



# The Pony Express

April 2005

## Mustangs and Bluebonnets

The morning of April 9 did not begin with the blue skies and sun we had hoped for. The group of seven Mustangs left Lumberton in foggy conditions with high hopes for good weather. But in no time at all, the skies lifted and a perfect spring day arrived. Our group picked up two more Mustangs at Conroe, in route to Chappell Hill for their annual Bluebonnet festival.

The group was excited about seeing Tom Dryden's 69 Shelby GT 500 out for a shake down cruise. Tom rescued this car from Japan, of all places, where it was raced.

We arrived at the festival after noon and found our "reserved" parking in front of an old school building, which now houses a historical museum. The entire town, it seemed, was covered with booths holding arts, crafts, and food. In short time, our group spread out across the festival in search of treasures and treats. When our feet gave out, we sat under the shade of old oaks and enjoyed the spring breezes.

The group pulled out together before 5:00 and headed back to East Texas arriving in just over three hours.

If you missed the fun, we're planning ahead to do it again next year. The festival organizers were glad to have us and invited us back next year with the same good parking.



## **Club Meeting Notes**

The club had our most recent meeting on April 7. The following business items were discussed:

### **Mustang Club of America** -

We discussed the latest on our plans to submit for club inclusion into the MCA.

**Dues** - We need our members to remit dues for 2005 to the club treasurer, Derek Peaster. (140 Sarah Lane Lumberton, TX 77657) The pro-rated rate for the rest of 2005 is \$15.

**Delta Downs Show** - The group that attended the Delta Downs show last month had a great time. The casino treated us very well. We parked our cars out front between the casino and the race track. Everyone received a free buffet, door prizes, and entries into the drawing for a 2005 Mustang. But no one in our group won. In fact, Jadelle Buckhart was the only member who stayed until the 11:00 pm drawing.

### **The Next Driving Event**

We're floating around some ideas for our next trip. Perhaps we'll try the Lawrence Marshall car museum in Hempstead. Or Galveston. Or...

### **Fun Ford Weekend**

Our next big event planned is to attend the Fun Ford Weekend April 30 - May 1 at Houston Raceway Park, in Baytown. This event is a celebration of everything Ford, with drag racing, vendors, and shows. The plan is to show our cars, so that we get up front parking and easy access to the races and the vendors. Of course, if you're prepared to race your car, we say go for it. Car show entry fees are \$35 for one day and \$45 for both days for car and driver. Additional spectators are \$22 for a single day or \$35 for both days. More information can be found at [www.funfordevents.com](http://www.funfordevents.com).

We will meet both days at 7:00 am at the Shell station at I-10 and Walden road for the drive over.

### **CAR SHOW SCHEDULE**

Gates Open 8:00 AM

Registration 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Award Judging 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Award Presentation 4:00 PM

### **Saturday Awards:**

Top Twenty-Five Awards (people's choice)

### **Sunday Awards:**

Top Twenty Mustangs, Best Big Ford, Best Boss, Best Bullitt, Best Compact, Best Contemporary, Best Conversion, Best Focus, Best Full Size Truck (Pre '90), Best Full Size, Truck('90&up), Best Exotic, Best Mach 1, Best Mercury Marauder, Best Mini Truck, Best Race Car, Best Saleen, Best Shelby, Best Street Rod, Best T-Bird, (5) Open Classes, Riley's Nostalgia, Manufacturer's Choice, Track Choice, Promoter's Choice, People's Choice, Muscle Mustang & Fast Fords Editor's Choice (1978 & older), Muscle Mustang & Fast Fords Editor's Choice (1979 & newer)\* *This winning participant is featured in Muscle Mustangs & Fast Fords Magazine*  
Turbo & High Tech Performance Editor's Choice, Mustang Brand Team Award  
Best Mustang (1994 & up) - 4 Foot Trophy  
Best Interior - 4 Foot Trophy  
Best Paint - 4 Foot Trophy  
Best Engine - 4 Foot Trophy  
Best of Show - 4 Foot Trophy

### **Saturday April 30, 2005**

Open Gates....7AM  
Registration & Tech Inspection....8AM-12PM  
Time Trials....9AM-11:30AM  
Gallop For The Gold....11:45AM  
Showdown Qualifying, RDs 2 & 3....12PM-3PM  
Begin Bracket Eliminations....1PM  
True Street Cruise....2PM  
True Street Eliminations....3:30PM  
Showdown Eliminations (1st Round - 32 cars or more)....5PM

### **Sunday May 1, 2005**

Open Gates....8AM  
RFC Services....8:30AM  
Registration....8AM-12PM  
FFW Bracket Tech....8AM-11AM  
Time Trials....9AM-11AM  
Begin Showdown Eliminations...11AM  
Begin Bracket Eliminations....12PM

### **Our Show**

We've looking at the calendar for a date for our fall show at Kinsel. Tentatively we've selected September 17.

<p>Our next club meeting will be Thursday, May 5, at the Aflac office in Lumberton starting at 7:00pm. The Aflac office is on Hwy 96 in the same building as the Five Point Credit Union. If you need directions, call Bob or Marty Jones at 751-3522.</p>
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