

REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

**NORTHEAST GEORGIA MUSTANG CLUB**

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On Saturday, December 13, over 15 club vehicles from the Northeast Georgia Mustang Club caravanned to Cleveland, Georgia, to meet up with other club members to purchase toys to donate to Toys for Tots with the funds we raised during the year. The NGMC puts on two shows a year at Mustangs Unlimited in Lawrenceville and one in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. All proceeds from one of the Mustangs Unlimited shows benefits Toys for Tots, and excess proceeds from the other two shows and other club activities are also donated to Toys for Tots.

Thirty-plus NGMC members stormed Walmart and were able to spend just under \$6,000 on toys for children from toddler to 17 in about 45 minutes. This is something we do every year; it's one of the highlights of our year and we have a blast with the shopping. As a club, we had a great year with great weather for all of our shows, enabling us to nearly double our highest amount donated in previous years.

After checking out, the toys were loaded up in our Mustangs and a couple of SUVs, along with another SUV

already loaded with toys collected at our November show, and we caravanned a short distance to the local Toys for Tots drop-off site at Jacky Jones Ford, where we "buried" a 2015 GT in the showroom with the toys. After pictures, we had our December meeting, then headed over to one of our favorite BBQ joints, Havg

Wild BBQ in Clarkesville, for a late lunch. We're already looking forward to this event next year and all our other activities that lead up to it. What could be better? We get to play with our Mustangs and do something good in the community that benefits many needy children in our club's charter area.



Rick and Georgianne Schmidts' Fox convertible was decorated for the day.



Some of the NGMC gang shopping for toys at Walmart.



After shopping with Santa, NGMC club members set up a photo op with a Marine representative, a new 2015 from Jacky Jones Ford, and club members Rick and Georgianne Schmidts' Fox-body convertible.

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Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Saturday April 25th at Sopranos Grill in Braselton at 3:00. The address is 5783 Old Winder Highway, Braselton, GA 30517 and their website is www.sopranosgrill.com for a menu.

Club Featured in April Issue of Mustang Times

Our clubs Toys for Tots purchasing and dropoff event in December was featured in a Regional Spotlight in the April issue of the MCA's monthly magazine, see article to the left.

Maggie Valley 2015

The 42nd Annual Shelby/Mustang and Ford Meet in Maggie Valley, NC has been scheduled for Saturday August 29th with a rain date of Sunday August 30th. If the rain date is not needed, we will run a rally on some of beautiful back roads surrounding Maggie Valley benefitting Toys for Tots, pictures from last year to the bottom left.

**Northeast Georgia Mustang Club**

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What a coup, a Saleen S7 showed up.

Rick & Georgianne Schmidt and Steve & Jan Harrison went to Florida in March and took part in one of the car shows at the Amelia Island Concours. Hopefully they will give us a short summary of their experience at the April meeting.



L-R Steve, Jan, Georgianne, Rick



Socializing after the ham and potluck feast,

The club's after Xmas party was held on Saturday evening January 17th at Jaemor Farms. We all stuffed ourselves on the potluck dinner and desserts, socializing before and after eating. After dinner we held a club meeting, and then the highlight of the evening



Car talk? And a roaring fire.

the white elephant gift exchange. Many laughs were had as gifts, some serious some gag, were opened, taken and re-taken from each other. There was the usual assortment of re-gifted items from past years, and most left with a smile.

Welcome to Our New Members

Charles Morton	Auburn	'96 GT
Joanne Kensy	Jefferson	'13 GT
Jaime & Kristin Ruff	Alpharetta	'15 GT Convertible & '07 GT
Rusty & Cathy Kepley	Buford	'09 GT
Liz Trotter	Braselton	'93 GT
Mickey & Darlene Allison	Dawsonville	'12 Boss 302
John Estelle	Alto	'04 Convertible
Josh & April Toney	Commerce	'68 Fastback
Telford & Karen Dalton	Demorest	'04 Roush Stage 1
Sean & Heather Herring	Dacula	'04 GT

Mitty at Road Atlanta

Vintage cars road racing at Road Atlanta on April 25th and 26th. Club corrals and we were invited to join the Tara Regional Mustang Club, so if you're interested in going, I can put you in touch with someone from that club, more info on Road Atlanta's website.

MCA National Augusta, GA

Several of us are planning on attending the MCA National show in Grovetown (Augusta), GA Memorial Day weekend, May 22-24. If you want to join us, we will be driving over Friday morning and coming back Sunday evening. We are staying at the host hotel, Holiday Inn Express 706-396-4600, MCA rate \$104 Code GSS, however you can get the rooms for \$93 with AARP or AAA.

Tara Regional's show at Auto Nation Ford in Union City

This is one of our sister MCA Regional Club's show from 9-3 on Saturday May 16th. We will put together a cruise down to the show, we had 5 or 6 cars go last year, let's double that this year. It's a judged show with many classes, so great chance to take home a trophy and have a great time with fellow club members.

High Speed Fun at Atlanta Motorsports Park in Dawsonville

If you aren't going to the MCA National in Augusta this weekend, and are looking for some track time, the Music City Mustang Club's High Speed Fun driving event is Friday 5/22 and Saturday 5/23. This is a controlled (speed limits and passing limits) driving event that we have participated in the last two years. You can do either of the days or both, and they have 3 classes, Novice, Intermediate, and Expert. The price is reasonable, less than \$200 per day, and gives you seven 15 minute sessions each day. There is the possibility of having an instructor ride with you if desired.

Hot Rod Night at Tiger Drive-in

Save the evening of Saturday May 2nd, Keith Corkern is putting together a club outing to Tiger Drive-in's Hot Rod night. Club should be able to park together for a double feature. We will cruise up together, probably from Oakwood, and he will have information on hotels in the area, if you want to stay over Saturday night, rather than doing the hour'ish drive back to the Oakwood area that night. The concession food is supposed to be good, and I'm betting they have popcorn. Should be a fun club outing.

Georgia Regional's show at Hardy Family Ford in Dallas

Another sister MCA Regional Club's show from 10-4 on Saturday May 30th. Another judged show with multiple classes. Come with us to show up their Chevy dealership next door again. They had a competing show last year that was, well not competitive

Choate Construction Charity & BBQ on 5/30 from 4-7

Steve Harrison is probably going to put together a group attending this event.

Monthly Cruise Ins

1st Saturday – Hoschton 5-9PM
1st Saturday (sometimes Sunday)– The Varsity Athens
1st Sunday – Auburn 1-5PM
2nd Saturday – Tucker 5-8PM
2nd Saturday – downtown Maysville 5-9PM
3rd Saturday – YearOne in Braselton
4th Saturday – Holly Hill Mall in Winder 5-8P
These should be starting in March or April.

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