- Upcoming Events
- Christmas Party

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by Debby Rosko - Vice-President

MINUTES PREPARED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Michelle Staffone - Secretary 9/4/25

MINUTES APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY: John Rosko, Ed Yaworski, Debby Rosko, George Long, Paul Lafferty, & John Young