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ROANOKE VALLEY MUSTANG CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

September 13-16, Charlotte, NC

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

September 21, Fairlawn, VA

New River Valley Classic Cruisers presents "Mustang night" at their Friday night cruise in at Radford Shopping Plaza, Route 11, Fairlawn, 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. See www.nrvcc.com

September 22, Indian Trial (Charlotte), NC

Carolina Regional Mustang Club annual show at Dale Jarrett Ford. Registration \$20 by September 9, \$25 day of show. Registration hours 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., awards 3:00 p.m. For more information contact show chair Michael Andreacola at michael@ponytales.org or (704) 226-9319.

September 22-23, Glen Allen (Richmond), VA

Central Virginia Mustang Club presents their 23rd annual show, now a 2-day event, at VA Center Commons Mall, Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Benefits the Simon Youth Foundation. Registration \$20 by September 1; \$25 day of show. For more information contact show co-chairs Larry Boyd (804) 748-2272 or Johnny McGrath at (804) 347-3673 or see www.centralvamustang.com.

September 29, Buchanan Theatre, Buchanan, VA

RVMC CLUB OUTING - Movie showing of *Bullitt* - with Steve McQueen and that famous Mustang! See further details inside this newsletter or contact Suzanne 309-8980 / fun1pony@hotmail.com.



October 6, Roanoke, VA - Dogtoberfest
St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog
Foundation *RVMC CLUB
SUPPORT NEEDED*
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
See back cover for details.

October 6, Albemarle, NC

Stanly Community College presents a car show open to all vehicles at the Locust Towne Center, Hwy 24/27. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration \$15 day of show. Trophies in each class plus Best of Show. For more information call (704) 888-8848.

October 4-7, Charleston, WV

Charleston Boulevard Rod Run & Doo Wop sponsored by Charleston Regatta Commission. Registration fee \$25. This even would be similar to the Woodward Dream Cruise in Michigan. Plans include Boulevard river cruising, burnout alley, free concerts, ladies' tours, and ladies' nights. Open to all vehicles. Easy access from Interstates 64, 77, and 79 or U.S. Rt. 60. For more information, see www.charlestonwvcarshow.com or call 1-800-733-5469.

October 4-7, Nashville, TN

Black Mustang Club will be hosting events around Nashville including a car show, drag racing, cruising, and fellowship. No registration fee. For more information contact Lisa Wall at (561) 459-1900 or email bmcperformance@gmail.com, or see www.bmcforums.com/forumdisplay.

October 13-14, Knoxville, TN

SVT Cobra Mustang Club hosts a show at Ted Russell Ford. Show hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with check-in running 8:00 a.m. to noon. Registration fee is \$25.00 day of show or on \$20.00 before October 1. On Sunday, there will be cruise through the Great Smoky Mountains. For more information, contact Steve Lorah at (865)216-3176 or email brightsnake@comcast.net, or Jason Lorah at (865)216-3843 or email jason.lorah@uscellular.com, or see www.svtcobraclub.com.

October 12- November 3

Great American Pony Drive Fall Foliage tour, a 3 week tour through the northeast and mid-Atlantic states. See www.pon-drive.us for schedules and updates.

October 27, Savannah, GA

Savannah Mustang Club presents their 18th annual Shelby, Mustang, and Classic Ford show at the Armstrong Atlantic State University Campus (GA Hwy 64, 7.5 miles north of I-95). Registration \$27 in advance, \$32 day of show, \$7 discount for MCA or SAAC members. All registrations include two passes to the Saturday evening "low country shrimp boil". Drawing for 1996 Mustang GT convertible to benefit Ronald McDonald House and many other items for auction. For more information, see www.savannahmustangclub.com or contact Mark Davis at (912) 352-3666 or Mark68gtcs@aol.com.

March 28-30, 2008, Pensacola, FL

MCA presents first national show of the season, www.mustang.org.

June 20-22, 2008, Columbus, OH

MCA presents a national show, www.mustang.org

August 1-3, 2008, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

MCA presents its first national show in Canada, www.mustang.org

October 24-26, 2008, Phoenix, AZ

MCA presents a national show, www.mustang.org.

RVMC MEETING UPDATES

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Corned Beef & Company Downtown Roanoke. Arrive at 6:30 if you would like to order food.



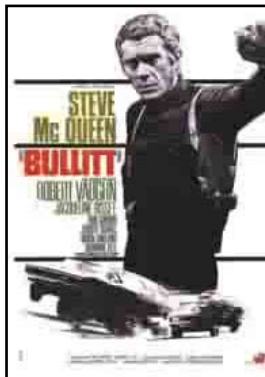
UPDATE: SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION

Smith Mountain Lake Power Boat Association held their first annual show in August. We had 5 families from RVMC represented there. Congrats to Paul Guard on cleaning up with door prizes and \$300 from the 50/50.

Buchanan Theatre - Special Showing of Bullitt

RVMC CLUB OUTING -

Update from Suzanne Beels: They will be showing *Bullitt* in their newly renovated theatre and we will be their VIP guests. There is a bank parking lot next to the Theatre that we can use to show our cars (4 -7:00pm). Those who wish to cruise up together, we will be meeting at the Hardee's at Troutville. We will be leaving there at 3:15 pm SHARP! They are going to open the Theatre for concessions and bathrooms. All of our concessions are \$1. Every car owner, who lets me know ahead of time that they will be attending, will be given 2 complimentary tickets for the evening movie. Showing is Steve McQueen's Bullitt. We will begin parking club cars at 4:00 pm The Theatre opens to the public at 7 and the movie starts at 7:30. There 4 resturants in town for us to walk to and eat dinner before the movie starts. We will determine which where we are going for dinner once we get the cars in place. A rep for the Fincastle Herald said that she will be there to do an article in the Herald to help draw attention to the cars and the Club. This is a promotional event for the newly renovated theatre. I am going to need a head count for how many tickets we will need to get from her. Please let me know if you will be coming and how many are in your party. The more 'stangs & classic cars the better! Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be sending around a sign up sheet during the September meeting. Contact me (Suzanne) at 540-309-8980 or fun1pony@hotmail.com



NEW MANDATE FOR SIDE AIRBAGS

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has announced that all passenger vehicles must provide side impact protection by the model year 2013. Phase-in will start in 2010. Approximately half of 2008 models already offer this protection, including all Mustangs. Automakers are receptive to the mandates, and the cost will be low at approximately \$33 per vehicle. It is estimated that the mandate could save about 300 lives per year and reduce debilitating injuries by about 400 per year.

MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE #1 IN SALES

Since 2004, the Mustang has been the leading seller in convertibles, outselling other models by 2:1 or more. Approximately 25% of all Mustangs sold are convertibles, and the convertible is available in so many models, trim lines, and special editions, it has something to offer for everyone in every price range. Specialty editions include the California Special and Shelby GT500.

2008 MUSTANG SPECS

Here are some of the features to keep us interested in the coming model year. All Mustangs are built in Flat Rock, Michigan, with final finishing touches on the Shelby models at the Shelby Automobiles facility in Las Vegas.

- Side impact airbags standard on all models
- 18" wheels now available on V6 models
- High-Intensity-Density (HID) headlamps standard
- New interior ambient lighting system standard
- Pony Package still available for V6's
- California Special package available for GT's
- Shelby GT will be available in coupe and convertible
- The Shelby GT500KR will be the fastest production Mustang ever, available Spring 2008
- Sirius satellite radio available
- Shaker 1000 audio system available
- Heated front seats available
- Three new colors: Vista Blue, Vapor, and Alloy
- Warriors in Pink special edition to commemorate the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. These cars will feature pink badging, pink rocker panel striping, and pink stitching on the seats and steering wheel.

WHAT "NOT TO DO" WHEN CAR SHOPPING

Since many people take advantage of end-of-the model-year closeouts to save big on a new car, CNNMoney offers advice on how to avoid major car buying mistakes:

1. Do not fall in love with one particular vehicle, especially a brand new model in order to be the first person with it (keep in mind these are financial people and not Mustang enthusiasts, so clearly they do not understand our enthusiasm).
2. Avoid taking long loans. Six years is too long, and there is the chance one could find themselves "upside down" if there was to be a trade-in before the loan ends.
3. Negotiate the new vehicle purchase price first, then the trade-in vehicle price.
4. Negotiate either over the phone or online since many dealers have personnel who do this exclusively. This avoids spending long hours in the dealership under duress. Get the final details in writing.
5. The outgoing model is often not a good deal if the new model is a substantial redesign. Your new car will automatically look old and dated. However, if you truly prefer the look of the old model, negotiate a good price on it.

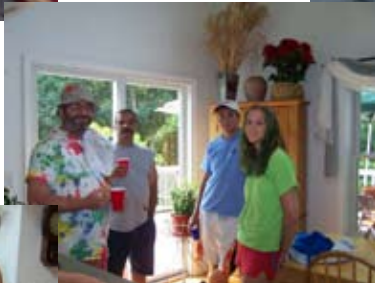
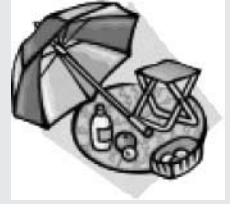
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MUSTANG AND FORD NEWS BRIEFS

- Ford reports August 2007 overall sales down 14% over last year. The top seller was the F-150 truck at 69,000 units. Ford will offer some \$1,000 cash back incentives on 2007 and 2008 models through October 1. Several financial analysts have tied slow auto sales to downturns in the housing market.
- Ford Mustang sales were 11,512 units in August, down 36% from August 2006. It looks like total model year production will be 99,537 vehicles, down 16% from 2006 when 118,928 Mustangs were sold.
- Ford is still trying to sell its Jaguar/Land Rover luxury brands, but volatility in the global economic market has stalled recent talks.

- The new Mustang men's cologne is now available through department stores which sell Estee Lauder's Aramis brand.
- A new Bullitt Mustang is supposedly planned for 2008.
- Grabber Orange will be a new special edition color on California Shelby GT's. Approximately 300 will be made.
- Classic Design Concepts is working on a retractable hardtop option for Mustangs. No word on price and availability date.
- A possible Mustang breakfast cereal may be available through Kellogg's.
- Look for Will Smith to drive a Shelby GT500 in his upcoming movie "I am Legend".

Thanks again to **Mike & Marcy Loos** for hosting our annual picnic at Smith Mountain Lake. Also many thanks to our club president **Butch Cook** for getting the burgers, hotdogs and for being the club chef of the grill! It was great seeing some of our *newest* club members at the outing. A great time was had by all! Below are some photo highlights from that day.



Do you think my photo will make it in the PonyTimes?



A request to RVMC from Niki Voudren from St. Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation:

Hello friends!

DogtoberFest is right around the corner – Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm here at the Saint Francis Training Center. DogtoberFest is our annual fall fundraiser that allows us to share our mission with the community. The money raised helps us train more Service Dogs for children and adults with emotional and/or physical disabilities in the state of Virginia.

We are looking for volunteers from RVMC.

Activities include: kid's games, dog games, PawCasso, a silent auction, agility, Mona's Ark, vendors, Blessing of the Animals, a Parade of Breeds, food and a lot more!

Please reply to me at nvoudren@saintfrancisdogs.org if you would like to volunteer to help us raise money at DogtoberFest.

Thanks,
Niki B. Voudren
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Saint Francis of Assisi Service Dog Foundation
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Roanoke, VA 24019

FREE ADMISSION! BRING YOUR DOG!

Fun For The Whole Family!

DogtoberFest

**Saturday
October 6, 2007
10am - 4pm**

Rain Date: October 7th

**For Directions & More Info, Visit:
www.saintfrancisdogs.org**

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASHES & HAVE PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION.

Blessing of the Animals
(Non-denominational - 10am and 2pm)

Parade of Breeds
(Show Your Breed Pride - 12pm)

Games & Contests
(Fun For You & Your Dog!)

Agility Course
(Watch Demos or Try Yourself!)

PawCasso
(Paw Painting & Photos With Your Dog!)

Silent Auction
(Vacations, Furniture & More!)

Meet Our Dogs
(Service Dogs In Action!)

Vendors
(Great Art & Other Goodies On Display & For Sale!)

Mona's Ark

Canine Good Citizen Certification

Food & Music

Bake Sale

Face Painting

Caricaturist

Much, Much More!

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See you on the 18th at:

**Corned Beef
& Co.**
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