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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

### RVMC Monthly Meeting

Our next monthly meeting is set for Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Please arrive earlier by 6:30 if you wish to order food.



January 20<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE:** Our March meeting will take place a day earlier on Monday, March 16th instead of Tuesday which is St. Patrick's Day.

### February 28, Ft. Mill, SC

SCMC/Pro-Dyno Cruise In at Pro-Dyno Performance. This event is free to anyone who wants to come and enjoy a day with fellow Mustang and Ford enthusiasts. Discounts on dyno pulls. For more information, call Tony Sorrentino at 803.371.0725 or email [tony@svtcobraclub.com](mailto:tony@svtcobraclub.com) or visit the website at <http://www.svtcobraclub.com>.

### April 4, Hoover Dam, NV

"Another Dam Car Show" at Hoover Dam presented by the Mustang Club of Las Vegas. This is an all-make and model show. Visit [www.mustangsoflv.org](http://www.mustangsoflv.org) for updated information.

### April 16-19, Birmingham, AL

Ford Motor Company and MCA presents the 45th Anniversary of the Mustang at Barber Motorsports Park. Registration fees vary depending upon judging (\$60) or Participant Display (\$35). Lots of Vendors. For more information, visit the website at <http://www.mustangevents.org> or see the notices in Mustang Times.

### April 26, Lexington, SC

31st Annual Mustang and Ford Show hosted by the Central South Carolina Mustang Club at Ben Satcher Ford. For more information, call Steve Powell at 803-782-5059 or email [Tbirdpow@aol.com](mailto:Tbirdpow@aol.com), or Steve Webster at 803-781-4793 or email [gtpuller0203@att.net](mailto:gtpuller0203@att.net), or visit the website at <http://www.centralecmustangclub.com>.

### May 2, 2009; RVMC CAR SHOW

Tanglewood Mall, Roanoke, VA  
[www.roanokevalleymustangclub.com](http://www.roanokevalleymustangclub.com)  
 For more information, call Butch Cook at 540-387-1979 or email [myred64stang@aol.com](mailto:myred64stang@aol.com)



### June 5-7, Kershaw, SC

Carolina Regional Mustang Club presents their annual Performance Driving School at Carolina Motorsports Park. For more information, call Karen Demers at 704.599.0324 or email [grb-brgrn@aol.com](mailto:grb-brgrn@aol.com) or visit the website at <http://www.ponytales.org>.

### June 5-7, Indianapolis, IN

Mustang Club of Indianapolis presents an MCA National Show at O'Reilly Raceway Park. See [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org) or call Bob Coulston at 317-727-8111; email [bcoul@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcoul@sbcglobal.net); call Bill Birch at 317-833-9583; or visit the club website at <http://www.indymustangclub.com>.

### July 3-5, Raleigh, NC

Heart of Carolina Mustang Club presents American Stampede, an MCA National Show, at NC State Fairgrounds. For more information, call Edward (Chip) Hill 919.824.7227; email [enhilljr@acm.org](mailto:enhilljr@acm.org); call Steve Fitzpatrick at 919.337.2816; email [dsfitz@earthlink.net](mailto:dsfitz@earthlink.net), or visit <http://www.hcmcnationalshow.com>.

### August 27-30, San Fernando Valley, CA

Western United States MCA National Show at Airtel Plaza Hotel hosted by the Mustang Owners Club of California. For more information, call Craig Cunningham at 818-758-1826 or email [mcashow@mustangownersofca.org](mailto:mcashow@mustangownersofca.org), or Roger Lockie at 626-390-8970 or visit the website at <http://mustangownersofca.org>

### MUSTANG AND FORD NEWS BRIEFS

- It's pretty much official: 2008 is the worst sales year in the history of the Mustang. December sales were 4,027 compared to 8,315 from a year ago. Total Mustang sales for 2008 were 91,251 compared to 134,626 for 2007, which is a 32 percent drop. It remains to be seen how much the 2010 Mustang will revitalize sales in 2009.
- New colors for the 2010 Mustang include some new ones and some familiar shades: Grabber Blue, Kona Blue Metallic, Sunset Gold Metallic, Brilliant Silver Metallic, Sterling Grey Metallic, Red Candy Metallic, Performance White, and Torch Red.
- Billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian has sold his remaining 5 percent stake in Ford, ending his involvement as the largest outside investor.
- Ford states that the 2010 Fusion, available in March, will have the best fuel economy its class at 34 mpg highway and 21 mpg in the city. The engine will be 2.5 L 4-cylinder with a 6-speed automatic transmission. It is expected the car will be competitive

with the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord and outperform the Chevy Malibu. A hybrid version of the Fusion will get 36 mpg highway and 41 mpg in the city. Yes, that is correct that the mpg will be higher in the city with the hybrid.

• Ford's sales for 2008 have them in third place behind GM and Toyota. Auto sales from all manufacturers are down about 3 million vehicles compared to 2007. However, excellent rebates and financing are expected to be continued through the first quarter of 2009.

## Kickin' It in the Corral: Little Voices in the President's Head



Well, a New Year is upon us as well as a new club president for the Roanoke Valley Mustang Club (RVMC). I want to introduce myself to those of you who may not know me. My name is John Beels. I am pictured below to the right of my wife, Suzanne.



Since May 1998, I have been active as a RVMC member as well as providing support for similar organizations. I've worked with Star City Motor Madness, Slam Duncan's children's charities, and chaired multiple automotive events.

For the Star City Cruisers, I was past president and secretary. In 2006 I participated in the long haul group for Hot Rod Power Tour, and have worked on numerous charity events in the Roanoke Valley. Last year I was proudly awarded the Robert G Bennett Memorial award for service to the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

I've also been involved in automotive related legislative issues. For instance I have been an active member of SEMA and the SW Virginia Car Council. Protecting our hobby is something that I am very passionate about and encourage all auto enthusiasts to become involved and support SEMA. Best of all SEMA membership is FREE!

Projects that I am currently involved in include rebuilding a 1967 coupe, maintaining our 1998 GT Convertible, and becoming a MCA certified judge for 1967-68 class. Another work in progress is a 1962 Chevy truck, which is why my email address is "low62chevy@hotmail.com".

With the New Year upon us, I would like to pose a renewed direction and focus for our club. Some of the things that I would like to present to the membership include and in no particular order:

- New membership drives & increase participation / involvement of existing members
- Increase the number of members with Mustang Club of America (MCA) membership
- Formalized car show committee
- Monthly activities committee
- Institute a membership points system to reward active members and encourage ongoing club participation
- Judging seminars
- Restoration and repair education

- MDA car club alley
- Star City Motor Madness
- Website enhancement
- Work toward the MCA Presidential Award
- Assistance with the newsletter as well as a monthly spotlight on a member's car(s)

Last, but not least, I would like to truly thank **Butch Cook** for his leadership of the RVMC for the past 3 years.

A special thanks also to all of our past and present club officers. I want to extend an invitation to anyone who has comments, criticisms, suggestions and ideas to attend our club meetings and have your voice heard. **We meet every third Tuesday at Corned Beef & Company in downtown Roanoke.** There are only about two times each year (summer & fall) when there is no monthly meeting and that is usually a special event during that same month. **This year's first meeting will be January 20th.** More details about the meeting can be found in the events section at the beginning of this newsletter.

I welcome your phone calls and e-mails, even if you just want to chitchat!

# J.B.

Sincerely,  
John Beels  
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email: low62chevy@hotmail.com

## RVMC CAR SHOW 2009 UPDATES

Car show chairpersons are needed!!

We would like everyone who helps with the show to be a part of the planning. ***It takes everyone in the club to put on a successful event!!***

If you are uncertain of the responsibilities of these committees and are interested in helping, please call **Butch Cook 540-387-1979**, or **Suzanne Beels 540-309-8980** for more details.

Below is a list of committees that we have help for and still need help with for the show. If you are interested in any of these, please let a club officer know. We have had two car show planning meetings so far for the May 2nd show.

<u>Car Show Chair and Co-Chair:</u>	<u>Butch Cook</u>
<u>Prize board:</u>	<u>Mike &amp; Cheryl Kessler</u>
<u>Parking:</u>	<u>Mike Loos</u>
<u>Registration:</u>	<u>Linda Gardner</u>
<u>Judging:</u>	<u>Sherman Jones</u>
<u>Port-A-Potties:</u>	<u>John Beels</u>
<u>Trophies and Dash Plaques:</u>	<u>Suzanne Beels</u>
Sponsorship Chair	?
Goody Bag Chair	?
Photography developing	?
Trash	?
Membership	?
Apparel and merchandise	?
Vendors	?

Advertising	?
Flyers	?
Announcing/Radio	?
50/50 sales	?
Tabulation	?
Tables and Tents	?
Food & Drinks	?
Mailers and advertising	?
Thank You cards	?

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## **Car Hobbyist Action Needed - A message from Tom Cox**

Hello All,

Some of you are no doubt aware that the Senate and Congress are considering funding another ill advised cash for clunkers program. In the past, such scrappage programs have been largely funded and administered at the State Level. Unfortunately, the Senate and Congress are poised to ram a stimulus package through within thirty days of the inauguration. Many representatives in both Houses, at the urging of car dealers and manufacturers, are petitioning the Obama transition team to support a Federal scrappage program funded in excess of 1.5 Billion dollars as part of the stimulus package.

The belief is that low income families will trade their clunker for approximately \$1,500.00 from Uncle Sam, and then rush to buy a new car. In addition, it is believed that buying and scrapping these 13 year old and older cars will clean the air. Both assumptions are heavily flawed.

Many of the cars traded in under this plan would have been driven sparingly, if at all, and many would likely come from junkyards and junk dealers. Additionally, these vehicles aged 13 years and older are a minimal part of the pollution problem due to their small numbers and minimal annual mileage driven. This is another feel good proposition that never accomplishes anything, but making bureaucrats feel useful rather than addressing true causes of air pollution.

Low income families will never be able to run out to buy a new car simply because someone gave them \$1,500. New cars cost far more than that. \$1,500.00 will not cover taxes, DMV fees, and the higher insurance required on most new vehicles. Not only will these lower income folks not be able to access a new car, but they will find the cost of a used one in their price range is harder to find, as all the inexpensive cars will be scrapped under this plan. Accordingly, they will be limited to working in areas serviced only by public transportation, which will trap many in deteriorating metropolitan areas without access to better jobs.

In addition to the motorists affected, auto body shops, general repair shops, auto parts companies, and many others in our backyard will be affected negatively through the scrapping of these cars.

Many of you may wonder how this will affect the old car hobby. It will affect us immediately in some ways and eventually in others. There will be an immediate reduction in older parts available

for restoration and project cars. Old cars will be looked upon as detrimental to the environment, and will be labeled as such. Most government programs and initiatives such as this start out as "voluntary". They then become permanent, and we may all be compelled to rid ourselves of older cars, or prevented from driving them. In addition, body shops and auto service related businesses will dwindle in number, driving up repair costs. Trust that once old cars are labeled as gross polluters due to this legislation, we will be forced into emissions testing, or even paying carbon taxes on our cars. There is even the possibility of federal auto registrations to keep track of these older cars. You and your hobby will be affected by this legislation.

If politicians really want to help in these times of crisis by selling cars, while cleaning the air they should support the following instead of cash for clunkers:

Allow an above-the-line tax deduction for interest, sales and excise taxes associated with the purchase of a new car as put forth in the Bills S 3684 & HR 7273 from the 110th Congress, or provide a tax credit/voucher for everyone towards the purchase of a new or used car, a more efficient car, etc.

Provide tax credits to help repair or maintain an older vehicle since this employs the folks who make the parts, sell them, install them etc.. This will offer the owner added performance, drivability, fuel mileage... and significantly reduce pollution, since maintenance and not age is the greatest factor affecting air pollution from vehicles.

It has come to my attention that Congressman Rich Boucher (D) of Virginia, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, is a major driving force behind this legislation. You will find his contact information below.

**Please write him via the E-mail link on his web site below, or better yet, contact his Washington office at:**

Congressman Rick Boucher  
2187 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
202-225-3861 (It only takes a minute to call!)  
202-225-0442 (fax)

**Web site e-mail contact:**

[http://www.boucher.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=645&Itemid](http://www.boucher.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=645&Itemid) <[http://www.boucher.house.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=645&Itemid](http://www.boucher.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=645&Itemid)>

On behalf of your fellow hobbyists, I thank you in advance for your action. PLEASE PASS THIS ALONG!!!

Sincerely,  
Tom Cox  
VP Membership AACA  
President Southwest Virginia Car Council  
Past President Virginia Museum of Transportation

**RVMC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES -  
REMINDER TO PAY THEM NOW!!!**

If you haven't already renewed for 2009, then please do so now by writing a \$20 check *NOW* made payable to RVMC and mail to the address below, or bring it to the next meeting on January 20th.

Make your check for \$20 payable to RVMC and mail to:  
Suzanne Beels  
500 Daytona Drive  
Hardy, VA 24101

**CHARITY POKER RUN (CARS, TRUCKS & BIKES)**

A message from P.J. Nagel-

Dear Friends and Fellow Motorsports Enthusiasts:

First of all, let me introduce myself. My Name is P.J. Nagel. I am the current President of the Red Knights MC, Virginia Chapter 9. We are an organization completely comprised of Firefighters. While our chapter is located in Roanoke, we have chapters in eleven countries with over 6,000 members.

We will be hosting an exciting event here in the valley on Saturday, April 18, 2009. We would like to invite you and all the members of your respective clubs to attend.

This event is being called "The World's Largest Poker Run". It will start simultaneously in 8 states in over 30 locations. **IT WILL BE OPEN TO ALL ROAD LEGAL VEHICLES.** Guinness Book of World Records will be on hand to verify attendance so this event can officially go into the record books.

Better still, the proceeds from this event will benefit the Fallen Firefighters Survivor's Foundation. This organization provides

immediate financial assistance to the families of fallen firefighters, both here in the valley and across the nation. Please look at their website for more information on their organization. Also on their site, you will see information on this ride.

As of today, we plan to begin and end this ride at the Salem Civic Center, although plans may change. We are diligently working with various sponsors and vendors for this event.

So far, the details are as follows:

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2009

Time: First bike/car out precisely at 10:00 (this will happen at all location at the same time)

Cost: \$20.00 for rider \$10.00 per passenger

Flyers with our sponsors and all the confirmed information will be posted, starting the third week of January, at any and all locations pertaining to cars, trucks, and bikes. Be on the look out for these. I will also send out additional emails pertaining to this ride. I wanted to personally send this invitation so as to get everyone thinking about this event.

If you have any questions or concerns or if you need additional information on being a vendor, please feel free to contact me. We also welcome any clubs that would like to assist us with the event.

Sincerely,  
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**Mustang Monthly Trivia**

Mustang Convertibles were not sold on the Mustang IIs of the 1970's.  
When was the Mustang ragtop brought back out of the stable again?

Answer: 1983 in the GLX, 1984 in the GT modela



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See you on the 20<sup>th</sup> at:

**Corned Beef  
& Co.**  
**BAR and GRILL**