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ROANOKE VALLEY MUSTANG CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

March 2-4, Roanoke, VA

MDA Car Show at Roanoke Civic Center. For more information see www.mdacarshow.com.

March 31-April 1, Columbus, OH

Columbus Spring Swap Meet, an all-Ford, Lincoln, Mercury swap meet at the Ohio Exposition Center, I-71 and 17th avenue. For more information, see www.springswap.com or contact Richard at (614) 855-4750.

April 12-15, Charlotte, NC

Food Lion Spring Auto Fair at Lowe's Motor Speedway, www.lowesmotorspeedway.com.

April 14, Richmond, VA

Central Virginia Mustang Club Spring Open Car Show at Virginia Commons Mall, 10101 Brook Road (Rt 1), Glen Allen, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Open to all vehicles. For more info, contact George Bobrovsky at georgeb@globalweb.net or Ron Martin (804) 347-8701, or see www.cvmc.com.

April 20-22, Mustang, OK

MCA National Show, www.mustang.org

May 5, Roanoke, VA

RVMC Mustang Round-Up at Tanglewood Mall. Show hours 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., registration begins at 8 a.m.

May 19, Vinton, VA

Car show at Parkway House of Prayer. For more information contact RVMC club member Sherman Jones at 540-721-3825 or email: longhornstang@lycos.com.

May 25-27, Louisville, KY

Mustangs Unbridled MCA National Show sponsored by the Derby City Mustang Club, open to Mustangs and All Ford Powered Vehicles. Information and registration are available at www.derbycitymustangclub.com or www.mustangsunbridled.com.

June 1-3, Kershaw, SC

Carolina Regional Mustang Club Annual Performance Driving School at Carolina Motorsports Park. Open to ALL vehicles, special classes for young drivers. See www.ponytales.org or contact Event Chair Tom Henning (704) 436-6194 for more information.

June 22-24, Concord, CA

MCA National Show, www.mustang.org

July 20-22, Springfield, MO

MCA National Show, www.mustang.org

August 31-September 2, Augusta, GA

MCA Grand National, www.mustang.org

September 13-16, Charlotte, NC

Food Lion Fall Auto Fair at Lowe's Motor Speedway, www.lowesmotorspeedway.com

September 22, Indian Trial (Charlotte), NC

Carolina Regional Mustang Club annual show at Dale Jarrett Ford, www.ponytales.org

September 22-23, Tennessee Valley Mustang Club

For more information, call Jim McFarland at 865-925-3334 or email jims6t6@aol.com.

RVMC MEETING UPDATES

Thanks to all club members and guests that showed up for our first meeting for 2007 and our first meeting at Hooters! It has been some years since the club held regular monthly meetings at Hooters. We had about 23 members in attendance... some new faces and some long time members who we haven't seen for a while. We apologize to all that ordered food as the service was slow, since the *Parrothead club* was there as well. Management said it's not their normal club night... so with 2 clubs that was why it was slow service and rather noisy.



Our next meeting will be this coming *Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.* at **Hooters** on Williamson Road. Plan to arrive at **6:30** if you would like to order food. See you all then... bring a friend or guest!





RVMC SHOW UPDATES

We are at the point where we need EVERYONE'S help in obtaining sponsorship for this year's event!

Checkout the car show registration form on the next page!

If you have or know of anyone who has a business that they would like to market, please talk to them about this opportunity. If you are in a store or shop where you are comfortable talking with a Manager, educate them about what our show is about. For our show to be a success we need everyone in the club to pull together. Here is one of your many chances to help with our only annual fundraiser. Sponsors can be at \$50, \$100, \$200, or \$300 levels, and we need donated/sponsored items for our goody bags (100 small items requested) and/or for our prize board.

Please contact Suzanne Beels, Lisa Moles or Butch Cook (their contact info below) for any questions regarding the sponsorship information or any other questions that the potential sponsor may have about the show or club. The sooner we know who are our sponsors are the sooner we can market them, so we need to get them on board as quickly as possible.

Suzanne, 540-309-8980, fun1pony@hotmail.com
Lisa, 540-977-2962, COBRACHIC97@aol.com
Butch, 540-387-1979, myred64stang@aol.com

MCA NATIONAL SHOW FOR 2008 UPDATES

We have decided to table the idea of hosting an MCA national show until we can determine how and if we can assemble the large amount of volunteers required to staff such a large, multi-day event. The earliest we anticipate applying is 2010.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

HB2465 has passed in the House of Delegates as of February 6. Please continue to write to the Senate to get the bill to pass.

MUSTANG NEWS

At the most recent Barrett-Jackson auto auction this past month, the only existing 1966 Shelby Super Snake Cobra sold for a record \$5.5 million. Only two were built. The other one was originally sold to Bill Cosby who promptly returned it, and the final owner drove the car in the Pacific. The first 2007 Shelby GT500 production car #001 sold for \$600,000. Many other Mustangs were sold at almost unbelievably high prices. Several celebrities such as Alice Cooper and Sammy Hagar were at the show to sell some of their personal vehicles. Re-runs of the auction can be seen on the Speed Channel.

The first GT-H car was sold last year for \$250,000. Hertz plans to sell the remaining cars when they reach 18K miles. Approximately 113 of the remaining 499 Shelby GT-H cars were sold through auctions open to Ford Dealers only. There are no figures officially available, but it is rumored that the first car sold for \$90,000 when the expected selling price was \$36,000. While

they may appear for sale at local dealerships, they will probably not last for long. Expect to pay premium prices.

Rumors of future Mustang updates include a styling upgrade for 2009 and a new V6 base engine that will produce 360-380 hp, while the GT engine is anticipated to receive a larger engine that will produce about 400 hp. The Mustang may be redesigned about 2012 and will reportedly be based off the Falcon chassis, which the Falcon is still a very common nameplate in Australia.

FORD NEWS

Ford has announced that the Taurus and Sable names will return in 2008. The Five Hundred will be renamed the Taurus, and the Mercury Montego will become the Sable. An upgraded version of the Freestyle crossover will be available as the Taurus X. CEO Alan Mulally insisted on bringing back the Taurus nameplate since it was one of Ford's best known brands, and they must move forward on the strengths of their most common brands such as the Taurus, Mustang, and F-150.

Ford reported record losses of \$12 billion for 2006 and was forced to borrow \$20 billion in its restructuring efforts. Sales were down 8 percent over 2005 as smaller and more fuel efficient vehicles became more popular to consumers.

TEN BIGGEST LIES FROM AUTO DEALERS

(reported originally on www.msnbc.com)

Although consumers are more price-savvy than ever thanks to the internet and other available auto pricing services such as those available through Consumer Reports, there are still some shady dealerships and salespersons out there. Watch out for the following:

1. Pricing incentives that "disappear" at the end of the month. While this may be true in some cases, the \$1500 cash back bonus available on Feb 28 should still be available on March 1.
2. Paying off the balance of a loan. Watch for hidden fees and payments if you are trading in a vehicle that is not paid in full.
3. Push for extended warranty. You have to read the fine print to make sure it covers everything you want, especially wear and tear as well as mechanical failure. There are other sources to purchase extended warranty coverage besides the dealer, such as AAA. You usually have up to 36 months/36K miles to purchase an extended warranty, before the manufacturer's bumper-to-bumper one expires.
4. Excessive charges for pre-delivery work. If you want upgraded wheels, expect some labor charges, but watch out for those \$100 and higher.
5. "Price Packing". In a sneaky way, extra money winds up in your monthly payment that may result in you paying hundreds of dollars over your negotiated sales price.
6. "We have the car in inventory". A buyer may be told the desired car is in stock and ready for delivery, when it may actually not be arriving for a couple of days. See the vehicle in person.
7. "No bank fees on all leases". This may only apply for specific models that are not selling as well and not all vehicles on the lot.
8. "Only 5 left at this price". Watch that this price does not include balloon payment financing, where a large payment is due at the end of a short period.
9. "100,000 is tough". There is nothing magical or bad about a trade-in vehicle with 100,000 miles or more. Don't let the dealership devalue the car more than the book value. Most likely

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19th Annual Mustang and Ford Powered Round-Up

1964 1/2 - 2007 Mustangs & ALL FORD powered vehicles

Saturday, May 5, 2007

10am - 3pm ♦ RAIN or SHINE

at Tanglewood Mall

Event Sponsors:



Event proceeds benefit St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation & The Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc.

Awards

Raffle prizes

Swap Meet

Games

& More

Registration on day of event begins at

8:30am and closes at 12 noon. Goody bag and dash plaque for the first 100 registered vehicles.

Early Registration (by April 28th).....\$20.00

Registration after April 28th.....\$25.00

Automotive Flea Mkt(auto parts only)....\$15.00

Vendor Spaces.....\$50.00

Pony Corral(vehicles for sale).....\$5.00

Display only vehicles.....\$15.00

*Display only vehicles are displayed on the show lot, near like vehicles. You will get a goody bag and dash plaque, but will not be judged or eligible for place awards.

For Further information contact Butch Cook at 540-387-1979 or skinsfan66@aol.com

www.roanokevalleymustangclub.com

Please visit our website for other event sponsor information.

✂ - Registrant Information - Please Print -----

Name: _____ Telephone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Club Affiliation(s): _____

Join RVMC for only \$10.00! This is 1/2 off of our usual membership fee & is only for this event.(new members only) Check here to join

Check here for Vendor Space only

Check here for Auto. Flea Market only

Check here for Pony Corral

Car #1 registration

Car # 2 registration

Year: _____ Body Style: _____ Year: _____ Body Style: _____

SIGN _____ Total Amount enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to RVMC

By signing above you are agreeing to abide by event rules and regulations. You are solely responsible for your vehicles and merchandise. You understand that RVMC and its affiliates are not liable for damage, theft or accident at the event. Vehicles must stay until trophies are awarded.

Mail completed registration form with payment to: Roanoke Valley Mustang Club, C/O Suzanne Beels,

500 Daytona Drive, Hardy, VA 24101

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they will wholesale the car anyways.

10. More on "in-stock" vehicles. You want a base model. The dealer doesn't have one, but has the upgraded models. While they can often get you a good or even great deal on the upgraded model that is on their lot, keep in mind you will probably be paying more than you originally planned

RVMC OFFICERS FOR 2007

President:.....	Butch Cook
Vice President:	Mike Kessler
Secretary:	Edgar Kline
Treasurer:	Suzanne Beels
Newsletter:	Janet Wojcik, Linda Lancaster
MCA Rep:	Suzanne Beels
SEMA Rep:	John Beels
Historian:.....	Kevin Sexton

RVMC Dues Renewal for 2007


This is just a ***friendly reminder*** that payment of club dues need to be made by March 1st or this will be your last newsletter! If you have already paid then please disregard this notice. To renew simply mail your check payable to RVMC for \$20 to the address below. What a bargain! This fee covers both singles and families! Please mail your check for \$20 made payable to RVMC to:

Suzanne Beels
 500 Daytona Drive
 Moneta, VA 24101



Or you may bring your \$20 check or cash to the February 20th meeting at Hooters to give to Suzanne.

Also please consider becoming a member of the ***Mustang Club of America***. Yearly dues are \$30 and becoming a MCA member benefits our club. For example the yearly car show insurance coverage that we otherwise could not afford on our own. We are a chartered MCA Club and need to maintain as many MCA members as possible each year. As part of your MCA dues you get their monthly Mustang Times magazine and window decal to proudly display. For more information please visit www.mustang.org or contact Suzanne for a MCA application by calling **540-309-8980** or email: fun1pony@hotmail.com



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See you at **HOOTERS**
 on the 20th!

