



The Pony Express

February 2007

February Trip to Italia

Club Meeting Notes

The club had the last meeting on February 1st at Olive Garden. We had a great turnout and filled the meeting room.

- Club Treasury is at \$1205.51.
- 2007 dues of \$20 per family membership are requested now from members.

Our special guests at this meeting were Jordan Moses of Kinsel Ford and his wife. Jordan spoke about some exciting variations on the Mustang that Kinsel is now promoting. These include the usual Saleens and Roush's and also special body kits for both V6's and GT's. Jordan is also working on a method to identify club members, so that we can take advantage of a 15% parts discount and new car discounts.

Other items discussed during the meeting:

- Club shirts are still available by visiting Jubi Prints in Vidor.
- There are three pairs of magnetic club signs available from Ron Roth for \$20.
- Our annual car show is coming up on May 19th.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday, March 1st, at Elena's at the Colonnade in Beaumont at 6:30pm.

Do, Do Do, Do Wah, Do Dues
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.

2-Ways to Change the Oil in Your Mustang

Women:

1. Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3000 since the last oil change.
2. Drink a cup of coffee.
3. 15 minutes later, write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Men:

1. Go to O'Reilly auto parts and write a check for 50 dollars for oil, filter, oil lift (AKA kitty litter), hand cleaner and scented tree.
2. Discover that the used oil container is full. Instead of taking it back to O'Reilly to recycle, dump in hole in back yard.
3. Open a beer and drink it.
4. Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
5. Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
6. In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
7. Place drain pan under engine.
8. Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
9. Give up and use crescent wrench.
10. Unscrew drain plug.
11. Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil; get hot oil on you in process.
12. Clean up.
13. Have another beer while oil is draining.
14. Look for oil filter wrench.
15. Give up; poke oil filter with Phillips screwdriver and twist it off.
16. Beer.
17. Buddy shows up; finish case with him. Finish oil change tomorrow.
18. Next day, drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car.
19. Throw oil lift (AKA kitty litter) on oil spilled during step 18.
20. Install new oil filter making sure to apply thin coat of clean oil to gasket first.
21. Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
22. Remember drain plug from step 11.
23. Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
24. Hurry to replace drain plug before the whole quart of fresh oil drains onto floor.
25. Slip with wrench and bang knuckles on frame.
26. Bang head on floor board in reaction.
27. Begin cussing fit.
28. Throw wrench.
29. Cuss for additional 10 minutes because wrench broke a garage window.
30. Clean up; apply Band-Aid to knuckle.
31. Dump in additional 4 quarts of oil.
32. Lower car from jack stands.
33. Accidentally crush one of the jack stands.
34. Move car back to apply more oil lift (AKA kitty litter) to fresh oil spilled during step 23.
35. Drive car.

Another pony joins the Shelby stampede

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If there's one thing Ford has learned in recent months, it's the magic that comes with combining the words "Mustang" and "Shelby." Throw in the harsh reality that Ford needs all the magic it can conjure these days, and you have the makings of yet another Shelby Mustang. Following closely (some might say too closely) on the heels of the Shelby GT500 and Shelby GT-H, this latest hot-rod pony is simply dubbed "Shelby GT" and is, for the most part, a retail version of the GT-H rental car offered through select Hertz agencies.

Inside Line recently piloted the 2007 Shelby GT at Ford's proving grounds in Dearborn, Michigan, and while we'd have preferred a full-fledged road test, our limited seat time did confirm that Carroll Shelby still has some compelling tricks up his sleeve.

"GT" plus "Ford Racing" equals "Shelby GT"

Shelby Automobiles, based in Las Vegas, begins with a stock Mustang GT and adds a Ford Racing Power Pack and Handling Pack to each car. The Power Pack consists of a 90-millimeter cold-air intake, reworked engine calibration, upgraded exhaust flow (via a new X-pipe) and a shorter rear axle ratio (3.55 versus the GT's 3.31). And while the rental GT-H comes in automatic form only, the Shelby GT can be had with a slushbox or a five-speed manual transmission featuring a Hurst short-throw shifter.

The Handling Pack consists of shorter springs, stiffer dampers and an upgraded front antiroll bar. The shorter springs drop the car 1.5 inches, which is unfortunate in the sense that it makes seeing these upgraded parts — all of them painted a shimmering shade of Ford Blue — even harder to see unless you have access to a vehicle lift. A front strut-tower brace and P235/55ZR18 tires complete the Shelby GT's handling upgrades.

Once again, Carroll leaves his mark

While both the Power Pack and Handling Pack are available to anyone willing to visit the Ford Racing catalog (or Web site), the Shelby GT's styling modifications are not so easily replicated. They begin with a pair of silver Le Mans racing stripes painted over either a white or black coupe (no convertible versions are planned). Additional "Shelby GT" side stripes connect the 18-inch chrome wheels and run underneath unique side scoops (just ahead of the rear wheelwells). A lower front fascia with a brushed-aluminum grille — minus foglights — sits below a Cobra-inspired, non-functional hood scoop. Perhaps our favorite exterior design cue is the "SHELBY" spelled out across the trunk lid in individual, classic-font letters, just as it appeared on the 1968 GT500 KR.

The Shelby theme continues inside with "Shelby GT" floor mats, doorsill plates and an authentication plate above the center stack featuring a CSX number (a matching CSX numbered tag is located in the engine compartment).

Classic design cues, modern performance

While the Shelby badging clearly identifies who put this Mustang together, our favorite interior component has to be the Hurst shifter, both for its classic chrome-and-cue-ball look as well as its powerful, purposeful feel. It's this sort of shifter action, along with the Shelby GT's baritone exhaust warble and immediate throttle response, that truly evokes the muscle car era from which the Shelby legend springs. The real difference comes with 40 years of progress, meaning you now can enjoy those traits plus inspired steering feel and predictable at-the-limit handling. On the proving grounds we repeatedly tossed this newest pony car into sharp corners for the sheer joy of throwing the tail out and reeling it back in.

A Way Forward by looking back?

Beyond its obvious performance and image-building characteristics, the Shelby GT is an example of what Ford is calling its "Go Fast" decision-making progress. What this essentially boils down to is removing the traditional corporate barriers that inhibit flexible and nimble product development. Or, as Mark Fields put it, "We need to cut through the bureaucratic bull." No joke — you can hear him use these exact words at www.fordboldmoves.com, where a series of Web-based documentaries are portraying Ford's efforts to find "The Way Forward."

Of course, some might argue that building a new car inspired by a 40-year-old car doesn't seem like "forward" thinking. But Ford's desire to offer "a steed for every need" means the company is recognizing the increased fragmentation of the marketplace while simultaneously answering it with highly specialized, limited-production vehicles. If Toyota can sell dealer-customized Scions to the youth of America, why shouldn't Ford provide a series

of Mustangs that range in price from \$19,995 (V6 Coupe) to \$45,755 (Shelby GT500 convertible)?

This Shelby GT version of the Mustang will cost approximately \$35,000 and is on sale now. If you still believe in that "Mustang" and "Shelby" magic, but you don't want to spend Porsche Boxster-like money, Ford's got a new steed to meet your need.

Texas World Speedway Road Racing Schools

The following dates are set for the weekend road course driving schools in College Station TX 4/21-22, 5/19-20, 6/30-7/1, 7/28-29, 9/1-2, 11/10-11, 12/15-16. 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 the April date conflicts with the MCA event in Mustang, OK. Please let the Quick's know asap, if you are interested in this event.

MCA Events 2007

March 23-25, 2007

28th Gulf Coast 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 the web site www.gcrmc.com or contact Donnie Carlisle (251) 961-1411 or email at carlisle@gulftel.com.

April 1-1, 2007

Annual Spring Open Car Show

Houston, Texas

Hosted by Mustang Club of Houston at Freeway Ford/Dealership. Event hours are 8 AM to 3 PM with check-in running 8 AM to Noon. Registration fee is \$20.00. Annual Spring show at Freeway Ford Dealership. All makes and models welcome. Free Lunch will be provided on site. Hourly door prize drawings. Fire Extinguisher required. Complete Show information included on the Mustang Club of Houston website. For more information, call Les Blankenship at 281 463 4245 or email lesblank@hotmail.com or call Pete Sigwardt at or email sigwardtpl@aol.com or visit the website at <http://www.mcoh.org>.

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>.

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

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

31 EVADALE CATFISH FESTIVAL SHOW

APRIL

1 MUSTANG CLUB OF HOUSTON SPRING

OPEN CAR SHOW @ FREEWAY FORD

5 CLUB MEETING

TBD VILLAGE CREEK FESTIVAL

LUMBERTON

14 WHMC CRUISE TO CHAPPELL HILL

BLUEBONNET FEST

14 WESTBROOK AUTORAMA

20-22 NATIONAL MCA SHOW,

MUSTANG, OK (OKLAHOMA CITY)

21 BAYSHORE FINE RIDES SHOW,

BAYTOWN

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
AAMCO TRANSMISSIONS – THE RAYZOR'S
AFLAC INSURANCE – MARTY JONES
GRINNELL COMPUTERS – OUR WEBMASTER, KEVIN GRINNELL
PARSON'S DIFFERENTIALS – CLIFF PARSONS
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