



JULY MONTHLY FIRST STATE MUSTANG and FORD CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of The First State Mustang and Ford Club was held on July 1, 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: 18 members attended with the following Board Members: Tim Narvell, George Long, John Young, & Michelle Staffone

MEMBER APOLOGIES: Ed Yaworski, Debby Rosko, John Rosko, & Paul Lafferty

GUESTS:

Previous General Meeting held on June 3, 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 on this rainy evening.
- A recap of the Carlisle event, highlighting its success, with eleven members winning. George Long's display was featured in the barn and George Bowersox's on stage. Information regarding the Carlisle discount and the club's tent. The club receives a 20% discount at Carlisle. A free tent was secured for next year because 27 members registered this year, which was the most registrations they've ever had and exceeded the 25-registration threshold required for a free tent. There is consideration for getting a bigger tent in the future due to growing attendance, as the current one is becoming crowded. It was clarified that Carlisle counts registered vehicles, not just attendees, for benefits, highlighting the need to encourage more members to register their vehicles for the show. Discussion about the provision of breakfast at shows. Previously, a full breakfast (bacon, eggs, sausage, toast) and lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken) were provided, cooked on a Coleman travel grill and pump-up cook stove. Breakfast has now been cut, but a member offered to continue bringing the grill if someone wants to cook breakfast.
- The website has been up for a while now and has more insight and information. Encourages everyone to check it out if they haven't yet. The website is highlighted as the main source for comprehensive information, including event schedules, pictures from car shows (like Cornerstone Church, Down on the Farm, and Carlisle), news, newsletters, and meeting minutes (e.g., January minutes). It also posts dates for all club and board meetings for the entire year and allows members to join. Facebook is primarily used for social interaction and sharing pictures.

- Details on the car show judging process, including a successful mock-up run at the spring show, which combined judged and non-judged elements. This new approach is expected to draw more participants. The award structure has been adjusted from the previous format (normally 30 People's Choice and two Young Guns) to now include 25 People's Choice Awards, one Young Guns award, Top 4 Dealer's Choice, Top Truck, a Mustang category, and six additional tentative categories, such as pre-49 cars. The same number of trophies will be broken down across these categories.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - DEBBY ROSKO

MEMBERSHIP- JOHN YOUNG

- The club now has 111 members, with two late renewals and two new member families: John Eliason & Andrea Wright of White River Junction, VT (joined at Carlisle) with a 2009 Mustang and Scott Sweeten of Newark, DE with a 2020 Mustang GT convertible.
- Noted as one of three 2009 Mustangs in the club now.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR - ED YAWORSKI (in absentia)

- Registration for the Fredericksburg MCA show remains open through July 31st. The event dates are August 29-31.

EVENTS COORDINATOR - PAUL LAFFERTY (in absentia)

- Paul emailed the July event list out to all members.

NEWSLETTER - JOHN ROSKO (in absentia)

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

New Business:

- Mike Graening announced the next event at Watkins Glen over the 4th of July weekend, when he, Brian & Michelle Staffone and Clyde Van Dyke 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. 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.
- Tom Pollutri mentioned the Silver Diner Car Show in Mt. Laurel, NJ on July 4th, from 8-12pm and will post info on the Club's Facebook page. It is a judged show, with judging starting early.

- New member Scott Sweetin discussed his Velocity Blue 2020 Mustang GT convertible, which he purchased last September in Florida and drove home. He recounted a recent 1,800-mile road trip to Nashville (undertaken due to high airfare), visiting the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, the Cherohala Skyway, and the Tail of the Dragon. For his 40th birthday this month, he plans an August road trip to Acadia National Park, expecting it to be around 1,800 miles. This trip will involve spending two to three days getting to Maine, staying in New England for a few days (possibly visiting Cape Cod), camping in southern Maine with friends, and then traveling north to Acadia before taking two to three days to return, with a stop in Boston.

Announcements:

- John Ricevuto attended an MCA Show the last weekend in June, in Cincinnati, OH and brought home a Gold Award
- Door Prizes Winners - John Ricevuto, Tom Pollutri, Bill Miller, Steve Brown & Michael Graening
- Due to low attendance the 50/50 was not held at this meeting
- The 301 Plaza Car Show is also this Saturday, 7/5, at the truck plaza in Middletown, near the diner. It is known for offering freebies and activities for children.
- George mentioned that John Rosko is recovering slowly, and doing okay, and Paul Lafferty has been feeling under the weather, due to the weather

FUTURE AGENDA

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

The next general member meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 5, 2025, at Applebee's on Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. by Tim Narvell - President

MINUTES PREPARED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Michelle Staffone - Secretary 7/2/25

MINUTES APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY: Tim Narvell, George Long & John Young