



The Pony Express

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Good Hands, Gecko, Geico?

What are you doing to insure the pride and joy in your garage? When it comes to insuring the specialty Mustang that you own, standard insurance is not always your best option. When you go to an Allstate, State Farm, or others you may be paying more than is necessary to cover your pride and joy. Regular insurance provides "cash value" coverage limits. This is usually a depreciated value compared to a new car.

There are many companies that specialize in insuring antique and custom vehicles. Some will even insure brand new vehicles that are maintained as show or custom cars. Savings can be 50% to 75% over a standard policy. Most classic/exotic policies use "agreed" value to set coverage limits, since classics/exotics usually appreciate in value.

These policies will set a maximum allowance for miles driven in a year, typically,

1,000 to 5,000. They may allow pleasure driving as long as its not shopping or to work (pleasure driving). Car club members may see a bigger discount. Appraisals may be required for values over a set amount.

Companies that provide this type of coverage include:

JC Taylor (<http://www.jctaylor.com/>),

Hagerty (<http://www.hagerty.com/>), or

Classic Auto Insurance

(<http://www.classicins.com/google/index.htm>)

For more information take a look at this web address:

<http://info.insure.com/auto/vintageautos.html>

Get Ready to Rumble!- Take 2

Our last date was a rainout; so let's try again for the Wild Horses to run loose in the streets. The 2nd annual WHMC Fox and Hound event is nigh. We are scheduled to gallop around the countryside on **March 18th** in a semblance of organized chaos as we try to follow cryptic directions provided by the Jones' to reach

our final destination in the right amount of time. Our tentative plan is to meet at Fuddruckers in Beaumont by the mall at 3:30p with departures every 3 minutes starting at 4:00p. Plans could change, so confirm this with a RSVP please. Bob and Marty can be reached at 751-3522. The course should take somewhere around 2 hours if you can follow directions.

Spring is in the air- Just look at your hood

It's show season again. Just in time for all that pollen in

the air to settle out. I hope everyone has their latest tweaks done. See the calendar in the newsletter for upcoming events. The **Spindletop Rod Club** will be hosting a show the weekend of 3/24-26 at the Elegante' Hotel. Those thinking of attending, please let Ron Woods know so he may set aside parking space for WHMC attendees. The Woods are Spindletop members also and will rope off an area for us to show our cars. Only cars 1975 or older will be eligible for judging, but newer cars are welcome for display. Ron can be reached at rwoods@gt.rr.com

Time to Pony Up! If you have not already sent in your annual dues payment of \$20 to Treasurer Derek Peaster, please do so at your earliest convenience. Checks can be sent to **Wild Horse Mustang Club** at 140 Sarah Lane Lumberton, TX 77657.

Member News

Ken Babin -Has his ride bailed out of "paint jail". It's bright/shiny now with that new paint smell.

Heather Brown - She finally broke the 10 second mark on the strip! She didn't just break it, she tore it down with a 9.90 pass. Way to go!

Dustin Babin - Has his Mach tore down right now doing some serious resto work on it. Should look good when it's finished.

Derek Peaster - Has his new motor built up. It sounds like he's in phase 3 of this project when you go from a 302 to a 351. "What do you mean it's a different bracket?"

Howard Menville - Was seen doing a drive by at Lumberton Operation Graduation show last weekend. The ultra leather interior he had put in by Jody's Upholstery looked great.

Tony Cormier/BK Keasler - These 2 cleaned house at Operation Graduation in Lumberton. Tony won best Street Rod and Best of Show. Too bad it was so dark they couldn't get pictures of the car. Trophies weren't awarded until after 6:15 pm!

Todd/Sue Quick - Todd took 1st place in early model Mustang and Sue took 2nd in late model at Lumberton-Operation Graduation on March 4th.

If you have something going on with your ride and want to let the club in on it, just drop us a line and we will get it in the next edition. Otherwise we just print rumor and hearsay. Email us at thequicks@att.net

New Member Welcome

The Wild Horse Mustang Club would like to give a big Howdy! to the newest member of the stable. Bill and Mary Linker have joined up with their 64½ convertible. Bill has offered to be our Master of Ceremonies at the club show on May 6th.

WHMC 2nd Annual Car Show

The Show Cmte. has been hard at work on our next big show. We will have a spring show at Kinsel Ford on May 6th. Planning is hot and heavy right now. Bob D. has the trophies well in hand. Members should try to gather up around 5 door prizes each if possible for the show. First 75 entries will get a dash plaque. The Tyler County Go-Texans will be cooking for us again. We will do a parking lot cleanup the night before the show. Bob J. is show chairman if you have any questions.

Blue Oval Blues

Ford Motor Co. is in a bit of a pickle these days with all the going-ons in our global

economy. High gasoline prices have stifled large truck and SUV sales, which was the cash cow for Ford. The ricers are leading the way in crossover vehicle sales for the moment.

Crossovers are Smaller SUV's that ride/look more like cars. Ford's best selling crossover is the Escape, but it still resembles traditional SUV's. Hybrids still haven't caught on with mainstream buyers yet. We may discuss some of the new technical innovations with hybrids in a later article.

While the new Mustang has been selling faster than they can make them, other vehicle lines continue to stagnate and are causing fiscal headaches for the world's #2 automaker. Ford does not currently plan to expand Mustang production at this time. For February '06 there were 13,367 Mustangs built in Dearborn. This was down almost 5% from Feb '05.

The new Fusion sedan is replacing the Taurus. The Fusion's crash test data from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety was judged acceptable in offset frontal collisions for 2006 models mfg after 1/06 and poor for side impacts on 2006 models w/o optional side airbags. The Ford Five Hundred sedan had good ratings for both categories.

Ford has announced major layoffs of up to 30,000 employees worldwide over the next 5 years along with several plants to be idled. Wall Street has devalued Ford's bond rating to near junk status along with Ford Motor Credit,

their vehicle financing division.

While this may seem dismal, Ford is still pumping money into R&D and coming up with hot cars like the Mustang, Ford GT, and new 2007 Shelby Cobra. One sad note is that it appears the SVT group may be done in for. Rumblings on the web are that it has been absorbed into the mainstream applications at Ford and will no longer be their "skunk works" operation. Only time will judge if this is a wise move. If you have a Lightning, Cobra, or Focus, you may want to hang on to it. Let's hope Bill Ford's crystal ball is clear and not cracked, especially with our old nemesis' the Camaro and Challenger on the horizon once again.

Pasture Pool

Fore! Golf is a sport that you either love or hate. Recently Tiger Woods provided some inspiration to take up the clubs again. He just won the Ford Championship at Doral CC in Florida for the 2nd year running. In addition to the lovely crystal trophy and check with lots of zeros in it, Tiger got his choice between a new '07 GT or the new Shelby. He took the Shelby, since he already had a GT. He gave the GT he won last year to his caddie to make room for the Shelby.

NASCAR News

Matt Kenseth, 2003 Nextel Cup Champion, who is one of the many talented drivers in the Jack Roush lineup this year recorded the first Nextel Cup victory for the 2006 Ford Fusion at the [Auto Club 500](#) held at California Speedway in Fontana, CA on Feb 26th. Greg Biffle had led most of the race up until the last few laps when he suffered an engine failure and had to go behind the wall. The rest of the Roushketeers

fared well, with Carl Edwards pulling off a 3rd place finish. New to the Roush team, Jamie McMurray brought the #26 Crown Royal car home in 6th place and veteran Mark Martin had the Triple A car in 9th.

Kenseth and Martin are Roush drivers currently in the top 10 after 2 races. Elliott Sadler with Robert Yates Racing is also in the top 10. Las Vegas Motor Speedway is the next stop on the circuit March 12th.

Club Meeting Notes

The club's last meeting was on 3/2/06 at Sanderson's in Nederland.

Club Treasury is at **\$1151.64**.

Show Update

Bob Davenport brought along the sponsor appreciation plaque that we will give to Kinsel.

We have asked Cindy Yohe of Kinsel for \$1000 towards the show for trophies, dash plaques, etc.

Kinsel will be providing advertising on radio and TV.

Fox and Hound

We agreed to reschedule for March 18th, in place of the March driving event originally planned for March 11th.

We discussed other upcoming events including the Spindletop Show on March 25-26, the Catfish Festival in Evadale and the Westbrook HS show on April 1. Also, our Chappel Hill Bluebonnet Festival trip is **April 8th**.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday, April 6, at Rocky's Roadhouse on 11th St. at 6:30pm

2006 Calendar of Events

		March			
		2	Club Meeting		
		18	WHMC Fox and Hound Weinerschnitzel Cruise Nite		
		24-	Spindletop Classic Car Show, MGM Elegante		
		26	MCA Gulf Coast National Pensacola, FL		
April		May		June	
1	Catfish Festival Car Show, Evadale Westbrook HS Show	4	Club Meeting	1	Club Meeting
6	Club Meeting	6	WHMC Show @ Kinsel	8-	Mid-America Ford Performance and Shelby Meet, Tulsa, OK
8	WHMC Cruise to Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Fest	13	Beaumont Cruise	11	
22	Village Creek Festival Lumberton	20	Weinerschnitzel Cruise Nite	17	Weinerschnitzel Cruise Nite
28-	O'Reilly FFW Nationals at Houston Raceway Park	27	WHMC Beach Cruise to Stingaree Restaurant	24	WHMC Hillister-"the Stump"
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July		August		September	
6	Club Meeting	3	Club Meeting	1-4	MCA 30 th Anniversary Stampede, Birmingham, AL
15-	Clash of the Titans at Houston Raceway Park	11-	Hot Summer Nites and Beaumont Cruise	7	Club Meeting
16	Weinerschnitzel	13		15-	O'Reilly Mustang World Finals at Ennis, TX
15	WHMC Kemah Cruise	19	Weinerschnitzel	17	
22	Vidor Main Street Cruise	26	WHMC Cruise to Pickett House	16	Weinerschnitzel
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October		November		December	
1-8	Cruisin' The Coast, MS Coast	2	Club Meeting	7	Club Meeting
5	Club Meeting	11	Beaumont Cruise	9	Christmas Party/Elections
?	Cajun Mustangers Show	18	WHMC Turkey Trot Cruise Weinerschnitzel		
21	Weinerschnitzel	25	Clash of the Titans at Houston Raceway Park		

Club Businesses

AAMCO Transmissions - The Rayzors
 AFLAC Insurance - Bob and Marty Jones
 Grinnell Computers - Our Webmaster, Kevin Grinnell
 Kinsel Ford - Cindy Yohe
 Parson's Differentials - Cliff Parsons