

NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB

Celebrating Our 26th Year

The Pony Express

A LITTLE HISTORY TRIBUTE:

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There is a rich tradition of art cars in history. An early example which I love is Sonia Delaunay's amazing art car, first created in 1925 using a Citroen B12. To me this car has come to embody the power of a creative vision which breaks beyond the traditional medium of the canvas, projecting into an aesthetic philosophy for life, and the power to make your own world.



A 'simultaneous' dress by Sonia Delaunay next to a Citroen B12, the first car she designed (1925)

I love the timeless magic of Sonia's car, she had a progressively modern attitude in the Twenties which I find very inspiring. She was as comfortable making dresses as she was making paintings, and her bold abstract paintwork makes this old school car still feel fresh and contemporary today.

The car is the ultimate mobile canvas. It can communicate on a whole new and different level. It is a beacon of individualism. When driving around an urban space, the visual reach of the customised car is huge - delivering its message to a great number of minds. It surprises, amuses and brings artistic surrealism to the streets.

Alexander Calder, whose work I love, also created an art car with BMW, a BMW 3.0 CSL which was driven by French racecar driver and auctioneer Hervé Poulain at the 1975 [Le Mans 24 hour race](#). Calder was a creative visionary, whose language crossed genres without losing its brilliant and infectious positive spirit. Calder's car captures his powerful use of abstract primary colours of red and yellow and abstract shapes, defining a simple yet profound language of positive modernism.

[Keith Haring](#) and Yayoi Kusama, also exist within this artistically versatile space, expanding their visual language into and onto other mediums. Both created some effective and bold art cars.

With Kusama covering cars in her trademark polka dots, and Haring painting his energetic and playful illustrations on the bodywork. Their cars are simple yet profound. They effectively represent their ability to work in many mediums. If you love their work, forget buying a sculpture or painting for your dusty sitting room, buy their cars and drive their work around instead.

[Having made a fried-egg BMW in LA](#) in February which featured in my previous blog post, I was still keen to fuse my artwork with a vintage Rolls Royce. My recent collaboration with Disney was the perfect opportunity. I teamed up with Bamford Watch Department and we took my surreal twists on Mickey and covered George's amazing Eighties Rolls estate. I like the idea that by creating an art car you literally drive your creativity forward and that's visible from the streets.

"There is Joy in Work"

"Henry Ford"

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Message from the President

Annual membership Dues are
\$40.00

Cheques can be made payable to

Niagara Classic Mustang Club

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Nice to See members out to our
First 2018 meeting

Some up coming events are mention in the
following minutes.

We are still looking for Secretary
Volunteers are welcome at any time.

We have discussed trying to have some type of
outing each month weather just a coffee get
together or a meeting.

Try to come out as many members make for a
great club.



Till Then Safe Cruising!!!

Les



NCMC Presentation to Wounded Warriors



Maintenance Basics

Mustang Monthly Helps You Keep Your Pony Healthy

Many vintage Mustangs on the road have original or missing seals and weatherstripping. Old, hard seals do little for driving comfort by allowing road noise, dirt, and water to enter the passenger area. Installing a new seal kit around the doors, new felt window runs—to prevent rattling windows—and even front and rear window gaskets can make a big difference in the quality of your drive.

Tooling around on a Sunday afternoon in a vintage Mustang is one of our hobby's greatest pleasures. But all too often those quiet afternoon rides to watch the sunset are interrupted by some mechanical devil that lurks under that long hood of your Mustang. Nothing can ruin the solitude of a relaxing ride quicker than the ride coming to an abrupt end in the middle of an intersection.

Any number of problems can creep up on an unsuspecting vintage owner who hasn't been keeping up his end of vehicle ownership—maintenance. Vintage Mustangs are different from your everyday work-and-errand vehicle. Vintage Mustangs aren't used often—usually only on sunny days or for show duties—thus they require a bit of a different maintenance routine. Some extra checks must be thrown in as well every time you get behind the wheel. Remember, depending upon the condition of your Mustang, and whether it has been restored—or how long ago it was restored for that matter—determines what areas should be scrutinized.

Some Quick Thoughts To Get You Going

Electrical systems are always a problem at some point in time. Thirty-year-old wiring has a habit of losing its protective vinyl cover, and then shorting out. Most reproduction harnesses are reasonably priced, so it might be easier to simply replace the wiring rather than trying to cut, splice, or solder some sort of patch repair.

Cooling systems are, of course, high on the ruining-your-Sunday-afternoon list. Make sure you have a good radiator cap and a strong radiator. Flush your cooling system, and have the cooling system pressure checked annually to make sure you don't have a weak hose or a pinhole in your radiator or heater core.

Those V-belts dry-rotting on your engine pulleys won't hesitate to snap at the most inopportune time and leave you stranded with a dead battery, overheated cooling system, no power steering, or A/C to boot. Check and replace the V-belts yearly, or sooner if the car sits much of the time.

Standard automotive batteries don't like to be drained completely, and then recharged several times a year. Either invest in a trickle charger or battery tender that can maintain the state of charge on your battery, or replace your battery with a deep-cycle marine battery that can be discharged and recharged repeatedly. Otherwise, your day trip might not even make it out of the garage. Brake fluid should be checked and replaced—yes, I said replaced—once a year.

Brake fluid sucks moisture out of the air and dirt from your brake system—which causes brake fluid to darken with age—so it needs to be flushed with clean fluid until the clean fluid runs from all four bleeder screws. Don't use silicone-based fluid in a vintage car that sits most of the time, either.

Speaking of brakes, don't park your vintage Mustang with the parking brake set. Instead, use tire chocks if you need to safely block your Mustang from going anywhere. When the parking brake is set for long periods of inactivity, the brake drums can seize to the extended rear-brake shoes, thereby preventing the release of the rear brakes when you release the parking-brake handle. Tires are another potential problem with vintage Mustangs that usually sit for extended periods of time. Old-school bias-ply tires might be the ticket for show duties, but they tend to offer up a poor ride and even poorer handling for those sunny afternoon sprints to the beach or the park. Some black sidewall radial tires will do a better job of maintaining shape, tread wear, and air pressure over the long haul. Also, they are much safer for any type of driving and offer better braking and handling to boot. Furthermore, we want to offer you these easy maintenance tips for you to use during your next visit to the garage. No need to thank us—we simply enjoy seeing all those vintage Mustangs out on the road every weekend. Don't forget to wave when you see one go by.

Inspect your wheel bearings twice a year to maintain proper wheel-bearing preload, which can affect handling, alignment, braking, and more. The bearings can lose their grease when a bad grease seal or loose bearing dust cap is present. Maintaining the dust cap seal is important to long bearing life, as it keeps bearing-race-killing dirt and grease-dissolving rainwater out of the bearings.

Niagara Classic Mustang Club Jan 2018 Meeting

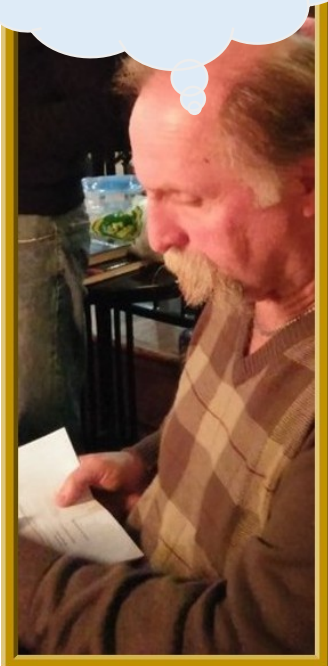


What is that they are saving???????????



Can we blow this place yet!!!

And This Year will be filled with lots of fun!!!



From the Editor

Happy new Year Everyone
Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season
And are all snuggled down for the winter months
It has been a cold one so far.
Was nice to have a True White Christmas this year.
Those cars will be waiting to get out, please help out with
Lots of ideals for times together as a club.

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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Happy Valentine's Day

- Candle Light
- Cards
- Chocolate
- Cupid
- Date
- Dinner
- First Kiss
- Memories
- Movie
- Pink
- Poem
- Proposal
- Red
- Romance
- Roses
- St. Valentine
- Sweetarts
- Teddy Bear
- True Love



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Chicken Scratch NY



← *Guess The Year?????*

NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB

General Meeting

Sunday January 21, 2018

NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB MTG at Doc MiGilligans (Best Western Plus N.Falls - Sunday Jan 21, 2018
Present: Bruce Metcalf, Ann & Barry Andersen, Dale & Phyllis Sensabaugh, Gary & Verda Orth, Dan & Pat Lucken
Dave & Cathy Barkman, Robert & Patti Parkin, Pete Watson, Ron & Doreen Mikolasek, David & Kathy McCalmont,
Paul & Ruby Goddard, Barry Hardyman, Butch Fanson, Donna & Ken Osborne, Marg & Al Toner, Mike Twardawsky
Les Klodnicki and Gunnar & Debbie Kloetzig

meeting called to order: at 2:15 by president Les Klodnicki

minutes from July 14,2017 meeting at the Toner's BBQ read and adapted after typo correction of "requisition"
was corrected to read ..."Notice of resignation from Jennifer Legros...." adapted by Mike

guest speakers: Neil Pike and Steve Topham from Wounded Warriors gave a presentation on the organization -
began in 2006 to recognize the returning troops needs - besides the visible results from various deployments
in world war zones - "PTSD" was also recognized as a severe disorder - 2013 mental illness became more the
focus of the Wounded Warrior organization - 2014 - trained service dogs were deemed not to meet specific
and unique needs of these returning soldiers - the focus in 2018 beginning in February will be to create their
own National Service Dog Registry with the aim to specifically train these dogs for the needs of a veteran - this
training takes about 2 years at a cost of \$1,500 per dog. The Wounded Warrior organization indicated they
would like to become more involved locally promoting the organization whenever able with groups like ours.

Treasurer's Report:

Al presented a cheque to Neil and Steve representing the Wounded Warriors Foundation of Canada
as the club donation for 2017

The club balance as of Jan 21 2018 –was given in Al's report.

report accepted by Paul Goddard - 2nd by Dave Barkman

Correspondence: Pat she had nothing - Les had a handout for car raffle at Fenwick Lions Club -
Al Fisher, a local DJ - currently in Florida on vacation contacted club

Membership: Kathy reported - the Osborne's have returned to the club - welcome back Donna & Ken

Newsletter: no report as Diane was absent

Sponsor / Advertisers - time to collect monies for 2018

Events: all event dates are tentative until confirmed by an email from Les as the dates approach

Feb 20 - Tuesday at 7:30 pm - Conversations Café, 4305 Ontario St., corner King St. Beamsville

Mar 18 - Sunday - Bettys in Chippawa - tentative guest speaker - Lant Insurance rep

TBD - Saturday - Richardson Pancake House (Dunnville)

Apr 22 - Sunday - Pie Day at Les & Judy's home RR#1 Caistor Centre

May 26 - Saturday - Pinecroft Inn - Mustang cruise for lunch - described as a "Little Muskoka Serenity"

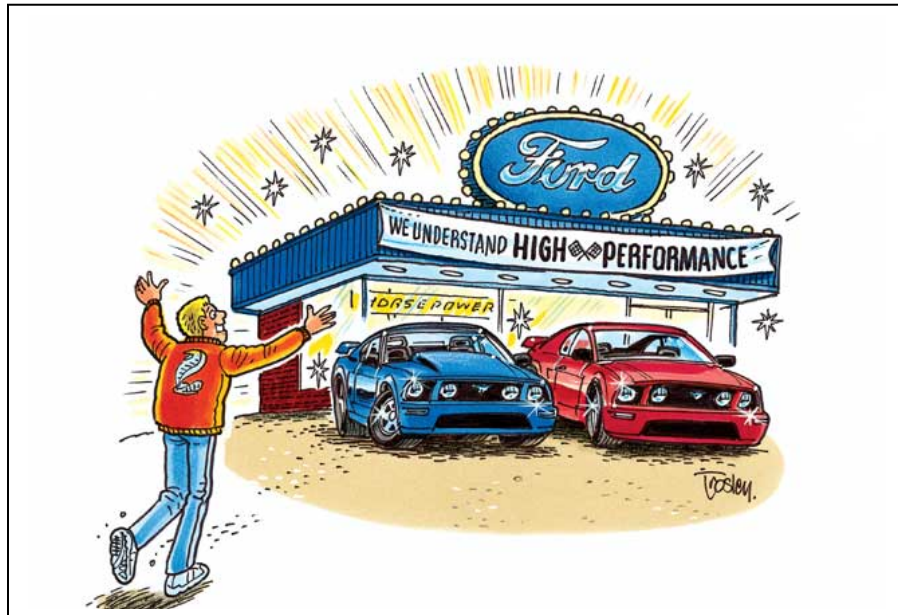
Jun 8-10 - CanAm hosted by Mahoning Valley Mustang Club - 4 clubs - comraderie - tours - food

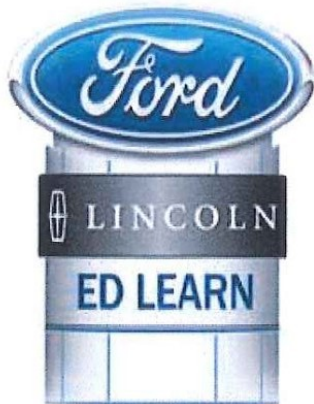
Jul 21 - Saturday - club BBQ at Al & Marg Toner's home

Aug 11 - Saturday - Diamond Estates, 1067 Niagara Stone Rd., Virgil (cruise-in & display)
Bruce Metcalf to look into Dorset Lions club camp - suggested for later in September
Nov 3 - Saturday - AGM meeting at Bettys (Chippawa)
Dec 8 - Saturday - annual Christmas party - would like a room to sit everyone - not divided by a fireplace
new idea instead of gifts for children proposed ... more details to follow

Next meeting: Saturday March 18 - Bettys in Chippawa (Sodom Rd)
Motion to adjourn by Al, seconded by Pat at 3:30

minutes taken by: Barry Andersen





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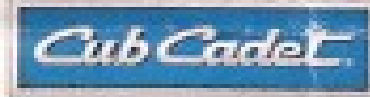
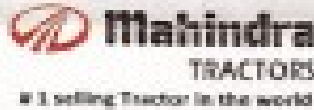
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