



# The Pony Express

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## Insuring Your Ride

In past issues of this newsletter, we've reviewed several choices to save money while enhancing coverage for your classic or special Mustang. Recently the Wall Street Journal covered this topic, which reminded me that new members may not be familiar with their options.

Antique and collector car policies can cost 25% to 35% of a standard auto insurance policy for similar coverage. An average premium is \$300 / year, but you could pay as little as \$100 for \$10,000 in coverage. Some tips:

- Find an insurer that offers coverage unique to collectible cars, including expenses related to restoration and spare parts.
- Find a policy that insures the "agreed value" prior to a total loss. Under this, consumers can increase coverage as the car's value appreciates. This is the advantage to specialty insurance. Standard auto insurance usually pays the depreciated value only and won't cover all of your modifications.
- Cars must be old or rare and likely to increase in value. Also, they can't be used for daily driving. Our coverage restricts the miles per year to 3,000, which we chose.

Well known insurers include: Hagerty, J.C. Taylor, Chubb, Grundy, and even Ford Motor Co. All of these and others can be found on the internet or in ads in classic car magazines.

## Found on EBAY!!

This vehicle was recently posted with a *Buy It Now* price of \$220,000. Bidding reached \$170,100 but the reserve was not met. Vehicle location....Brenham. You just gotta know that someone talked the owner out of a prize for a steal.

"A truly unbelievable find. This unique survivor has been locked in a garage for over 38 years. Totally left on her own all that time.

Purchased in 1969 and raced three times by an enthusiastic amateur who passed away just a few months into his ownership. His widow left the car just as it was and closed the door. The pictures tell the story. So here it is, surely the opportunity of a lifetime.

Ford Mustang 1969 Boss 302 in Acapulco Blue with a Light Blue Vinyl Interior. Axle is a 3.91:1 Traction-Loc with a Four Speed Close Ratio Gearbox. Sold by Von-Wil Ford of Wharton, Texas.

When you sit in the drivers seat and listen to how that door still closes you know that the mileage on the speedometer is correct. One Hundred and Ninety Six Miles only. Close your eyes and you are back in the showroom in 1969. This machine is a time capsule to be enjoyed by her next owner.

The engine has been started and sounds strong. We took the car to the Houston "Classy Chassis" 2008 Show where it not surprisingly won "Best Original and Unrestored Vehicle". The car has been washed only. No polish or wax has been used.

This vehicle is to be sold "AS FOUND". The tires still hold air but will need replacing. There are three small dings in the roof on the drivers side.

We have extensive paperwork and a clear Texas Title. Included are the Von-Wil Ford hand written original Invoice, typed Invoice and Car Owners Pack containing the Temporary Ownership Card, Safety information and other documents. We have the NHRA Engine spec sheet. Also factory build sheet and factory invoice. The original Owner card and warranty booklet are there with the Owners Manual. There are several other sets of invoices and some handwritten notes of the owner relating to carburetor specs and adjustments etc. See photographs of some of these including a time slip from Eastex Dragway showing an E.T. of 13.04. There is too much paperwork to fully list."



*Hot Summer Nights Show*

Several club members were in attendance or just visiting at this year's show. Todd couldn't make it and I stopped by for just a short while, so sorry that there are no pictures. While there was a brief rain show Saturday AM, I'm told that the weather was pleasant under the live oaks and a good breeze was blowing. Congratulations to Ron Roth for taking a 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 94-04 Mustang class with his "new" Cobra.

*Parkdale Mall Show*

This year's Parkdale Mall show will be August 23. This is a great opportunity to meet others interested in Mustangs in air-conditioned comfort. You do not need to stay all day; the group will take shifts with the cars. We drive the cars in the mall around 8:00 am through the doors by Penneys and drive them out after the mall closes at 9:00 pm. Bring something to place under your wheels and the drivetrain. Please let Ron know if you will be attending to get the latest details. [751-0447 rondon2225@sbcglobal.net](mailto:751-0447_rondon2225@sbcglobal.net)

### **Cruisin' Silsbee Update from Johnny Ruggles**

The event is September 19-20. We are really hoping for a great turnout like we had last year from the club. There are 3 judged classes of Stangs this year with 2 awards for each class for a total of 6 awards going out to Mustang owners. Visit our site [www.silsbeecruise.com](http://www.silsbeecruise.com) for more info and registration forms. Awards will be given out that Sat. afternoon, a welcome change from last year. And there will be judges roaming around and picking the class winners instead of participants voting on winners. There will be over 40 awards given out so please tell all your gearhead friends to bring their rides and enter. Thanks and hoping to see all of you there, I have been missing yall...working during all the monthly meetings, just the way my schedule falls. See ya Johnny

# Mustang Club Hurricane Statement

Your club is bringing you this public service announcement: We're about to enter the peak of the hurricane season. Any day now, you're going to turn on the TV and see a weather person pointing to some radar blob out in the Gulf of Mexico and making two basic meteorological hints:

- (1) There is no need to panic
- (2) We could all be killed

Yes, hurricane season is an exciting time to be in Southeast Texas. You're probably wondering what you need to do to prepare for the possibility that we'll get hit by "the big one". We recommend that you follow this simple three-step hurricane preparedness plan:

Step 1. - Buy enough food and bottled water to last your family for at least three days

Step 2 - Put these supplies into your car

Step 3 - Drive to Ohio and remain there until Halloween.

Unfortunately, statistics show that most people will not follow this sensible plan. Most people will foolishly stay here in Southeast Texas. We'll start with one of the most important hurricane preparedness items:

## HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE

If you own a home, you must have hurricane insurance. Fortunately, this insurance is cheap and easy to get, as long as your home meets two basic requirements: (1) It is reasonably well-built, and, (2) It is located in Ohio.

Unfortunately, if your home is located in Southeast Texas, or any other area that might actually be hit by a hurricane, most insurance companies would prefer not to sell you hurricane insurance, because then they might be required to pay YOU money, and that is certainly not why they got into the insurance business in the first place. So you'll have to scrounge around for an insurance company, which will charge you an annual premium roughly equal to the replacement value of your house. At any moment, this company can drop you like used dental floss.

## EVACUATION ROUTE

If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. (To determine whether you live in a low-lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Beaumont" or "Vidor" you live in a low-lying area).

## HURRICANE SUPPLIES

If you don't evacuate, you will need a mess of supplies. Do not buy them now! Southeast Texas tradition requires that you wait until the last possible minute, then go to the supermarket and get into vicious fights with strangers over who gets the last can of SPAM.

In addition to food and water, you will need the following supplies:

- 23 flashlights.
- At least \$167 worth of batteries that turn out, when the power goes off, to be the wrong size for the flashlights.
- Bleach. (No, I don't know what the bleach is for. NOBODY knows what the bleach is for, but it's traditional, so GET some).
- A 55 gallon drum of underarm deodorant.
- A big knife that you can strap to your leg. (This will be useless in a hurricane, but it looks cool).
- \$35,000 in cash or diamonds so that, after the hurricane passes, you can buy a generator from a man with no discernible teeth.

Of course these are just basic precautions. As the hurricane draws near, it is vitally important that you keep abreast of the situation by turning on your television and watching TV reporters in rain slickers stand right next to the ocean and tell you over and over how vitally important it is for everybody to stay away from the ocean.

## Upcoming MCA Mustang Events in Detail

September 6, 2008

### Stampede

#### Mustang, Oklahoma

Hosted by Oklahoma Mustang Club at Hwy 152&Mustang Rd.. Event hours are 8A.M.-4:00P.M. with check-in running 8A.M.-11:00A.M.. Registration fee is \$20 (pre-registration \$15 before August 23, 2008). Held in conjunction with Mustang, Oklahoma's Western Days festivities-parade, arts and crafts,music, rodeo, and food booths. For more information, call George at 405-640-0299 or email [george@okmustangs.com](mailto:george@okmustangs.com) or call Keith at 405-702-8060 or email [keith@okmustangs.com](mailto:keith@okmustangs.com) or visit the website at <http://okmustangs.com>.

September 27, 2008

### Red River Classic Mustang Club's 15th Annual Roundup

#### Bossier City, Louisiana

Hosted by Red River Classic Mustang Club at Wray Ford 1-220 @ Benton Rd. Event hours are 8am-4pm with check-in running 8am-11am. Registration fee is \$30 (pre-registration \$25 before September 1, 2008). The 15th Annual Roundup and Ford Show is hosted by the Red River Classic Mustang Club--a newly recognized regional MCA club. All vehicles must be Ford and Ford powered to be judged. Dash plaque, t-shirt and goodie bag to first 100 entrants. Pre-registered vehicles eligible for \$100 drawing. For more information, call Show Director--Erin Frostic at 318 746-2640 or email [rrcmc.showdirector@yahoo.com](mailto:rrcmc.showdirector@yahoo.com) or call MCA Regional Director--Donna Arends at 318 746-1823 or email or visit the website at <http://www.rrcmc.com>.

October 18, 2008

### 15th Annual All Ford Fall Show

#### Houston, Texas

Hosted by Mustang Club of Houston at Freeway Ford. Event hours are 8:00 - 4:00 with check-in running 8:00 - 12:00. Registration fee is \$20 for first vehicle, \$15 for any additional vehicles. Freeway Ford is located at 6445 Southwest Freeway. Classes for all, Free lunch, Hourly door prizes. Fire extinguisher required. For more information, call Les Blankenship at 281-463-4245 or email [lesblank@hotmail.com](mailto:lesblank@hotmail.com) or call Pete Sigwardt at 281-392-1814 or email [sigwardtpl@aol.com](mailto:sigwardtpl@aol.com) or visit the website at <http://www.mcoh.org>.

## Club Meeting Notes

The club had the last meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup> at The Red Lobster Garden.

- The Club has \$3154.80 in the treasury.
- A report was given on the drive and dine to Delta Downs. Great food, fun time.
- We welcomed new members the Taylors. Mike's been an honorary member for a while, despite that ....ah, Chevy?
- Don't forget that Cruisin Silsbee is coming up next month. Sorry Johnny.
- We are scheduled to have front row seats and parking at the First Friday in Groves event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- For those with older cars, the Old Town Spring show is coming up, September 27-28. Big show with 400-450 cars. Cash prizes and shopping. What more can you ask for?

**The next club "meeting" will be the annual picnic at the Wood's on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Please make plans now to attend as this is a great time. The club will furnish the meat and beverages. Members can bring at side dish of their choice. Bring the kids to enjoy the pool. The Woods' # is 781-4948.**

## 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GO TO [WWW.WILDHORSEMUSTANGCLUB.COM](http://WWW.WILDHORSEMUSTANGCLUB.COM) FOR THE FULL YEARS CALENDAR

### CRUISE NIGHTS

1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ OFFICE DEPOT IN PORT ARTHUR/NEDERLAND  
3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ WEINERSCHNITZEL IN ORANGE  
4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ WEINERSCHNITZEL IN BEAUMONT  
5<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY – VIDOR CRUISE

### AUGUST

7 CLUB MEETING  
8-10 HOT SUMMER NITES,  
CROCKETT ST  
8-10 YELLOW ROSE CLASSIC, FORT  
WORTH  
23 WHMC PARKDALE MALL SHOW

19-20 CRUISE N SILSBEE  
27-28 LONGHORN ROD RUN CAR  
SHOW AT OLD TOWN SPRING, TX

### OCTOBER

2 CLUB MEETING  
3 FIRST FRIDAY IN GROVES

### SEPTEMBER

13 CLUB PICNIC AT THE WOODS'

### PLEASE SUPPORT - CLUB BUSINESSES

KINSEL FORD – CINDY YOHE, DON COLLINS  
AAMCO TRANSMISSIONS – THE RAYZOR'S  
AFLAC INSURANCE – MARTY JONES  
GRINNELL COMPUTERS – OUR WEBMASTER, KEVIN GRINNELL  
HOUSE OF POWER/PERFORMANCE – THE BROWN'S  
PARSON'S DIFFERENTIALS – CLIFF PARSONS  
SNAP-ON TOOLS – DONNIE TIPTON  
WOODS SUPERMARKET AND MINI STORAGE – RONNIE AND KATHY WOODS  
GO BURGERS LLC (BURGER KING) - DON O'BRIEN

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