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Mustang and Ford
Club*



*Winner of MCA
President's Award
2022 thru 2024*

First State Mustang and Ford Club



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2025 MEETING DATES

Applebee's

900 Churchman's Road Newark

FEB 4th
MAR 4th
APR 1st
MAY 6th
JUN 3rd
JUL 1st
AUG 5th
SEP 2nd
Oct 7th
NOV 4th
DEC **

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7 PM

** No General Mtg.

February 4th

Next General Meeting
Tuesday 7:00 pm
Applebee's Newark

February 20th

Next Board Meeting
Thursday 5:00 pm
Applebee's Newark
[Board Members Only]

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About FSMFC

We are Delaware's Largest Mustang and Ford Club. As a club we hold multiple shows and cruises during the year. We also enjoy attending non club sponsored events

*For more information about joining, ask any officer or board member or visit
[First State Mustang and Ford Club website](#)*

MEMBERSHIP DUES

First State and Ford Club membership is \$25 All memberships renew January

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you all have survived the cold, cold January. Hopefully the weather warms from here on out. Some exciting news, our new website is up www.firststatemustangandford.com we are still tweaking and making adjustments but it is up and running now. You will be able to find club photos, event information, join the club, renew membership, among other things. We hope you enjoy it!!

We are in the process of setting up our National Mustang Day Cruise. The date of the event is Saturday April 19th. We are still working out details and will advise everyone as soon as the destination is set.

If you plan on going to Carlisle book your hotel room now. Rooms are almost gone.

Members in good standing have access to the following:

A link for discounted rooms.

A large tent is rented to allow you to take a break from whatever the weather may be.

A delicious Lunch is served on Saturday

Looking forward to seeing you there.

We are also working on our dates with Porter Ford. We will release them as soon as they are locked down.

I am excited for 2025 car season and looking forward to seeing you at one of the many events. Hopefully the weather cooperates and it isn't too hot or too wet!!

And remember to Join us for the Ride!!

- Tim

Vice Presidents MESSAGE

What has impressed me is that First State and Mustang and Ford club has earned the Presidential Award from MCA (Mustang Club of America) for two years straight. With the help of our board member, Ed Yaworski, we have earned this prestigious award. It is a high honor to achieve this. To earn such an award, a club needs to earn a total of 100 points following the criteria set by MCA in any combination in a calendar year. As Ed said, "The criteria to meet is designed to help the Mustang hobby along with giving back to the community." The President's award represents an outstanding achievement on the Regional Clubs part. Some of the criteria is:

Having one monthly newsletter

Articles on a Regional Meeting

Sponsor a local charity

Enter vehicle in National or GN show

News for Mustang Times

Attaining new MCA members

As we learn, grow, and achieve, our thoughts are always of our members and our club's success. See you on the road in the Spring!

Thank you,

Your Vice President,

Debby Rosko

Check It Out!!!

First State Mustang & Ford Club has a new and improved website.

Thanks to Bob Maas and Ed Yaworski our website is up and running. There are still more features to be added, but in the meantime see what there is: the new club photo, members car photos taken at the club shoot, upcoming events, and who our Executive Board is.

Remember, this is still a work in progress and more features are yet to come. So, check it out at the same website firststatemustangandford.com and *Join us for the Ride!*

Thanks Bob & Ed for all the work that you have put into this.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the February 2025 FSMC Newsletter

- Welcome to a newly formatted Newsletter for your enjoyment.
- ♦ Check out On The Personal Side on page 7.
- ♦ January meeting minutes begin on page 15 .



- ♦ Ginny Corrigan was awarded this years Steinger Award. Talk about being surprised.

ON THE PERSONAL SIDE BY DEBBY ROSKO

Michelle Staffone has been a member of First State Mustang and Ford Club, referred to as FSMFC, since 2019. Michelle became a member of the FSMFC board in 2024 and is serving her second term as secretary with enthusiasm and diligence. The first time I got to spend some extra time with Michelle was years ago at a car cruise in Pike Creek where she brought homemade pumpkin bread for all of us to enjoy. It was amazing! Overtime, she has brought baked delights to meetings and our Christmas parties. As she states, she loves to bake and create new things, coming up with delicious treats she can share with friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues. Through the years she has been hired to bake for special events. Just a couple of her creations are shown below.



Michelle has been driving a school bus for 35 years, having driven for kindergarten through college age with middle school being the most challenging. She just loves to drive. You never know what to expect from the kids when you are driving a school bus.

As a wife, mom and grandmother, Michelle loves spending time with the family. She enjoys her animals, her home and cars. Michelle looks back to her love of Mustangs, starting with a 1967, 289, 3-speed coupe in lime gold. She bought this car at the age of 16. She loves older muscle cars from the 60's and early 70's especially. Not being a gear head, she appreciates their styling and history.

She met her second husband, Brian, in 2010 and learned quickly that he is a big car enthusiast. She has learned a lot about cars over the years. She loves to drive her current Mustang on road tracks, watch Nascar and have lots of fun in our car club, enjoying all kinds of events.



WANTED

Car Articles!

We all love our Fords and we love to talk about them. We are looking for articles to add to the club Newsletter, and who better than to ask but our Membership. The article does not have to be long, it can be a few paragraphs with a few photos of your car. We want to get to know our members. Need an idea for your article? Here are a few, but feel free to come up with your own!

- * How did you become a car enthusiast?
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- * How old were you and did anyone get you interested?
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- * What made you pick that car?
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- * Was it a sentimental reason or did you just think it was cool?
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- * What is the history behind your car?
- *
- * Does your car have a unique story to it?
- *
- * Did you rebuild it?
- *
- * Where have you travelled with your car?
- *
- * Did you go on vacation with it or to a car show that was a distance away?

We want to hear about it!!! We are interested.

Send all articles to the editor/publisher John Rosko at jrosko@yahoo.com

Feature Car - Rob Day - 1970 Mercury Cyclone

My Feature car is a 70 Mercury Cyclone Spoiler that was hibernating. This yellow one came into my life November 22 after a fellow registry member who had been working on it for 22 years talked me into buying it so it could be completed. He had had the 429CJ engine rebuilt with a bunch of race parts & had the car repainted, all the while collecting parts while up on jack stands in his Alabama garage. The tires still had stickers on them, having never been used despite being mounted decades earlier. It was transported to DE in a 2-car enclosed trailer by a Chinese man who did not speak English who had to call a translator so we could unload on my little country road. Since it did not run, I had to pull it out with my pickup, where he turned it too much and scraped the R fender to the metal + there were 2 new dents. I had made sure it was insured with my company before transport even though the transport company claimed it was covered (a year later Progressive sent me a text saying I had no claim). My company paid for those 3 spots, but it did not cover repainting the whole car. I partly assembled it over a few months, got it running, w/new fuel filter & pump.

8/24-10/26/23 it went to paint north of Scranton, 11/1 Stripes on, parts ordered, overspray delt with, 3/25 taillight assembly refinished, 3/31 installed taillights with bumpers, 4/2 sidelights refinished, 4/9 windshield moldings installed, 4/25 side windows & mechanisms installed, 4/26-5/1 side window moldings & seals installed, 5/1-5/18 Interior work, 5/11-12 Headliner, 5/15 back window in, 5/17 sound deadener & rug 5/21-24, carb & electric fuel pump #3 + numerous fuel filters, 5/24-5 rear brakes/ wheel cylinders, 5/27 New gas tank, 5/28 1st DMV inspection/ t-tag since it did not pass emissions. Drove it to Carlisle 5/30 with less than 40 miles on the car in 23yrs! The next week retuned car to get an emission waver and plates on 6/24.

One of 1631 Spoilers built in Lorain OH, this one on 11/17/69, and sold 3/23/70 in Alabama for \$4148. While on the assembly line, someone shoved the movie section of an Ohio newspaper in the left cowl, Easy Rider was playing! It is 1 of the 268 code "D" Competition Yellow & 188 Yellow with black comfort weave interior Spoilers. One of these days I'll trouble shoot the slowly opening hideaways (558 had that option) but after the leaky heater core replacement.





Cyclones in comix



Final paint- needs some assembly



Stripes being installed by the pro before interior and windows



NO dash? More wiring, insulation and parts assembly required

FSMFC 2024 FALL CAR SHOW

The FSMFC Fall Car Show was a complete success considering the change of venue and all the **rescheduling required to make it happen**. The weather cooperated, Our DJ Jammin' Jeff Rankin spun some awesome tunes taking requests, and WOW, the trophies made by George Long were highly regarded by all participants.





-Top Truck- Brian Edwards,
1950 Ford F-1



-Top Ford- Lane Carey, 1970 Mercury



-Top Mustang, John Skinner, 1965
Mustang GT Convertible



-Dealers Choice- Craig Gochnauer,
1970 Boss 302



JOIN TODAY!

GREAT CARS + GREAT PEOPLE = GREAT CLUB

The Mustang Club of America is an independent association of Mustang enthusiasts. The MCA has Regional Clubs in every state, Canada, Mexico and overseas, enabling Mustang owners to meet and enjoy their cars on a year-round basis. The mission of the Mustang Club of America is to enhance the Mustang experience for all members by providing services, support, information and activities that promote camaraderie and enjoyment of America's favorite pony car. The Mustang Club of America is dedicated to the enjoyment, care preservation and history of all Mustangs.

Listing of Mustang Club of America National shows for 2025

April 2025

Mid-Florida Mustang Club National

April 4, 2025 @ 8:00 am - April 6, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

Dezerland Park Orlando, 5250 International Dr

Orlando, FL 32819 United States + Google Map

Mustangs at Dezerland Orlando - MCA National is open. Registration closed at Midnight, February 28, 2025.

May 2025

Ponies in the Ozarks

May 23, 2025 - May 25, 2025

Ozark International Raceway, 29211 MO-135

Gravois Mills, MO 65037 United States + Google Map

The Board of Directors has approved a return to Ozark International Raceway May 23-25, 2025. This will be a combined National Show and Driving Event as we did in 2024. Registration is open.

June 2025

MCA National Cincinnati, OH

June 27, 2025 @ 8:00 am - June 29, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

This show has been approved by the National Board of Directors. Registration is open.

August 2025

MCA Grand National Show Fredericksburg, VA

August 29, 2025 @ 8:00 am - August 31, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

This show has been approved by the National Board of Directors. More information to come when available.

If interested in any of the above, go to the [MCA website](#) or send an email to [Ed Yaworski](#) our Regional Rep for the Mustang Club of America

Carlisle Ford Nationals June 6th - 8th, 2025

Attention to any members that are going or planning on going to Carlisle this year!!!! There is a group of us that are already booked and registered to go. After talking to Carlisle Events, we learned that if we have 25 or more vehicles registered for the event under **First State Mustang and Ford Club**, we can get a 20x20 tent set up for us at no charge.

This does not mean that we need to travel together or stay at the same hotel, but you are more than welcomed to join us. There are several of us that will be cruising together to Carlisle. If not, at least you have a tent to hang out under to get out of the sun, or the rain, because we all know it always rains at some point at Carlisle.

Hope to see some of you there!!



Picture Features The First State Mustang And Ford Club

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

FSMFC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

- **Phil Harper**, Magnolia, DE, 2020 Mustang Ecoboost.
- **Ron Harris & Chris Brod**, Wallingford, PA, 2004 Mustang GT, 1970 Cougar XR7, 1972 Cougar XR7
- **James & Clair Rohloff**, Newark, DE, 2001 Cobra SVT
- **Brian & Erika Edwards**, Northeast, MD, 1950 Ford Truck, 1929 Model A, 1988 Mustang GT
- **Mark & Lorraine Courtney**, Wallingford, PA, 1989 Mustang GT Conv.
- **Skipp Gold**, Claymont, DE, 1966 Mustang Conv, 1966 Mustang Hardtop
- **Valerie & Paul Allston**, Clayton, DE, 2018 Mustang
- **Pete & Jane Hollingsworth**, Wilmington, DE, 1966 Mustang Conv.



Welcome to Porter Ford

Located Around Newark, Where Quality Meets Excellence!

At Porter Ford, we pride ourselves on offering a great selection of quality cars and building a great reputation within our community. With a legacy that dates back to 1925, we have been serving customers with dedication and commitment for a long time! Our longevity speaks volumes about our ability to consistently deliver exceptional service and exceed customer expectations every time.

We believe that transparency is the key to our business from [genuine Ford parts](#) to financing. Therefore, we make sure that every interaction with our customers is honest, open, and straightforward. Experience seamless, easy, and hassle-free shopping with our friendly team. We value your trust, and we work diligently to maintain it, so visit us in person for a test drive today!

First State Mustang and Ford Club Events

DATE & TIME	EVENT	COST	LOCATION
First Tuesday of the month January - November Dinner 6 PM Meeting 7 PM	First State Mustang & Ford Club General Membership Business Meeting		Applebee's 900 Churchmans Rd Newark, De
Sunday, April 6, 2025	Dust Off Cruise		TBD
Date April 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Rain Date:TBD	First State Mustang & Ford Club Spring Car Show	Pre Reg \$15.00 DOS \$20.00	Porter Ford 600 Ogletown Road Newark, De
June 5 - June 8, 2025	Carlisle Ford Nationals -Sign up under club name -Saturday lunch for members at club tent		Carlisle Fair Grounds 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd Carlisle, Pa
Date October 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Rain Date:TBD	First State Mustang & Ford Club Fall Car Show	Pre Reg \$15.00 DOS \$20.00	Porter Ford 600 Ogletown Road Newark, De
Saturday, December 6, 2025 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	First State Mustang & Ford Club Holiday Party	Free to members paid in full, significant other and immedi- ate family 17 years old & un- der	Timothy's of Newark 100 Creek View Rd Newark, De