



# Mustang Messenger

RVMC Newsletter



November 2015

## THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE!!!!

With the holidays quickly approaching, RVMC has several events coming up to celebrate and get into the spirit of Christmas! We will be participating in both the Floyd and Roanoke Christmas Parades (dates listed below). Please contact Bobby if you are interested in attending the Roanoke Parade, as we are limited to 10 cars for participation. First come, first serve! In addition, the Annual Christmas Club Party will be on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Roanoke Restaurant. Please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$25 if you would like to participate in Dirty Santa! We hope that everyone has a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving!

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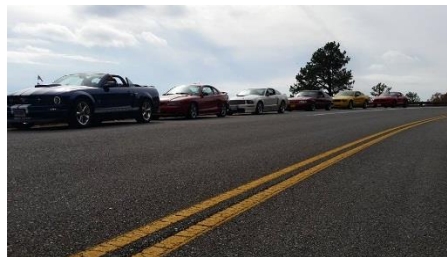
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## Local Autumn Cruises to Enjoy the Fall Foliage

Fall is the time that gives us the opportunity to get out and enjoy the changes that nature provides us with each year. What better way to enjoy the fall foliage than to get into a Mustang and cruise our beautiful roadways to take in the scenery! That is just what RVMC members did in early November with two cruises! On November 1<sup>st</sup>, members gathered to cruise the Blue Ridge Parkway, heading north to the Peaks of Otter. It was a beautiful drive with not only fall foliage to observe, but participants had a chance to get a glimpse at some wildlife as well! Fellowship was enjoyed at the Peaks of Otter Restaurant, followed by shopping and the opportunity for some to stroll around the lake, enjoying the crisp, fall air!

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, the group gathered again to head south. This time, to enjoy lunch at the Pine Tavern Restaurant in Floyd, Virginia. The food was agreed by all to be excellent, along with the opportunity to fellowship with others as a memorable experience as well.

Hopefully everyone has had an opportunity to get out and enjoy a beautiful autumn day in their Mustang!



Blue Ridge Parkway – November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015



Above: Pine Tavern Restaurant in Floyd, VA  
Below: Cruise Line-Up November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015



## DID YOU KNOW???

- The Mustang was premiered on April. 17, 1964 at New York's World Fair
- 22,000 Mustangs were sold within the first day of its release.
- Within 2 years, over one million Mustangs were sold
- When the one year anniversary of the Mustang rolled around, Ford had already sold 418,810 Mustangs.
- Even though most people say that the first Mustang to roll off the assembly line was a White Convertible, Lee Lacocca says that the first Mustang was a hardtop.

## MCA NEWS

Great things are happening at Mustang Club of America!! We want you to be a part of it all. October 10, 2015, MCA hosted the annual Regional Director's Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of this gathering is to update Regional Directors on any new rules within MCA, provide rationale for updates and changes in any processes from membership to shows, club award presentations, and networking. Networking has always been the most valuable take-away from the weekend. This year, we toured the Indy 500 Speedway and discussed the layout for MCA's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Regional Directors were provided an opportunity to give input on how we would like areas set up. Participants of the weekend-long event were able to voice ways in which MCA could better support Regional Affiliates. One specific way Regional Directors impacted this event was that clubs asked for "M.O.R.E." parking. M.O.R.E. parking is an opportunity for clubs to gather and park together at an event (regardless of whether or not they show up together). The first time this type of parking was offered was at Mustang's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at Charlotte Motor Speedway. We discussed pros and cons of how this was done in Charlotte. One concern we voiced was that M.O.R.E. parking kept clubs outside of the speedway: further from the activities. In Indy, M.O.R.E. parking will be inside the track, adjacent to vendors. It will be a much better location than in Charlotte. I am happy to say this is only one example of the many conversations I took part in during the Summit. I enjoy representing you to our National club. Please let me know if you would like for me to voice any ideas or concerns about MCA from our club or from you personally. Being your liaison to MCA is one way that I can support you as a RVMC member. I want you to get as much out of your MCA membership as possible. Look out in the next newsletter for ways you can make your MCA membership work for you!

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

## Monthly Meeting

November 17<sup>th</sup>

Famous Anthony's Vinton

6:00pm if you would like to eat

7:00pm meeting begins

## Floyd Christmas Parade

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Roanoke Christmas Parade

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

## Annual Club Christmas Party

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

The Roanoker Restaurant



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

It's that time of year....we will be accepting both food donations, as well as pet food at the November and December club meetings. Please bring non-perishable items to the upcoming meetings, which will be donated to the Roanoke SPCA and Feeding America. Thank you for your generosity!

## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Hello club members! I hope you all have enjoyed this past month and got to take a few cruises to enjoy the beautiful fall colors that mother nature had on display for us! Some of the best we have had in our region in a long time. Now we move on to another favorite time of year, Thanksgiving! Although we should be thankful every day for all of our blessings, let us use this time to reflect on our lives and all we are truly blessed with, regardless of the struggles many of us have faced this year. We have our health, family, friends, jobs, etc. We have so much to be thankful for! I also want to take this time to thank each of you, our club members, for all that you do to make us who we are as a club. Without you, there would be no club. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season ahead and may you and your families be blessed!

*Luis Garcia*

RVMC Vice President

Thank you to everyone who has provided suggestions, compliments and feedback on the newsletter! Your ideas are more than welcomed! 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)! I may also be contacted at (540) 494-2234. Happy Thanksgiving!!

*Michelle*

