

By-Laws

Southeastern North Carolina Regional Mustang Club

Article I - Name, Emblem and Purpose

Section 1. The club name shall be the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Mustang Club, hereinafter referred to as SENCMC. The SENCMC must maintain its current charter, dated February 8, 1994, as a regional organization of the Mustang Club of America, hereinafter called MCA. Disassociation from the MCA can occur only with two-thirds [2/3] vote of the Officers and the current active membership.

Section 2. The general purpose of the SENCMC shall be to encourage the enjoyment, maintain the preservation, and enhance the general knowledge of Mustang and Shelby motor cars starting with the initial models manufactured in calendar year 1964 up to and including current year models by holding monthly meetings, organizing car shows, having club social outings and any other related events which benefit members and the general public. All activities of the SENCMC will be organized under the guidelines set by the Internal Revenues Service and the State of North Carolina to operate as a not-for-profit organization,

Section 3. The emblem of the SENCMC shall be:



The colors shall be as follows:
On a white background the round emblem is edged in black, the club name appears in black letters around the edge of the circle, in the center is the traditional Tri-bar Pony emblem in silver with red, white & blue bars, outlined in black.

Article II – Members & Dues

Section 1. Any person of good conduct and character who expresses an interest in the SENCMC and is willing to pay dues to promote the general purpose of the SENCMC shall be considered a member with the payment of the proper dues. One does not need to own a car of any kind or a Mustang of any style to be considered for membership. The registered family member of the SENCMC is encouraged to maintain current membership in the MCA. Each MCA member may be required to submit proof of MCA membership to the Membership Chairman when requested.

Section 2. Maintaining current status as a member entitles each paid membership to one [1] vote for member and one [1] vote for their spouse. The immediate family of any dues paying member, including all children under the age of eighteen [18], are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the registered member.

An active member will be defined as a member who attends at least 50% of the general meetings and activities.

Section 3. Local membership dues shall be established by a two-third [2/3] vote of the Officers and shall be reviewed on a yearly basis. New member dues shall not be pro-rated. The membership year runs from January through December.

Section 4. Membership may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- A. Annual local membership dues remain unpaid for more than 30 days after the Membership Chairperson provides a final notice to the delinquent member.
- B. The member is delinquent in paying MCA dues and refuses to provide the Membership Chairperson with the current MCA membership number & expiration date.
- C. The Officers shall have summary powers by a majority vote to suspend or expel and terminate the membership of any member for conduct which in their opinion disturbs the order, dignity, business or prosperity of the organization. The proceedings of the Officers in such matters shall be final and conclusive. After the

expiration of the time set forth in any suspension by the Officers, the suspended member may petition for reinstatement. A three-fourths [3/4] affirmative vote of the Officers shall be required to affirm such reinstatement.

D. Upon resignation, suspension or expulsion of a member his/her rights and privileges as a member of the club shall cease.

E. No dues will be refunded to any member that resigns, is suspended or expelled from the club.

Section 5. The general meeting of the SENCMC shall be held on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00PM at a location established by the Officers and the membership and as set forth in the club's monthly Newsletter.

Article III – Officers

Section 1. The SENCMC shall be governed by the Officers that shall consist of the *President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate Past President*. The Regional Director shall be a voting member only when there is not a Past President. All Officers shall be elected by the general membership and serve a term of two [2] years. Officers are limited to two consecutive terms. If in the case where no member wished to run for an available Officer position, the then Officers can vote to suspend the by-laws and allow the individual to continue in his/her position.

Section 2. A vacancy for any reason shall be filled by a nomination and election by the membership at a regular meeting. Such member so elected shall hold the position of Officer only for the term of the person he/she replaces.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee shall be formed by the President in September to present a Slate of Nominations to the membership at the regular October meeting. Nominees for any office except Treasurer must have been an active member for no less than one [1] year. Nominee for Treasurer must have been an active member for no less than three [3] years. At the October meeting, the President shall call for nominations from the floor for all open elected offices. Only active members who have agreed in advance to serve may be nominated from the floor. Any nominations from the floor receiving a second must be included on the ballot prepared by the Secretary. All voting will

be done at the November meeting with voter names checked off a then current Membership List. Absentee ballots with membership numbers affixed will be available from the Secretary in advance of the November meeting. These ballots must be returned to the Secretary with a postmark not later than five [5] days prior to the November meeting. Any ballots received after the November meeting will be considered null and void. The newly elected Officers will be announced at the December meeting as well as the next available issue of the Newsletter and will take office on January 1 of the following year.

Section 4. Meetings of the Officers will be held when and as required for conducting club business or at the request of two or more Officers.

Article IV – Duties & Responsibilities of Officers

Section 1. The *President* shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the SENCMC and shall have general supervision, direction, and control of the business affairs of the SENCMC. The *President* shall preside at all general and Officers meetings. The *President* shall be empowered to appoint active members to chair events sponsored by the Club and to other positions as may be required from time to time to insure smooth operation of the SENCMC. Those appointees have the responsibility to attend Officer Meetings when requested to do so. The *President* and one other officer shall sign all contracts and other documents in writing. The President will provide an Agenda of each meeting to the other Officers at such meetings.

Section 2. The *Vice President* shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and any other function delegated to him/her by the President.

Section 3. The *Secretary* shall attend all general and Officers meetings, record the minutes of these sessions, keep or cause to be kept attendance sheets of each meeting, give notice of all meetings to members as appropriate through the newsletter, and maintain control of all valuable papers such as the Club MCA Charter, the minute book and shall be at all times subject to the control of the Officers. In the absence of the *Secretary* at any meeting, the presiding officer shall appoint a *Secretary Pro-tempore*.

Section 4. The *Treasurer* shall keep a correct accounting of the SENCMC financial transactions. He/she shall deposit all monies and other assets of the

SENCMC in depositories as may be designated by the Officers. He/she shall disburse the funds of the SENCMC as may from time to time be ordered by the Officers and shall render to the President and Officers as accounting of the assets and liabilities of the club when they request such information. Only the President and the *Treasurer* will be authorized to sign checks on the club account. No obligation, debt or other liabilities shall be incurred by the *Treasurer* without specific approval of the President and/or Officers. Any expenditure in excess of \$200.00 requires approval of the Officers with a simple majority vote. The fiscal year will be the calendar year. The Officers will appoint an Audit Committee whenever the *Treasurer* changes or at the discretion of the Officers for the purpose of examination of the books and records of the SENCMC. Additionally, the *Treasurer* shall perform the function of Membership Chairman. This shall include signing up new members, collecting annual dues and maintaining and publishing the Membership Roster. The Membership Chairman shall provide to MCA such membership information as they may require.

Section 5. The immediate *Past President* shall continue as an Officer until the next change in the Presidency takes place. The *Past President* shall fulfill the position of President and/or Vice President in the event of their absence from club meetings or events.

Section 6. The *MCA Regional Director*, who will be appointed by the Officers by a simple majority vote, shall report directly to the President and shall regularly advise the SENCMC membership of all matters related to the MCA and their activities. He/she shall be in contact with the MCA and will be responsible for MCA correspondence concerning SENCMC.

Section 7. The Officers, as a group, shall set policies of the SENCMC, maintain membership standards and control all assets such as bank accounts, inventories and other property of the SENCMC. The Officers shall have the power to incur indebtedness, with the terms and amount entered in the Officers minutes and reported to the members in the newsletter and at the next general meeting. Any note or obligation of indebtedness officially signed for by the President and one other officer will be binding on the SENCMC. All matters voted on by the Officers will require a majority vote except as noted in the By-Laws. At least three [3]

Officers must be present at an Officer's Meeting to create a quorum for a valid and binding meeting. A report of the Officer's Meeting will be made to the membership at the next general meeting. Robert's Rules of Order will be followed at all meetings of the SENCMC.

Section 8. Personal Liability. No officer, appointee or member of the SENCMC, past or present, shall be held personally liable for any claim, damage or debt against the club.

Article V - Dissolution/Disbandment

Section 1. In the event of dissolution, disbandment, deactivation or other termination of the SENCMC, all funds, property, parts, merchandise, inventory and/or other assets, in excess of any recognized liabilities, will be disposed of in accordance with a two-thirds [2/3] decision of the Officers in accordance with the rules governing non-profit organizations.

Article VI - Revisions & Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. Any proposal to amend the By-Laws of the SENCMC must be in writing and submitted to the Secretary for recording. Amendments can also be proposed to the Membership by a three-fourths [3/4] vote of the Officers. The Secretary shall record the proposed amendments and forward them to the Officers for approval. The Officers must act within two [2] months of the date of the proposal of said amendments. If approved by the Officers, the Secretary will see that a copy is printed in the newsletter. Final passage of the proposed amendment[s] shall require approval by three-quarters [3/4] of the active members present at the next general meeting of the SENCMC. No proposition shall be in effect that nullifies the right of any member to the nomination and election to office or the right to vote on the expenditure of SENCMC funds, nor that conflict with the laws or regulations of the Mustang Club of America.