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*\*\*\*Keep in mind, our meets aren't done for the winter, we'll be setting up random cruises when the weather is good, as well as having bimonthly meets at different local restaurants.\*\*\**

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# Hoof Beat

**ANNOUNCEMENT!!!**  
**Our forum has moved to the following address:**  
**<http://www.njstangers.org/>**

## A Note from The President:

It's funny hearing people call me the "President," when I first started this club, it was just a group of local Mustang Friends that worked together to promote it and get the word out. Some of which aren't around now or are away, but either way I still see it as a group of close friends that continue to work towards the success of the club even when faced with difficult circumstances.

I would like to thank everyone for their continuous sup-

port of our members. From our donations to help out 06Mach1(Chris's Family) and Pinator(Alex's Family) to attending NJDevils (Kevin's Brother's Memorial) we have definitely formed an extend family here. I was rather impressed with raising so much money in a short period of time as well, \$800 is Amazing! Definitely a big thanks to everyone! I have been told by Chris and Alex and their families to thank everyone for their support and donations, you have no idea how much

it meant to tell them or how their faces lit up when they were presented with the gift.

With the help of many other members, we will have a special present for everyone by mid-December. I hope you all will like it since a handful of people have helped work on it over the last few weeks. I personally would like to thank them as well. If it wasn't for them, this would all be impossible without them.

## NewsFlash!

On November 1st, several NJ Stanger members cruised down the Jersey Shore for a great time and many laughs. First stop at the Monmouth Rest Area off the NJ Parkway found other Stangers waiting for all to join together to cruise to a car show at the

Clifmar Diner. Joining forces with the NJ Mopar Group, NJ Stanger members Janice, Peter, Mark and Jay won \$50 each for their beautiful rides. After the show, 30+ vehicles all cruised to TGIF's for a nice dinner and great conversation. Concluding the eve-

ning, several members cruised to Seaside Heights where walking the boardwalk under a beautiful moonlit sky put the perfect ending to a fantastic day.

On November 7th, a meet at the Chatterbox in Augusta,



arranged by Lindsay found several NJ Stangers in attendance for good food and fun. The opportunity allowed President Jonathan to present fellow Stangers Chris and Julie Mauro as well as Alex Pino checks for \$400 each that had been collected from other compassionate club members. Hard times have fallen on the trio and hopefully, the donations can be of some help with their misfortunes.

## Special Announcements!

NJ Stangers has over 1,000 members! If you would like to become a member, please introduce yourself in our "New Members Section" of our forum, it's that easy!

New Member Count for October: 23

# December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 ProStang Racing X-mas Party
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 X-mas!	26
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*If you have any news or announcements you would like to share in our newsletter, please contact either Cindy at [misscbott@yahoo.com](mailto:misscbott@yahoo.com) or Janice at [caughdrop101@optonline.net](mailto:caughdrop101@optonline.net)*



## Drivers Spotlight:

### Meansteedagt2004

PJ "meansteedagt2004" Spinella, a service tech/district safety coordinator for Ameri-Gas Propane, hails from Vernon, NJ. Not only does PJ have a 2004 Mustang GT in Sonic Blue, but he also owns a 2001 GT in Laser Red. With plans to build a new motor for his 2004 beast, it also sports BBK Off Road X, Steeda Catback, JLT cold air, Steeda Tri Ax, Roush 4 post wing, Saleen side scoops, Saleen dif cover, Corbeau Micro Suede seats, HID's, smoked head lights and fogs. His 2001 is modded

out with a Spec Billet fly-wheel, King Cobra clutch, Steeda Tri Ax, Steeda quadrant adjustable cable and firewall adjuster, Pypes equal length shorty headers, Stage 8 locking bolts, Pypes Off Road X, Pypes Violator Catback, GMS Hot Street ignition coils, American Muscle cold air kit, Steeda pullies and SCT NA Tune. PJ came to NJ Stangers at the urging of fellow Stanger Jerseyautoparts and is happy he joined. "The members are the best part of the club. We have a great bunch of

people whom I've met and this is a tight knit group. Mark Halpin (8-Ball Express) is a perfect example of what I'm talking about. To me, he is a class act model member willing to go the extra mile to get things done for the club and

the members." Meeting Greg Karakos was a very special moment for PJ. He was on a tear looking for new members when he saw Greg traveling in the opposite direction in his New Edge Mustang. PJ turned around and flew back to catch him at a traffic light to tell him about the NJ Stangers. Greg logged onto the site and joined that night. Greg's untimely passing was a major blow for PJ, sadness came but out of the helped some members to become Greg's family is some good as it NJ Stanger mem-closer and now family to PJ. When not driving around in his Mustangs, PJ also enjoys construction and home improvement projects. (PJ, come to my house!) As PJ is rather modest about talking about himself, he would rather take this time to ask others



to please continue their support and prayers for Stanger Kevin Williams (NJDEV LZ) as he and his family are going through a very difficult time right now. Ed. Note: I'd also like to mention that PJ is working very hard on the Greg Karakos Memorial Cruise that will take place in the Spring of 2010. I think all would agree with me, PJ is a class act model member himself.

### Tattoodave

Dave Jordan, a.k.a. Tattoodave, grew up in Budd Lake, but now calls Netcong, NJ his home. Looking on-line to find a local Mustang club, Dave found the NJ Stangers to be a perfect fit for him and his 1991 LX Mustang. His Jewel Green beauty sports a Mac cold-air kit, springs, 17 inch Cobra R replicas, a cat-back system courtesy of Pypes, gauge re-location panel and a Billit pistol-grip shifter handle. Some future mods on his wish list include rear disc brakes, full frame connectors, X-pipe

and gears. Working the mid-night shift at an aerospace factory, he's affectionately called "The Tattooed Vampire". Enjoying hard rock/heavy metal music, Dave listens to everything from old school bands like Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden to Rob Zombie and Slipknot. Always on the look-out for a good cup of coffee and a good joke, Dave is also always looking to find that perfect pizza! Win-

ning first place in the Fox-Body Stock class at Downs Ford Car show in August, is one

of Dave's the competi- friendly.



"Everyone at question one always

Dave when asked what he liked most about being a member. "The club has such a family atmosphere that it makes you feel good to be a part of it.."

favorite memories as tion was fierce. NJ Stangers is so Whenever you have a about anything, some- has the answer," said



## MistaX

John "MistaX" Bergin, currently works for UPS as a box thrower and is a graduate from Lincoln Tech with a degree in Automotive Technology. John uses that knowledge to mod out his 1988 Mustang GT Convertible in red that he likes to call, "The Battleship". Modded out in BBK Longtube headers, BBK offroad H pipe, Flowmaster catback, Explorer upper/lower intake manifold, Explorer throttlebody, BBK 65mm spacer, EGR Delete, Smog Delete, underdrive pullies and Pro 5.0 short throw, this monster is a force to be reckoned with. After he hits the lottery, John would like to add GT40 heads, Anderson N41 cam, Megasquirt ECU conversion, tan interior swap, rear mount twin turbo and a new paint job in Ferrari Red. John has owned

three separate Mustangs since becoming a member of NJ Stangers, each one older than the last. Every car has been a RWD, manual V8. He bought his current ride out of a junkyard. When not driving his real Mustang, John enjoys simulation racing. "If I can't race a real car, I may as well race fake ones, although I do know what it looks like to peg a 150 MPH speedometer.

I've been playing racing video games for as long as I can remember, so it seems like a natural progression to move from "games" to "simulations". A huge music lover, John spends quite a bit of time producing synthetic music as a hobby. A meet at Starbucks with Scott, Heather, Kevin, Smoke and other Stanger members was a hi-light for "Coffee and what's not Spending Sunday during the summer of 2008 in the GSP parking lot was fun as well. Happy to have found NJ Stangers early on, John says, "Meeting new people, without a doubt, is one of the best things about being a part of this club."



## Tech Tips 101: 10 Steps to Winterize Your Car - Courtesy MSNBC News

1. Get the right kind of oil change. Are you approaching the time for a 30,000-mile full service for your vehicle? If so, don't procrastinate! Among other things, the service should include an oil change, and the oil used should have the right viscosity, or thickness, for your vehicle at this time of year. Oil tends to thicken as it gets colder, and if it's too thick it won't do the best job of keeping your engine lubricated. Check your owner's manual for guidance about which oil to use in different climates and temperatures.
2. Make sure you can see. When's the last time you replaced your windshield wiper blades? They usually work effectively for about one year, so be sure to invest in some new ones if you're due. Here's another important step to take before you find yourself struggling to see in a blinding storm: Fill up your windshield washer reservoir with windshield washer fluid. (Plain water won't do the trick at this time of year because it freezes.) Also check to see that your heater and defroster are working properly so you can keep the windshield nice and clear.
3. Give your battery a little TLC. This is an ideal time of year to make sure your battery's posts and connections are corrosion-free and that your battery has all the water it needs. If your battery is more than three years old, have a certified repair shop test its ability to hold a charge. Granted, you might be able to find a Good Samaritan to help you jump-start your vehicle in the middle of a blizzard — but wouldn't you rather avoid such a scenario altogether?
4. Examine your belts and hoses. When you have that full service done on your vehicle, make sure the belts and hoses get checked for wear and tear — even if you're driving a modern car. Cold weather can do a number on belts and hoses, so they deserve attention.
5. Check your tire pressure. Your tires must be properly inflated to ensure you'll have the best possible traction as you drive along — and traction is often severely jeopardized in wet, snowy or icy conditions. The air pressure in your tires has likely dropped as the weather has gotten colder, so it's important to see where things stand now. (You can generally expect that you'll lose 1 pound per square inch whenever the temperature drops by 10 degrees Fahrenheit.) Again, your trusty owner's manual will tell you what your target tire pressure should be.



6. Think about switching to snow tires. Do you live in a hilly place that gets its fair share of snow? Then you might want to improve traction even more by investing in winter tires and using them over the next few months instead of your usual all-season tires. When shopping around for snow tires, ask about all the fees that might come into play, such as fees for mounting and balancing. You can accomplish this easily and make accurate cost comparisons by asking each store for the “out the door charge.”

7. Do you have four-wheel drive? If so, it’s important to check the status of your four-wheel-drive system and be sure it’s working correctly — especially because most drivers don’t use their 4WD systems in the pleasant summer months. Be sure that the system engages and disengages easily, and that all drivers in your household know how and when to activate the system.

8. Get the antifreeze mixture just right. Aim for having a 50-50 mix of antifreeze (coolant) and water inside your radiator. This will prevent the mixture from freezing even at ridiculously cold temperatures. It’s easy to check the status of the mixture with an inexpensive antifreeze tester, which you can pick up at any auto parts store. If the mixture is off, your cooling system should be drained and refilled or flushed. Be sure you’re equipped to dispose of your old antifreeze properly if you do this job yourself. It can’t just be poured down the drain.

9. Prepare an emergency kit. Store this stuff in your trunk during the winter months, especially if a road trip is in your future:

- ⇒ a blanket
- ⇒ extra boots and gloves
- ⇒ an extra set of warm clothes
- ⇒ extra water and food, including hard candies
- ⇒ an ice scraper
- ⇒ a small shovel
- ⇒ a flashlight
- ⇒ windshield washer fluid
- ⇒ windshield wipers
- ⇒ Flares
- ⇒ jumper cables
- ⇒ a tool kit
- ⇒ tire chains
- ⇒ a tire gauge
- ⇒ a spare tire with air in it
- ⇒ tire-changing equipment
- ⇒ a first-aid kit
- ⇒ paper towels
- ⇒ a bag of abrasive material such as sand, salt or non-clumping kitty litter, which can provide additional traction if a tire gets stuck in snow.

Also, keep the gas tank as full as you can to prevent the gas lines from freezing.

10. Know what to do if you get stranded. Don’t wander away from your car unless you’re completely sure about where you are and how far away help is. Light two flares and situate them at each end of your vehicle to call attention to your plight. Put on the extra clothes and use the blanket to stay warm. If you have enough gas in the tank, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes for each hour you’re waiting for help. Leave at least one window open a little bit so that snow and ice don’t seal the car shut. Suck on a hard candy to prevent your mouth from getting too dry.

**Happy Holidays to our  
NJ Stangers Family!**