

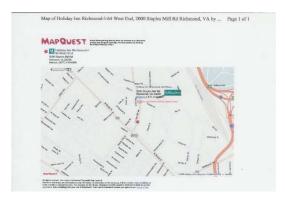
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CVMC News



CYMC Has Found A New HOME



April 1st will be our LAST meeting at the Science Museum. We are moving our meeting to the Holiday Inn Crossroads, 2000 Staples Mill Road & West Marshall Street. We chose this location for a number of reasons. We wanted it to be as central to all our members as possible. We wanted a facility that was competitive to the rate that we had to pay the Science Museum. We want a meeting room that was accessible to all our members and guest. We wanted a room that the acoustics were good for a meeting.

This location fit the bill. We have signed a 3 month agreement and will evaluate how it's working after that time to see if we continue. I want to thank each and every member that helped in our quest to find a suitable meeting space. We had a lot of great input and ideas. I appreciate you efforts. Remember ONE MORE MEETING AT THE SCIENCE MUSUEM. SEE YOU THERE on APRIL 1.

Gordon Martin President





2009 Virginia International Auto Show March 13th To The 15th, 2009

CVMC had another successful display of Mustangs during the Motor Trend International Auto show at the Richmond Convention center. The rainy weather brought thousands into

the Center with many comments on the excellent quality and stunning beauty of our display for the public to eniov. Several individuals wanted to know if any of the cars were for sale. The answer was no - they were all privately owned, which surprised those folks. There were numerous questions from the public about the cars and our upcoming shows which were answered by our members and many April and September show flyers were handed out. We had several individuals join and a few club members paid their dues. A few of our members saw friends they had not seen in years. I am sure all club members really enioved themselves and had a lot of fun.





I want to thank Cliff Adair, George Bobrovsky, Pamela Doser, Tony Hall, Richard Jones, Ray Louth, Graham Marsteller, Gordon Martin, Johnnie McGrath, Kathy McWilliams, Mike Noble, Rick Nochta, Ray Weidman, and Rusty Wiseman for volunteering their Mustangs for the auto show. We want to thank other members who helped watch over the cars during the show. There was never a time during the show hours that a member of the club was not in the area. As a result, no Mustang was scratched or damaged although there were some close calls. As the show was closing down and we were dismantling the display one lady actually opened the door and started to get into our Mustang to have her picture taken. She was told the car was privately owned and she removed herself.





Even though rain was forecast on Thursday afternoon – the evening we went into the Convention Center – the rain held off and all the Mustangs moved into the Center without getting wet and almost all returned to their garages without getting socked. The Motor Trend officials were surprised and happy with the quality and beauty of the Mustangs and thanked us for our cooperation and participation. I believe we will be invited back in the future.

VIAS CVMC Coordinator: Dave Dickey

CVMC Adopt-A-Highway March 21st, 2009

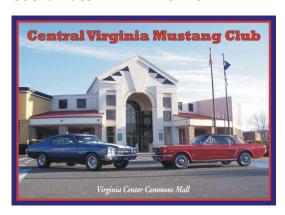
CVMC had our ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY pick up on Saturday March 21, 2009. We had 12 people show up to help pick up trash on Otterdale Road. That was a very good turn out but we could have done better.

After picking up the trash we all went to the Pizza Hut in Midlothian to chow down on some pizza. It was good you should have been there!

We may be having another trash pick up in June. We will let you know about it in the Newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who came out to do their civic duty.

CVMC Adopt-A-Highway
Coordinator: KAREN & DON LANE



CVMC 4th Annual Spring Car Show

The Fourth Annual CVMC April Car show is right around the corner. Here's the run-down.

The show is open to all cars and trucks: Antiques, Modifieds, Street Rods, Classics, Restored, Trucks, General Motors, Mopars, Fords, American Motors and Imports from 1900 to 2009

Cost: \$20.00 Day of the Show

What kind of Awards:

• Best Of Show Trophy awarded for the Best Ford, GM, Mopar, Import and Truck

- Top 20 Trophy's for Cars 1900 to 1973
- Top 20 Trophy's for Cars 1974 to Present
- Dash Plaques to the first 100 Show Cars

Must be present to win!

The car show will be held on: Saturday, April 25, 2009, Rain or Shine at: Virginia Center Commons Mall, 10101 Brook Road (U.S. Route 1) Glen Allen, Virginia. Be sure to pass the word we want to see many great cars and spectators at this event.

Look forward to seeing last years show participants and vendors at the show! For additional information, contact:

Spring Show Chairman George Bobrovsky

georgeb427@verizon.net

CVMC Parades for May

We have several parades coming up in May. The first one is the Bon Air Victorian Day Parade on May 9th at 11.00 A.M. The second one is the Memorial Day Parade in Kenbridge on the 23rd at about 10.30 A.M. I have received an invitation for the 1st Annual Post 242 Sandston Memorial Day Parade at 12.00 noon on the 25th. I need to find out if there is any interest in doing this parade at our monthly meeting. Under no circumstances do I want to take people away from going to the big parade in Washington on this date. There will be more information to follow on these parades as I receive them.

CVMC Parade Coordinator Llew Stakes

CVMC Cruise to Kings Dominion Mid-Atlantic Mustang Show Case & Family Outing May 23, 2009

I would like to see who is interested in going to first Kings Dominion Mid-Atlantic Mustang Show Case & Family Outing : sponsored by Stangs R Us Mustang Club on May 23, 2009. So far they have mustangs coming as far away as Florida. It would be nice to go as a club. The auvs north of the river could meet at the truck stop at Lewistown and 95. The guys south of the river could meet at 288 and rt 10. This would be a good event for anyone that has a friend with a Mustang to bring them along. Anyone that is going contact me and I will keep a head count. Thanks!

Larry Boyd 804-356-0506 boydboss70@yahoo.com



CVMC RIR Race Tickets May 2, 2009

NASCAR RACE TICKETS AVAILABLE.



CVMC has 3 Tickets Left to the Richmond Sprint Cup race on Saturday May 2, 2009. The tickets are in the Sprint stands on the front stretch before the finish line. Section 'E' rows 19 and 20. These tickets are "FANTASTIC SEATS"!!! Some of the tickets are already gone so get your order in now before they are all gone. Contact Ron Martin at 804-347-8701

E-mail at <u>mustang93106@yahoo.com</u>

CVMC March Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Renee Bennett

President Gordon called the meeting at 7:40 pm

New Members &Guests: Ralph Robin 2005,2009,93 GT and 1979, Tom Smith 1988 GT. Welcome to our club.

Old Members New News: Renee Bennett's oldest Daughter Nadia was married on Feb 28th 2009 and Renee also got a new 2003 GT Convertible Mustang congratulations!

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

President Gordon spoke about the changes with the meeting day and cost that the science museum wants us to do.

George Bobrovsky gave an update on the Spring Show how it is coming along and it is The vendor price and car participant will all be the same \$20.00 Dollars we do have four sponsors for the spring show April 25th 2009 Virginia Center Commons Mall.

President Gordon talked about the Motor Trend Show March 13,14,15th 2009 at the Richmond Convention center we will have our display next to the Ford display.

Richmond Ford had tickets for us for free just show your Central Virginia Mustang Club card and ask for Mike Serpico, Taft Cameron.

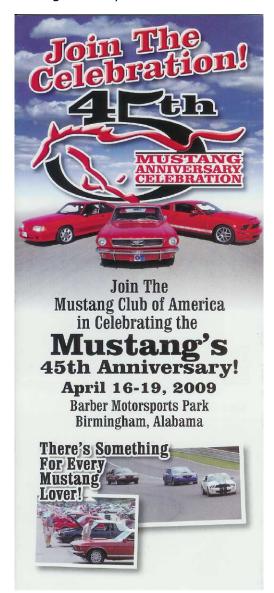
President Gordon called break at 8:05 pm. Break over at 8:15pm George talked about the Merchandise and we will have summer stuff coming out soon and to buy to help support our club.

Llew Stakes talked about upcoming parades: National Memorial Day Parade in DC, Kenbridge Saturday before Memorial Day more information to come, Cherry Blossom parade April 4th 2009.

March 14th Gala Salisbury Country Club a 64 and a half will be auction off.

MCA: Dave Dickey our April 25th 2009, show will be in there and if you join you will get Mustang Times if you want to join please see Dave Dickey. MCA Show will be July 3-5th 2009 Raleigh North Carolina limited 350 cars.

Happy Birthday to everyone who's birthday is in March! President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.



"45th Mustang Anniversary Celebration" April 16th to the 19th, 2009

Update #3

We had our last meeting on March 16, 2009, at the Shoney's located at Virginia Center Commons Mall.

Be sure to check our post in the CVMC Forums for further updates on the road trip to the 45th Mustang Anniversary! (Click Here- > CVMC Forums - 45th Mustang Anniversary).

It's not too late to join us for a great event! The next one will be in 2014!

CVMC has a block of rooms set aside under the name of Central Virginia Mustang Club. For more information you will need to contact Rusty Wiseman...

Rusty Wiseman

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Those of you who went to the 40th Anniversary Show know how much fun this event is!

This show may sell out very fast. Be sure to register **NOW** if you want to ao!!!

Article by Tony Hall

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. **Tony Hall**<u>95SVTCobraVA@comcast.net</u>



If you would like to advertise your Mustang or Ford related items "For Sale" or "Wanted" be sure to send your classifieds to...

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News From The Blue Oval





2010 ESCAPE ADDS NEW SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES, BUILDS ON LEADING CRASH RATINGS, ROLLOVER PROTECTION

The new 2010 Ford Escape and Escape Hybrid will feature five new

safety and driver-aid technologies, including Integrated Spotter Mirrors, MyKey™, Rear View Camera System and Active Park Assist. Escape is one of the first Ford vehicles to feature SYNC with Traffic, Directions and Information - helping reduce distractions while accessing important route and safety information. The technologies build on Escape's 5-star and top pick crash-testing ratings, including the highest ratings from the government and Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Escape is the only small SUV to offer advanced roll stability control and side curtain air bag technologies with rollover protection.

DEARBORN, Mich., March 6, 2009 – Ford's 2010 Escape, the small SUV with the best crash test ratings of any vehicle in its class, is increasing its technology leadership with the addition of five new features that improve safety, reduce driver distractions and aid drivers by automatically parallel parking their vehicle.



The new Escape, in showrooms this summer, will add MyKey™ teensafety technology, Integrated Spotter Mirrors – both offered standard (MyKey on XLT and above models) – optional Rear View Camera System and SYNC with real-time Traffic, Directions and Information. The new model also will be the North America's first SUV to offer Active Park Assist, which uses an ultrasonic-based sensing system and Electric Power Assisted Steering (EPAS) to position the vehicle for parallel parking, calculate the optimal steering angle

and quickly steer the vehicle into a parking spot.

The new technologies build on Escape's unsurpassed crash ratings – a "Top Safety Pick" award from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) and 5-star government ratings in all crash tests. The Escape, which Kelley Blue Book editors recently named one of the "2009 Best New Family Vehicles," also is the only compact SUV to offer standard AdvanceTrac® with RSC® (Roll Stability Control) and a standard Safety Canopy® side curtain air-bag system.

"The Ford Escape is one of few vehicles that earned both full 5-star crash ratings and a 'Top Safety Pick' in the small SUV segment," said Susan Cischke, Ford's group vice president of Sustainability, Environment and Safety Engineering. "These new technologies will help to take the new Escape to the next level of safety and driver satisfaction."

According to 2008 Ford market research data, nearly nine out of 10 Escape and Escape Hybrid buyers rank safety features – including the roadholding capability delivered by roll stability control – as one of their top purchase reasons.



Technology Transformation

Unprecedented for a carryover model, the Ford Escape's technological makeover demonstrates Ford's broader efforts to quickly and efficiently introduce new features along the consumer electronics industry's development cycles measured in months.

"Our vision with SYNC, MyKey and other new technologies is to be a technology leader, making it affordable for millions – just as Ford has done with safety and fuel-saving technologies," said Doug VanDagens, director of Ford's Connected Services Organization.. "We are a car company that through market-driven, customerfocused innovation is learning to think and act like an electronics company, leveraging partnerships with fresh technology leaders."

The 2010 Escape will feature:

Integrated Spotter Mirror (standard) – a consumer-friendly, affordable blind spot technology that consists of an outside rearview mirror designed with a secondary convex spotter in the top outer corner, which is aimed exclusively at the driver's blind spot. When traffic enters the driver's blind spot on either side of the vehicle, it is visible in the secondary convex mirror, helping provide the driver broader peripheral view.

MyKey (standard) – allows owners to program a key that can limit the vehicle's top speed and audio volume. MyKey also encourages safety-belt usage, provides earlier lowfuel warnings and can be programmed to sound chimes at 45, 55 and 65 miles per hour. This feature is standard on Escape models featuring a message center cluster, including XLT and above.

Rear View Camera System – uses an exterior camera embedded in the rear of the vehicle that sends images to a video display in the rearview mirror or the navigation system screen to help enhance visibility directly behind the vehicle when it is in reverse. Ford is leveraging the affordability of high-quality video cameras to widely offer the technology with navigation systems.

Active Park Assist – uses an ultrasonic-based sensing system and Electric Power Assisted Steering (EPAS) to position the vehicle for parallel parking, calculate the optimal

steering angle and quickly steer the vehicle into a parking spot. The technology is a major leap forward in speed and ease of use compared with the camera-reliant systems offered by competitors. Ford's system requires less driver interaction and reduces the risk of selecting a parking spot that is too tight. Ford's Active Park Assist also works in downhill parking situations, unlike competing systems.



SYNC - Ford is expanding its connectivity leadership by introducing exclusive new SYNC real-time information features. The new Escape is one of the first vehicles to introduce this innovation - SYNC with Traffic, Directions and Information - which leverages industry-leading voicerecognition software, integrated GPS technology, and a customer's Bluetooth-capable mobile phone. SYNC's new services provide simple hands-free access to personalized traffic reports, precise turn-by-turn driving directions and up-to-date information including business listings, news, sports, and weather.

A recent study shows that SYNC's hands-free system significantly reduces the level of distraction when drivers select a phone number or choose a song on their MP3 player compared with the same operations performed with hand-held cell phones and music players.

"We know people want to stay connected in their vehicles, so Ford is continuing to deliver that connectivity for them responsibly and safely," says Susan Cischke, Ford's group vice president of Sustainability, Environment and Safety Engineering. "Our SYNC research backs up what most of us instinctively know – that it is better while driving to place a call using a voice interface than dialing

manually, because you can keep your hands on the wheel and eyes on the road."

Safety Standard

The 2010 Ford Escape's standard safety technologies also include:

AdvanceTrac® with RSC® (Roll Stability Control) - the world's only system with a gyroscopic sensor that actively measures and helps prevent both side-to-side "yaw" and roll movements. Safety Canopy™ - a side air curtain technology offering protection for the first and second seating rows, and helps provide rollover and ejection protection with extended deployment in rollovers Personal Safety System® - a suite of seven safety technologies, including new dual-stage front air bags for the driver and front-seat passenger, side air bags and a front passenger sensor system. Tire Pressure Monitoring System - alerts drivers when tire pressure is low. Properly inflated tires not only are important for safety they also can help improve fuel economy.

Article & Photos by Ford Motor Company

www.ford.com





TASCA III WINS 1ST CAREER NHRA FUNNY CAR 3/15/2009

Gainesville, Fla. — The fastest driver on Friday morning was the last driver standing on Sunday in NHRA Full Throttle Drag Series Funny Car class. In his first Funny Car finals, Bob Tasca III in the Motorcraft/Quick Lane Ford Shelby Mustang won Sunday's 40th Annual Gatornationals.

"I'm speechless," said Tasca.
"We qualified our Motorcraft/Quick
Lane Ford Shelby Mustang No. 1, and
we beat Tim Wilkerson, John Force and
Tony Pedregon to get the first win.
This is just a real tribute to the whole
Motorcraft/Quick Lane program. To
bring the first win home for Ford this
year in the NHRA Funny Car class is
really special. It's a dream come true
for me."

On Sunday afternoon, Tasca went round for round with some of the series best en route to his first career win. In the first round won, Tasca defeated Jim Head. During the second round, he defeated teammate Tim Wilkerson. Tasca faced his mentor John Force in the third round. In the finals, Tasca defeated friend Tony Pedregon.

"John Force. What can you say? He's the man. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for John Force. Tony Pedregon is my best friend. Tim Wilkerson coming on board and working with us," said Tasca. "It is pretty special to beat those guys and walk away with your first Wally [trophy] and we are leaving here second in the points. That isn't too shabby."

It was 27 months since Bob Tasca hired Chris Cunningham as his crew chief. The two went to work and 27 races later, they celebrate victory.



"It all started out with a phone call to Chris Cunningham where I tried to convince him to come work with a guy that had no employees, no parts and it was less than two months from Pomona [2008]. I said, 'Chris, trust me. We'll be great together.' He's done a remarkable job with what he's done and handpicked the guvs around us. I said to him from day one, 'Chris, I just want to be in a position to win. I'll give you all the resources that you need to give me a great race car.' It started in the spring at Pomona last year and we had our struggles in the first year," recalled Tasca.

"Our [2009] season started the day after the fall at Pomona," continued Tasca. "We went to Las Vegas and ran the wheels off this hot rod, then we went to Palm Beach, then we went to Phoenix. We put a quarterseason on this Shelby Mustang before we even rolled into Pomona for the season opener. We're just determined. You just get a sense when you talk to us that we're determined to win. I can assure you if we have anything to do about, this isn't our last trophy. We have a top caliber program right now."

Tasca is fond of the Florida track, "It's real exciting. That right lane has been awfully good to me; I might even kiss it before I leave. I set the world record in Alcohol Funny Car and won my first race in that lane. To win today, in that lane, was a pretty special day for me."

Later in the week, Tasca returns Tasca Ford dealership in Rhode Island. "My grandfather's saying back in the 60s was 'Win on Sunday, sell on Monday.' The dynamic has certainly changed. Heck, they used to win with the cars you could buy in the showroom and today that's not the

case. At the end of the day 'Win on Sunday and sell on Monday' is what this program is all about. We have just as much emphasis with the off-track initiatives with Motorcraft, Quick Lane and Ford as we do on the track."

Article & Photo Courtesy of FORD Racing

www.fordracing.com





Johnnie & Rachel Garner's '64-1/2 Convertible

The Early Mustangs Definitely Set The Stage For Greater Things To Come

By Rob Reaser Photography by Rob Reaser

In retrospect, the Mustangs that hit dealer showrooms in April 1964 were somewhat crude compared to the models that were soon to follow--a situation not unlike that experienced by other new car models, such as the long-lived Corvette. The '53 Vette was not only a bit rough around the edges, but also--unlike the introductory Mustang--initial sales of the glass-bodied wonder were off--way off.

A number of factors played into the Mustang's out-of-the-gate success. First and foremost, Dearborn's little darling was unlike anything that came before it. The carefully crafted exterior styling was so far removed from previous sheetmetal configurations, with its fresh and sporty lines, that the car appealed not only to young buyers of the time, but also captured the attention of veteran drivers who had grown up with the square-bodied behemoths of years past.

Of course, fresh styling can only take the popularity of any car just so far. Ford's planners realized early on that in order to overwhelm their intended market class, the new Mustang had to go beyond the traditional scope of standard equipment and regular production options--and the ponycar, which hit showrooms April 17, 1964, did just that. With its bevy of standard equipment, which in most other brands would have been extra-cost goodies, and a regular-production options list as long as both arms of even the most gangly customer, the Mustang lived up to its touted reputation as being a car "designed by vou."

It worked. Ford brass was initially hoping to sell 150,000 Mustangs during its lengthy first model year (April 1964 to mid-August 1965). However, merely 12 months after the car's introduction, Mustang sales had blown early projections clean out of the water with sales toppling more than 400,000. That number would climb to an unprecedented 680,000-plus unit before the '66 models came online.



Johnnie and Rachel Garner of Rock Hill, South Carolina, are fortunate to own one of the early Mustangs--a

'64-1/2 Rangoon Red convertible. Although it's a '65 model--according to Ford's way of reckoning--the Garners' car, as with all Mustangs made before mid-August 1964, is given '64-1/2 status by the hobby to distinguish these first 121,538 units from the '65 models that followed. A number of minor and not-so-minor features help separate the two model years, including the Mustang fender badge, underdash air vent knob, absent gas cap retaining ring, plastic wheel center hub, beveled hood lip and headlight bucket corner lip, and perhaps most significantly, a generator being used instead of the later alternator.

Johnnie and Rachel purchased this convertible in June 1996 as a 26th wedding anniversary present to themselves. That seemed only natural, given that the couple has bought, sold, and restored numerous Mustangs during the last 21/2 decades.

The drop-top, sporting the spicy 289 4V engine and C4 automatic tranny, was already in the process of a concours restoration when they bought it. The couple spent the next several months completing the job and has since been hitting the show circuit. Understandably, many awards have been won at local and national meets.

Now, just as the first Mustangs set the pace for the later ponycar models to follow, Johnnie and Rachel's '64-1/2 drop-top is setting a brisk stride of its own. Once a pacesetter, always a pacesetter.

Article & Photos Courtesy of Mustang Monthly

www.mustangmonthly.com



45 years ago this month our beloved Mustang went on sale to the American public and was an instant hit. The birthday celebration will take place at Barber Motorsports Park, outside Birmingham, AL on the 16th though the 19th. There are many Mustang groups driving their prize Mustangs to the 45th from the major compass points. Mustang enthusiasts from many countries outside the U.S. are flying to Birmingham. The Marriott host hotel is sold out with a few rooms still available at Hilton and Courtyard hotels. Also, driving your Mustang on the track is sold out. This is going to be a huge celebration. Several club members and friends of ours will be driving or flying to the birthday bash.

There will be no Grand National event in 2009.

The announcement of our 4th annual April car show made it in the March issue and should be in the April issue of Mustang Times.

The next MCA National show on the East coast will take place in Raleigh; N.C. at the N.C. State Fairgrounds. It is only a few hours away. If you have not attended an MCA show, you are really missing something. There are usually some vary unique and rare Mustangs to be seen. Because it is the only MCA National show on the East coast and limited to 350 cars it is expected to be a sellout. At this time the host Hotel is overbooked, no rooms are available and they are not taking any cancellation reservations. There is a link to the show in the Forums section on our Website.

The application for the 2008 <u>Presidents Award</u> will be on the table for you to view.

Local MCA Regional shows; cruise-ins in the Richmond metro region is covered in the Galloping Gazette and on our website.

Of note – I was surprised to recently read somewhere that for the last 45 years a slightly different Mustang has been produced every year. Now the Corvette is over 55 years old, however one year, sometime during the 80's, the same Corvette was produced for straight 2 years because of some type of problem.

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CVMC - MCA Gold Card Judges

1964½-1966: Don Lane 1967-1968: Dave Dickey

1965-1970 Shelby's: Rick Noctha

CVMC - MCA Certified Judges

1966: Karen Lane

5th Generation: Tony Hall, Dave Dickey

& David Lythgoe



News From The Car Club Council

Everyone has seen the clips of President Obama on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. But do you know what the president did before going on the show? He toured an Electric Vehicle Technical Center run by Southern California Edison (electric company). There he gave a speech about the \$2.4 billion in the stimulus package for electric vehicles. Obama wants one million electric cars on the road by 2015. Below are the parts of the plan:

- The Department of Energy is offering up to \$1.5 billion in grants to U.S. based manufacturers to produce ... highly efficient batteries and their components.
- 2. Up to \$500 million in grants to U.S. based manufacturers to produce other components needed for electric vehicles, such as electric motors.
- 3. Up to \$400 million to demonstrate and evaluate Plug-In Hybrids and other electric infrastructure concepts--like truck stop charging stations,

electric rail, and training for technicians to build and repair electric vehicles.

Companies (many of them in Japan) are working on better batteries for electric vehicles. Instead of the old lead-acid batteries new technology is concentrating on lithium-ion batteries - in other words much larger versions of the batteries in cell phones and digital devices such as cameras. If the lithium batteries can be produced cheaply enough to make a difference then the electric motors will have to be upgraded to work with them. And then we will need fast charging stations on the highways. A lot of people doing research in the electric vehicle field feel that \$2.4 billion is not nearly enough - a lot more will be needed to make electric vehicle viable.

What about hybrids, those vehicles with both electric motors and gasoline engines? Ford has just come out with a new hybrid version of the Fusion which gets better city mileage than any other vehicle produced by a major automaker. The problem with hybrids can be summed up with this quote from CNN Money: "Even if gasoline costs continue to rise, according to Consumer Reports analysis, only the Honda Civic Hybrid and Toyota Prius could be said to save money over a five year ownership period once all costs are factored in. And even in those cases, the savings involved are \$80 a year or less. You could save more by simply accelerating and braking more gently in your current vehicle."

In fact analysis from several websites (even the green ones) shows that keeping your old car and taking good care of it is more practical than buying a new hybrid. You will save money, energy and lower pollution. Yes, lower pollution – I've seen it estimated that 40% of the pollution produced by a vehicle over its lifetime occurs when it is built. Pollution is generated to produce the steel, plastic, electricity, etc to make the vehicle. So keeping your old vehicle in tune and running well may be better

for the environment than buying a new vehicle.

Former President Bill Clinton created a program called "Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles". This program was to create vehicles that could get 80 MPG. The program was funded \$250 million a year from your taxes with an estimated \$800 million a year spent by the automakers. What happened to the program? It was replaced with a new program after former President Bush took office. Bush wanted to create a "Freedom Car". Instead of concentrating on electric power this new program was funded with \$1.2 billion to work on a fuel cell vehicle.

After spending millions of dollars currently we do not have 80 MPG vehicles nor do we have hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. President Obama is investing \$2.4 billion into electric vehicles. It will be interesting to see if there is anything to show for that money in a few years. Perhaps car hobbyists are doing the best thing by recycling and reusing older vehicles.

CCCCV President Fred Fann

New Member's For 2009

Welcome! We at CVMC hope you will be a member for many years. CVMC has over 76 members signed up for 2009.

Renewed Member's For 2009

Thanks everyone for coming back for another great CVMC year! CVMC has over 76 members signed up so far for 2009.

Upcoming Car Shows

MCA Events

April 4, 2009 <u>Sheehy Ford of Gaithersburg</u> <u>Spring Show & Shine</u> Gaithersburg, Maryland

Hosted by National Capital Region Mustang Club at Sheehy Ford of Gaithersburg. Event hours are 10:00am with check-in running 3:00pm. Registration fee is \$5.00. Open to all Ford, Lincoln & Mercury powered by Ford For more information, call Chris Caldwell at 703-445-8111 x102 or email ccaldwell@ncrmc.org or visit the website at http://www.ncrmc.org

April 16-19, 2009 <u>45th Mustang Anniversary</u> <u>Celebration</u> Birmingham, Alabama

Hosted by Ford Motor Company and Mustang Club of America at Barber Motorsports Park. Event 8AM - 5PM with check-in running 8AM-5PM Thurs/Fri, 8-12 Fri. Registration \$35 before March 31, 2009). Judging restricted to 250 cars, and display limited to 2,250. Open track events. Saturday Evening with Ford, and a Thursday Evening Cruise, among many other events. 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

April 19th, 2009 5th Annual Spring All Ford Car and Truck Show

Front Royal, Virginia

the notices in Mustang Times.

Hosted by Shenandoah Valley Mustang Club at Shenandoah Ford Dealership Lot. Event 9am - 3pm. Check-in 9am -12 Noon. Registration \$15 day of show. Rain date Sunday, April 26. Show open to all Fords, Mustangs, antiques, classics, hot rods, and trucks?old and new. Free T-Shirts and dash plagues to first 100 entries. Top 40 trophies, Best of show car and Best of Show truck. Participant ballot voting. Door prizes, food, fun and music. For more information, call Tommy at 540.662.0584 after 6pm; email svmc1978@yahoo.com, or call Bob at 304.876.6830.

April 25, 2009 <u>Fourth Annual April Car Show</u> Glen Allen, Virginia

Hosted by Central Virginia Mustang Club at Virgina Center Commons Mall. Event 9am - 4pm. All makes, models, antiques, modifieds, imports, etc. from 1900 - 2009 welcome. Registration, Car Corral, and Vendor spaces \$20 each, day of show. Best of Show, Top 20 for 1900-1973, Top 29 for 1974present awards. Dash Plaques for first 100 show cars. Raffle & door prizes. Contact george Bobrovsky at 804.658.8173, email georgeb427@verizon.net; call Ron Martin at 804.347.8701, or visit our website at

www.centralvamustang.com

May 2, 2009 21st Annual Ford Powered Round-Up

Roanoke, Virginia

Hosted by Roanoke Valley Mustang Club at Tanglewood Mall. Event hours are 10am-3pm with check-in running 8:30am-noon. Registration fee is \$25 (pre-registration \$20 before April 25, 2009). Goody bag & dash plague for the first 100 registered vehicles. Automotive Flea Mkt(auto parts only)\$15.00 Vendor Spaces \$50.00 Pony Corral(vehicles for sale)\$5.00 Display only vehicles \$15.00 *Display cars will get a goody bag and dash plaque, but will not be judged or eligible for place awards. For more information, call Butch Cook at 540-387-1979 or email myred64stang@aol.com or call John Beels at 540-598-8375 or email fun1pony@hotmail.com or visit the website at http://www.roanokevalleymustangclub

May 2, 2009 <u>3rd Annual Spring Car Show</u> Virginia Beach, Virginia

<u>.com</u>

Hosted by Southeastern Virginia Mustang Club at United States. Event hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m. with check-in running 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon. Registration fee is 25.00 (preregistration 20.00 before April 25,

2009). Hosted by Pembroke Mall at 4500 Va Beach Blvd, Va Beach, VA. All cars, trucks, motorcycles, and youth entries (Models/drawings/etc) welcome with proceeds to benefit the Hampton Roads USO. Raffles, door prizes, and music will be provided throughout the day. First 100 registered cars will receive a goody bag/dash plague. For more information, call Gail Rushing at 757-437-2435 or email blue01bullitt@cox.net or call Jeff Rushing at 757-437-2435 or email <u>jjrushing@cox.net</u> or visit the website at http://www.SEVMC.org

May 2, 2009 <u>MC Spring Show at Cowles</u> <u>Parkway Ford</u>

Woodbridge, Virginia

Hosted by National Capital Region Mustang Club at Cowles Parkway Ford. Event hours are 8 am to 3 pm with check-in running 8 am to 11 am. Registration fee is \$25.00 (preregistration \$20.00 before April 27, 2009). National Capital Region Mustang Club and Cowles Parkway Ford Present our 3rd Annual Spring Mustang and All Ford Show! Saturday, May 2, 2009 - 8:00 am to 3:00 pm DIRECTIONS: From 95 in Virginia: Take Prince William Parkway, Exit 158b (ROUTE 3000), turn right on Minnieville Rd., turn right into Cowles Parkway Ford. For more information, call Chris Caldwell at 703-445-8111 x102 or email ccaldwell@ncrmc.org or call Dana Malec at 703-939-1741 or email dtmclm@verizon.net or visit the website at http://www.ncrmc.org

May 3, 2009 <u>Spring Mustang & Ford Show</u> Chattanooga, Tennessee

Hosted by Thunder Valley Mustang Club at Marshall Mize Ford 5348 Highway 153 Chattanooga,TN 37343. Event 8:30am till 3:00pm. Check-in 8:30am -12 Noon. Registration \$20. This is a Mustangs & Ford-Powered Show at Marshall Mize Ford, our club's Host dealership. They have a large lot right of Hwy 153. This is a Judged Show and there will be a live remote from the Show Site. For more information, call Jeff Cardwell at 423.322.9104; email jsc91@att.net or visit www.thundervalleymustang.org

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

April 4th, 2009 Hadensville Volunteer Fire Dept. 3rd Annual Spring Car & Truck Show.

Goochland High School paved parking lot. Open show with 15 classes with 1st, 2nd & 3rd places, Best Ford, Chevy & Mopar & Best in Show. Entry fee is \$20.00. For more info e-mail kennethwaddy@hotmail.com

April 11th, 2009 Virginia Classic Cruisers 13th Annual Open Car Show

From 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Southside Nazarene Church (Rt. 288 & Courthouse Rd.) Call Steve or Cindy Jackson at 804-739-5558 for more info. Visit our website at:

www.vaclassiccruisers.com Detailed show information will be provided later.

April 11th, 2009 Custom Car Show, Open House & Benefit

From 9am-4pm at Precision Body Works 12210 Washington Highway Ashland, VA. Good food, music, door prizes, Unique Awards, and more. Only \$20.00 to be eligible of awards and prizes, with All Proceeds to benefit Michael (Binx) Hall injured in an accident. Info or to pre-register contact Shelly 804-218-3890 or Chuck Anderson by Email ce.anderson@verizon.net or 804-641-

<u>ce.anderson@verizon.net</u> or 804-641-7933 or Benny Mahoney by Email <u>benny.mahoney@comcast.net</u> or 804-641-7942

April 11th, 2009 Home Town Cruise-Ins Car and Truck Show

Food Lion Parking Lot 16625 Montpelier Rd Montpelier VA 23192 09:00am-0330pm.(Rain date April 18, 2009). Registration fee is only \$20.00. Classes include Classic Cars, Antique Cars and Trucks. Judging begins at 01:00pm and will be awarding 25 Trophies and Best Overall will be People's Choice! ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CANCER SOCIETY! Music will be provided by Fre-Ray Sounds. Join DJ H3 and DJ Bug for a great show and great oldies music. For more information please contact Ernest Wright at (804)883-5575 or (804)350-6680. Vendors Welcome

May 2nd, 2009 The ROC Bike Fest and Car Show

At Richmond Outreach Center located on 6255 Warwick Rd in Richmond, VA. Time 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with cash prizes along with Dash Plaques and Trophy Giveaways. Fun for the entire family: live music; bounce house; biker games; real Carolina Barbecue. Featuring Motorcycle Stunt Team: East Coast Stunters. The ROC Bike Fest is a family friendly event. No alcohol permitted. For more information, call 804-675-4101 or email TheROCofVA@aol.com Check out our website at www.TheROC.com

May 9th, 2009 Cruise In for Bosses, Shelbys, an AC Cobras

Location is Ironbridge Sports Park 11400 Ironbridge Road Chester Va 23831. Starting at 9:00 am. No registration, No dash plagues, No trophies. Just a fun day of Ford Trans Am series cars. Food available at the Iron Grill. Contact Larry Boyd 804-356-0506 or boydboss70@yahoo.com

May 9th, 2009 Old Dominion Late Great Chevys NAPA Auto Parts Auto Show

At the NAPA parking lot 800 Southlake Boulevard. Open to all autos from 1913 to present. Food on site, dash plaques for the first 100 entrants, door prizes. 8AM to 3PM. Rain date May 10th. Portion of profits to benefit Hospitality House at MCV. Info Bob Akers 804-402-2216.

May 9th, 2009 Amelia Lions Club 2009 Car Show

Held at Amelia Day Festival in the Courthouse Square. Registration 8:00 am to 12 noon. \$15 entry fee before May 1, 2009, \$20 at the gate. Call Becky Harrison 804-513-0962 for more information.

May 9th, 2009 4th Annual Cruisin' For A Cure

Sponsored by Bruce's Racers Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Battlefield Park Elementary School 5501 Mechanicsville Tnpk., Mechanicsville, VA from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open to all years and makes of cars and trucks. New this year will be awards for Best Interior, Best Undercarriage, Best Engine Compartment, and the ever popular Best In Show and Best In Class. Vehicle entries are a \$20 donation the day of the event. Vendor spaces will be available for \$20 each or 2 for \$30. There will be a 50/50 raffle, food, music, and much more! Fun for the entire family! All proceeds will be donated to Bruce's Racers Relay for Life Team and the American Cancer Society. For more information, please contact Stuart Bernstein at (804) 559-4484, (804) 908-2590, by e-mail at apokiehokie@verizon.net, or James Robinson at (804) 350-2134. Registration forms will be available at the show, or you can e-mail for an electronic copy. Please make checks out to Cruisin' For A Cure.

MAY 16th, 2009 9th ANNUAL GOOCHLAND CAR SHOW AND FAMILY DAY

At Goochland Fairgrounds 2728
Fairgroungs Rd Goochland, VA. Open
to all Antique, Street Rods, Hot Rods,
Classics, Muscle Cars, Imports, Trucks
and Motorcycles and others. Donations
\$5.00, Seniors \$3.00, Children under
12 FREE. Show car registration \$20.00
Many Classes 3 trophies in each class.
Year One Goodie bags to first 100
entries. Registration open from 9:00
a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Awards presented at

3:00 p.m. Door Prizes, Games, Astro Jump for kids and more. Walking distance to Foodlion, Drugstore and other shopping. Come out and enjoy and funfilled day. For more information contact Charles Shelton @ 804-512-5477 or email L296M26@aol.com.

May 16th, 2009 7th Annual North Anna Car, Truck & Bike Show

Sponsored by The North Anna Power Station Volunteer Council & Dominion-Location- Louisa County Middle School-(rain date May 17)-All proceeds Go to The Habitat For Humanity- Gates open at 7:30am-Registration at gate closes at noon-Awards at 3:00pm-Spectators Judging-Trophies to top 25 cars and best in show, trucks & best in show along with Judged Top Gm, Top Ford, Top Mopar, Top Import-5 Managers Choices Trophies-Trophies T The Top 5 Bikes-Dash Plagues to first 50 Cars, Trucks on sites-Door Prizes-Hot Dogs/hamburger/sodas-Bake Sale-Booth Space Available For Craft Sales- Music by DJ-50/50 Raffle-Open Show-No Alcohol-No Pets-\$15.00 Vehicle Registration-\$2.00 Donation For Spectators- For More Infor Contact; Willie Byers 54-894-2770, Steve Whetzel 540-894-2617 or Gary Seay 540-894-2711.

May 30th, 2009 First Annual Lee-Davis Band Boosters Craft and Car Show

At Lee-Davis High School, 7052 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, Va 23111. At the corner of Lee Davis and Mechanicsville Turnpike (Rt 360). 10:00Am to 4:00PM. Outdoor craft show (Crafters \$40 for 10x10 space) as well as car show. Concessions, live music, DJ music, farmers market, hand made crafts, kid's activities, bake sale & more! Cars, trucks, motorcycles all compete for peoples' choice awards. Registration day of the show, \$20 per car/truck/motorcycle, special \$10 registration for students of Hanover County Public Schools. Admission is free to the public. Come on out and have a great time and support the

Lee-Davis High School Band Program! Contact Jon 804-690-2128 for car info or Dyan at 804-746-4214 for crafter info.

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