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UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS



June 17, RVMC Monthly Meeting

Corned Beef & Company, Downtown Roanoke

June 13-15, Valdosta, GA

Steeda Autosports is celebrating its 20th anniversary at a special show at their new manufacturing facility. All Mustangs are invited, not just Steeda. There will be a car show, autocross, and skidpad challenge. For more information, see www.Steeda.com.

June 14, Burlington, NC

Gate City Triad Mustang club hosts its annual show at Alamance Crossing Shopping Center (I-40/I-85 exit 140, head north) to benefit the Northwest North Carolina Food Bank. Show hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$30 day of show (\$25 before June 1, or bring 4 canned goods to reduce day of show registration to \$25. For more information, contact Jeff Pruett at (336) 932-5645 or email jpruett@rocopp.com.

June 20-22, Dublin (Columbus), OH

MCA national show hosted by the Mustang Club of Ohio (www.mustangclubofohio.com) at the Columbus Marriott Hotel.

June 20-22, Richmond, VA

10th Annual Old Dominion Nationals, Fun Ford Weekend at Virginia Motorsports Park. See www.funfordevents.com for more details.

June 21, Morrisville, NC

Heart of Carolina Mustang Club hosts their 15th annual Mustang and All-Ford Powered Car/Truck show at Morrisville Outlet Mall. Registration (\$20) 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. with show hours until 3 p.m. Top 50 judging plus 6 special awards. Space limited to 140 vehicles. For more information, contact Bill Mears at (919) 349-0257 or jswallace@nc.rr.com, or see www.hcmcstangs.com.

June 27-28, Roanoke, VA

Star City Motor Madness Cruise In and Car Show to benefit the Virginia Museum of Transportation. The cruise will be held from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday with the car show on the Roanoke City Market from 2 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. See the website at www.starcitymotormadness.com or contact the Transportation Museum at (540) 342-5670.

July 21-26, Myrtle Beach, SC

Mustang Week 2008, daily show hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with registration until 11:00 a.m. Preregistrations only \$30 before July 14. For more information, contact Rodney Melton at 910-894-3592 or Rodney@mustangweek.com, or see www.mustangweek.com. Bullitt Nationals are planned as part of this event from July 23-26. Contact Greg Autry at (469) 235-2020, email gautry@imboc.com, or see www.bullitnationals.net.

August 1-3, 2008, Oakville (Toronto), Ontario, Canada

MCA presents its first national show in Canada, The No Borders Mustang Internationals at Ford of Canada Headquarters. Host club is the Golden Horsepower Mustang Association (www.ghma.on.ca). The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn (905) 829-1145.

August 1-3, Bristol, TN

17th Annual Thunder Valley Nationals, Fun Ford Weekend at Bristol Dragway. See www.funfordevents.com for more details

August 15-18, Millville, NJ

Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) 33rd annual national convention at the new Thunderbolt Raceway in southern NJ. Includes open-track, racing, show with SVTOA, and much more. See www.saac.com or email saac@saac.com or contact SAAC Headquarters, PO Box 788, Sharon, CT 06069.

August 29, Park City, UT

MCA Grand National Show hosted by the Northern Utah Mustang Owners Association (www.numoa.com) on Main Street in downtown Park City. Host hotels are the Grand Summit or Sundial Lodge at The Canyons Resort (435) 615-8040.

September 20, Indian Trial (Charlotte), NC

Carolina Regional Mustang Club presents their 28th annual show at Dale Jarrett Ford. Registration 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with awards at 3 p.m. Registration \$20 by Sept. 12, \$25 afterwards/day of show. Contact person is Kenny McKinney at (704) 361-9109 or Kenny.McKinney@aftele.com. See the club website at www.ponytales.org.

October 11-12, Pigeon Forge, TN

Tennessee Valley Mustang Club 19th annual Mustang and All-Ford Show at Country Inn and Suites, 204 Sharon Rd. Registration \$25 by 9/26; \$30 day of show. For hotel reservations, contact 1-800-523-3919. Contact Information: Rebecca Marcum at (703) 593-9690 or eq2uall@aol.com. See the club website at <http://clubs.hemmings.com/tvmc>.

October 24-26, 2008, Chandler (Phoenix), AZ

Phoenix National hosted at the Wild Horse Casino by the Copperstate Mustang Club (www.copperstatemustangclub.com). LaQuinta Inn in Chandler is the host hotel (408) 961-7700

RVMC MEETING UPDATES



Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive earlier by 6:30 if you wish to order food.

See you all then!

HUGE THANKS GOES TO...

A huge THANK YOU to the club members who helped out at the recent Patrick Henry High School Car Show. It was a successful show and a great time! It was really good to see some of our new members out there enjoying the day.

RVMC'S SUMMER PICNIC / OUTING

Our annual summer get-together is planned once again at Mike & Marci Loos' house for August 9th. Details to be announced soon.

EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

If you want to be added to our email list for receiving newsletters and event alerts then please contact Suzanne Beels with your request to be added to: fun1pony@hotmail.com.

2010 MUSTANG UPDATES

As most of you know, the Mustang is scheduled for a redesign for 2010. There is word that the Mustang will look "smaller" according to one Ford design executive. It is likely the 5.0 may be back, but this may not actually appear until 2011. If you would like to see spy pictures of both the exterior and the interior of the 2010 model, go to <http://forums.bradbarnett.net/forumdisplay.php?f=726>.

MCA OFFICERS NEEDED

It's time to get your application in if you are interested in becoming a member on the MCA Board of Directors. MCA is looking for men and women who are interested in serving the organization. All travel and meetings are at your own expense. Persons who have served as an MCA Regional or National Director are also eligible to run for MCA officers. Please send a brief bio of 300 words and a picture by July 28 to Joe Horne, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at joehmustang@aol.com. You may

contact Joe with questions at (330) 792-1004. Send a hard copy of your bio and picture to MCA Nominating Committee, Attn: Joe Horne, 2821 S. Schenley Ave., Youngstown, OH 44511.

MUSTANG AND FORD NEWS BRIEFS

- Mustang sales continue to dip downward for May 2008. There was a 4% drop from April to May 2008. Compared to May 2007 when 17,748 vehicles were sold, in May 2008, there were only 9,633 vehicles sold; this is a 45% drop. Year to date 2008 Mustang sales are 44,160 compared to 64,560 through the equivalent period of 2007, representing a 32% drop.
- Ford finalized its sale of Land Rover and Jaguar to India's Tata Motors on June 2. The final sale price was \$2.3 billion (1.48 billion Euros). Ford will continue to supply Tata with engines, stampings, and technology.
- Ford's overall sales are down 16 percent in May 2008 compared to May 2007. Sales of SUV's and even the #1 F-150 pickup have slowed considerably due to high gas prices. A Michigan Ford truck plant will be idled for five weeks starting this month.
- Ford will cut its salaried workforce by 15% by August 1 as part of its restructuring.
- Ford will build the Fiesta subcompact near Mexico City. This is considered a blow to the UAW. Currently, no sub-compacts from any manufacturer sold in the U.S. are built here.
- The Ford Focus was listed as a recommended vehicle in a testing of smaller, fuel efficient cars in the July 2008 issue of Consumer Reports.
- Rocker Neil Young is attempting to retool his 1959 Lincoln Continental to an all-electric vehicle using a customizer named Jonathan Goodwin from Wichita, Kansas.

FORD'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR BREAST CANCER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

In March 2008, the Ford Motor Company, which has dedicated more than \$95 million in cash and in-kind contributions for breast cancer education and research for 14 years, announced that it is doubling its contribution to Susan G. Komen for the Cure each time it sells a 'Warriors in Pink' package for the 2009 Ford Mustang.

"Thanks to the tremendous response from our dealers and customers to the 2008 'Warriors in Pink' Mustang, we knew we needed to continue offering the package, and we're happy to be



able to increase our support for the Cure at the same time," said

Connie Fontaine, Ford Experiential Marketing manager. Produced in a limited edition of 1,000 units, the Mustang with Warriors in Pink package was designed exclusively in support of Susan G. Komen Foundation for the Cure. New upgrades for the 2009 package are featured on the Ford display at the New York International Auto Show.

Available on the Mustang V-6 Premium Coupe and Convertible models, the Warriors in Pink package includes a unique grille and will add a pink ribbon and pony fender badge, pink Mustang rocker tape striping, charcoal leather seats with pink stitching, aluminum-spoke steering wheel with pink stitching and charcoal floor mats with pink ribbon and contrast stitching.

Coupees also can be ordered with the all-new glass roof option. Three body colors will be available: Black, Brilliant Silver and Performance White.

NOTE: There is one of these locally on the Berglund Ford lot in Salem!

40TH CELEBRATION OF SHELBY GT500KR

Celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the 1968 Shelby Cobra GT500KR, Ford and Shelby Automobiles will unveil the 2008 Shelby GT500KR at the 2007 New York International Auto Show. Just like its 1968 namesake, the 2008 Ford Shelby GT500KR builds on the strong foundation of the Shelby GT500. Packing 40 more horses under its custom-designed carbon composite hood, the GT500KR is the most powerful production Ford Mustang ever produced.

"I'm proud to once again be a part of an historical moment, bringing back the 'King of the Road' Mustang, and collaborating with Ford SVT and Ford Racing," said Carroll Shelby. "I'm committed to continuously upping the ante when it comes to performance, and it's great to be doing it with Ford."

The 1968 Shelby Cobra GT500KR was a mid-year introduction, based on the 1968 Shelby GT500. Ford added 'Cobra' to the Shelby's moniker to help usher in the beginning of a new performance era at the company. The Cobra name referred to the new 428 Cobra Jet V-8 that was planted under the KR's custom fiberglass hood. It was the engine that would once again vault the Mustang to the head of the pack.

"The return of the Shelby GT500KR further establishes Mustang as the true king of the pony car segment," said Robert Parker, manager of Ford Car Brand. The Shelby GT500KR will be produced in an exclusive run of 1000 units and will begin arriving in Ford dealers in the spring of 2008.

Articles from <http://autoshow.ford.com/226/2008/03/19/warriors-pink-mustang-ford/>



See you on
the 17th at Corned Beef & Co.!

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