

# NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB

## The Pony Express

# Celebrating Our 26<sup>th</sup> Year

## A LITTLE HISTORY TRIBUTE:

November 2017

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### *History*

The American muscle car, introduced in 1949, is an essential component of the car industry. In response to the sudden demand for faster cars at this time, Oldsmobile debuted its Rocket 88. The Rocket 88 had a high-compression overhead valve V8 in a lightweight Oldsmobile body. The body was the same platform as the Oldsmobile 76, which was designed for a six cylinder engine. This combination created the definition of a muscle car: a car with a light body and a powerful engine. The Rocket 88 dominated the NASCAR circuit in 1950, escalating the craze for speed.

### *Bootleggers*

The need for fast cars started with prohibition in the 1920s. Moonshiners and bootleggers wanted to be able to outrun police vehicles, so they started modifying their cars. As the years passed and prohibition ended, the Southern moonshiners became infamous for their modified cars. The moonshiners transformed their cars due to the demand for speed, handling, and cargo capacity. By the 1940s, these cars progressed to be more efficient. The moonshining business was not nearly as profitable as it was during prohibition; the moonshiners started to use their cars for racing. These remodeled cars dominated the street racing circuits and thus inspired the Oldsmobile Rocket 88.

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*Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently. . -*

*“Henry Ford”*

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## Message from the President

I would like to Thank Patty for setting up the AGM meeting even if we did miss her there.

And a **Big Thank-you to Betty's Restaurant** for a great meal.

We had a good show of members and our elections went well.

Not much change but we welcome those that have stepped forward to help run this club.

Thank-you

We will be looking for ideals and suggestions come forward in the New Year for events and meeting functions we are open to any ideals

There will be our first meeting Jan 21<sup>st</sup> with an e-mail to follow up on the details of the time closer to the date.

In the meantime hope to see lots of members out for the Annual Christmas Party.



Till Then Safe Cruising!!!  
Les

**Annual membership Dues are**  
**\$40.00**

Cheques can be made payable to

***Niagara Classic Mustang Club***

***217 Quaker Road***

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## NCMC Christmas Party

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Casa Blanca Winery Inn

4 Windward Dr. Grimsby

(Casa Blanca and QEW

Time- 5-6 meet and greet



Dinner: we will be ordeing from Bogeys menu



Please RSVP: by Novemebr 29<sup>th</sup>

To Pat Lucken: [pattiluc@sympatico.ca](mailto:pattiluc@sympatico.ca)

Or Janet Gilmore: [jegilmore4@gmail.com](mailto:jegilmore4@gmail.com)

**Please bring a unwrapped Christmas toy**  
**for our Tree of Little Angels**



## 2018 Ford Mustang GT wants to help you be a good neighbour



When you have a 460-horsepower V8 at your disposal in the 2018 Ford Mustang, things can get ... noisy. It's a blessing or a curse, depending on the situation.

Downshifting from sixth to fourth while going through a tunnel on the highway? Perfect. Sneaking into your neighbourhood in the middle of the night or heading to work at 6 a.m. on a Sunday while everyone else is fast asleep? Well, that's a bit tricky.

Thankfully, Ford has you covered with a couple of new tricks for the Mustang GT's active exhaust system – Quiet Start and Quiet Exhaust. The former lets drivers start up the Mustang GT without disturbing anyone, while latter keeps the V8's rumble to a minimum.

Both features can be programmed to activate between certain hours – perfect for sneaking out for a midnight drive or heading to work before sunrise. And once you've cleared your sleepy neighbourhood, the system can be deactivated. Neat, eh?

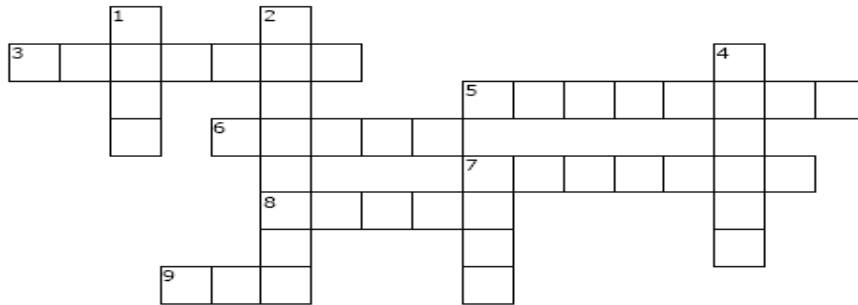
Steve von Forester, Ford's former head of vehicle engineering, originally came up with the idea. As the story goes, a neighbour of his complained to the police about his loud Shelby GT350. Von Forester left before the cops arrived, so he didn't end up with a ticket. He didn't get mad, either – instead, von Forester set out to make the Mustang GT a little more courteous.

Now it's up to Mustang owners to *actually* use the feature. Perhaps if Quiet Exhaust would automatically activate upon leaving Cars and Coffee meets, we'd be spared the mishaps.



# Veterans & Remembrance Day

"The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." - Douglas MacArthur



## ACROSS

3. Someone who fights when there is a war
5. Relating to the armed forces
6. A period free from war or violence
7. A day for celebration when many people stay home from work or school
8. To show no fear in times of danger
9. Fighting between two or more countries

## DOWN

1. A piece of cloth with a special color and pattern used to represent a country
2. To keep something or someone in your memory
4. a large number of people marching, walking, or riding in vehicles, usually as part of a celebration
7. A person who performs bravely in battle

peace	holiday	hero	brave	flag
military	parade	soldier	remember	war





## **From the Editor**

Would like to Wish Pete Watson a speedy recovery after his Heart Surgery Wish you well Pete!!

Was nice to see 20 members out for the AGM

Was a bit smaller group this year

But was a good meeting

Many doors prizes were won

And hope to see a good show for the Annual Christmas Party

I asked if we really need the newsletter since all the Info Is on the website

But the census was to continue at this time

Do need input from the membership to make a good newsletter or events

Send in the ideals

Diane & Bruce

To share Pictures forward to Stella

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## **Up Coming Events**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Event</b></u>	<u><b>Location</b></u>	<u><b>Time</b></u>
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	NCMC Annual Christmas Party	Casa Blanca Winery Inn 4 Windward Dr. Grimsby	5 for meet and greet
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	First meeting for 2018	Doc McGilligan's Niagara Falls	To be advised by Les

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**President :** Less Klodnicki

**Vice President:** Bruce Metcalf

**Secretary:** Stella Weir

**Treasurer:** Al Toner

**Newsletter;** Diane Holmes-Metclaf

**Membership:** Kathy McCalmont

**Past President:** Barry Andersen

**Website:** Stella Weir



## **Toy Drive Please bring a Toy to the Christmas Party**



*A&M November 4, 2017*



I will text Stella a Hi!!!



Everyone Smile 😊!



This was no fun no one donated to me to buy my first mustang car!!!!

This Pie is really Ummmmm Good



## NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB

### Annual General Meeting

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Betty's Restaurant, Chippawa

#### Attendees:

Roberta & Barry Mater, Crystal & Barry Mater, Barry & Ann Andersen, Ron & Doreen Mikolasek, Bill & Jennifer Adamson, Bob & Stella Weir, Al & Marg Toner, Diane & Bruce Metcalf, David & Kathy McCalmont, Paul & Ruby Goddard

1. The meeting was chaired by Les Klocknicki and was called to order at 7:55 pm. Stella Weir recorded the minutes of the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes from 2016 AGM.**  
Motion to Accept: Dave Barkman                      Seconded: Barry Andersen  
**CARRIED1**
3. **Treasurer's Report**  
Al Toner presented the Treasurer's report. Thanks to our sponsorships, the club was able to fully fund the 2016 Christmas dinner. Our available balance is \$xxxx  
Motion to Accept: Paul Goddard                      Seconded: Kathy McCalmont  
**CARRIED**
4. **Membership**  
Kathy McCalmont presented the membership report. We currently have 92 members on our registry. However, not all of them have paid their dues. It was agreed that those who have not paid their annual dues by the end of February will be removed from the list. Les will add a note to the Christmas party invitation regarding dues. There was discussion on the need to increase club fees from \$35 to \$40 per year.  
Motion to Increase Fees: Kathy McCalmont      Seconded: Bill Adamson  
**CARRIED**
5. **Newsletter**  
Diane Metcalf questioned the value of the newsletter since much of this information is repeated on the website. It was agreed that the newsletter is a valuable and enjoyable way to communicate and it should be continued. However, the frequency may change depending on the amount of club activity at the time (e.g. every 2 months during the winter or as appropriate).
6. **Website**  
Stella Weir presented some upgrades to our website suggested by our provider, Marie Mushing. Although they would modernize our site, there is not a lot of value to a club of our size. Stella will respond to Marie to get a quote on making a few changes to make the site more accessible and will get back to the executive before proceeding.  
Stella is trying to identify the owners of the cars posted on our Members Ride page on the site. She will be contacting members so we can post year and model on the site.  
Al Toner noted that the third party, Blue Host, that is involved with our site may not be required this year.



**7. Lancaster Photo**

We have a framed photo of member cars with the Lancaster taken in 2016. It was intended to go to Ed Learn Ford but that didn't happen. We will sell tickets at the Christmas party for a draw for the picture.

**8. New Business Elections**

Bruce Metcalf reviewed the positions available for the 2017 board.

All incumbents remain the same except for:

- Secretary - need someone to fill this role
- Sponsors/Advertisers - Paul Goddard will assist
- Hospitality Role - no longer required

The new slate is as follow:

President	Les Klodknicki
Vice-President	Bruce Metcalf
Past President	Barry Andersen
Secretary	TBD
Treasurer	Al Toner
Correspondence	Patty Lucken
Membership	Kathy McCalmont
Sponsors/Advertisers	Al Toner, Les Klodnicki, Paul Goddard
Events	Les Klodnicki
Website	Stella Weir
Merchandise	Les Klodnicki
Meeting location bookings	Barry Hardyman, Les Klodnicki

**Events**

Events for 2018 will be discussed at the January meeting which will be held on January 21 at Doc McGilligan's. Les will ask a representative from Wounded Warriors to speak at the meeting and we will present his with our cheque for 2017.

**9. Old Business**

Sponsors - We haven't ordered anything from Promotions Plus for 2 years and it was suggested that we may not want to ask them to renew. After some discussion it was decided that we should invite sponsors to our meetings to tell us about their wares/services. Lant Insurance has already asked to attend. Historic Licence Plates - Barry Andersen noted that the police have been cracking down on people using historic licence plates for regular use rather than 'show' related driving. It was also noted that it is advisable to use 'classic' designation rather than 'historic' to ensure that insurance coverage is valid. CAA is now offering this insurance coverage.

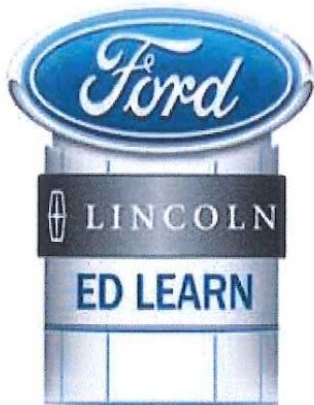
**10. Next Meeting**

Our Christmas party will be held on December 9, 2017 at Casablanca.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm: Dave Barkman    Seconded: Bill Adamson  
CARRIED





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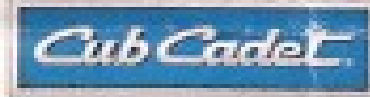
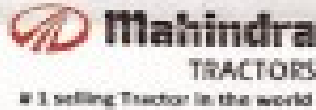
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