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December meeting minutes

- The December meeting was the annual Christmas Party. The past two years this party has been held at The 100th Bomb Group. There were about 50 members and guests present. Aside from a couple of meal mix ups all seemed to go well and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks again Howard for setting this up. Pictures are posted in the Event Pictures area of the web site.
- At the Christmas Party the officers for 2016 were announced. The positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary were all un-contested. The new Sergeant-at-arms for 2016 will be Gene Hass. Congrats to Gene and thanks to Dave Dapsis for his service.
- The club will be setting up as a corporation in order to extend legal protection all members and officers. This shelters everyone from legal issues in case there is some kind of accident or something at a club sponsored event. The club already has general liability insurance but this is an additional step to protect everyone from liability. Jim Wojcik is running this project.
- Due to the decision to incorporate we will need to change the official name of the club to not include the Bob Gillingham name since they are their own corporation of course. This does not mean we will change sponsorship, etc. It just means we need a new “official” name. This will first be discussed at the January meeting. Anyone with ideas should come and be prepared to discuss. I imagine it will take a few meetings to discuss and vote on the new name.
- As reported last month, Mike is making name badges for all members to wear at meeting and other events to make it easier for new members (and some of us with bad memories) to identify everyone. These will be delayed until the new name is determined.

Events

- Breakfast at Goldies (13500 Pearl Rd. 1 block north of Rt. 82 in Strongsville) will again be each second Saturday at 9:00, but based on the low participation last year it will be

more informal, no sign up needed, just show up on time and sit together. Last year lots of reserved seats went unused and this is not fair to the restaurant if they save us a big table. If things change we can go to a reservation situation.

- Samosky's Picture Cruise will begin again in January. First Monday each month at around 5:00. Get there early and bring a picture of your car. DJ and door prizes. 20% off food and a great menu. In Valley City on Rt. 303 about 5 miles west of Brunswick.
- Chartered busses are going to the Detroit Autorama on Saturday, February 27. They leave Great Northern sometime between 6:30 and 8:30 am (to be determined later) and leave Detroit at 6:00pm. The trip is 3 hours each way. Cost is \$55 which includes the bus ride and admission. If you want to travel with club members the best approach would be for each person to call and register individually. Call Candle Coach at 330-455-4444. Ask for Cheryl and tell her you are with the Gillingham Mustang Club and request to be put on the same bus leaving from Great Northern. The busses are filling fast so if you want to go, call now.
- With winter here it is a good time to start planning some trips for this summer. All members are encouraged to step forward and suggest and plan club events of all kinds for the coming cruising season. There has been talk in the past to plan a longer distance multi-day cruise to somewhere like Auburn, Indiana or perhaps a ride on the Tail-of-the-dragon in North Carolina. Got ideas? Bring'em on!
- The Mustang Club of America 40th anniversary party is September 1-4 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. See Mike Schuster if interested. It should be almost as good as the Mustang 50th party which was a blast. All the best Mustangs in the world will be there. Indy track parade lap is planned along with a world record cruise to the NHRA US Nationals, all the top suppliers and manufacturers will attend. Not just for MCA members. [Click here for info](#)

Meeting Schedule for 2016

Jan 7 Feb 4 March 3 April 7 May 5 June 2 July 7 August 4
Sept 1 Oct 6 Nov 3 Dec 3 (Christmas party – preliminary date)

Elections

- As reported above, Gene Hass has been elected Sergeant-at-Arms

Web Update

- If you need the password to the member's only area email Mike at - info@blueoval.org. Make sure you identify yourself fully.
- If anyone has any suggestions for changes or improvements to the newsletter or web site please contact Mike.

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