



PONY TALES

Gatlinburg Cruise-06

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March 4th dawned cool as we all met at the Oakwood Park n Ride. Richard & Linda Groont, Tom & Jeanne Longerbeam, David & Jodi Anne Osborn, David & Sherry Johnson and John Garrett started off on the annual spring get-away. We stopped at the Dillard House for the traditional breakfast where the hostess kept us laughing through the whole meal. We continued on to Cherokee and the trip over the mountain to Gatlinburg. When we arrived in Gatlinburg we were greeted with massive road con-



struction on the main drag. So much for the traditional cruising the boulevard. Since cruising was out, we spent a few hours checking out the shops and trying to find stuff to

buy that we didn't need. We had dinner at the Hard Rock and socialized at the Osborn room till late in the night. Sunday after breakfast we headed for home. On the way, we stopped at the Whistle Stop Antiques Mall for a little more shopping. I can't wait till next year to do it again. Maybe we can cruise if the street is completed.

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NEGMC Charitable Contribution History

When Northeast Georgia Mustang Club began sponsoring a Toys for Tots car show, we decided to donate to proceeds to local charities so that we could see the benefit of the donation. We originally gave between \$1200 and \$1500 each year, divided between the Quinn House in Lawrenceville -- a school for developmentally challenged children; Safe Haven Ministries -- a home for displaced boys (now out of existence); Circle of Hope -- a home for abused women and children fleeing abusive spouses; and South Habersham Middle School -- located in Cornelia, (the adjoining town to Demorest, where our club was chartered) which has a substantial population of students who live at or below the poverty level. Local organizations are often operating on a shoe string and find their budgets at the mercy of the economy of the surrounding area. In recent years, many of these organizations have contacted our club to let us know how much they appreciate our support and how our donations have made their work possible. I can personally attest to the need of students at SHMS and the benefit that comes from helping these families. Daphne, our school counselor, is very selective in choosing parents to help. She makes sure that they families are truly in need and will appreciate what is done for them. Each year that our club has donated to the school, students have been helped with essentials such as shoes, jeans, jackets, and school supplies. Daphne always tries to include something extra for the children, but she is a very careful shopper and generally is able to talk local stores into discounts.

Carole Church

2005 NEGMC Charitable Contribution Thank You

Northeast Georgia Mustang Club Rings True...

I received a phone call at school from a sweet widowed mother with 3 children. She was timidly asking for some Christmas assistance. I knew that all the resources that I could tap into were depleted and deadlines had passed for various others. I told her that I would see what I could do. I hung up the phone and sadness came over me about the year that this woman had endured with the loss of her husband. I made some phone calls about Christmas help and the answers I got were not what I wanted to hear. At the end of the school day I left to go home but with a burdened heart for this family. The next morning a true blessing was received. Mrs. Church walked in with a generous donation from your club. I immediately called this precious woman and told her that her family was taken care of for Christmas. There was silence and I thought we were disconnected. I said hello? That's when I heard the sniffles and a sweet broken voice say God Bless you and whomever did this. She preceded to give me sizes of clothes, coats, and shoes, and we shopped for her family that day. This Christmas she will be without a husband and the three children without an earthly father, but you have allowed the true meaning of Christmas to ring in their hearts forever.

God Bless you all!!!
Daphne Penick, school counselor
South Habersham Middle School

MARCH MEETING

The next meeting will be held at Osborn Printing in Lawrenceville on March 19th at 1:30 pm.

We have some very important business to discuss concerning the MCA's redistricting of our region. Make plans to attend because we need your input for the club's future.

The address is 101 Ridgecrest Drive. To get there, Take Highway 29 to

Lawrenceville and Ridgecrest drive intersects with 29 near the Central Gwinnett High School. If traveling toward Lilburn, Ridgecrest Drive will be on the right. If traveling toward Lawrenceville downtown, it will be on the left. The phone number is 770-962-7556 or David's Cell is 770-356-9431 in the event you get disoriented.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Sean Brown
John Garrett
David Irvin
Rod Morgan
Jeanne Longerbeam

Tom Longerbeam

Happy Anniversary

Randy & Brenda Fleeman

Events

Mar 19th—NEGMC Club Meeting

Mar 23-25—Pensacola Show

Mar 31-Apr 2—All Ford Show at the Cumming Fairgrounds. 866-841-1700 or www.fordsouth.com

Sept 23—Cherokee Show

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