

Pony News

January 2021
Pierce County Mustang Club

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Mustang of the Month

David & Colleen Cushion



Don't forget the following club events this month:

Club meeting

See inside for more details.

See Calendar

See you on Zoom for our January Club Meeting.

Jan. 19th

Be a Guest Writer for the Newsletter.

See details inside.

Go to the website—Events—Past Events and view our library of photos in photobucket to see photos of past events!

President's Message



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ell, 2020 is OVER!!!!!! Let us hope that 2021 takes a turn for the better. There were some positives to the year. Our son got married in our backyard. Very nice, intimate, and a lot less expensive. My husband and I got to spend lots of time together. We stayed connected to our friends whether by phone or Zoom. And the club started with about 6 or 7 on Zoom and we had 17 at the December meeting which was full of fun games thanks to Missy.

See the highlights of the Holiday Lights Cruise that Monika and Nancy organized. As it says below....it is always an adventure. Thanks to Nancy and Jerry for the photos.



Congratulations to PCMC for our 2019 President's Award. This is the 11th consecutive year that are club has earned this award based on our club activities. Thank you to Nancy for all the work to submit our club work for each year.

Hopefully, we will have a new feature in the Newsletter, **Bits of Wisdom From The Club.** See inside for what this is all about

and how you can be involved. We want anyone who is interested to submit their ideas.

We are also in need of a Club Picnic Organizer. There are lots of people to help and probably a notebook with Nancy or Charlene with details. Please let one of the Board Members know if you are interested in organizing this event in August or want to co-organize with someone. It is a fun event.

Although the beginning of 2021 may not look a lot different than the end of 2020, let us continue to work together to make this a great year. We will cruise again, we will go to museums and car shows, we will meet in person again! Continue to stay healthy and safe and driving those beautiful Mustangs.

Life is always an adventure..... Let's enjoy the ride together

Heidi Geise
PCMC President

Corner Joke: (thanks to Pete)

- Whenever I try to eat healthy, a chocolate bar looks at me and Snickers.
- Crushing Pop Cans is Soda Pressing.

Charity Involvement

2021 Charity Running Total

Cash	EFN (April)		
Donations			Be the energy that you want to
EFN (Oct)			attract!
			Unknown

NEW FEATURE

How to add your voice to the Newsletter and get involved!

Lets work together to add something new and re-energize this Newsletter. Do you have a topic that you are passionate about/interested in or simply have some experience with?

- Maybe you like to travel and could share some cool places around the state or outside the state that other club members might be interested in seeing or hearing about.
- Are you a cook? Perhaps you have a favorite recipe.
- Have you read a book that you think others in the club might find interesting? This is a car club
 so maybe it is about some aspect of the automobile industry or perhaps it is a novel that highlights the cars. Some authors have a routine of placing cars in the stories they tell.
- Do you like working on your car? What are you doing in the garage that the rest of us could learn from?
- Or do you have another idea that you think others might enjoy—car related or not!

Here is the thing. You have some thoughts that you think might be interesting. It could be a paragraph or 2 or a page. It could be one for the year or once a quarter or once a month. You put them together and send them to pcmceditor@gmail.com (me) and I will put them in the Newsletter under Bits of Wisdom From The Club. If I get too many for one month I will put them in over several months. I just need the information by the 25th of the month.

I have heard from some of you that you don't like to write. You have great skills, experiences, and knowledge. Send me the information and I will put the writing together and clear it with you if you want. Look, I can write a sentence but I can't fix the brakes and I'm a lousy cook.

However you do it, get your voice and experiences out there and lets make this a great Newsletter!

Club Meeting Minutes—Dec 15, 2020 (Zoom)



Call to Order: 6:33PM, Heidi Geise, President

All participants were welcomed (Due to time con-

straints introduction of participants was not done)

Protocol for the online meeting

Approve previous month's Club Meeting Minutes as seen in "The Pony News",

Motion -Chuck Botsford, 2nd Paul Geise,

Accepted and Approved

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report- Nancy Freeman

Ending balance: \$10,712.28 with \$3,840.00 set aside for 2021's car show

\$60 Under-writing from Geise family to cover New ZOOM cost for longer time during club meetings

Nancy and Pam met at the US Bank on December 15th to add Pam on the account effective January 1, 2020.

Motion to approve Treasurer's

Report- Jerry Murphy, 2nd Harley Edwards

Accepted and Approved

Membership report

New member -Jon and Lisa Grahe from Tacoma. They own a 64 ½ blue coupe, Number 11000 in production.

MCA Report

Congratulations Pierce County Mustang Club-We received "President's Award 2019"

Old Business:

Holiday Lights Cruise: Thank you Monika and Nancy for putting this together

New Business:

January Cruise to Skagit Valley has been postponed until January 2022. The Museum is currently closed as well as the festival celebrating the Bald Eagles return has been cancelled due to our current restrictions in Washington.

Newsletter Remodelization: We would like to give our Newsletter a little boost. Looking for some guest writers. The article can be something that you enjoy, perhaps travel destinations in Washington, car cleaning hacks, or perhaps gardening tips such as best time to plant or fertilizer to use etc.

If you would like to submit an article whether a paragraph or a page long please contact Heidi Geise.

Mustang of the Month: David Cushion

Meeting adjourned: 7:15- submitted by Pam Pistella

Lifetime Members Celebrated



Congratulations to **Jerry & Kathy Murphy** on receiving the Pierce County Mustang Club Lifetime Membership Award.

Jerry served as president in 2007 and 2008 and along with Kathy have coordinated the annual Poker Run and Veterans Day Cruise since 2009.

FYI: according to club bylaws be eligible for Lifetime Membership, a member must have 15 years continuous paid membership and provide a service to the club as officer, director, or major event chair ie car show, picnic.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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Membership News

The Pierce County

Mustang Club is open to any person or family interested in the PCMC Purpose.

All Ford cars are welcome.

Ownership is not required...
Enthusiasm is!!!
Dues: \$35 per year

Membership dues are payable in January of each year.

New Membership is prorated according to the month joined.

CLUB

MERCHANDISE

Ball Cap \$15
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(stick or magnetic)
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(stick or magnetic)
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Items can be purchased by mail, please add an extra \$3.00 to cover postage.

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Stop by a meeting to save the extra shipping cost and visit with friends.

To order: Nancy Freeman pnredride@msn.com

PCMC CLUB ANNIVERSARIES—January

Larry & Patti Martin 2010 Tom & Lori Rochefort 2011 2012 **Greq & Karen Robbins** 2012 Howard Junge Chip McCullough 2015 **Daniel Watson** 2015 Jerry & Heidi Althauser 2017 James & Devona Arnold 2018 TJ Curtin-Karch 2019 Brian & Deborah Meskell 2020

New Members

Please welcome **Jon & Lisa Grahe** of Tacoma. They have a 19641/2 blue two door coupe.

Shout Outs

George Ftikas has entered hospice care. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Heidi Geise celebrates the end of chemo but additional cancer treatments continue.

We hear **Paul Geise** got "jello shots" in his knee – oh maybe that was a gel shot.

As we look forward to a brighter 2021 and the end of a difficult, confusing and unusual 2020—please continue do everything you can to keep yourself and others healthy. An end is in sight.

Purpose Statement

In the spirit of fun, community, and education, we are a social group promoting a stronger fellowship through cruises, shows, and charity involvement for our members and local communities. Additionally, we support the preservation and maintenance of all Mustang and Ford Motor products.

Mustang of the Month

David & Colleen Cushion

1968 Sunlit Gold Coupe, 2005 Sonic Blue GT, and 2002 Blue Thunderbird Convertible

As a lifelong Ford fan, I've especially liked the 50's Fairlanes, Thunderbirds, and F100's then in 1964, the Mustang caught my attention and as the Mustang evolved over the years, I've generally preferred the first two generations even though I couldn't afford one at the time.

In 1979 we bought our first 1965 289 coupe with later model high back bucket seats and I think more bondo than steel in the left quarter panel. This was the car that Colleen learned how to drive in. Though I had intentions of restoring the car, I received orders for overseas and had to sell the car before much work was done. In 1983 we returned from England and I found a 1966 289 coupe that was for sale cheap (\$300). This car was literally in pieces and was delivered to our house behind a dump truck with the drive train and many body parts in the truck.

I spent four years restoring the car and finished it just before receiving orders for overseas again. This time, I loaned the car to my sister till we returned from overseas. This is when

we saw a local car show of antique vehicles in town with a couple of Mustangs which caught my attention. We ended up joining the club which was part of the Antique Auto Club of America and did local tours with the club. We had our 1966 for ten years but after we purchased our 1968



Mustang coupe in 2002 we no longer had enough room in the garage for the 66 so we sold it in 2003.

I've been slowly restoring the 68 over the years having completed it mechanically and most of the interior is done and hope to be finished next year. However, I've been hesitant to do much with the exterior since the body and paint are still all the original.

In early 2004, I started reading about the newly designed Mustang and seeing pictures of the new concept. This new design was reportedly reminiscent of the early Mustang designs with modern technology which again caught my attention. In Dec 2004 a co-worker bought a 6 cylinder version and I was impressed even more and decided that I wanted one.

In January 2005 we went to our local Ford dealer and ordered our 2005 Mustang GT specifying the external and

internal colors, along with options including the striping. According to the literature, the white stripe wasn't available

and the "MUSTANG" stripe along the bottom of the door was only available on the 6 cylinder models at the time, but the dealer was able to accommodate me. I had a picture of a 1965 Mustang Fastback that was the inspiration for my selections. At the time we were ordering



the car, the sales person tried to convince me to change my choice of interior color, but when he did see the actual car, he said that I did make a good choice. We finally got our first "new" Mustang which we eventually took delivery of in March 2005.

We've primarily used our Mustang for Sunday drives or special outings. Whenever we've moved, the Mustangs were always shipped by enclosed transportation and stored in enclosed storage facilities till we were able to move the car to our own garage. The car has been shipped from Utah where we purchased it, to Virginia, and eventually to here in Washington. In December of 2009 we shipped our vehicles for one of Colleen's co-workers to receive them and put them in enclosed storage. They remained in storage till the summer of 2011 when our garage was finished and we were able to bring them home. Leaving them in storage for that long required going out to the storage facility each month and starting each vehicle to keep them operational.

Over time, we've made a few minor modifications to the car. The first one was the "Stars and Stripes Pony" in the grill. Since then, other modifications such as the Roush Hood scoop and hood hinges, "Ford Racing" cool air intake and exhaust, and sequential turn signals have been made a little at a time over the years and though the car is nearly 16 years old, is still has less than 20,000 miles on it.

We missed going out on cruises and car shows when we first moved to Washington, but I think it was 2015 or 16 that a fellow Mustang owner told me about the Ford and Mustang car show hosted by the Pierce County Mustang Club at Griot's garage. I decided to check it out and was hooked. We decided to join the club and as they say, the rest is history.

David & Colleen Cushion

Reprinted (with Some Modifications): ART'S GREETING RULES

As my husband and I drive around on our limited excursions during this crazy year, it seems that these courtesies from GVMA have been forgotten or maybe they were never known. So here they are thanks to Art from Greater Vancouver Mustang Association.

- 1. When two convertibles approach each other with the tops down, summer *or* winter, waving is required. As to which driver should initiate the wave, this is optional, but it is generally agreed that the "younger-Mustang rule" would apply. For example, the driver of a 1973 waves first to the driver of a 1965, who immediately responds.
- 2. When two Mustangs of the same year, model, & color meet, it goes without saying that waving is compulsory. The amusing aspect of this infrequent situation is the speed with which the drivers wind down their windows, attempting to beat the other in giving the initial wave.
- 3. When a member spots the Mustang of one of the Club Board Members approaching, it is of course imperative that the member initiates a wave. Further, if it is *that* pony with our President at the wheel, the approaching member must bring his or her pony to an immediate halt, leap out and stand at attention until the Mustang passes, then spring smartly back into the seat (ignoring the rear-ending mayhem behind), and drive off quickly.
- 4. The final encounter requiring modest acknowledgement is simply the one in which two club member-cars approach each other. The younger-Mustang rule *does* apply in this case, and it is a sure sign of skilled Mustang recognition when the 1972 driver waves first to the 1971 driver.

There are other occasions when waving is advisable, though not obligatory. For example when *any* two Mustangs meet, it is a sign of

recognition and congeniality that the drivers wave to one another, and it also demonstrates to lesser marques something of the Mustang mystique.

There are many situations which should be left up to the discretion of the individual Mustanger, but here are a couple of problem situations which were brought up by some members last year:

"What about Shelbys?" Now there's a tricky one. Obviously, if it's a 1966 GT350 Convertible, you honk repeatedly and wave frantically. Otherwise, waving should of course take place, but who initiates the wave? Perhaps the best way to solve this would be to ask yourself: "Who started it all ... Lee lacocca or Carroll Shelby?"

"What about classic Fords?" Another difficult question. If the approaching car is a nice 1932 Roadster, a 1940 Coupe, or a 1948 Lincoln Continental, a wave could most certainly be given. One might even wave at an oncoming Edsel, if only to acknowlege the driver's tenacity.

These, then, are the Mustang-greeting guidelines, which could be advantageously adopted by *any* Mustang club. As long as you follow the first four without fail, you will be maintaining the Mustang-greeting tradition and will inevitably experience a prosperous & satisfying year on the road!

Thank you Art Hughes for educating us on the Rules of the Road for Mustangs and Classic Fords. (and PCMC members—please remember that rule 3 is tongue in cheek and don't cause accidents if you see your president driving by)

...Art Hughes, Greater Vancouver Mustang Association #29

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Need A Part—Steve Howe has a deal for you!

Anyone need original 4 leaf springs for a '67 Mustang Coupe?

Steve is GIVING THEM AWAY—FREE—NOT A PENNY—YOURS for the Asking!

Contact Steve at 253-531-6887

Past Events

LIGHTS..MUSTANGS..TRAFFIC JAM Dec 12

Organized by Monika Kirkland and Nancy Freeman

Photos by Nancy Freeman and Jerry Murphy

Submitted by Nancy Freeman

When there is COVID and you live in a phase 2 county restricting you to outside activities and the hottest event around are holiday light parades...what a great way to stay in your car and be safe...yup that's what the other 940,890 residents of Pierce County thought too!

After enduring a one hour stop and go to cover 3 blocks in Lakewood most of the members decided to either bag it, find a back area to park and walk the parade or just move on to Fantasy Lights in Spanaway—well the get in lines there also required patience.

Still is was wonderful to have the opportunity to meet up and wish other club members happy holidays.

Many thanks to Monika and Nancy for helping organize and to Jerry Murphy for providing dash plaques and photos.













Future Club Events

Cruising with the Club: Mustangs Not Required, Enthusiasm Is!

2021 Events - Nothing to Do...Not Us!

Month	Even(all pending COVID)	Organizer					
Jan	(Open)						
Feb	(Open)						
March	St Patrick's Day Cruise	Murphy					
	Griot's Tech Day	Botsford					
April	Daffodil Parade	Geise/Willert					
	Nat'l Mustang Day—Carriage Museum	Deck					
	EFN (April 24th)	Freeman					
May	Lighthouse Cruise	Freeman					
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June	Rainiers' Game	Geise					
July	Hood River 2 Day—Antique Air & Auto Museum	Geise					
· August	Algona Parade ?						
ragaot	PCMC Show	Rivera					
	PCMC Picnic	????					
Sept	Crystal Mountain Picnic	Kirkland					
Oct	North Bend Elk Herd & Forest Reserve	Edwards					
	EFN	Freeman					
Nov	Veteran's Day Cruise	Murphy					
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Dec	Santa Parade	Willert					
* Specific dates will be determined when we get closer to events & know what the regulations will be							

January 2021

See website for details www.piercecountymustangclub.com

Hobby Month, Clean Up Your Computer Month, Oatmeal Month, Soup Month

At A Glance:

Jan 5—PCMC Board Meeting—MSTeam at 6:30
Jan 19—PCMC Club Meeting—Zoom at 6:30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ring a Bell Day	2 Science Fiction Day
3 Festival of Sleep Day	4 Trivia Day	5 Whipped Cream Day PCMC Bd Mtg 6:30— MSTeam	6 Bean Day	7 Bobblehead Day	8 Bubble Bath Day	$oldsymbol{9}_{ApricotDay}$
10 Peculiar People Day	11 Heritage Treasures Day	12 Maripan Day	13 Sticker Day	14 Interna- tional Kite Day	15 Bagel Day	16 Nothing Day
17 Kid Inventors' Day	18 Martin Luther King Day	19 Popcorn Day PCMC Club Mtg 6:30 Zoom	20 Cheese Lovers Day	21 Hugging Day	22 Hot Sauce Day	23 Pie Day
24 Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day (online)	25 Peanut Butter Day	26 Opposite Day	27 Chocolate Cake Day	28 Interna- tional Lego Day	29 Puzzle Day	30 Seed Swap Day
31 Back- ward Day						

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Next Club Meeting

Jan 19th —Tuesday
On
ZOOM

6:30pm—7:30pm

