# NIAGARA CLASSIC MUSTANG CLUB The Pony Express

# Celebrating Our 26th Year

A LITTLE HISTORY TRIBUTE:

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Did you know: The Edison Institute was, at first, a private site for educational purposes only, but after numerous inquiries about the complex, it was opened as a museum to the general public on June 22, 1933

Named for its founder, the automobile industrialist Henry Ford, and based on his efforts to preserve items of historical interest and portray the Industrial Revolution, the property houses homes, machinery, exhibits, and Americana of historically significant items as well as common memorabilia, both of which help to capture the history of life in early America. It is one of the largest such collections in the nation. Henry Ford said of his museum:

I am collecting the history of our people as written into things their hands made and used.... When we are through, we shall have reproduced American life as lived, and that, I think, is the best way of preserving at least a part of our history and tradition... Architect Robert O. Derrick designed the museum with a 523,000 square feet (48,600 m²) exhibit hall that extends 400 feet (120 m) behind the main façade. The façade spans 800 feet (240 m) and incorporates three structures from Independence National Historical Park—Old City Hall; Independence Hall and Congress Hall. The Edison Institute was dedicated by President Herbert Hoover to Ford's longtime friend Thomas Edison on October 21, 1929 – the 50th anniversary of the first successful incandescent light bulb. The attendees included Marie Curie, George Eastman, John D. Rockefeller, Will Rogers, Orville Wright, and about 250 others. The dedication was broadcast on radio with listeners encouraged to turn off their electric lights until the switch was flipped at the Museum.

The Edison Institute was, at first, a private site for educational purposes only, but after numerous inquiries about the complex, it was opened as a museum to the general public on June 22, 1933. It was originally composed of the Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, and the Greenfield Village Schools (an experimental learning facility). Initially, Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum were owned by the Ford Motor Company, which is currently a sponsor of the school and cooperates with the Henry Ford to provide the Ford Rouge Factory Tour. The Henry Ford is sited between the Ford Dearborn Development Center and several Ford engineering buildings with which it shares the same style gates and brick fences.

In 1970, the museum purchased what it believed to be a 17th-century Brewster Chair, created for one of the Pilgrim settlers in the Plymouth Colony, for \$9,000. In September 1977, the chair was determined to be a modern forgery created in 1969 by Rhode Island sculptor Armand LaMontagne. The museum retains the piece as an educational tool on forgeries.

In the early 2000s, the museum added an auditorium to the building's south corner. This housed an IMAX theater until January 2016 when museum management decided to change formats for the facility to better fit with its mission. The renovated theater reopened in April of that year.

Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together progress; working together is success: Henry Ford

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## Message from the Past **President**

Just wanted to pass this along to everyone ... you will note that a possible caravan down to the 55th at Charlotte to see the opening of Mustang Museum and celebrate

55 years for our favorite pony car being observed. Ann & I did the caravan with MVM to the 40th at Nashville and had a great time. They are looking for enough interest

To go forth with these plans.

Barry





#### FREQUENTLY USED MUSTANG MAINTENANCE PARTS

**Air Filters**: Most OEM filters are made of paper. This is fine for regular drivers who don't regularly push their cars to the limit. For those who are looking for the most performance out of their intake tract, be sure to replace the restrictive paper filter with an aftermarket drop-in filter or cold air intake for better flow.

Brake Pads and Rotors: Stopping is just as important, if not more important than how fast our Mustangs accelerate. With that said, be sure to inspect your <u>brake pads</u> and <u>rotors</u> often for wear. When you're ready to replace, consider upgrading to some drilled/slotted rotors and high performance <u>Hawk Performance</u> pads to get the most out of your Mustang's braking system.

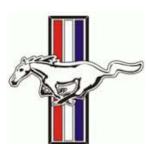
**Cooling System Parts - Hoses, etc.:** The cooling system directly affects how efficient your engine is running, so be sure to check fluid levels periodically. Typically a coolant flush is required every ~80-100k miles for the average vehicle.

**Oil:** When changing the oil in your Mustang, it's important to stick to name brands. After all, we want the best from our Mustang for both performance and longevity, and oil type plays a large factor in engine endurance.

Suspension Components - Shocks & Struts: When your shocks and struts are ready to be replaced, consider upgrading to Koni or Bilstein units for maximum performance out of your suspension system. While you're at it, throw a set of lowering springs on there for a killer look and lower center of gravity for better handling. It's also suggested that if you are lowering your car, that you replace/upgrade the shocks and struts to match for optimal handling capability.

**Spark Plugs:** There are three main factors that go into creating the power that exits through an internal combustion engine: air, fuel and spark. If any of those three factors are compromised, it could potentially be detrimental to your car's performance and durability. Over time, spark plugs can become less effective, so it's important to keep a close eye on them every 30k miles or so.

<u>Tires</u>: The type of tire and driving style rely heavily upon how long a set of tires will last you, but a good set of tires could last you up to ~50k miles! Then again, some soft compound, summer tires could last you as little as ~15k miles and drag radials even less, so be sure to do your homework when shopping for tires. And remember, tire grip is the first thing that will keep you from hitting an oncoming object, so don't cheap out on tires!







## Ed Learn Ford NCMC 2018















### Can-Am 2018 - hosted by the Mahoning Valley Mustang Club

Another great event has gone into the history books. Originally begun in 1991 as a 1-day event in the fall between (LEMOC) Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club and our Niagara club; the format was changed to a 3-day happening in June of 1994. The Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club (GPMC) and Mahoning Valley Mustangs (MVM) and NE Ohio (NEOMC) Club have joined in as the years went on. It is great to see NEOMC offering to host the event in June 21-23 in 2019.

This year's event began with registration at the host hotel on Friday afternoon with a short cruise at 6pm to the Hollywood Gaming facility where the casino was available to visit with most of the group ending up having their evening dinner there before returning to the Hampton Inn & Suites for a bountiful array of treats at the 'Just Desserts" party. Afterwards many of the visitors retired to the courtyard to renew and or make new acquaintances. Saturday morning was an early start out to the Youngstown Air Force Reserve Base where our 47 Mustangs were parked in front of a gigantic hangar housing a C-130 transport plane; one of 7 stationed there. Ample time allowed for information about the facility being given by our hosts, photos and a tour of the plane in the hangar. Afterwards it was off to Quaker Steak & Lube in Sharon, PA., the first QS&L facility where we had lunch and afterwards played a game of throwing hoops over a donkey. A tour from there took us through the beautiful winding and hilly scenery to the Old Cheese Factory for a shopping spree and once again another game. From there we headed to the nearly century old Wendell August Forge for a wonderful opportunity to browse and purchase some of their beautiful crafted items, and of course another game of skill with horseshoes and a donkey. As the afternoon wound on, another stop at the Mercer area school met us with another game of skill; throwing cookies through a smiling donkey's mouth ... all games had points attached for awards later in the evening. After this our drive took us back to the Hampton Inn for some free time to shop at the mall adjacent to the property. In the evening we returned to the AFB at Youngstown for a wonderful dinner. Afterwards, MVM had a game of Family Feud planned (as only they could do); with Glen and Margie overseeing the teams. Tony Fiorentino was the representative from our club, suffice to say, the other team did win by a "small" margin. Some wonderful Chinese auction baskets were available to be won as well as a 50/50 draw. One member of the GPMC was most fortunate to take home 4 of these large baskets. Not to be outdone, the 50/50 was won by Ann Andersen. A specially labelled local wine was bottled and names drawn for one member of each club to win. Ann was the lucky Niagara club recipient. Afterwards everyone returned to the hotel to sleep or sit around a fire pit in the courtyard to do more socializing and eat more snacks.

Sunday morning was check-out time before a cruise over to the Tara - A Country Inn, modelled after a hotel seen in the movie Gone With The Wind. Ann & I chose to head home early with the threat of heavy storms approaching from the west. By all accounts we heard the place was lovely and their food great. The tour of the facility was quite enlightening with regards to its history.

Just a reminder ... Can-Am 2019 will be hosted by the NE Ohio Mustang Club, tentatively Jun 21-23. Please mark this your calendar and plan on attending to see many beautiful Mustangs and great folks all with the same interest.

This was a truly enjoyable event and our thanks go out to all the MVM members for their hard work. Submitted by: Barry & Ann Andersen and Tony & Rosa Fiorentino



## From the Editor

Bruce and I have been on a few cruises with the Mustang
And apond our travels came across this interesting Mustang
As far as the Events below I am sure we will get an e-mail from LES
if they are

Going thru with them I cannot update more than this info.

Diane & Bruce

To share Pictures forward to Stella niagaraclassicmustangs@gmail.com



## **Up Coming Events**

- July Kathy McCalmont will look into chocolate factory tour and cruise
- Aug 25 Saturday NBL BBQ Al & Marg Toner's home
- Aug 11 Saturday Diamond Estates, 2067 Niagara Stone Road, Virgil
- Nov 3 Saturday AGM meeting Bettys (Chippawa)
- Dec 8 Saturday NCMC Annual Christmas Party location to be announced

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## Can Am June 2018



















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