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Service Dogs for Veterans Charity Car Show

SUNDAY
4/12/2026
(Rain date 4/19)



TIME
2PM-5PM
\$20 ENTRY
\$10 DISPLAY

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January/February 2026

President's Props

Hi FMC Family.

Well, 2026 is under way and the weather is starting to warm up. I would love to personally thank McCoy Ford for partnering with us again this year by sponsoring FMC for 2026. Please help show your appreciation to them any chance you get. We missed our January meeting because of the ice storm but had a great group for our February meeting at Dave & Busters. Thank you to everyone that could make it out. We missed all of those that couldn't make it. We heard a lot about what the club members had been up to and about all the things we have coming up for 2026. I hope to see everyone out at the many events we have ahead. We are working towards our first Charity Car Show of the season to raise money for Service Dogs for Veterans so if you would like to be involved, please let me or any of our officers and board members. FMC is also heading up to PITS for the day on March 28th. Our Vice President has been invited to display his 1983 Fox Body Convertible inside the convention center. We also had an article written by board member Scott Unger, published in this February's Issue of the Mustang Times. It was about our involvement with the Service Dogs for Veterans organization. Look it up and enjoy the article. Be sure to keep an eye out on our website, foothillsmustangclub.org as well as our Facebook Page and monthly Newsletter for all the activities headed our way. I hope to see everyone soon. Be safe on the roads and enjoy those Stangs. I love our FMC family.

Clayton Gibson

President – FMC

A message from the Chairman of the Board

Hello everyone.

Thank you to everyone that made it out to our last meeting at Dave and Busters. I hope everyone had a great time, Also, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members, I look forward to meeting everyone. Keep an eye out on the events tabs as we have a lot of upcoming events. We will be doing a day trip to Ponies in the Smokies in TN. We'll be meeting at Hardee's in TR and pulling out at 8am on March 28th. I'm hoping to see a decent group. See everyone at the next monthly meeting. We also will be needing volunteers for our car show on April 12th. If you interested in volunteering, please sign up. We definitely can't do the shows without our amazing volunteers.

Joshua Fowler

A message from the Vice President

March is already here. We have a show coming up soon so please volunteer to help where you can. Our sponsor, McCoy Ford, will have some great events for us to attend this Spring through the summer. I will have my 83 Mustang at Ponies in the Smokies in the inside display. Josh will host a drive up there on Saturday March 28th. I hope to see you there.

Thanks

Brett

Message from our Webmaster

As a reminder, the FMC website allows Members to renew their membership on-line as well as includes information on upcoming events and how to purchase FMC logo apparel and merchandise. Questions or suggestions regarding the FMC website and its contents, including adding or updating pictures of your car (or cars) to the Foothills Mustang Stable or Members Only page, can be submitted to Eric Hankinson, Webmaster, at info@foothillsmustangclub.org.

Thanks,
Eric



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2026 Meetings

Meal begins at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:00pm

<p>March 23 Logan's Roadhouse 53 Beacon Drive – Greenville, SC</p>	<p>April 27 Fuddruckers 1147 Woodruff Rd – Greenville, SC</p>
<p>May 18 Lake Bowen Fish House <u>TBD</u> (3rd Mon – Memorial Day) 8580 SC-9 – Inman, SC</p>	<p>June 22 Quaker Steak & Lube 10 Chrome Drive – Greenville, SC</p>
<p>July 27 Carson's Steak House 150 W. Beltline Blvd – Anderson, SC</p>	<p>August 24 Dave & Busters 1025 Woodruff Rd – Greenville, SC</p>
<p>September 28 Logan's Roadhouse 53 Beacon Drive – Greenville, SC</p>	<p>October 26 Fuddruckers 1147 Woodruff Rd – Greenville, SC</p>
<p>November 23 Los Mayas Mexican Grill – <u>TBD</u> 1304 SC-357 – Lyman, SC</p>	<p>December 16 Christmas Party Location to be determined</p>

2026 Officers, Board of Directors, and Other Points of Contact

<p>President Clayton Gibson president@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>	<p>Vice President Brett Looper vice.president@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>	
<p>Treasurer Lou Manglass treasurer@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>	<p>Secretary Bonnie Neibauer secretary@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>	
<p>Newsletter Editor Scott Unger ponyexpress@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>	<p>Activities Coordinator Position Open</p>	
<p>Webmaster Eric Hankinson admin@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>		
<p>Chairman of the Board of Directors Joshua Fowler chair@foothillsmustangclub.org</p>		
<p>Board Member and MCA Representative John Crabtree</p>	<p>Board Member Scott Unger</p>	<p>Board Member Jim Rapp</p>
<p>Board Member Karen Manglass</p>	<p>Board Member Kevin Williams</p>	<p>Board Member Sally Sable</p>



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Foothills Car show positions

April 12th Car Show for The Service Dogs for Veterans

Foothills Show coordinator: **Clayton Gibson**

Set up and teardown helper: **Scott Unger**

Set up and teardown helper: _____

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Foothills Club coordinator with charity: **Clayton Gibson**

Food Truck Vendor Coordinator(s): **Joshua Fowler**

Greeters: _____

Parking Coordinator or captains: _____

Parking Helpers: _____

Trophy coordinator (Purchases and coordinates the delivery): **Clayton Gibson**

Photographer: **Scott Unger**

Day of show Registration help:

Participants sign up lead: _____

Sign up helpers: _____

Club Membership Coordinator at site: **John Crabtree**

DJ/ MC: _____

Basket Raffle coordinators: _____

Basket Raffle ticket sellers: _____

50/50 Ticket seller at show: _____

Miscellaneous Support: _____, _____

Tabulator: **John Crabtree**



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Upcoming Club Activities

March 7 Bruce Hatfield Annual Car Show
Swofford Career Center 10am-3pm 5620 SC Hwy 11 – Inman, SC

March 13-15 Motorama- Greenville Convention Center
Greenvillemotorama.com for schedules and details


March 14 St. Patrick’s Day Parade

March 23-28 Ponies in the Smokies Pigeon Forge, TN
Poniesinthesmokies.com for schedule and details

Look for spontaneous events, those with less than a month’s planning, on the two Facebook Pages

The “[FMC MEMBERS ONLY](#)” page and the “[Foothills Mustang Page](#)”
and the [FMC Website](#) where you can subscribe to the email alerts

For Local Car Shows, please use this link to [Upstate Car Cruises](#).



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Welcome our new members!





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February 2026 Meeting





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February 2026 Meeting Minutes

(There are no meeting minutes for January as the meeting was cancelled due to the weather)

Prepared by Bonnie Neibauer

Location: Dave & Buster's Woodruff Road. Call to Order

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Clayton Gibson at 7:08 PM.

Quorum Confirmation

Clayton Gibson called for a motion to confirm a quorum for the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Crabtree and carried.

Welcome and Acknowledgments

Clayton Gibson welcomed all attendees and inquired if there were any birthdays in January or February. He congratulated Sally Sable and Carol Unger on their birthdays.

Introduction of Officers and Board Members

Clayton introduced the officers and board members of the Foothills Mustang Club:

Officers:

- President: Clayton Gibson
- Vice President: Brett Looper
- Secretary: Bonnie Neibauer
- Treasurer: Louis Manglass

Board of Directors:

- Chairman: Joshua Fowler
- MCA Representative and Membership: John Crabtree
- Pony Express Newsletter Editor in Chief: Scott Unger
- Kevin Williams, James Rapp, Sally Sable, and Karen Manglass, Scott Unger

Absent: Kevin Williams

Webmaster: Eric Hankinson

Introduction of New Members

Clayton Gibson and John Crabtree introduced three new members:

- Jim Worley of Piedmont- 1970 Boss 302 (white), 1971 Boss 351 (blue)
- Allen Barkley of Six Mile- 2013 GT Convertible (white)
- Brandon Moore of Tryon- 2016 GT coupe (black)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Clayton asked if everyone had reviewed the December 10 meeting minutes published in the Pony Express Newsletter, and inquired if any modifications or amendments were needed. The January 26 meeting was cancelled due to Winter Storm warning. Scott Unger moved to accept the minutes. The motion was accepted and seconded.

Treasury Report

Treasurer, Louis Manglass shared the 2025 Financial Report: Starting balance was \$5,581.40, income totaled \$8,213.21 (subtotal \$13,794.62), expenses were \$10,566.38, leaving \$3,228.24 in January 2026—\$2,353.17 less than January 2025. January 2026 dues added \$80, raising the February 2026 bank balance to \$3,725. The treasury report was accepted and seconded.



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MCA Regional Director and Membership Report

John Crabtree provided details about the Mustang Club of America (MCA) and its benefits. You can view the various MCA membership levels at <https://mustang.org/membership-account/levels/>.

John also pointed out that Foothills Mustang Club members receive discounts at Ford dealerships when presenting their FMC membership card:

- 10% off over-the-counter parts at Fairway Ford
- 10% off service at Benson Ford
- 25% off in-store parts at McCoy Ford (Tier One Sponsor)

MCA National Car Shows 2026

Information on MCA National Car Shows can be found at <https://mustang.org/events/category/national-mca-shows/>.

March 2026

- River City Mustang Stampede: Jacksonville, FL, March 27–29, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM. Register at mcashows.com.
- Ponies in the Smokies: Sevierville, TN, National Show & driving event, March 23–28. Group ride with Joshua Fowler on March 28.

May 2026

- Ponies in the Ozarks MCA National Car Show & driving event: May 21–24, Ozark International Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO.

August 2026

- Mustang Club of America 50th Anniversary: Track event & show, August 28–30, Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA.

Mustang Museum in Concord, NC

The club has six passes available through Clayton Gibson for members to visit the Mustang Museum. FMC also has a commemorative brick at the Museum.

Webmaster Update

Eric Hankinson requests photos of you and your Mustangs for the club website. Use the form on FMC's site to submit or update your car photo and biography.

Pony Express Newsletter and Awards

Scott Unger presented the February 2026 edition of Mustang Times, which includes a comprehensive four-page article highlighting FMC's Service Dogs for Veterans of Greenville charity. The piece is highly informative and features quality photography. Thank you, Scott!

Scott mentioned that the application for the MCA President's Award has been submitted and is currently under review by MCA. The club needs to provide documentation of activities totaling 100 points.

Foothills Mustang Club Merchandise

Clayton Gibson has FMC patches for \$5.00 each, perfect for hats, jackets, or vests. Mustang-shaped name badges are also available. You may choose a magnetic version for \$15.00 or a pin type for \$11.00, both offered in silver or gold and customizable with your name and car model. Additionally, Eric has located a local supplier for T-shirts, caps, and sweatshirts; you can find further details at <https://foothillsmustangclub.org/fmc-apparel>.



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Future Events

- **February 21:** Hockey Game. Contact Scott Unger if interested; need ten people for group seating.
- **March 13-15:** Greenville Motorama at the Greenville Convention Center. FMC will not be entering any Mustangs
- **March 14:** Greenville Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. Bonnie Neibauer submitted a Marching Group Interest form. Lineup is at 8:30 am; parade starts at 10 am and the festival ends at 8 pm. Vendor spots are sold out. John and Janet Crabtree will meet participants in the Saint Francis Hospital parking lot (414 Pettigru Street) to decorate our Mustangs. See the FMC website for details.
- **March 28:** Foothills Philharmonic Concert at Covenant Church (1310 Old Spartanburg Rd, Greer, SC). Ray Neibauer, 1st Violinist, says Olivia Lee—Future Star winner—will perform. Free concert, reception, and parking.
- **April 12:** FMC Spring Car Show (Rain Date: April 19), 2–5 pm. Based on member feedback, the show is now on Sunday for fewer hours. This year's charity is Service Dogs for Veterans of Greenville. Visit our website for details.
- July 18: Mustangs in the Valley, 3374 Soco Road, Maggie Valley, NC

Club Policies

Alcohol Reminders

Clayton Gibson reminded everyone that alcoholic drinks are prohibited at any FMC event, in line with the MCA By-Laws and insurance requirements. After events end, members may make their own decisions but are encouraged to drink responsibly.

Next Meeting

March 23, 2026 – Logan’s Roadhouse 53 Beacon Drive, Greenville.

Adjournment

Clayton Gibson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.



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Activities in February

Greenville Swamp Rabbits game night, February 21st.





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Remember to check out your FMC Apparel Store for Custom Logo and Personalized Shirts and Merchandise. Go To:
www.foothillsmustangclub.org/fmc-apparel



Check out the new car magnets on John's car!

Get yours. We just received a new batch!
Just contact John at foothillsmustangclub.1979@gmail.com



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Discounts available to Foothills Members

Show your Foothills Mustang Club membership card for:

10% off at Fairway Ford for the over the counter

10% of service at **Benson Ford**

McCoy Ford offers:

15% for parts

FMC Members who refer a customer to McCoy Ford will receive **\$100 directly from McCoy Ford** if the referral results in the purchase of any new or used vehicle. In addition, McCoy Ford will make a separate \$500 donation to FMC as a result of a purchase either from a member or Website referral.

MCA Member Discounts

Log in to MCA website www.mustang.org for special code.

Insurance: Hagerty.com – 5% discount for MCA members, mention MCA

Apparel & Accessories: themustangtrailer.com – 10% off code: DISC11, wickedquick.com – 10% code:

Mustang club, showsigncustoms.com – 10% off ShowCal orders, code: MCA10

Car Care Products: Covercraft carcoversdirect.com – 5% off mention MCA

FordShowParts.com (phone-in orders only). Mention MCA Membership

Parts Distributors: CJ PonyParts cjponyparts.com – 6% off with code **awaiting new code**

Links to other Mustang and car Websites:

Clubs:

Mustang Club of America (MCA): www.mustang.org

Mustang 6 Association: <http://mustang6association.org/>

Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC):

Mustang Unleashed www.MustangUnleashed.com

Ford Performance Website –www.fordperformance.com.

Forums

AllFordMustangs: <http://www.allfordmustangs.com/>

MustangForums: <http://mustangforums.com/>

Shelby Forums: <https://www.saac.com/forum/>

CarTalk: <http://www.cartalk.com/>

Mustang6G.com: <https://www.mustang6g.com/>

TrackMustangsOnline: <https://trackmustangsonline.com/>

The Mustang Source: [The Mustang Source - Ford Mustang Forums/](http://TheMustangSource.com)

Registries

Special Vehicle Registry www.specialvehicleregistry.com.

Windveil Blue Registry: <https://p3stangs.com/>

Yellow Mustang Registry: <http://www.yellowmustangregistry.com/>

Red Mustang Registry: <http://www.allredmustangs.com/>

Blue Mustang Registry: <http://www.bluemustangregistry.com/>

Silver and Gray <https://www.silvermustangs.com/>

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Museums

MUSTANG OWNER'S MUSEUM

The Foothills Mustang Club is a charter member of the Mustang Owner's Museum located in Concord, North Carolina. <https://www.mustangownersmuseum.com/>

The club has 6 passes for the museum, contact Clayton Gibson to make arrangements to receive them. (They are permanent passes and must be returned after use.)

Museum Podcasts: <https://www.mustangownersmuseum.com/podcast.html>

Mustang Museum of America (Alabama): <https://mustangmuseumofamerica.com/>

The Puzzler, Stolen fair and square from Car Talk (Tom & Ray's Radio show)

Many years ago, I was driving my Ford Aerostar down the road in Arlington, Texas, in June when all of a sudden, I heard a muffled bang that was immediately followed by the motor dying.

I pulled off to the side of the road and popped the hood and looked to see what had happened.

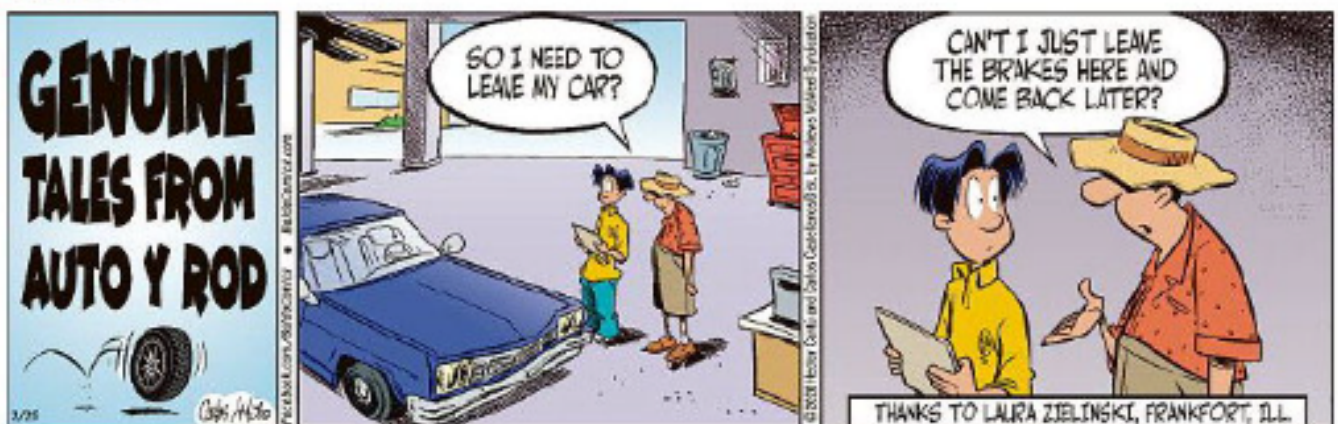
Once I saw what had happened, I thought this was going to cost a lot to have fixed.

I closed the hood, got back in the van, started the engine, and drove off.

So, it was a muffled bang from under the hood. I looked at it and said it would cost a lot to fix it. Then started the engine up and drove away.

The puzzler question is, what happened?

BALDO HECTOR D. CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS





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Bonnie sends this along.

I am feeling optimistic that our 1970 convertible will be back on the road in time for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on March 14. OSAS sent me photos of its engine replacement today, and it is looking great. I still have not heard back from the parade committee, but John has agreed to let me meet up with him at the St Francis Hospital lot. Will crash the parade like in *Animal House* if not!



Announcement

When possible, Membership Renewal Notices will be sent via email to each person a month before they expire. Send an email to John Crabtree at foothillsmustangclub.1979@gmail.com if you would like to check on your status.

The answer for the Puzzler.

So, what happened here?

So, remember, it is June, in Texas, which means it is hot.

It's hot in June, and he has the air conditioner on, of course. And when he's driving along, the high pressure hose from the air conditioner compressor blows, filling the engine compartment with refrigerant. It blows all the oxygen out of the engine compartment. And because it comes out in such a huge volume at such high pressure, it displaces all the oxygen necessary for combustion. The freon is not supportive of combustion, and the engine stops running.

As soon as he opens the hood, the stuff has a chance to dissipate. He sees the broken hose. He knows this is gonna cost some series of money. And, of course, he closes the hood and drives off.

Keep us up to date and current!

Let us know when your address changes (email and home), add or change phone numbers, or you add or remove a car from your stable. (Hope you add rather than remove).

Please contact us as we want to keep our records as current as possible. Besides those addresses, we have a photo section on the website that depicts our Mustangs, project cars and other vehicles of interest for sharing, so send those to admin@foothillsmustangclub.org .

Send emails to or use the USPS to:

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Editor's remarks

As always, send your ideas and corrections to me at ponyexpress@foothillsmustangclub.org.

Scott Unger, Newsletter Editor