



# Mustang Messenger

RVMC Newsletter



October 2015

IT'S BACK!!!!

That's right....the monthly newsletter is back and we would like your feedback and suggestions. Have an idea? Know of an interesting article/story, awesome picture or even a story about your own Mustang? Send it in to Michelle at [gotgreyhound@yahoo.com](mailto:gotgreyhound@yahoo.com) and you may see it in a future issue! Hope you enjoy!

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## CELEBRATING LIVES WHILE HONORING A MEMORY

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the community was shaken as two members of the WDBJ7 team lost their lives. As part of the WDBJ7 Mornin' Show, Alison Parker and Adam Ward became familiar with the Roanoke Valley Mustang Club through annual promotions of the annual car show. Upon hearing of this tragedy, the Roanoke Valley Mustang Club decided to give back to those who meant so much to us. The Alison and Adam Memorial Cruise In was hosted by the RVMC and WDBJ7 and was held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. To spite the chill in the air and the misting rain hitting windshields, approximately sixty cars came out for the event. As always, the community did not let the weather hinder their spirit of remembrance and giving. In addition to music, food and raffles that occurred, Bobby LaPrade, the RVMC President spoke to WDBJ7 regarding the event, "We wanted to do something for them since they did so much for us". In total, the cruise in raised just over \$7,000, which includes a substantial donation from Wells Fargo. The funds will be equally divided and donated to the Salem High School Educational Foundation in Adam Ward's name and the Patrick Henry Community College Scholarship Foundation in Alison Parker's name. Again, thank you to everyone who came out and helped in making the cruise in a success!



The community gathered to remember two cherished members of the community and donate to scholarships for Alison Parker and Adam Ward (pictured above) who lost their lives on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Approximately sixty cars came out for the event.



Rain or shine, the cruise in went on as planned. Bobby LaPrade, RVMC President spoke with WDBJ7 regarding the event. (pictured above)

## DID YOU KNOW???

The first Mustang, a convertible model with the VIN 5F08F100001, was intended to be used as a model to be sent on a tour of dealerships. But in Newfoundland, the vehicle was accidentally sold to a customer. That customer was an airline pilot who kept it and drove it for about 10,000 miles before trading it back to Ford for an equally auspicious numbered Mustang: Mustang number 1,000,001. Fortunately, Ford was able to preserve the first Mustang after the customer returned it, and the vehicle is on display at the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

Then there is Gail Wise, an elementary school teacher who bought a Mustang to make her commute to the suburbs more fun. A salesman revealed it to her from under a tarp, and she bought it two days before the Mustang was introduced at the New York World's Fair. It was the first Mustang to be officially sold to the public -- and she has the dated bill of sale to prove it. Wise and her husband, Tom, still own the Mustang today, and it was fully restored in 2007.

## MCA NEWS

Hello. My name is Suzanne Beels. I am the Regional Director for Mustang Club of America for the Roanoke Valley Mustang Club. I have been serving as RVMC's liaison to MCA since 2001. Our first MCA representative was Dave Schulz. RVMC became a chartered regional club of MCA on April 14, 1998. Linda Lancaster was the club president at that time. We proudly worked for the designation because we wanted everyone to know that we value this wonderful hobby and we are dedicated to our community. MCA takes club designation seriously. We had to prove that we would continue to support our hobby through ongoing membership to MCA of our officers and club members and to continue supporting worthwhile charities in our community. I will be placing information about MCA in each of the upcoming newsletters. It is my goal to familiarize our membership with MCA, its goals, expectations, and benefits of membership. In the next newsletter, I will discuss one way RVMC had a voice in an MCA National event. If you would like more information about MCA, please do not hesitate to contact me or check out the MCA website at [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS.....SAVE THE DATES!

## Monthly Meeting

October 20<sup>th</sup>

Famous Anthony's Vinton

6:00pm if you would like to eat

7:00pm meeting begins

## Roanoke Veteran's Parade

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Downtown Roanoke

## Floyd Veteran's Parade

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

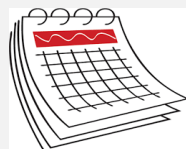
## Christmas Parade

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Club Christmas Party

December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 : Time TBD

The Roanoker Restaurant.



## ANNUAL DONATIONS MADE TO LOCAL CHARITIES

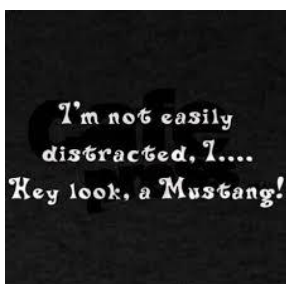
The annual donations were presented to local charities from the 2015 Car Show. The charities included Mill Mountain Zoo, the Virginia Museum of Transportation and St. Francis Service Dogs. Thank you to everyone who came out to present the plaques and donations in support of these great local causes!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone! I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who came out to support the cruise in for Alison and Adam. Even though it was a rainy day, we had a good turnout and raised over \$7,000. This would not have been possible without the participation of so many good hearted people. Thank you to everyone who helped to set this up, organize the event and came out to help that day!

*Bobby LaPrade*

RVMC President



**We hope that you have enjoyed this issue! Do you have thoughts, suggestions or an article that you would like to share? Send it in for a future issue to Michelle at [gotgreyhound@yahoo.com](mailto:gotgreyhound@yahoo.com) We would love to share your ideas!**

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