

# Charlotte Mustang News

October 2017

## Looking Thru The Windshield

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Wow!! October has come and gone, and our Car Show is around the corner. The Veterans Appreciation Day Parade is this coming Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanksgiving is a few weeks away and Christmas is less that 2 months from now. The New Year is not far from us, the car show season has started and cool air has finally gotten to us here in Florida. Where does the time go...

Our friends from the North are making their way back down, which makes us happy to see them. Our first meeting of the season was very well attended, one of our best in a long time. I hope that all of you had a fantastic summer and had some fun. We will have one more meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the upper sales room of Don Gasgarth's Charlotte County Ford before our car show. I hope that all of you can attend.

We have many things to go over with our Car Show on November 12<sup>th</sup>. We also have our Christmas party to go over as well as many other items to talk about. So please attend this meeting, it is important. There are many car shows around town and throughout the area, so if you can, go to a car show and have some fun.

Remember our meeting on November the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the upper sales room of Don Gasgarth's' Charlotte County Ford. I hope to see all of you there.

So put those sun glasses on, roll down those windows or put your tops down on those convertibles. Turn your radio on, crank it up with some fine tunes as you roll down that highway to a great Car Show in town.

Chuck White  
President,  
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Club event calendar

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# Meeting Minutes

10/11/17

Meeting was called to order by President Chuck White at 7:05 with 23 in attendance. Wayne made a motion seconded by Peggy to accept the minutes as published. The Treasurer reported an ending balance of \$ 3281.15 in checking and \$ 114 in 50/50. Ziggy made a motion seconded by Bob Brown to accept the Treasurers report. Members and guests were introduced.

## Old Business

We had some great field trips over the summer.

## New Business

VA parade November 4. Meet between 9 and 10 at High School in Punta Gorda. Parade will start at 11.

November 12 our show at Fisherman's Village. Set up at 7:00 am Show 8:00 to 3:00.

Christmas party - we need ideas for party. Doug suggested Visani. He will call and get info.

## Announcements.

We have some pumpkin spice cupcakes tonight.

Mopar Plus Club is having a show January 27.

The High School will have a car show in February.

Donny made a motion seconded by Bob to adjourn at 7:58.

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary

Kathy Caldwell

From the Editor

# Just Spinning My Wheels

by Dominic Cretacci

Kathie & I are back from our most awesome 2017 Great American Pony Drive. We had a wonderful time with our Pony Drive friends, buckle up your seat belt and I'll tell you all about it

We started out when we met some of our friends in Ocala. At that time we had 4 Mustangs, one of them, a 64 ½ in a trailer. Driving to Macon GA we met up with 3 more at the Country Buffet for lunch. From there we drove to Dalton, GA where we spent the night. Next it was on to Somerset, KY with lunch at the O & W Café on the way. On the next day there was a cruise in to Danny's Hot Rod Super Center. We also drove the twisting turns of the rattle snake road and attended the monthly Somernites Cruise in Somerset, KY. Each month they showcase a different car or manufacturer. This month it was the Mustang. They had 1,723 cars and trucks in attendance. 802 of them were Mustangs.

Then it was on to Bowling Green, KY where we invaded the Corvette museum. There were some very nice cars there and we also got to see the ones that were destroyed in the sinkhole collapse. Lunch was at the very first KFC where I sat with the original Colonel Sanders. After spending the night in Knoxville, TN it was on to Pigeon Forge, TN via the Tail Of The Dragon, 318 turns in 11 miles. Everyone had a free day in Pigeon Forge to do what they wanted with their time. Kathie & I went to the Old Forge Distillery where she and I sampled some Moon Shine. Yes, I said Kathie drank some Shine. Of course it was flavored, Vanilla Bean and Oatmeal Cookie were her favorite. So we bought some to take home with us.

It was time to say goodbye to our Pony Drive friends as Kathie & I headed up to Onkama, MI to spend Labor Day weekend with Al & Cathy Barrett. While there we attended the Hoxeyville car show in Coyote Crossing, MI. After visiting the weekly farmers market a trolley tour of Manistee was in order. Nice....

Cathy & Al were gracious hosts and drove us around the area to see some of the sights. A giant grasshopper made out of car parts and a house made out of bottles caught my eye. Of course a wine tasting was in order so Kathie & I agreed to participate. Duh....

Leaving Cathy & Al on September 5th we hoped to have an uneventful drive home. Boy were we wrong in that assumption. We made it as far as Nashville, TN where we stayed with friends watching the weather channel to receive news about Hurricane Irma. With the storm approaching I decided to get four 5 gallon gas cans and fill them up as we heard gas was scarce in FL. Everyone called me crazy because I put the four gas cans in my trunk. I'll admit, I am a little crazy but I WAS NOT going to run out of gas on the way home. Our original plan was to stay the night in Valdosta, GA. That plan changed as Irma's path changed. Heading south we decided to stay in Enterprise, AL for the night. We ended up staying five nights. On Tuesday Sept 12th we left Enterprise and proceeded to take the back roads home. Arriving home around 6:30 pm, our most excellent journey was put to rest.

Thanks to my lovely wife Kathie for supplying the time line of our trip. I couldn't have done it without you sweetie.

Did I miss anything? Oh yeah, see you on 75, doing 75, in 3rd gear.



2017 Great American Pony Drive



In The Beginning



Lunch Time



Dom & Terry. Don't Tell Kathie



Is It Time To Eat



The Gang At The Rest Stop



O & W Cafe



64 1/2 Mustang



Get Down Here Dominic



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Where Are You Dominic



Danny's Hot Rod Super Center



Danny's Hot Rod Super Center



Waiting In Line



I Think I'll Take A Nap



Somernites Cruise



Rat Rod



Rat Rod Tow Truck



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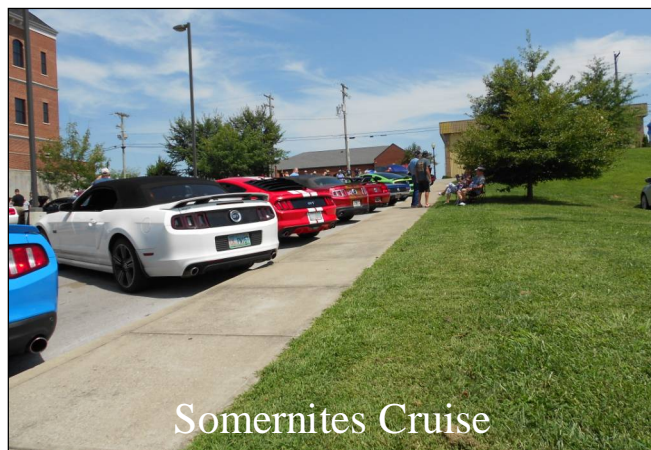
Somernites Cruise Chillin



Pretty Cool



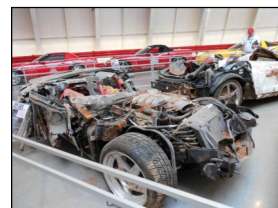
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Somernites Cruise



Corvette Museum





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Push Em Up Girls



Nice Bird



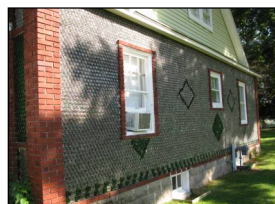
Say Ah



Nice Trophy



Nice Trophy



# MEMBERSHIP FORM

PO Box 495332, Port Charlotte, FL 33952-4126

**Please fill out the form**, and check if membership is new or renewal.

New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ **Due January 1st**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mustang Club of America Member? \_\_\_\_\_ If so MCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$24 per year. Renewal in January. If joining after January, dues are prorated.

Jan. \$24 Feb. \$22 Mar. \$20 Apr. \$18 May \$16 June \$14

July \$12 Aug. \$10 Sep. \$8 Oct. \$6 Nov. \$4 Dec. \$2

Mustangs owned:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*\*\*Please fill out and return to Treasurer with payment.\*\*\*\***





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