



The Pony Express

January 2007-Our 3rd Year!

A Merry Christmas for Mustangers



The membership gathered at Madison's in Beaumont to join in fellowship and good cheer for the evening. The soiree' was well attended by the club. The food and beverages were quite good along with the service and everyone was in good spirits. Elections were held for 2007 officers. Ron Roth won the Presidency once again by a narrow margin over the challenger. Ron Woods is the new vice president/activity director. Derek Peaster will continue as top bean counter and Sue Quick remains as chief scribe and note taker. Once the formalities were out of the way, we commenced to havin' some serious fun and laughter. You guessed it – the Dirty Santa gift exchange. Johnny Ruggles was the lucky one this year in unwrapping the top prize. No one could top (or touch) his dancing ostrich. Ron Woods provided some timely comments with his redneck horn button while he had it. There were some great laughs and good memories generated that night. I have a friendly reminder, be sure to watch the color of the wrapping paper when the Ruggles show up for the next Christmas party.

**Hey youse guys,
you pay up now if you know what's good for you**

Dues of \$20 per family membership are to be paid to our club treasurer, Derek Peaster. You can pay in person at the next meeting or send a check to Derek at 140 Sarah Lane Lumberton, TX 77657.

Ford reveals Mustang-based concept

NEW YORK (CNNMoney.com) -- Ford Motor Co. will introduce a 4-door, V-8 concept-car carrying most of the mechanical underpinnings of its popular Mustang sports car, the company said in a recent statement.

With its six-speed manual gearbox, low roof-line and massive 22-inch wheels, the design is targeted at driving enthusiasts looking for a bold design but who can't fit the family in a two-door coupe.

"The Interceptor concept is a sedan, but with the heart and soul of a performance car," Freeman Thomas, director of Ford's North American strategic design department, said in a statement.

The car will be officially unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Powering the square-shouldered Interceptor is a 400-horsepower Ford Racing 5.0-liter V-8 engine, a variant of the 4.6-liter currently in the Mustang GT. Like the Mustang, the car is rear-wheel drive with a solid rear axle.

Inside, the interceptor boasts a black leather interior with contrasting caramel stitching on the seats. Other features include a speedometer and tachometer with needles that start at the center and move opposite each other as speed and RPM climb. Ford intentionally kept many other extras out of the cabin.

"This car is about restraint, and not clouding the driving experience with too much technology," said Thomas. "There aren't a lot of layers between the driver and the road."

Mark your calendar...

Houston Auto Show

Reliant Arena January 28 - February 5

Featuring many new Ford debuts

Texas World Speedway Road Racing Schools

The following dates are set for the weekend road course driving schools in College Station TX. 1/20-21, 2/17-18, 4/21-22, 5/19-20, 6/30-7/1, 7/28-29, 9/1-2, 11/10-11, 12/15-16. Those interested in taking advantage of this need to start collaborating to set up a date to go. It is \$250 for the 2 day event + entrance/parking fee. It is a 3 mile 15 turn course that is a lot of fun. Look it up at www.texasworldspeedway.com or phone 979-690-2500 to inquire about the Motorsports Club.

Note that our plan to go in April conflicts with the MCA event in Mustang, OK.

Member Car News

Gary Haygood has his 69 Mach for sale along with a 70 parts car. He can be reached at 409-755-4768.

Ken Babin has a 69 project car recently acquired. It replaced the 70 coupe Ken had restored.

The Quicks started the tear down to restore their 88 Saleen. And yes, there is more removed than just the antenna.

Bill Linker elected to keep his 64½ convertible.

New Style, Old Color, Still Fast

A club member recently took delivery of his long awaited new toy. A limited edition (it is 1 of 500) Saleen, Parnelli Jones tribute car was recently delivered through Kinsel's. The competition orange is reminiscent of the '70 car campaigned for Bud Moore's team. It is signed by Steve Saleen and Parnelli Jones. It sports a shaker hood with 302 badging. It sounds *wicked* and it makes short work of the distance between stoplights. Keep your eyes peeled and you may just see this blur going by or if you're lucky it may be parked at a show or two.

MCA Events 2007

March 23-25, 2007

28th Gulfcoast Regional Mustang and All Ford Show Pensacola, Florida

Hosted by Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club at University Mall. Event hours are 8-5 Fri & Sat, 8-2 Sun with check-in running 8-5 Fri, 8-11 Sat. Registration fee is \$35.00. For Information and registration flyer go to our web site www.gcrmc.com or contact Donnie Carlisle (251) 961-1411 or email at carlisle@gulftel.com.

April 14, 2007

8th Annual Emerald Coast Mustang Show Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Hosted by Emerald Coast Mustang Club at Santa Rosa Mall. Event hours are 8 am to 4 pm with check-in running 8am to Noon. Registration fee is \$20.00 (pre-registration \$15.00 before April 7, 2007 For more information, call Brian Hill at (850) 683-5388 or email heapdog@yahoo.com or visit the website at <http://www.emeraldcoastmustangclub.org/index.html>.

April 20-22, 2007

Oklahoma Centennial Mustang National Mustang, Oklahoma

Oklahoma Centennial Mustang National hosted by the Oklahoma Mustang Club. Show site is at Wild

Horse Park in Mustang and the host hotel is the Clarion Meridian Hotel in Oklahoma City, (405) 942-8511. Additional information is available on the show website: www.nationalmustangshow.com

May 12-12, 2007

9th Annual Mustang Stampede Texarkana, Texas

Hosted by Four States Mustang Corral at McLarty Automall Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Event hours are 11 AM to 4 PM with check-in running 8 AM. Registration fee is \$30 (pre-registration \$25 before May 6, 2007). Dash plaque, T-shirt and goodie bags to first 100 registrants. Awards, Door prizes, raffle and entertainment. Registration forms are available on our Web site. www.4statesmustang.com For more information, call Mac McLaughlin at 903 334 8371 or email cw4macret@yahoo.com or visit the website at <http://www.4statesmustang.com>.

Club Meeting Notes

The club had the last meeting on January 11th at Catfish Cabin in Lumberton.

- Club Treasury is at \$1205.51.
- 2007 dues of \$20 per family membership are requested now from members. We discussed the free membership that had been offered for a limited time to new members and agreed that this wasn't working out. We are not aware of any probationary members that ended up as participating members.
- The club application form will be updated soon with a new address and reflect the above change.

The rest of the meeting centered on preparation for this year's car show. April is a very busy month with the MCA show in OK and the Bluebonnet drive. So May 19th is our date of choice.

Ron Woods has volunteered to be the Show Chairman and welcomes assistance from members. We went through our car show checklist and made assignments for various items. Assignments were made for the show committee, but it's never too late to volunteer to help. Some agreements made include:

- No ditty bags of unwanted junk.
- We agreed to buy a club "easy up" canopy

Other items discussed during the meeting:

- We discussed the calendar for 2007. We'd like to attend one of the cruise nites in February as a group. Also we're planning a trip to San Jacinto monument and the Battleship Texas in March.
- We looked at options for a club calendar with member's rides featured. Kinko's can do them for \$12.00 with a minimum 50 ordered. We'll try to do this for 2008 and spend this year gathering pictures.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday, February 1, at the Olive Garden in Beaumont at 6:30.

It is with great sadness that we speak of the passing of Robert Jones of Lumberton. Most of us knew him as Bob, everyone knew him as friend. Bob passed away on 12/24/06 from complications surrounding his leukemia relapse. His funeral included a 12 Mustang honor procession to the cemetery. Our thoughts, prayers, and love go out for Marty Jones. Let us know if we can help with anything.

We have known Bob and Marty since the rekindling of my Mustang fetish many years ago. We developed a close bond and friendship that only solidified through the years. I helped Bob with his car, he helped me with mine. My rack and pinion worked, his didn't quite do the same. We took trips together and attended many car shows with each other. He called my car the "bass boat" and I called his the "putt-putt". Hardly a day went by without Bob calling up during an Aflac lull to ask "wassup wit you". Bob was good at keeping your feet on the ground. He was always there to help if needed.

After Rita diced things up, we helped each other out. I stashed his car in my garage and I helped him clear trees off his house. We cooked mac & cheese with spam in a cast iron pan on a grill one night at our place. The office got power long before the rest of us, so Bob and Marty invited us there for dinner and air conditioning. I am not sure which was better, the steaks Bob made or the cool dry air. We laughed and had some Anahuac wine. That winery didn't look like much but it sure was good, 'cept for the bottles that blew up in the fridge.

I could go on for some time about the memories we have. I am glad to still have those. Bob may be gone, but he still lives in my heart. I miss him, he was my friend. I am sure everyone else feels the same. TQ



2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CRUISE NIGHTS

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ OFFICE DEPOT IN PORT ARTHUR/NEDERLAND

3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ WEINERSCHNITZEL IN ORANGE

4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ WEINERSCHNITZEL IN BEAUMONT

5TH SATURDAY – VIDOR CRUISE

JANUARY

11 CLUB MEETING

FEBRUARY

1 CLUB MEETING

10 BEAUMONT CRUISE

MARCH

1 CLUB MEETING

TBD DRIVING EVENT

3 LUMBERTON PROJECT GRADUATION

CAR SHOW, HIGH SCHOOL

24-25 SPINDLETOP CLASSIC CAR SHOW

MCA GULF COAST NATIONAL

PENSACOLA, FL

APRIL

5 CLUB MEETING

TBD VILLAGE CREEK FESTIVAL

LUMBERTON

TBD MUSTANG CLUB OF HOUSTON CAR

SHOW @ FREEWAY FORD

14 WHMC CRUISE TO CHAPPELL HILL

BLUEBONNET FEST

20-22 NATIONAL MCA SHOW,

MUSTANG, OK (OKLAHOMA CITY)

MAY

3 CLUB MEETING

4-5 FUN FORD WEEKEND - O'REILLY

NATIONALS AT HOUSTON RACEWAY

PARK

5 LCM PROJECT GRADUATION SHOW

12 BEAUMONT CRUISE

19 WHMC SHOW @ KINSEL'S

JUNE

7 CLUB MEETING

16 BEST YEARS SENIOR CENTER CAR
SHOW, CROCKETT ST.

JULY

5 (12) CLUB MEETING

14 CLASH OF THE TITANS AT HOUSTON
RACEWAY PARK

20-21 CRUISIN' KIRBYVILLE

AUGUST

2 CLUB MEETING

10-12 HOT SUMMER NITES AND
BEAUMONT CRUISE

SEPTEMBER

6 CLUB MEETING

7-9 FUN FORD WEEKEND O'REILLY

MUSTANG WORLD FINALS AT ENNIS

29-30 OLD TOWN SPRING CAR SHOW

OCTOBER

4 CLUB MEETING

6 CAJUN MUSTANGERS SHOW

9/30-7 CRUISIN' THE COAST, MS

TBD UNIQUE PERFORMANCE CAR SHOW

NOVEMBER

1 CLUB MEETING

10 BEAUMONT CRUISE

10 CLASH OF THE TITANS AT HOUSTON
RACEWAY PARK

DECEMBER

TBD CLUB MEETING: CHRISTMAS
PARTY/ELECTIONS

CLUB BUSINESSES

KINSEL FORD – CINDY YOHE
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AFLAC INSURANCE – MARTY JONES
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PARSON'S DIFFERENTIALS – CLIFF PARSONS

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