

# NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB The Pony Express

May 2018

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

### A LITTLE HISTORY TRIBUTE:

In February of 1968, Ford sponsored six 428-cubic-inch Cobra Jet Mustangs at the NHRA Winternationals. They were left in the competent hands of drivers Gasper “Gas” Ronda, Al Joniec, Hubert Platt, Jerry Harvey, and “Dyno” Don Nicholson. When the tire smoke and clutch dust had settled on the five-day event, Ford left with the class win in Super Stock Eliminator, and the legend of the Cobra Jet Mustang was born.

To honor that legacy, Ford will build 68 strip-ready Mustangs to take on the quarter mile, whether it’s an NHRA, NMRA, or NMCA event. Each of the 68 cars will be powered by a supercharged cross-plane 5.2-liter version of the Coyote V-8 which should look a lot like the 5.0-liter engine from the 2016 Cobra Jet, at least on the outside. In back is a 9-inch Ford solid rear axle from Strange Engineering, mounted to a four-link suspension. That powertrain and suspension is what we’ve come to expect from Cobra Jets, although this anniversary brings with it the availability of unique graphics and badging. The limited-production number is also 18 more than the usual 50 that Ford produced in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2016.

Each 2018 Cobra Jet is fitted with an NHRA-legal cage, and the options list so far is unsurprisingly slim. Two colors will be offered, Race Red and—paying homage to the original six—Oxford White. Like its quarter-mile competition from Chevrolet and Dodge, the Cobra Jet won’t be street legal and won’t come with a registerable VIN. Also like the COPO and Drag Pak, it too will be capable of low 8-second ETs. So far all we seen is a teaser rendering; actual photos are expected later this summer. In the meantime, feel free to ogle the 2016 Cobra Jet’s engine.



*Before everything else, getting ready is the secret of success.* - Henry Ford

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## Message from the President

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

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Nice to see 26 members out to the Pie Night  
Thanks for coming out.

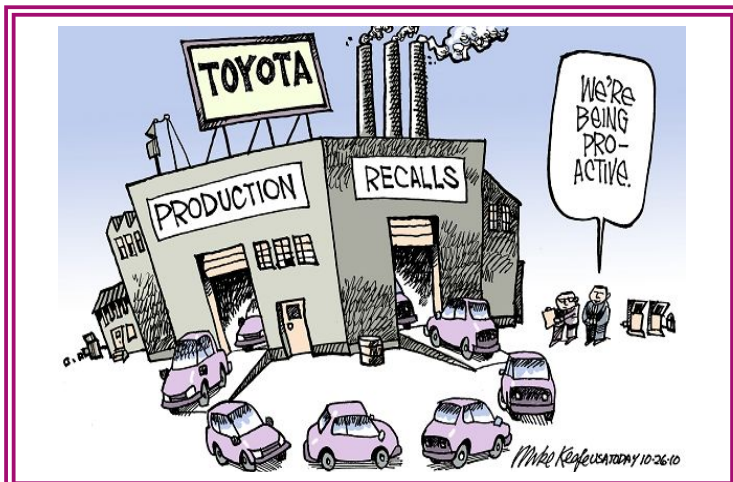
And a thanks to Stella for taking the minutes.

The food was great and fun was had by all.

Hope to see many members out to the Pinecroft  
cruise and there will be an e-mail to finalize the  
details.

Thanks Les

Till Then Safe Cruising!!!



# ***Mustang Clutch Problems & Solutions***

## *Clutch Chatter*

**Problem** - A "vibration" or "reverberation" felt as the pedal is being released & the clutch is engaging.

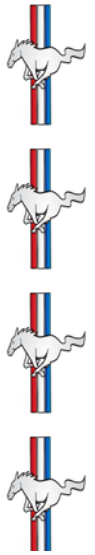
**Cause** - Chatter is often caused by:

- A used flywheel that was not resurfaced before installation of a new clutch.
- Slippage that has caused the disc facing to glaze over, often caused by the clutch cable being adjusted too tight, or poor driving habits
- Excessive slippage that has caused the flywheel &/or pressure plate to develop "hotspots", often caused by the clutch cable being adjusted too tight, or poor driving habits
- Oil or grease contamination of the disc facing that caused slippage & glazing
- Engine power level exceeding the holding capability of the clutch that caused slippage & glazing
- Rear gear ratio higher than (numerically lower) 3.27.

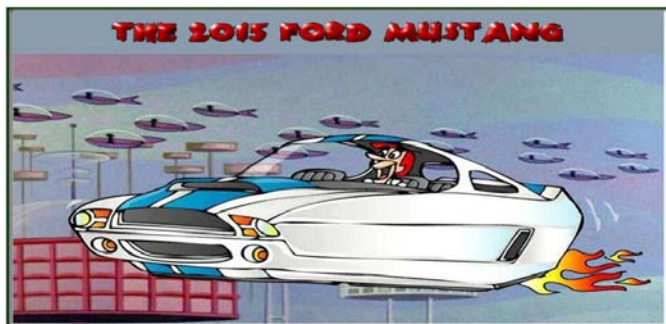
**Solution** - 9 times out of 10, once you experience chatter, the only way to get rid of it is to start over with a new clutch & maybe even a new flywheel.

- Some are lucky enough to be able to rectify their mistake of not turning the flywheel by simply disassembling everything & having the flywheel machined & rid themselves of chatter. A flywheel is considered machined when you drop it off at your local machine shop & the surface is mechanically ground parallel to the crankshaft mounting surface & you are given a receipt for the service being performed. Rubbing the surface of the flywheel with Scotch Brite does not count. You could always just opt for a new Flywheel.
- Once a clutch disc has glazed over, it is done for. Even if you correct your adjustment issue or driving habits, you are looking at purchasing a new clutch.
- Once a flywheel or pressure plate has developed "hotspots", they are done for. Again, you will need to start over with a new flywheel or clutch/pressure plate. "Hotspots" are now harder than the surrounding metal & will wear at a different rate, causing an uneven surface & chatter even if you have then machined. "Hotspots" are easily identifiable by their purplish blue appearance.
- Leaky rear main seals wreak havoc on clutches as do leaky transmission input shaft seals. If your Mustang leaks oil in the bell housing area - fix it or you will cause your clutch to fail. Also, when installing a new clutch, clean the flywheel & pressure plate with brake parts cleaner & make sure your hands are clean when handling any clutch component, especially the clutch disc. Many people over-grease the input shaft splines that the clutch disc engages with, which in turn, will find its way on to the disc material. Use grease in this area sparingly!
- When selecting a new or replacement clutch for your Mustang, be realistic about the power output & future goals. If you pick the right clutch the first time, you'll be rewarded with good manners & a long service life.
- Mustangs with 2.73 or 3.08 rear gears will experience a mild degree of chatter during certain driving conditions, period, unless a very forgiving OE type replacement clutch is utilized. This is a good excuse to get new gears!

*PIE NIGHT April 22, 2018*



*More Pie Night*



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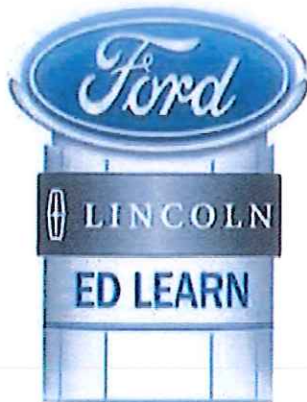
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# Cruise Nights

Sundays	- Hamilton – Peggy Sue’s Cruisers Rona Cashway 1245 Rymal Road
Mondays	- East Hamilton Optimists Club – Hutch’s on the Beach
Tuesdays	- Queen St. Niagara Falls - Gateway in Grimsby - Oakville Lions Club Cruise Night - Boston Pizza 900 Dorval Dr.
Wednesday	- Chippawa Lions Park - The New Hamilton Cruise Southbrook Golf Course at 4349 Highway 56
Thursday	- Rockin the waterfront Cruise Night Pier 4 park at Bay Street North and Guise - Port Colborne Cruise Night
Friday	- Mississauga Classic Car Club Rona Home 7 Garden Parking Lot 3115 Argentia road Winston Churchill and 401 - Seaway Mall, Welland Ontario behind Swiss Chalet
Saturday	- Dunnville Cruises Car Club Sobeys Parking Lot 1012 Broad Street East - Rockwood Cruises Rockwood Home Hardware 295 Alma Street (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat of the month)



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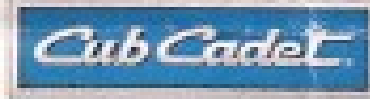
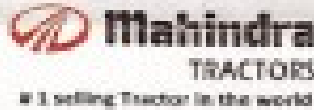
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## NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB Pie Meeting

Les and Judy Klodnicki  
9418 South Chippawa Road

Minutes of the Meeting (recorded by Stella Weir)  
April 22, 2018

**Present:** Tony and Rosa Fiorentino, Dan and Pat Lucken, Janet and Brad Gilmore, David and Kathy McCalmont, Dwight and Kim Topolinsky, Bob and Stella Weir, Rick and Heidi Stubbings, Barry Hardyman, Paul and Ruby Goddard, Dave and Cathy Barkman, Barry and Ann Andersen, Diane and Bruce Metcalf, Al and Marg Toner, Les and Judy Klodnicki

**Meeting Call to Order:** Chaired by Les Klodnicki and was called to order at 5:40 pm  
Cathy Barkman was the winner of the 50/50 draw.

Les welcomed our new members Dwight and Kim Topolinsky as well as Rick and Heidi Stubbings who joined last meeting.

**Approval of minutes** from previous meeting March 18th:

Motion to accept: Dave McCalmont      Seconded: Kathy McCalmont  
CARRIED

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance reported by Al Toner  
Motion to Accept: Paul Goddard      Seconded: Ann Andersen  
CARRIED

**Correspondence:** Pat Lucken reported that we received 2 advertisements and 1 new membership fee.

**Membership:** Kathy McCalmont reported that in addition to the new members noted above, there is one new member, John Goldthorp.

**Newsletter:** Diane Metcalf reminded everyone that articles are always welcome. She also requested that we clarify our cut off date for membership so she has access to a current membership list for distribution of the newsletter. The following motion was subsequently put forward.

"Membership fees are due each year at the AGM. There will be a grace period until December 31. The Membership Chair will send reminders before the AGM and before year end."

Moved by: Rick Stubbings      Seconded: Brad Gilmore  
CARRIED

**Sponsors:** Al Toner is following up with sponsors regarding renewals. He will inform Diane (re Newsletter) and Stella (re web site) so the appropriate updates can be made.

### **Events:**

May 26 - Saturday - Pinecroft Inn - Mustang cruise for lunch

June 8 - 10 - CanAm hosted by Mahoning Valley Mustang Club

June 9 - Saturday - Dunnville Mudcat Festival - Klear Kustoms will hold space for us

June 16 - Delhi Mustang Roundup (\$10 registration fee this year)

June 17 - Air show at St. Thomas airport

June 23 - Potential date for Ed Learn Show and Shine

June 23 - Meet at McWeenies and Tacocat in Welland. New member Dwight Topolinsky is the owner. He will donate 1/2 of the proceeds to Wounded Warriors. Les will bring Wounded Warrior wristbands. Dwight also handed out discount coupons for our members.

July - Kathy McCalmont will look into a chocolate factory tour and cruise

August 11 - Saturday - Diamond Estates, 1067 Niagara Stone Road (cruise in & display)

August 25 - Saturday - BBQ at Al & Marg Toner's home (rescheduled from July)

Nov 3 - Saturday - AGM meeting at Betty's (Chippawa)

Dec 8 - Saturday - Annual Christmas Party - will check other venues (Beacon)

**Website:** Stella Weir thanked everyone who responded with car pictures for the site. It will be updated in the next week. She will also add a mailing address to our membership page.

**Other:** Marg Toner requested that 'Hospitality' be removed from our Agenda

**Motion to Adjourn** at 7:00 pm: Dave Barkman      Seconded: Brad Gilmore  
CARRIED

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**\*Note:** Per Security Regulations at the Air Base everyone will need to bring their Driver's License, Car Registration, Proof of Insurance, and ( Passport for members outside the US ) to enter the Air Base.

**EVENTS & COST**

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 per person = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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