

# The Galloping Gazette

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# CVMC News



CVMC At The "Bon Air Victorian Day Parade" Bon Air, Virginia May 10, 2008

We had 11 Mustangs which is a very good turnout for The Annual Bon Air Victorian Day Parade. Of course we could always use more so if you didn't make it this year, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year.



The weather was a little overcast that day and it even sprinkled a little bit, but that didn't dampen the sprit of the parade.



CVMC always has a great time at the "Bon Air Victorian Day Parade" and our passengers just love to ride in the Mustangs



It was great to see Bob Overbeys' wife Ellen and his son Jay at the parade.

It was a fun time. Be sure to check the Photo Section on our website for more pictures of this Parade. Hope you can make it next year!

Article & Photos by Tony Hall



CVMC At The Kenbridge Centennial Memorial Day Parade May 24, 2008

We met at the Lowe's on Hull Street (U.S. Route 360). We had 12 Mustangs for the trip to Kenbridge. As we were cruising through Blackstone we picked up 3 more Mustangs for the short trip from Blackstone to Kenbridge.



You could not ask for a better day for a parade. We had bright blue sky and warm breezes. They had a nice turnout of spectators. I hear this was their 2<sup>nd</sup> parade, I'm sure the crowd will be much larger in the years to come.



Mac Osborne got to escort Miss Lunenburg County (Lucky Dog)! The Parade ended at the "old High School where they were holding the "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BBQ Cook Off" Mmmm Mmmm Good! That was some good eatin!



Kenbridge is a very nice town with some beautiful homes and friendly people. I hope we can make it back again next year. Be sure to check the Photo Section on our website for more pictures of this Parade.

Article and Photos by Tony Hall



CVMC At The National Memorial Day Parade Washington D.C. May 26, 2008

CVMC had the honor of participating in the "National Memorial Day Parade" in Washington, D.C. It is always a privilege to be part of this National Day of Remembrance for our Military Personal past and present.



You could not have asked for a better day to have a parade. The weather was bright, sunny and warm. The crowds were huge, the largest I have seen in the last 4 years.



At 3:00pm the parade came to a halt. Buglers stationed along the Parade route stepped out onto Constitution Avenue and played "Taps" A very moving moment for anyone.



We saw a huge array of people participating in the parade from Teddy Rosevelt and his Rough Riders to The Wright Brothers Plane to Kilroys Jeep to Mickey Rooney.



I would like to thank Kathy McWilliams for organizing this event. She does a fantastic job every year. I would also like to thank everyone who made the trip and made CVMC's presence in the parade possible. Hope you will join us next year!

Article and Photos by Tony Hall



More on this show in the July Galloping Gazette!

# CYMC At The Potomac River Festival Grand Parade Colonial Beach, Virginia June 14, 2008

Potomac River Festival Grand Parade is June 14 at 1:00 P.M. in Colonial Beach. We need to be there to register between 10:30 A.M. & 12.00 P.M. June 14 is flag day & we are asked to demonstrate a patriotic theme (flags etc:)

For more information please contact Llew Stakes.

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CVMC At The MCA "Buckeye Mustang National" Columbus, Ohio June 20 -22, 2008

WOW is all I can say. This is the first MCA National I have heard of having a "SELL OUT" two months before the show. The host club got an additional 38 spaces making a total of 383 spaces.

CVMC still has a few club members attending the "Buckeye Mustang National" in Columbus, Ohio in June.

We will leave Richmond on Thursday, June 19, 2008, for the trip to Columbus, Ohio. We will caravan up there.

If you still would like to go I suggest that you contact the host club "The Mustang Club of Ohio" and let them know that your still interested in attending and if they would be so kind as to let you know if anyone cancels.

You can get more information on registration forms and hotels in the CVMC Forums. Click on the following link.

#### 2008 MCA Buckeye Mustang National

If you have never been with us on a road trip to a MCA National you are missing a Ton-of-Fun! Not only will you spend time with your favorite CVMC club members you will also get to see 300 to 400 of the finest Mustangs in the country. Plus it is never a dull moment!

We will leave to come home after the closing ceremonies on Sunday, June 22, 2008.

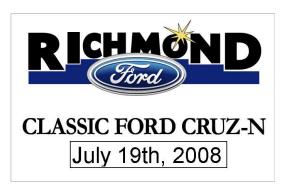
So far the following people are going, Tony Hall, Dave & Judi Dickey, Kathy McWilliams and her sister Karen. We hope you will join us!

Tony Hall

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# CVMC and Richmond Ford Presents "Classic Ford Cruz-n July 19, 2008

More on this great event in the July issue of the Galloping Gazette.



# CVMC At The "Woodward Dream Cruise \*\* Dearborn. Michigan August 16. 2008

Car show and Cruise in season is in full swing. The "Woodward Dream Cruise" is an "OFFCIAL CVMC EVENT". This is an Extremely fun event and is really huge. So far we have the following club members going, Rusty Wiseman, Betty Wiseman, Johnny & Joan McGrath, Tony Hall and David Lythgoe

I have blocked off 9 additional rooms at the Red Roof Inn in Dearborn, MI for club members wishing to go. I will have to let these rooms go the first part of July. Even if you are just thinking about going it would be advisable to put a room in your name. Once they are in you name you can cancel the day of arrival by 6pm. We will have more info as it becomes available on other events going on in the area. They Henry Ford is always a fun place and so is Green Field Village. As always please check out Our Forums for more information. Also check out the following link to find out more about the Dream Cruise and the 40,000 plus cars that attend 2008 Woodward Dream Cruise Pease send me an e-mail or give me a call if you have more interest in this.

As always have a great Mustang Day.

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## CVMC Website "IMPORTANT"

Hey fellow CVMC Members! I want to talk to you about the CVMC website (click here----> CVMC Website ). By this time next year CVMC will have a totally new look to our website.

We will be improving the features we already have and coming up with new features for your enjoyment. We will be talking about those features more in the future.

For example we have a totally New Look to the CVMC Forums. You can check them out by... Clicking Here----> CVMC Forums ...In this part of the website you find information about Club Events, Car Shows, Parades, Cruise Ins, Tech *Information about* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Mustangs, What's New in the Automotive World, News about New Ford Autos and Trucks, Ford Racing and just plain ole information about whatever is on your mind.

This is a great way to share information among CVMC members. You can also post about your projects and also upload pictures about your Mustangs, Events, etc.

We know that quite a few of you already come to the website on a regular basis but there are way too many of you who have internet access but do not come to the website. We ask that you get into a habit of coming to the website on a regular basis.

We know that some of you are not familiar with posting on the internet and may feel unsure of yourself. Let me assure you it is a very easy thing to do and Rusty and I are more than willing to help you out anytime we can. If you become unsure of what you're doing just give one of us a call and we will be more than happy to help you out. If we cannot help you at that moment we will be more than happy to set up a time where we can walk you through the process of registering and then posting in the Forums. A little side note about registering. When you register either Rusty or I have to approve you via email so it may take a few hours then you can post to your little hearts delight.

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The mass e-mails that I have sent out in the past will come to an end as far as I am concerned so PLEASE be sure to check the CVMC website on a regular basis for the latest on CVMC Events! See you there! Article By Tony Hall

CVMC May Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Renee Bennett

President Gordon called the meeting at 7:30pm.

The club got on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 Best club participation award at the South Side Nazarene Church car show great job guys.

New Members: Laura& Jerry Pegram 2004 Mustang Coupe, Dwayne Moneypenny 1996 GT Convertible Thanks for joining our club.

Old Members New News: Mr. Overbey passed away and he will be missed, George Godsey lost his sister as well our thoughts and prayers are all with you and your family.

Ron Martin gave the Treasure's Report and President Gordon called for a motion to accept and the motion was given.

Guest was Mr. George Burns from Richmond Ford talked about the Cruz Inn that they will have again at Richmond Ford the date is planned for July 19<sup>th</sup> 2008. There will be more information at a later date. He also has a 2001 Turbo GT Mustang.

George B thanked every one that helped out for the Spring Show. President Gordon told some Jokes.

Llew Stakes talked about up coming Parades: Bon air, Kenbridge may 24<sup>th</sup>, Colonial Beach June 14<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade in Washington,

Dave Dickey talked about the MCA: Columbus Ohio this show fills up fast, Mustang Times is a great Magazine Membership is \$40.00 a year.

President Gordon: Talked about the photo shoot that they had from Boomer Life Magazine Field day of past it will be in the June issue.

Fall Show Chairman's are: Larry Noble, Dave Dickey, Thank you to you both.

Break was at 8:15pm. Meeting started again at 8:40pm.

Meeting ended at 8:55pm.

## CVMC Sprint Cup September Race Tickets

September Sprint Cup race tickets are in and available for pick-up Remember, 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served.

Please call **Ron Martin at 347-8701**. Thanks!!!

# Thanks For Contributing To The Galloping Gazette

I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who has contributed to the Galloping Gazette and let everyone know that if you have an article that you wrote on anything CVMC, Mustang and or Ford related please send it to me to be used in the newsletter.

Ideas for articles are but not limited to the following... Club Functions; Car Shows that you attended; Parades; Restoration Projects; Modification's; Unique Mustang's and or Ford's; Unique people connected with Mustang's and or Ford's; etc... Please include any pictures.

Be sure to send your articles to me Tony Hall at 95SVTCobraVA@comcast.net

#### CVMC Classifieds

#### 2003 Black Roush Mustang GT

Miles - 21,200; Bullett Wheels, Tan

Interior. Must sell!

Best Offer Bill McCauley

Home: 804-932-8199 Cell: 804-337-1574

E-mail: vtcchokie04@aol.com

#### 2004 Blue Ford Escape

Miles - 73,400, 2 wheel drive, Must sell! Best Offer.

seni Best Offer Bill McCauley

Home: 804-932-8199 Cell: 804-337-1574

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E-mail: vtcchokie04@aol.com

#### 1989 Ford Mustang GT Hatchback 25th Anniversary Edition

5.0 Engine, 5-Speed Manual Transmission, Sunroof, 97,000 miles Excellent Condition, Garage kept \$6000.00 Christine Harper 434-589-2714 - Home 434-243-2613 - Work



# News From The Blue Oval



# MUSTANG TEAM GOES EXTRA MILE TO DISCERN NEEDS AND WANTS OF DERFORMANCE CAR OWNERS

Ford goes to great lengths to gather firsthand quality and satisfaction data from customers

Mustang owners are passionate about their pony cars and generally more satisfied that owners of competitive makes

DEARBORN, Mich., May 21, 2008 - There are more Mustangs on the road in Tampa, Fla., than anywhere else in the country, so Paul Randle and his team headed south.

The Mustang chief engineer gathered about 40 of the vehicle line's key team members - those responsible for everything from product development to personalization to marketing - and flew from Dearborn to Florida to interview nearly 70 performance car owners last month. In addition to those pulling up in Mustangs, participants included owners of competitive-make vehicles such as the Dodge Charger, Pontiac GTO and Mitsubishi Eclipse.

External customer clinics on the Mustang are coordinated annually by Ford's 6-Sigma Center, but this is the first time since the launch of the 2005 Mustang that the team included competitive-make owners as well. To ensure that owners would be candid with their opinions, the team presented itself as a market research group and didn't indentify themselves as Ford employees.

"We wanted to find out why people purchased the Mustang and what else they'd shopped for," says Ronnie Ahmad, project specialist, 6-Sigma Center. "We added competitive-make owners to the mix not only to find out why they hadn't chosen a Mustang, but also to see if Mustang owners would stand tall when talking about their vehicles versus the others during the panel discussions."

Stand tall they did. Overall,
Mustang owners were found to be very
satisfied with their ownership
experience. Far more complaints
came from competitive-make owners.
Based on this and a wealth of other
findings, Ahmad says the new
approach paid off: "It was way
beyond our expectations."

Participants were paid \$120 for the hour-and-a-half experience. Upon arrival, each group of a dozen or so owners filled out a brief survey before sitting down for a videotaped panel discussion. The talks were led by a moderator who used the survey responses as a jumping-off point, and viewed live behind closed doors by the Ford team.

"It was very interesting to hear the pride in Mustang owners' voices," says Ahmad. "One woman said that having a Mustang is like having a Transformer - her car makes her feel like a superhero."

Mustang Vehicle Integration
Supervisor Dean Nowicki says the
experience opened his eyes to how
much of an "impulse purchase" the
Mustang seems to be. "We heard a lot
of, 'I saw it, I wanted it, I bought it,'"
Nowicki says. "One person brought her
old V6 Mustang to the dealership for
an oil change and left in a new GT."

Underscoring why Mustang owners are extremely passionate, the car has recently garnered accolades for quality and safety. Last year, the iconic pony car came out on top in three major consumer surveys sponsored by J.D. Power & Associates. All three - the Initial Quality Study (IOS), the Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout (APEAL) Study, and the Vehicle Dependability Study (VDS) - named Mustang as the leader in its mid-size Sporty Car segment. In addition, the 2008 Mustang convertible became the first sports car and the first convertible to earn the highest possible safety ratings in new-car tests performed by the U.S. government. The Mustang coupe also earned five stars in frontal crash tests for both driver and passenger, in side impact for driver and in rollover tests.

In Tampa, after each of the five panel discussions, participants retired to their cars for a walk-around focused on TGW (things gone wrong) and customer satisfaction issues. The information gathered will help the Mustang team make decisions about future features, as well as help immediately address any areas of concern.

"It was great to have a multifunctional group there, because we each picked up on something different when hearing the various responses," says Jackie DiMarco, Mustang business manager. "Later, as we're talking about which actions to take, our minds go to the images of the customers who made particular comments. This personalizes our decisions and helps us remember that everything we do is for the customer."

That idea delights Linda Davis, who participated in the clinic as the first owner of a 2008 Mustang convertible outfitted in the Warriors in Pink package designed in support of Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. "I've been completely satisfied with my Mustang since buying it last July," Davis said. "I was happy to sit alongside other Mustang owners and hear similar comments. If clinics like

this help Ford, I'm pleased to participate."

Customer clinics have led to key product edits in the past. For example, comments from Ford Edge owners resulted in the resolution of glare from the instrument panel, and Ford Escape owners helped identify the need for better communication about the vehicle's reversible cargo mat.

"A vehicle team needs to have a visceral understanding of their customer, and we'll never get that just by looking at GQRS numbers," Nowicki said. "It's great to review numbers - we do that all the time - but when I can look in a customer's eye and see the emotion as they talk about their car, that's exceptional."

Article and Photo Courtesy of Ford Motor Company





# DOUBLE PODIUM KEEPS FORD AHEAD IN WORLD TITLE 5/18/2008

Olbia, Sardinia — BP Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally Team finished second and third in an enthralling Rally d'Italia Sardegna today to retain the lead in both the manufacturers' and drivers' standings in the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile World Rally Championship Mikko Hirvonen and Jarmo
Lehtinen claimed second in a Ford
Focus RS World Rally Car, with JariMatti Latvala and Miikka Anttila third in
a similar car. Ford preserves its sevenpoint advantage in the manufacturers'
series while Hirvonen is three points
ahead in the drivers' table.

This sixth round of the 15-rally series was the first European gravel fixture of the season. Based in the north-east of Sardinia, the three-day event was characterised by tough narrow tracks south of Olbia. Competitors tackled 17 speed tests covering 344.73km, and despite heavy rain before the start, the rally itself was dry, although cloudy skies ensured temperatures were cooler than expected.

Hirvonen and Latvala began today's final leg in equal second place, tied to the tenth of a second. Both endured a disappointing opening day when Hirvonen struggled for speed after being first in the start order on roads covered by slippery loose gravel, and Latvala dropped more than 90sec with a puncture. However, the Finns fought back yesterday to take first and second on every stage to reel in leader Sébastien Loeb and start today just 29.4sec behind.

Both drivers ate into the Frenchman's lead during the opening three special stages, Hirvonen leading the charge. But when they realised the time gap was too big, they eased their pace, content to settle for podium positions. Twenty-seven-year-old Hirvonen won two tests today and eventually finished just 10.6sec behind Loeb and 4.7sec ahead of his 23-year-old team-mate.

"The first stage this morning was great but I went off the road briefly on the next about 1km after the start," said Hirvonen. "I hit a rock and didn't know what damage I had done so I knew I had to ease off slightly. I thought I had a puncture but Pirelli's tyres are strong and the rubber stayed inflated. At one point I was worried I wouldn't make the finish. This afternoon I started to go flat out to try to take time from Loeb, but I realised

it wasn't going to happen so I decided not to take any more risks and dropped my pace. Jari-Matti's split times were good so I couldn't ease off too much.

"I needed more speed on Friday but apart from that, this was a good rally. If I continue to lead the championship and be first in the start order, then I need to find more speed on the first day when conditions are slippery. If I can't win, then I need to take second and that's what I did here," he added.

Latvala won 10 of the 17 tests and was delighted with a podium after sliding to 14th following Friday's error when his car hit a bank and punctured. "It was a shame as after that I did so well. On Friday I would have been happy to finish in the top five, so third is fantastic and gives me a big confidence boost. If I hadn't made the mistake, who knows what the outcome might have been," he said.

"This morning I had a big fight with Mikko and I should have driven better. I had a good road position for two days and today I didn't. I didn't have the same confidence because the roads were slippery and there wasn't the same flow. I saw that I couldn't catch Mikko so I started to ease off. I was tracking his split times during the stage and followed his pace but I didn't want to take stupid risks to try to pass him. Mikko won the fight on the morning stages and second belonged to him," added Latvala.

Abu Dhabi's Khalid Al Qassimi and co-driver Michael Orr were 16th in another Focus RS, finishing under SupeRally rules after crashing yesterday. "I didn't drive well this morning, the stages were narrow and I wasn't confident. Things were much better in the afternoon when I built up confidence. Driving in this rally for the first time with new pace notes was a learning curve," said Al Qassimi.

BP Ford Abu Dhabi team director Malcolm Wilson was delighted with the weekend. "We decided that it wasn't realistic to catch Loeb and our drivers were happy to settle for their positions. Yesterday was very special,

and I'm not sure anyone has taken that kind of time out of Loeb in a single day when he was fighting for victory and that bodes well for the future. Road position was more crucial here than we thought, and that was a surprise, but our cars ran reliably all rally," he said.

Ford of Europe motorsport director Mark Deans said: "Despite a truly committed charge to secure the win, the significance of maximising our points in the manufacturers' championship wasn't missed by the drivers and as a result we've maintained our seven point lead in the standings. That's a reassuring position in which to be as we head into the tough rallies in Greece and Turkey."

#### **NEWS FROM OUR RIVALS**

Sébastien Loeb (Citroen) claimed a record 40th world rally win with his fourth success of the season. Stobart's Gigi Galli (Ford) took fourth with Dani Sordo (Citroen) and Chris Atkinson (Subaru) rounding off the top six. Ninth for Per-Gunnar Andersson gave Suzuki the final manufacturers' point. Today's only major retirement was Toni Gardemeister (Suzuki), who stopped after an electrical fire.

#### **NEXT ROUND**

The championship remains in the Mediterranean when round seven takes the team to Greece later this month. The all-gravel Acropolis Rally of Greece is based in Athens on 29 May - 1 June.

#### **STAGE TIMES**

Stage 13: 1. Hirvonen 14min 03.2sec; 2. Latvala + 5.1; 3. Loeb + 10.3; 4. Galli + 18.3. 5. Sordo + 19.8; 6. P Solberg + 25.1; 16. Al Qassimi + 1:19.6.

Overall: 1. Loeb 3hr 13min 35.0sec; 2. Hirvonen + 19.1; 3. Latvala + 24.2; 4. Galli + 1:25.7; 5. Sordo + 1:40.8; 6. Atkinson + 3:27.5; 20. Al Qassimi + 26:21.5. Stage 14: 1. Loeb 13min 58.9sec; 2. Hirvonen + 3.9; 3. Latvala + 4.3; 4. Sordo + 9.3; 5. Galli + 11.2; 6. Aava + 26.6; 15. Al Qassimi + 1:01.6. Overall: 1. Loeb 3hr 27min 33.9sec; 2. Hirvonen + 23.0; 3. Latvala + 28.5; 4. Galli + 1:36.9; 5. Sordo + 1:50.1; 6. Atkinson + 4:04.7; 19. Al Qassimi + 27:23.1.

Stage 15: 1. Latvala 13min 46.2sec; 2. Hirvonen + 2.7; 3. Galli + 9.3; 4. Loeb + 9.5; 5. Sordo + 16.4; 6. P Solberg + 17.5; 14. Al Qassimi + 45.9.

Overall: 1. Loeb 3hr 41min 29.6sec; 2. Hirvonen + 16.2; 3. Latvala + 19.0; 4. Galli + 1:36.7; 5. Sordo + 1:57.0; 6. Atkinson + 4:40.3; 18. Al Qassimi + 27:59.5.

Stage 16: 1. Hirvonen 13min 45.0sec; 2. Loeb + 3.3; 3. Latvala + 4.1; 4. Sordo + 7.6; 5. Galli + 11.3; 6. P Solberg + 11.4; 15. Al Qassimi + 48.3.

Overall: 1. Loeb 3hr 55min 17.9sec; 2. Hirvonen + 12.9; 3. Latvala + 19.8; 4. Galli + 1:44.7; 5. Sordo + 2:01.3; 6. Atkinson + 5:04.1; 16. Al Qassimi + 28:44.5.

Stage 17: 1. Latvala 1min 54.8sec; 2. P Solberg + 1.9; 3. Hirvonen + 2.2; 4. Galli + 2.3; 5. Loeb + 4.5; 6. Andersson + 6.3; 11= Al Qassimi + 9.0.

Overall: 1. Loeb 3hr 57min 17.2sec; 2. Hirvonen + 10.6; 3. Latvala + 15.3; 4. Galli + 1:42.5; 5. Sordo + 2:05.6; 6. Atkinson + 5:08.6; 16. Al Qassimi + 28:49.0.

# Article and Photo Courtesy of Ford Racing



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mustang Lovers' cruise will sail from Galveston, Texas

to Montego Bay, Jamaica, Georgetown, and Grand Cayman on the magnificent Royal Caribbean Voyager of the Seas; February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The Columbus, Ohio show is full with 385 Mustangs registered. While there is a cancellation list, the Club is turning away many Mustangers and suggesting the No Borders Mustang International show in Oakville, Ontario, Canada has many spaces available. Several groups from the New Jersey and Northern Virginia are now going. To my knowledge this is the first time any MCA show has been sold out more than two months before the event.

Check the CVMC forums for a great story on the 9 millionth Mustang built by Ford.

As part of our MCA club charter, we must send a copy of our roster to the National Club with MCA members identified by their MCA number. According to Section 5 of the MCA club charter; all club officers must be MCA members. There is a clip board on the table with an alphabetical list of CVMC members that are MCA members. Please check that list to make sure I have your MCA number and the expiration date is correct. If I have missed anyone, please fill in your information. The notice from MCA is published on our website under forums.

Mustang Times magazine is a first-rate publication for the Mustang hobbyists and published by MCA. It is full of advance information on next years Mustang, technical and "how to do" information for all your Mustangs in addition to discounts on various parts vendors. The type of parts and amount of discount is published on the forums site. If you would like to join MCA see me during the break

Local MCA Regional shows, cruise-in's and upcoming car shows in the Richmond metro region are covered in the Galloping Gazette and on our website.

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## **CVMC - MCA Gold Card Judges**

19641/2-1966: Don Lane

1967-1968: Steve Shaver & Dave

Dickey

4<sup>th</sup> Generation: Steve Shaver

#### **CVMC - MCA Certified Judges**

5<sup>th</sup> Generation: Tony Hall, Dave Dickey

& David Lythgoe 1966: Karen Lane



# June 2008 Car Hobbyist News From the Council

#### By Fred Fann

This is a first – there are now greenhouse gas fees in the San Francisco area. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has decided to charge businesses 4.4 cents per ton of carbon dioxide they emit. Nowhere else in the United States is there a carbon dioxide tax. Since we humans exhale carbon dioxide it may only be a matter of time before our breath is taxed.

A carbon dioxide tax is not good news because other localities may look at this as an additional way to make money.

Soon our own General
Assembly will meet and try for the
third year in a row to come up with
transportation funding. They tried civil
remedial fees for bad drivers and that
didn't work. Many people believe the
only way to come up with enough
money is a gas tax increase. We are
paying less than our neighboring
states. And wouldn't the General
Assembly had looked smart if – three
years ago – they upped and gas tax a

penny? The daily increasing of the price of gasoline makes a gas tax look foolish right now. Currently projects are being delayed because of a lack of funding. I'm hoping for some creative solutions.

Wouldn't it be nice if the price of gas would stay that same for say a couple of days in a row? The US Senate hauled the heads of the five major oil companies in for an explanation of why gasoline prices keep going up and why their profits keep setting new records. One of the big oil CEO's stated that we are in a current "up cycle" and they need to make money for investment when they are no longer in an "up cycle". Since when has gasoline been in a "down cycle"? The five companies made \$36 billion in the last quarter.

When asked about their salary only one CEO knew his – 12.5 million. Four of them didn't know how much they made – or could it be they didn't want to tell? And the guy with 12.5 million must not have been adding in deferred compensation, bonuses, benefits, etc.

Our government has known for over 30 years that gasoline prices and supply are problematic. Other than kowtow to big oil and its lobbyists and waste millions in taxpayer money on hydrogen fuel cell and electric cars our government leaders have done nothing.

The environmentalists have won. We can't drill in places in this country where there is oil. A refinery hasn't been built since 1976. We can't build nuclear power plants. They have won – and I'm sure they are happy that record gasoline prices have reduced driving.

So we can thank our government leaders for taking lobbyist dollars. And we can thank environmentalists for their part in this mess. Remember it's not just high gas prices but the record fuel costs are pushing up the price of everything and sending our economy into serious trouble.

#### New Member's

Randy Pfrunder, Billy McKinley

**Welcome!** We at CVMC hope you will be a member for many years. CVMC has over 117 members signed up for 2008.

# Renewed Member's For 2008

Thanks everyone for coming back for another great CVMC year! CVMC has over 117 members signed up so far for 2008.

#### **Upcoming Car Shows**

#### **MCA Events**

June 13-14, 2008
Super Stang Fest
Rockingham, North Carolina
Hosted by Super Stang Fest at
Rockingham Dragway & Speedway.
Event hours are 11am-2pm, 6pm11pm pn 13th, 8am-11pm on 14th
with check-in running 8am on 14th.
Registration fee is 40.00 (preregistration 30.00 before May 1,
2008). For more information, call
Jason Miles at 704-764-8127 or email
Jason@superstangfest.com or visit the
website at
http://www.superstangfest.com

#### June 14, 2008 14th Annual Mustang and All Ford Show

#### Verona, Virginia

Hosted by Valley Mustangs Unlimited at Verona Volunteer Fire Dept. Event hours are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Check-in 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. Registration \$18 (\$15 before June 7). More than 35 classes for Mustangs and Ford-powered cars and trucks from 1903 to Present. Awards for 1st and 2nd place by participant choice votes. Dash plaques for first 100 entries; grab bags and show gifts to first 50 entries. Door prizes drawn every 15 minutes. Sponsored by Paul Obaugh Ford and VA Classic Mustang Supply.

For more information, call Tim Ross at 540.241.9337; or email timbossross@aol.com

June 14, 2008

**26th Annual Gate City Triad Mustang Club Show Burlington, North Carolina** Hosted by Gate City Triad Mustang Club at Alamance Crossing Shopping Center. Event hours are 8:00-4:00 with check-in running 8:00-12:00.Registration fee is \$30(preregistration \$25 before June 1). Take I-40/I-85 to exit 140 in Burlington NC. Go north to Alamance Crossing. Dash plagues to the first 100 cars plus 100 awards. Bring 4 canned goods and reduce day of show registration to \$25.Proceeds go to the Northwest North Carolina food bank. Food, Shopping, Music and fun. For more information, call Jeff Pruett at 336

<u>jpruett@rocopp.com</u> or call John Brooke at 336 409-5572 or email.

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#### June 21, 2008 15th annual Mustang & All Ford Powered Car/Truck Show Morrisville, North Carolina

Hosted by Heart of Carolina Mustana Club at Morrisville Outlet Mall. Event hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. with checkin running 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. Registration fee is \$20 (preregistration \$15 before May 15, 2008). Proceeds will benefit local charities. Top 50 plus 6 special class winners and Best of Show trophies. Space limited to 140 show vehicles. Dash plagues for the 1st 100 cars, goodie bags, door prizes, 50/50, and DJ. Food, drinks, shopping and restrooms close by in the mall. For more information, call Bill Mears at (919)349-0257 or email <u>jswallace@nc.rr.com</u> or visit the website at http://www.hcmcstangs.com

For more information on other MCA Car Shows and Events please visit the Mustang Club of America's website at... Mustang Club Of America

#### Non-MCA Events

## June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Capitol City Car Classic at the Shops at Bellgrade

Located Robious Road and West Huguenot Road, Midlothian, VA 23113. Sponsored by River City Diner and Oldies But Goodies Classic Cruizers, Inc. Rain or Shine, Registration 9 am to 12 noon, Awards presented at 4. Open to Vintage, Restored, Classics, Street Rods, and Trucks, 1900 to Present. Dash Plagues to First 100 show cars, Awards for Top 25, Best GM, Ford, Mopar, Truck, Imports/Others, People's Choice, Club Participation and Best in Show. For information contact Novil & Alice Stout (804)378.2114 or email at novali@verizon.net. Pre-registration \$15 postmarked by May 30, and sent c/o Capitol City Car Classic, 13506 Riverton Drive, Midlothian, VA 23113, or \$20 day of show. Checks made payable to CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK to benefit Children's Hospital, Brook Road, Richmond, VA.

#### June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 **URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER** RICHMOND PRESENTS A CLASSIC CAR SHOW

AT THE GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTION CENTER. VEHICLE CLASSES FOR YEARS 2004 AND EARLIER. PROCEEDS USED FOR URBAN LEAGUE HEALTH AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2008. REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 (tax) deductible). For more information contact: Thomas Victory, President Victory 7 Mustang Club and President/CEO, Urban League of Greater Richmond, 511 West Grace Street, Richmond VA 23219, 804-649-8407

tvictory@urbanleaguerichmond.org

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 "39th Richmond in the Spring" Car Show, Corral and Swap Meet Richmond Raceway Complex Public enter gate 4 Laburnum Ave, 8am to 2pm Public Admission 5.00,

under 12 free, free parking. Bring the family for a day of fun and automotive history. Participants enter gate 6 Carolina Ave, 7am to 10:45am All type vehicles invited, customs, rods, antique, stock, classic. New this year, motorcycle and driver car classes 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards in 26 classes, other special trophies. Free kids program, 1pm, "The car and its parts". Largest Automotive flea Market in Central Va. Arts and Crafts vendors welcomed. Information or to obtain a flver-registration Email:

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Web site: www.richmondaaca.com Call 804-550-3586 or 804-550-2141

#### June 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 Fun Ford Weekend

At Virginia Motorsports Park in Dinwiddie - Info: www.virginiamotorsportspk.com

#### June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Southside Car & Motorcycle Show.

Location is House of Prayer, 10500 Newbys Bridge Road, Chesterfield, 8 AM - 3 PM. Awards and fun under the shade trees. For information contact Bob Akers at 804-402-2216. Benefits the Generation Now Youth Ministry.

For more information on other Area Car Shows and Events please visit the Car Club Council of Central Virginia website at...

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