



The Pony Express

April 2006

Free Range Wild Horses

Saturday April 8 was the 2nd annual club cruise to Chappel Hill for the Bluebonnet Festival. We had a beautiful day for a drive in the country. Club Members on the drive included the Jones', Woods', Tipton's, Babin's (x2), Quick's, Roth's, Morris's, and Hollis Paine. We had a nice 3 hour ride through the bluebonnets and rolling hills to get to our reserved parking in front of the museum in Chappel Hill. Upon arrival, a large contingent of the group departed for the craft booths to see what treasures awaited. The guys on the other hand were generally more interested in the culinary delights and exchanged tips on who had the best chicken on a stick. There was pretty good foot traffic coming down past the museum to give the cars a good looking over. There were some nice shade trees and a good breeze blowing to keep things cool. For those that couldn't make it you sure missed out on a fine day. Mark your 2007 calendars because we will be doing a 3rd annual next spring again. Bob may have the trailer hitch option installed by then.

Free to Fly

Recently club members Robert "Rocket Man" Jones and Todd Quick attended a road racing class at Texas World Speedway in College Station, TX. For a mere 250 clams, a weekend at TWS was yours to be had. You were first given a morning of classroom training on how to brake and corner. You were paired up with a personal instructor for traveling around the course in the mornings. Todd's instructor was Misty, a petite gal who couldn't hardly move the seat close enough to the wheel and Bob's instructor Jagr, who wasn't from around here, and almost had to remove the front seat to fit in Bob's car. They drove you around for 3-5 laps before swapping places and riding with you for several laps. After a cool down period, you get cut loose to "do your thing" around the 1.9 mile, 15 turn course. The beginner group got on the track 5-6 times per day for 20 minute sessions.



The only expression for how it felt was "Wow!" Here we are coming out of turn 15 onto the high bank front stretch and running 110-125 mph before taking a hard downhill left at the end of the straight leading into turn 1 to go around again. Turn 7 was at the end of the back straight and you could run 85-90 into the curve and hold the throttle all the way around this sweeping uphill left hander until having to brake hard for #8.

This was a well-run program and very safe. They ran 4 different skill levels at the track, all with separate sessions. We got to watch 505hp Corvette Z06's, Dodge Vipers, BMW sedans, Mazda Miata's, kit cars, and an open wheel Indy car race around the track. Two special treats to see were the 2000 Cobra R that rolled out of a trailer Saturday morning, and a Black/silver Ford GT that came in on Sunday to run the track. The doctor that brought it cruised at a leisurely 160 mph down the front straight with it. We had nice weather, with cool temps and slightly overcast. Talk about running with the big dogs! For those daring enough, the sky was the limit.

Even with all the high dollar and high tech race cars, most everyone gravitated over to Bob's '66 Shelby GT-350 at one point or another to give it a closer look. Most couldn't believe he was actually flogging this fine pony around the asphalt. After watching Bob go around the track, I guess I can't call him "Putt-Putt" anymore. If you get a chance, ask Bob what he found on the floor of his car. Good thing there weren't any squirrels around the garage area.



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

The **Woods'** have their street rod for sale. Contact them if you're interested.

Dustin Babin has completed a new interior for his '71. Looks good!!

Todd/Sue Quick -

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

Congratulations to the Spindletop Street Rod Club on picking a superb weekend and hosting a very well executed show at the Elegante' hotel in Bmt. Several club members were there and enjoyed the fine weather and music for the weekend.

WHMC 2nd Annual Car Show

Our 2nd Annual Mustang and All Ford Show will be held May 6, 2006 at Kinsel Ford. The Show Cmte has 1 more planning meeting and 1 more club meeting B4 the show. Members should try to gather up around 5 door prizes each if possible. You can bring to the next club meeting May 4th or to the show May 6th. We are looking forward to another exciting event. The Tyler County Go-Texans will be grilling out again for us. Bob Davenport has the trophies under control and looking good. There will be dash plaques again also. Kinsel Ford has graciously helped fund this event. Y'all come out and enjoy this. We should not have a hurricane 1 week after the show this time.

Blue Oval Blues

1. Ford is recalling nearly 20,000 Mustang Cobras after receiving complaints that the back of the accelerator pedal could become caught in the floor carpeting and lead to a crash. Ford told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in late January that it had received about 100 complaints and allegations of two crashes and one injury. The recall affects 19,140 Cobras made in 2003 and 2004. Ford said in a letter to the NHTSA that the rear surface of the pedal could interfere with the carpeting during heavy throttling and make it

difficult for the pedal to return to an idle position. Dealers are expected to install a bracket over the cutout in the carpet behind the pedal.

2. Ford has discontinued the GT super car with the '06 model year. If you haven't already got yours you will have to scour the used lots to find one.

3. Rumor has it that the '07 Shelby will sticker in the low/mid \$40's. The only gotcha' is that you should expect around a \$20K dealer surcharge for this limited production pony.

NASCAR News

Things have been rough out there for some of the blue oval boys lately.

Matt Kenseth got banged out of the lead at Martinsville by former team mate Kurt Busch and missed out on checkered flag.

At Texas, Roushketeeer Greg Biffle was the man to catch until former team mate, you guessed it, Kurt Busch (who was a lap down) put him in the wall after less than 90 laps. Carl Edwards got loose in a turn and

ricocheted off Jeff Gordon before wrecking against the inside wall. Jamie McMurray could never find the handle and just parked the #26 car. Thankfully veterans Mark Martin and Matt Kenseth brought home top ten and kept themselves in the top 5 overall points so far. Robert Yates drivers Dale Jarrett (11th) and Elliott Sadler (12th) are still in the hunt along with Jamie McMurray (21st). Next up are Phoenix, Talledega, and Richmond.

Club Meeting Notes

The club's last meeting was on 4/6/06 at Rocky's Roadhouse in Beaumont. The meeting was generally well attended

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.

Reminder for the Chappel Hill cruise on 4/8. Depart Aflac office in Lumberton 8:30a.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday, May 4, at Lone Star Steakhouse (old J&J Steakhouse by mall) in Beaumont at 6:30pm

2006 Calendar of Events

April	May	June
1 Catfish Festival Car Show, Evadale 6 Club Meeting 8 WHMC Cruise to Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Fest 22 Village Creek Festival Lumberton-Flik Customs Weinerschnitzel Cruise Nite 28- O'Reilly FFW Nationals at Houston Raceway Park 29	4 Club Meeting 6 WHMC Show @ Kinsel 13 Beaumont Cruise 20 Weinerschnitzel Cruise Nite 27 WHMC Beach Cruise to Stingaree Restaurant	1 Club Meeting 8- Mid-America Ford Performance and Shelby Meet, Tulsa,OK 11 17 Weinerschnitzel Cruise Nite 24 WHMC Hillister-"the Stump"
July	August	September
6 Club Meeting 15- Clash of the Titans at Houston Raceway Park 16 15 Weinerschnitzel 22 WHMC Kemah Cruise 29 Vidor Main Street Cruise	3 Club Meeting 11- Hot Summer Nites and Beaumont Cruise 13 19 Weinerschnitzel 26 WHMC Cruise to Pickett House	1-4 MCA 30 th Anniversary Stampede, Birmingham,AL 7 Club Meeting 15- O'Reilly Mustang World Finals at Ennis, TX 17 16 Weinerschnitzel
October	November	December
1-8 Cruisin' The Coast, MS Coast 5 Club Meeting ? Cajun Mustangers Show 21 Weinerschnitzel	2 Club Meeting 11 Beaumont Cruise 18 WHMC Turkey Trot Cruise Weinerschnitzel 25 Clash of the Titans at Houston Raceway Park	7 Club Meeting 9 Christmas Party/Elections

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