



AUGUST MONTHLY FIRST STATE MUSTANG and FORD CLUB GENERAL

MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of The First State Mustang and Ford Club was held on AUGUST 5, 2025 at Applebees on Churchman's Road, Newark, DE. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and was presided over by Tim Narvell - President, with Michelle Staffone as secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 36 members attended with the following Board Members: Tim Narvell, George Long, John Young, Debby Rosko, Ed Yaworski, John Rosko, Paul Lafferty & Michelle Staffone

MEMBER APOLOGIES:

GUESTS:

Previous General Meeting held on July 1, 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 which created a full house
- A call for donations for the upcoming October club show's charity auction. The previous spring show's auction performance was noted as the worst ever, and described as "pretty bad." Members are encouraged to consider donating items like baskets or gift cards, or to solicit donations from local merchants using letters provided by the club, which will be available on request
- The club will implement the new judging system to offer both judged and People's Choice awards, aiming to increase show attendance. The system has been planned and tested with a mock-up show in May, and is ready for the next show

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DEBBY ROSKO

- A need for volunteers to help with the upcoming car show is must. If anyone can volunteer any of their time, there are a variety of areas that can use your help. Members interested in volunteering should sign up
- Debby will collect items if needed, brought by members, and transport them to the car show

MEMBERSHIP- JOHN YOUNG

- The club now has 114 members, with Steve and Cheryl Watson of Smyrna, who own a 2000 Mustang, welcomed as new members
- New vehicles in the club include a 2025 Ford Maverick, a 2025 Jeep Grand Cherokee, and a 1946 Jeep Willys
- John thanked everyone who reached out either in person or by messaging their condolences

REGIONAL DIRECTOR - ED YAWORSKI

- MCA Grand National Show in Fredericksburg, VA, 8/29-8/31, registration has closed. For those planning to attend, a group will be gathering on Thursday morning to travel together. Time & Location TBD. If interested please reach out to be included
- The May 2026 Bristol show has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a future date. MCA will return to the Ozarks in early May 2026 instead of Bristol
- 2026 MCA show list is in the newsletter
- A call was made for members interested in volunteering to be judges at car shows

WEB

- The club website received over 300 hits last month, an increase from 200 the month before, indicating its growing popularity. The website keeps adding events and event photos as they become available. Members can request new pages or content to be added to the website. Our Club's attended events and a pre-registration form for the fall show are also on the website

EVENTS COORDINATOR - PAUL LAFFERTY

- Paul emailed the August event list out to all members
- Discussion covered upcoming car shows in August and September, including the South Jersey Mustang show, which features only two classes (stock and modified), covers all years from 1964 to 2025, and will award 75 trophies
- Paul sends out bi-weekly emails with show information, highlighting new shows in green. Members are urged to send information on any shows they find that may not be on the club's list, as some events are not being widely publicized
- The Cecilton Parish Car Show is also coming up this weekend, and its flyer will be posted on the club's Facebook page

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

New Business:

- George Bowersox presented information and answered questions on the Implementation of the New Judging System. A detailed presentation on a new judging system for club shows was given, developed over four meetings and 14 hours of work. The goal is to attract more participants by offering two different venues to receive a trophy: both judged and People's Choice categories. The show time has been successfully changed from 3:30 PM to 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, with the mock-up show finishing earlier at 2 PM. The new system includes revised car categories: Vintage (1948 and earlier), Post-war Production (1949-1963), Classic (1964-1979), Modern Classic (1980-2004), Modern (2005-2025), Most Unique (all years), Best Truck and SUVs, and Ladies' Choice (replacing the "young gun" category). Judging will use point sheets with a 1-10 point scoring system, evaluated by five judges. Specific judging criteria include Body (fit, condition, quality), Exterior (finish, chips, condition, quality), Engine Compartment (dressed up or clean), Interior (cleanliness, rips, tears), and Tires/Wheels. Judging rules do not require a fire extinguisher and the hood should be up for engine judging. Registration and judging will operate as one, with volunteers instructing attendees to the judging area for car classification and color class placards. Judging trophies will be different from People's Choice awards, meaning a car can only win one or the other. A dry run successfully judged 65 cars in 90 minutes. There will be 36 awards in total, including one for Best Mustang, one for Best Ford, one for Most Unique, one for Ladies' Choice, and one for Best Truck/SUV, in addition to category-specific awards. Judges will not be judging their own cars, but they remain eligible for People's Choice awards
- Tim announced an informal meetup for the Kirkwood Cruise coming up on a Saturday afternoon. Members plan to gather around 2:30 p.m. at the Midway Shopping Center, specifically in front of Season's Pizza and Bacchetti's, to watch the cars. Tim noted that police presence has increased in recent years, cracking down on cruising, and a new Wawa has opened, altering the parking situation near Hooters

Announcements:

- Tim thanked the committee for all the hard work to put together the new judging protocol
- Tim mentioned that he is not away and is not sending email requests for donations or gift cards. If you receive something like this, please disregard and send it to SPAM
- Please keep John Young & Sharon Wachter in your prayers for the passing of their mother and Steve Buonpane for his wife's passing
- Tom Pollutri and John Ehlers announced their 12th annual Knights of Columbus car show at St. John the Beloved, on Milltown Rd., scheduled for Friday, Aug. 15th, from 4 to 8 p.m., with a rain date of the following Friday. All proceeds go to charity. They will award 20 trophies, representing about one for every five cars that shows up, and also have a popular participant voting category
- Clyde VanDyke from the Cecil County Parks and Recreation Department announced their 4th annual car show on September 20, with a rain date of the next day. The event, located at the corner of Routes 272 and 273, raises money for a scholarship fund for underprivileged kids who cannot afford their programs. The show expects over 200 cars (based on previous years), will award top 100 trophies plus an award for the club that brings the most cars, and features a DJ, a few food trucks, and a power wheels race for kids. Flyers are available. The judges for this show are always kids from the school of tech in the automotive class
- 50/50 Winner: Tom Pollutri \$50.00

- Door Prize Winners: John Rosko, Tom Pollutri, John Ehlers, Jim Stern, Brian Staffone, Joe Koskol, Mike Graening, Sharon Wachter, Bob Maass, Flavio Carlini, Charlie VanLeuven & Caitlyn Young

FUTURE AGENDA

- Feature Car for 2026 Shows
- Fall Car Show
- Upcoming Events

The next general member meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 2, 2025, at Applebee's on Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Tim Narvell - President