



The Pony Express

September 2007

The Winning Ride



Congratulations to Johnny Ruggles for winning this year's Cruise N Silsbee show with his spotless 03 Cobra convertible. The beauty was selected as best car by the participants, which included a large number of club members. Many other club members were winners in a contest against Silsbee's finest....law enforcement that is. Despite returning to the driving habits of their youth, apparently no one spent the night in Hardin County Country Club and Spa.

UNIQUE PERFORMANCEFEST RESCHEDULED FOR SPRING 2008

From their website:

Unique PerformanceFest originally scheduled for October 20, 2007, has been rescheduled for spring 2008. Due to celebrity scheduling conflicts we have decided to reschedule. There is a high level of expectation for this public event, and we do not want to compromise the entertainment value for our friends and enthusiasts.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to bringing this event to the public in the spring of 2008.

Monthly Funny

A police officer pulls over a speeding classic mustang.

The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir." The driver says, "Gee, officer I had it on cruise control at 60, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating"

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?" The wife smiles demurely and says, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Dammit, dear, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine." The driver says, "Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket."

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket the driver turns to his wife and barks, "WHY DON'T YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??" The officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

I love this part...

"Only when he's been drinking."

Mustang Funny Car Racer on the Mend

John Force was able to stand and shuffle his feet, saying he's "lucky to have my legs" a day after a wreck at the O'Reilly NHRA Fall Nationals at Texas Motorplex hospitalized the drag-racing star.

Force has a compound fracture of his left ankle, a lacerated right knee, a dislocated left wrist and abrasions on two fingers on his right hand. He had screws inserted into his ankle and temporary pins placed in his wrist, said David Densmore, a spokesman for John Force Racing.

Force's prognosis is "very good" after six hours of surgery Sunday following the most severe accident he's experienced in more than three decades of racing, Densmore said.

"I just feel so helpless and vulnerable," Force said in comments released by Densmore. "I have had some burns, but I have gotten out of every crash and never had a scratch. I have never had a broken bone, so this is all new to me."

With the help of physical therapists, Force was able to stand Monday with his weight on his right leg and move both his feet, although doing so was painful.

"I gnawed off some fingers and toes when they had me trying to stand," he said.

Densmore said Force will miss the rest of the NHRA season, which has three scheduled dates remaining in Richmond, Va., Las Vegas and Pomona, Calif. Force is fourth in the Funny Car standings.

Force, a 14-time champion, wrecked September 23, while racing Funny Car rival Kenny Bernstein. A video of the accident shows Bernstein's car drifting toward Force's lane and striking a foam timing block, which shot into the back of Force's car. Force swerved across Bernstein's lane into the retaining wall. Bernstein then rammed into Force's car, breaking the chassis in two.

The NHRA is investigating the accident, NHRA spokesman Anthony Vestal said. Several laboratories will examine parts of the tires and broken chassis.

"The car pulled in half and I have never seen that ever," Force said.

Force said he remembers how the crash began and how it ended, with emergency crews pulling him out of the broken remains of his car. But he recalls nothing in between.

Force also absolved Bernstein of any fault in the crash.

"He is a good friend and a great competitor and he did nothing wrong," Force said. "In fact, he did a great driving job."

Daughter Ashley Force, also a Funny Car driver, pulled out of the semifinals. John Force, who won his race with Bernstein, could have met her in the finals for the first time had both won, Densmore said.

"I am sure that he will be somewhat depressed when he realizes his circumstances," Densmore said. "He had just driven his way into contention for another championship."

Upcoming Mustang Club of America Events in Detail

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 27, 2007

Fall All Ford Car Show
Houston, Texas

The **MUSTANG CLUB OF HOUSTON**
Invites You to Our 14th Annual
Fall All Ford Car Show
Benefits The Institute for Research & Rehabilitation
Saturday October 27, 2007
Rain Date is November 3

**Classes for all -
from daily driven to trailered;
free lunch provided on-site;
hourly door prizes;
Fire Extinguisher required
Fun for all !**

**at Freeway Ford - 6445 Southwest Freeway
Northbound SW Freeway - Exit Hillcroft**

Registration 8 am - Noon
Judging begins at Noon
Trophies at 3 pm
Registration is \$20 your first vehicle,
\$15 for additional vehicles

For more information see WWW.MCOH.ORG web site
or contact Lex Blankenship (281) 463-4245
Pete Sigwardt (281) 392-1814
Ray Coe (713) 275-7731

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>.

Club Meeting Notes

The club had our last meeting on September 15th during our annual fall picnic at the Wood's. It was a wonderful event again this year. The highlight of the evening was seeing Ronnie's recently remodeled kitchen....oh, wait, that was the garage???. Anyway the new home of his Pony and 'Vette is a patriotic red, white, and blue, air-conditioned stable. Ronnie definitely garners top garage honors to go with top grill. The meeting portion was brief and mostly irreverent. But we did work out some upcoming events:

- Unique Performancefest – **which has since been postponed**.
- A proposed driving event to Haak Winery, Sante Fe, TX. Date to be determined
- Club Christmas Party in December.
- Thanks to the Wood's for hosting us again this year.

Our next club meeting will be **Thursday October 4th at the Café Del Rio at 2830 I-10 East in Beaumont.**

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

OCTOBER

1-7 CRUISIN' THE COAST, MS
4 CLUB MEETING
6-7 23RD WOLF CREEK SHOW,
COLDSPRING, TX
13 DAYTON ROTARY CLUB SHOW
27 HOUSTON MUSTANG CLUB
SHOW, FREEWAY FORD

NOVEMBER

1 CLUB MEETING
10 BEAUMONT CRUISE
10 CLASH OF THE TITANS AT
HOUSTON RACEWAY PARK

DECEMBER

4 CLUB MEETING: CHRISTMAS
PARTY/ELECTIONS @ CATTLE
COMPANY RESTAURANT

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

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