



The Pony Express

July 2007

A Horse of a Different Color?

WHMC is pretty unique and special for a small local Mustang club. Our membership roster continues to grow every month along with the unique and varied list of cars represented by our members. Some of the cars belonging to club members are:

1970 Boss 302 '03/'04 Terminator Cobra's Saleen Parnelli Jones edition
2003 Mach 1 Roush 427R '67 Fastbacks '71 Mach 1 429 '66 Shelby clone
'97 Cobra (w/2000 miles) '07 Shelby GT500 '70 Convertible (unrestored)

Whilst it only seems that the predominant color is red for club cars, the other hues in the rainbow are becoming more prevalent. The whites and oranges are showing up. Donnie kept his original Meadowlark yellow color for his '69. Gold's and blacks are in the mix too. There is even a potential Indian Fire car in our midst.

Speaking of colors, do you know what Ford car had the most unique color names in 1969? They offered colors such as "Anti-establish mint" iridescent, "Thanks a Vermillion" iridescent and "Freudian Gilt" iridescent? By the way, iridescent is 60's speak for metal flake.

I was recently asked about tracing your Mustangs history and rarity within the models. If you have not heard, Mr. Kevin Marti has the most complete records available by VIN for the 1967-1979 Mustang production runs. Check out his website for his services and offerings. www.Martiauto.com

Packing on the Pony's

If you're looking to add to your stable, some of the best buys these days are in the Fox generation ('79-'93) and the "II" generation ('74-'78) for reasonable entry level pricing on cars. There are lots of folks supporting the Fox era cars now with aftermarket parts. The 2's are still a challenge in that arena. There was a '78 King Cobra for sale recently in the Vidor area on Southeasttexas.com It is one of the most collectible and highly prized 2's ever made, unless you can get your hands on the one Farrah Fawcett drove in Charlie's Angels.

Club Meeting Notes

The club had the last meeting on July 12th at The Olive Garden. There were 24 members in attendance.

- Club treasury stands at \$2967.86 before issuing the check to the Shelby Foundation.
- Discussed plans for attending Cruisin' Kirbyville and Hot Summer Nights.
- Confirmed plans for the indoor Parkdale Mall show on August 18th. This is on tax-free weekend, so the mall will be hopping. Our cars will be parked near the food court from 9 AM to 9 PM. Plan to arrive at 7 AM sharp to enter the mall at the Beall's/ JC Penney entrance. All must have carpet or plastic to place under tires and drive train. Drive your car enough to get to 1/8 tank of gas and be able to disconnect the battery.
- Driving event planned for July. We will be going to the Pickett House for dinner on the 28th. Meet at the Aflac office on Hwy 96 in Lumberton at 4:30 for departure. RSVP to Ron Woods at rwoods@gt.rr.com.
- Don Collins dropped in briefly from Kinsel's to see the group and hand out coupons to the Comedy Club in Bmt.

Our next club meeting will be Thursday, August 2nd at Van Choate's Tuffy's in Mauriceville at 6:30pm.

Member News

Ronnie & Kathy Woods just recently got their '70 Mach back from Steve Flore's shop, *Intensive Car Care*. It is now sporting a Be Cool aluminum radiator w /electric fans, Vintage A/C, and a March Performance serpentine kit. Looking good!

Don Collins has a hot unit on the Kinsel's showroom floor right now. I started life as a black GT. It has been modded slightly with maroon metal flake paint on the top half of the car separated from the black lower by a nice silver pinstripe. It has an "R" style wing attached on the decklid. The car sounds like it can back up the looks. When we looked at it, the battery was weak (see TSB) and had to be jumped to start. If you're interested, look Don up at Kinsel's

Donnie Tipton has his new business venture up and running. He has started his own Snap-on Tools franchise distribution business. If you need him to add your place to his route, give him a jingle.

New Mustangs Lack Spark?

Club member Bob Davenport wanted to share with the members a problem he's been having with his 2006 Mustang so that others can be aware. When they don't drive it for several days, the pony doesn't want to start. After looking into it with the dealer, they found a Technical Service Bulletin regarding the discharging of batteries in limited use vehicles. While the TSB implies the problem occurs after 30

days, Mustang owners are reporting in on-line forums similar problems with less than one week in storage. Apparently the newer cars have a lot more drain on the battery. Here's the info -

TSB 07-5-13 DISCHARGED BATTERIES - VEHICLES IN STORAGE/LIMITED USAGE

ISSUE:

Some 2005-2008 Mustang , Explorer 4dr, Mountaineer, Expedition, Navigator, 2005 Explorer Sport Trac and 2007-2008 Explorer Sport Trac vehicles may experience a no start and have a discharged battery. They are usually stored for prolonged periods of time or are driven infrequently for short distances. Batteries will discharge while the vehicle is in storage due to normal current draw loads. Over a period of time, 30 days or more, vehicles in storage will have shallow to deeply discharged batteries as a result of lack of use or normal current draw.

SERVICE TIPS

1. Charging system diagnostics and battery draw test are located in Workshop Manual, Section 414-00.
2. Discharged batteries need to be properly recharged following the procedures in TSB 07-5-8.
3. All modern automobiles have several micro processors in their electrical system that will draw small amounts of electrical current when the vehicle key is off. Normal current draw is between 20-30 milliamps (workshop manual specification is up to 50 milliamps 0.050 amps).
4. The more discharged a battery becomes; the more susceptible it is to permanent damage. This is more likely in low temperatures (below 32 °F (0 °C). Batteries will discharge while the vehicle is in storage due to normal current draw loads. Over a period of time (30 days or more), vehicles in storage will have shallow to deeply discharged batteries as a result of lack of use or normal current draw.
NOTE: ELECTRICAL OR ELECTRONIC ACCESSORIES OR COMPONENTS ADDED TO THE VEHICLE BY THE DEALER OR BY THE OWNER WILL INCREASE THE CURRENT DRAW LOADS AND ADVERSELY AFFECT BATTERY PERFORMANCE AND DURABILITY.
5. The vehicle's charging system is designed to supply the vehicle's electrical power needs and maintain the battery to near full charge during normal vehicle use. The charging system is not capable of bringing a deeply discharged battery back to near full charge in a short amount of time such as allowing the vehicle to idle for 15 minutes to "recharge the battery" or from short drive cycles.
6. Short drive cycles will only provide a small surface charge to the battery. To fully recharge a battery that is fully discharged requires operating the vehicle for approximately two (2) hours with engine speed above 1500 RPM.
7. Vehicles that are stored for extended periods or are driven infrequently for short distances may need to use an auxiliary battery maintainer/charger that is expressly designed to maintain the battery state of charge during storage. These maintainers/chargers are available in the automotive aftermarket and should be used according to their manufacturer's direction.

Take a walk on the wild side.....

Sturgis, South Dakota in the Black Hills. Known for gambling, drinking, and wild escapades on Harleys.

Sounds like they needed some class, so the 1st Annual Sturgis Mustang Rally has been announced for August 31 to September 2. Events include a show n shine, drag races, swap meet, poker run and pub crawl. Pub crawl anyone??? I know of a good motel in Sturgis.

See www.sturgismustangrally.com for more information.

Upcoming Mustang Events in Detail

August 4, 2007

27th Annual Mustang & Ford Roundup

Austin, Texas

Hosted by Mustang Owner's Club of Austin, Texas at Great Hills Baptist Church. Event hours are 8:30am til 3:00pm with check-in running 8:30am-10:30am. Registration fee is \$30.00 (pre-registration \$20.00). Hosted by Mustang Owners Club of Austin, benefiting SafePlace. Great Hills Baptist Church, 10500 Jollyville Road, Austin, TX. Trophy presentation will be at 2:00 PM. Classes for Mustangs, Falcons, Thunderbirds, Ford trucks and any Ford powered vehicles. For more information, call Ron Redden at 512-837-2618 or email roundup_info@yahoo.com or visit the website at <http://www.mocatx.com>.

August 11-12, 2007

18th Annual Yellow Rose Classic – Southwest All Ford Nationals

Fort Worth, TX

Hosted by the North Texas Mustang Club at Amon G. Carter Exhibition Hall, Will Rogers Memorial Center.

September 22, 2007

14th Annual Mustang Roundup & Ford Show

Bossier City, Louisiana

Hosted by Red River Classic Mustang Club at Wray Ford. Event hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. with check-in running 8-11 a.m.. Registration fee is \$30.00 (pre-registration \$25.00 before September 8, 2007). All Net Proceeds from this event benefit Caddo and Bossier Child Foster Care Services. For more information, call Thomas Monahan at (318) 469-4976 or email tomazzo@bellsouth.net or call Scott Wolf at (318) 934-0228 or email swolf@bwor.com or visit the website at <http://www.rrcmc.com>.

October 27, 2007

ALL FORD SHOW AND SHINE

ZACHARY, Louisiana

Hosted by Baton Rouge Mustangers Inc. at SUPERIOR FORD. Event hours are 9:00AM-4:00PM with check-in running 9:00AM-11:00AM. Registration fee is \$20.00. Awards at 2:00pm. Awards in Mustangs, Trucks, Special Interest, Modified, and Dealer's Choice. (Ford powered vehicles only). Lots of door prizes! Lunch provided for participants. Donations to benefit Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area. Come out, bring the family, and join the fun at Superior Ford! For more information, call Kathy at (225)-677-5490 or email wootkp@aol.com or call Jim at (225)-622-2305 or email jfreyder@cox.net or visit the website at <http://www.brmustangers.org>.

October 28, 2007

Fall Charity Car Show

San Antonio, Texas

Hosted by San Antonio Mustang Club at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World. Event hours are 11:00 am-4:00

pm with check-in running 8:00 am-11:00 am. Registration fee is \$25 (pre-registration \$20 before October 13, 2007). A charity car show benefiting Dare to Love, a local children's charity. 13 classes for all makes/models/years. Vendors welcome. Many area shops and restaurants. For more information, call Anton Gerhard at 210-566-2150 or email starduster_1@hotmail.com or call Paul Govoni at 210-696-9640 or email or visit the website at <http://www.samustang.com>.

November 10-11, 2007

2007 SVT Cobra/Shelby GT 500 Nationals

Houston, Texas

Hosted by SVT Cobra Mustang Club at Motorsport Ranch - Houston. Event hours are 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. with check-in running 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m.. Registration fee is \$310.00 (pre-registration \$280.00 before November 1, 2007). Car show, open track, parade laps, and more... For more information, call Jim Boden at 936.321.0254 or email jimboden99@earthlink.net or call Edmond Vahedi at 281.660.7347 or email firme-web@svtcobraclub.com or visit the website at <http://www.svtcobraclub.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

JULY

12 CLUB MEETING

14 CLASH OF THE TITANS AT
HOUSTON RACEWAY PARK

20-21 CRUISIN' KIRBYVILLE

28 CLUB CRUISE TO PICKETT HOUSE

AUGUST

2 CLUB MEETING

10-12 HOT SUMMER NITES AND
BEAUMONT CRUISE

11-12 YELLOW ROSE CLASSIC, FORT
WORTH

18 CLUB SHOW AT PARKDALE MALL

SEPTEMBER

6 CLUB MEETING

7-9 FUN FORD WEEKEND O'REILLY
MUSTANG WORLD FINALS AT
ENNIS

7-9 CRUISIN' SILSBEE

15 CLUB PICNIC AT THE WOODS'
29-30 OLD TOWN SPRING CAR
SHOW

OCTOBER

4 CLUB MEETING

6 CAJUN MUSTANGERS SHOW

6-7 23RD WOLF CREEK SHOW,
COLDSRING, TX

9/30-7 CRUISIN' THE COAST, MS

20 UNIQUE PERFORMANCE CAR
SHOW, DALLAS

NOVEMBER

1 CLUB MEETING

10 BEAUMONT CRUISE

10 CLASH OF THE TITANS AT
HOUSTON RACEWAY PARK

DECEMBER

TBD CLUB MEETING: CHRISTMAS
PARTY/ELECTIONS

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