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CVMC News



CVMC Elections Results December 7, 2011

Elections were held December 7, 2011, for all of the officers and half of the director positions for the CVMC Board of Directors. Thank you to everyone that exercised their voting power and participated in the vote, as well as everyone that took part in putting the election ballot together and tallying votes. As a reminder, the BOD meets on a quarterly basis and all members are welcome to attend. Dates, times, and location are posted on the website.

Here is your 2012-2013 Officers & Director's:

Officers:

President – Tony Hall
Vice President – Larry Noble
Secretary – Michelle Jordan
Treasurer – Ron Martin
Membership – Laura Pegram
MCA – Dave Dickey

2012 Directors:

David Lythgoe
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2012 CVMC Membership Renewal Time

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*If you have any questions
please feel free to contact CVMC
Membership Director Laura Pegram.*

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Pegram**
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director7@centralvamustang.com



Mechanicsville Christmas Parade December 4, 2011

*The weather was great for the
Mechanicsville Christmas Parade. You
could not ask for a better day in
December.*

*We had 26 Mustangs and
Huggie Bear in a Starsky & Hutch
Torino! That was a fantastic turnout.
Hats off to all of the CVMC members
who made it to the parade!*



*All of the Mustangs and Torino
looked great and many were decked
out for the season!*

*I hope to see everyone at the
Mechanicsville Christmas Parade again
next year!*

Article & Photos by Tony Hall



Chester Christmas Parade December 11, 2011

*Just like the Ashland &
Mechanicsville Parade the weather at
the Chester Christmas Parade was
great. It was a little cooler but bright
and sunny. A huge improvement over
last year when it was a downpour!*

*As always the Chester
Christmas Parade is actually longer*

and the road provides plenty of room. They just need to get larger crowds like they do at the Ashland and Mechanicsville Parades. They are coming along and I'm sure they will get there!



We did have a little trouble at this parade. Roland Bryant had alternator problems with his Mustang as we were getting underway. Thankfully they made it home safe and sound.



As always we had a great time at the Chester Christmas Parade and we look forward to next year's parade!
Article & Photos by Tony Hall



CVMC Christmas Dinner December 3, 2011

We had a fantastic CVMC Christmas Party again this year. We had over 50 CVMC members at the party.

The food was good and the fellowship even better! The highlight of the night was the Chinese Gift Giving event. You have to participate to understand it trust me. The gifts that were traded were great and interesting to say the least.



If you didn't make it to this year's Christmas Party be sure to make it next year you will have a great time!

Article and Photos by Tony Hall

Richmond International Raceway Tickets

CVMC has race tickets to the April 28, 2012 Nationwide Race at RIR for sale. Contact Ron Martin if you wish to attend. These are great seats along the front stretch!

Ron Martin

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Email:

treasurer@centralvamustang.com

Richmond MCA National Update

CVMC is looking for volunteers to help with the Richmond MCA National. If you are interested please contact Dave Thomas and let him know.

Dave Thomas

MCA National Chairman

Email: thomasd1@nationwide.com

Cell: 804-937-2495

CVMC Merchandise

CVMC now has CVMC Logo Car Magnets for sale at \$17.00 apiece.



George Godsey

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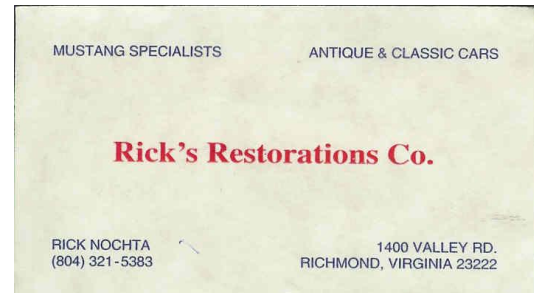


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CVMC now has a Fan Page on Facebook. To follow us on Facebook just type Central Virginia Mustang Club in the search and become a Fan.

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Article by Tony Hall



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CVMC December Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Michelle Jordan

Tony Hall, President, called the meeting to order at 7:36. The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Crossroads on Staples Mill Rd.

Items Covered

Welcome New Members & Visitors: Jim Marr joined us with his

2002, a daily driver, and his 1968 convertible.

Old Member News: Betty Wiseman shared the news that she officially retired on December 2.

Treasurers Report: Ron Martin provided a detailed report on the income and expenses for the month. A motion was carried to accept the report as made. Inquiries should be directed to Ron for further information.

Announcements: There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 7:30pm, at the Shoney's, Virginia Center Commons Mall. All members are welcome to attend.

Christmas Party Report: The CVMC Christmas Party was held this past Saturday. We had good food and good company and the gift exchange was a blast.

MCA Report: Dave reported that we had a great turnout at the National Show in Waldorf and it was time to turn our attention to winter projects to get ready for 2012. Our club has met with members of the NCRMC to discuss points from their National Show, in which they learned much and shared that knowledge with us. Keep in mind that we are looking for volunteers for our proposed National Show. See Dave Thomas if you are interested in helping. Please check the MCA website for upcoming shows and see Dave if you would like to join MCA.

Parade Report: Llew reported that the Ashland Holiday Parade was a success, with 21 cars. The Mechanicsville Christmas Parade also shared the same success with 27 cars attending. The Chester Christmas Parade is December 11 at 2:00. Please check the forums for updates on arrival time and location.

Cruise Ins: Ray reported on the Leaf Cruise. We had 29 cars, including one that came all the way from PA. Everyone had a great time.

Merchandise Report: George Godsey has hats and shirts, and he also has door magnets for sale. With cold weather coming, see George if

you would like to order a jacket, denim shirt, or sweatshirt.

Open Agenda: Larry reported that we are currently in talks with Bass Pro Shops to serve as the new location for our 2012 Fall Show. If we make a move, we will still continue with the same show format as always.

January 1 is renewal time for your membership. Please see Ron or Laura to renew or join.

If you have any suggestions for club activities for 2012 such as cruise-ins, parades, etc., please send those ideas to Ray Louth, Tommy Wilson, or Mark Abrams.

Election results were as follows: Officers: President: Tony Hall, Vice-President: Larry Noble, Secretary: Michelle Jordan, Treasurer: Ron Martin, Membership Director: Laura Pegram MCA Director: Dave Dickey. Directors for 2012-2013: Mark Abrams, Ray Louth, Gordon Martin, Llew Stakes, Dave Thomas, and Tommy Wilson. Mike Peyton will serve as the alternate director, should any current director be unable to fulfill their appointment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm by Tony Hall.



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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

95SVTCobraVA@comcast.net



Mustang Parts for Sale Cheap!

(Updated 12/18/2011)

Stock Ford Front Struts (2) 1987 to 1993 Mustang (GT or LX 5.0), Good Condition, \$40.00

Stock Ford Rear Shocks (2) 1987 to 1993 Mustang (GT or LX 5.0), Good Condition, \$20.00

Stock Ford Front Strut Bushings: 1987 to 1993 Mustang GT, Good Condition, \$10.00

Ford Rear Convertible Window: 1987 to 1993 Mustang (GT or LX), Very Good Condition, \$25.00

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1994 FORD MUSTANG 3.8L V6 F/I - All, Contact: George at (cell): 804-658-8173

If you would like to advertise your Mustang or Ford related items "For Sale" or "Wanted" be sure to write them like you would see them in a newspaper and send your classifieds to...

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News From The Blue Oval



All-New 1967 Mustang Convertible Body Joins Growing Stable of Classic Ford-Licensed Restoration Parts

- Restorers can now build a "new" 1967 Mustang convertible with an all-new steel body
- The '67 Mustang convertible body is stronger than the original and can be outfitted with Ford's big-block engines
- With nearly 8.5 million built since first debuting in 1964, the Ford Mustang is America's longest selling four-seat sports car

DEARBORN, Mich., Dec. 20, 2011 – The latest addition to the growing stable of classic Mustang bodies – the 1967 convertible – just might be the ultimate stocking stuffer this Christmas for restorers of America's favorite sports car.

The 1967 convertible body shell, the newest officially licensed Ford Restoration part, is now available to order starting at \$15,995. It is the fourth reproduction classic Mustang body available to restorers, joining the '65 convertible, the '67 fastback and the '69 fastback.

To qualify as an official Ford-licensed restoration part, the '67 body shell has to meet or exceed the fit, finish and quality of the original, said Dennis Mondrach, Ford Restoration Parts licensing manager. "The new '67 convertible body shell gives restorers a super-solid foundation on which to build their dream pony car."

Dynacorn International, manufacturer of the '67 convertible body, worked to not only replicate the original '67 convertible, but make it better. The body panels, for example, are stamped from modern automotive-grade virgin steel that is slightly thicker than the original, according to Jim Christina, Dynacorn general manager. Then, to further add strength, the panels are assembled using modern welding techniques. There are also newly engineered reinforcements in known stress areas to add strength and rigidity to the body, added Christina.

"These days, the chances are fairly slim of finding a restorable, rust-free '67 Mustang that has never been wrecked," said Mondrach. "As the value of classic Mustangs has increased over the years, garages, barns and scrapyards have been picked clean."



Now, Mustang fans dreaming of restoring a classic '67 convertible – or building one with a modern powertrain – won't have to spend time and money getting an original '67 convertible body into restorable condition. That expensive, time-consuming step can be skipped by starting with the new '67 convertible body. "Some minor panel adjustment and alignment still

has to be done, but the body comes rustproofed and primed and is otherwise ready for painting and assembly," said Mondrach. More information about the '67 body shell and all other Ford-licensed restoration parts can be found at www.fordrestorationparts.com

'67 Mustang: More luxury, more power, more style. After a record-setting production run that saw more than a million Mustangs gallop out of Ford factory gates in just 18 months, the 1967 model was given a major redesign. The move helped keep Mustang ahead of the pack as new competitors from General Motors and Chrysler along with imported sports cars from Great Britain claimed a larger share of the mid-1960s youth market.

No part of the Mustang was overlooked in 1967. The body was widened, the hood lengthened, and the engine bay grew in size to accommodate an array of six engines ranging from a thrifty and peppy 200-cubic-inch inline six-cylinder all the way up to a thundering 390-horsepower 427 that came in the Shelby GT500. This helped launch an entirely new generation of big-block high-horsepower pony cars that fueled the growing muscle car mania.



The '67 also got all-new sheetmetal, a redesigned grille, new taillights and a nifty option that put turn signals in the hood scoops. On the inside, the more luxurious interior took the Mustang in a new direction. Buyers could opt for a tilt-away steering wheel, a gauge package with a built-in tachometer, brushed aluminum trim on the dash, door panels and shifter

console. There was also a roof console with map lights between the sun visors, and the '67 was the first Mustang with built-in air conditioning that was packaged behind the dash, not under it.

Because more than 90 percent of the parts needed to restore a 1967 Mustang convertible are available new as Ford-licensed reproduction components, the '67 convertible body can be built to just about any specification that was available when the car was new. Ford's big-block engines from that era, including the 390, 427 and 428-cubic-inch motors, bolt right in with no modifications necessary. Also, the '67 body can be used as a basis to build a replica of the Shelby GT350 or GT500 convertibles.

"The '67 convertible body is supported by thousands of high-quality Ford-licensed restoration parts," Mondrach said. "So, though it may be possible to build a 1967 Mustang using almost all new parts, we think most customers who buy the '67 convertible shell will use it for high-performance applications, resto-mod projects or for show cars."

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2013 Cobra Jet Mustang Continues Evolution of Ford Racing's Turnkey Race Car Program; Fans Can Help Choose Color Online

DEARBORN, Mich., Dec. 5, 2011 – Since its victorious introduction at the NHRA Winternationals in 1968, Ford's Cobra Jet Mustang has created a legacy of power, performance and triumph. That legacy was renewed in 2008 when Ford Racing offered a limited run of the 40th Anniversary Cobra Jet Mustang that quickly sold out. Subsequent 2010 and 2012 model year offerings of the Cobra Jet have proved just as popular.

The 21st century CJ has carved its own legacy at drag strips across the country, becoming the winningest late model in NHRA with national event wins in 2009, 2010 and 2011 and numerous class records this season alone.

On Friday Dec. 2, Ford Racing unveiled the 2013 Cobra Jet Mustang at the Performance Racing Industry show in Orlando, Fla.

With more than three seasons of testing, racing and customer

feedback, the 2013 Cobra Jet marks the continued evolution of the factory-produced turnkey race car. Designed for NHRA Stock and Super Stock competition, the 2013 model is better than ever and features the latest drag racing technology for greater speed and consistency.

"The 2008 Cobra Jet is a great car. It does everything we wanted it to do," said George Goddu, business manager, Ford Racing Performance Group. "We're really proud of that car, but we improve with each new Cobra Jet offering and 2013 is no exception."

The 2013 Cobra Jet offers two 5.0-liter Ti-VCT engine options. Customers may choose a naturally aspirated engine with Cobra Jet induction system, CNC ported heads, high-lift cams and low-drag accessory drive, or a 2.9-liter Whipple supercharged version with CNC port-matched manifold and heads, and a proprietary 10-rib supercharger drive system for high-rpm use without belt slip.

"The 5.0-liter has all the attributes to make a world-class drag racing engine and is ideal for the Cobra Jet," said Goddu. "Both the naturally aspirated and supercharged engines will be competitive as delivered."

Additionally, the 2013 Cobra Jet chassis has been improved. Lightweight body modifications give better weight distribution and electric power steering provides better driveability without parasitic horsepower loss. A new roll cage design is optimized for safety and chassis rigidity while the brake pedal ratio has been revised for more modulation and stopping power. And the rear suspension geometry delivers faster and more consistent 60-foot times.

The 2013 Cobra Jet is priced to be the best value, with an approximate MSRP of \$86,000 with the naturally aspirated engine option and \$93,000 with the supercharged engine. Additional options and pricing will be announced in January 2012.

Like many of Ford Racing's previous turnkey race cars, the 2013 Cobra Jet Mustang will be built by the United Auto Workers at the AutoAlliance International plant in Flat Rock, Mich. Production of Cobra Jets will commence in June 2012, with delivery of all vehicles expected midsummer 2012.



Cobra Jet components will be available through Ford Performance Parts, allowing racers to upgrade their Mustangs to Cobra Jet specifications.

2013 Cobra Jet production is limited to only 50 units and orders placed through Ford dealers will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. (Part number M-FR500-CJ.)

Finally, all Cobra Jet fans can help choose the color of the 2013 Cobra Jet – classic white, silver or black – by voting online at www.fordracing.com. Voting ends Dec. 31, 2011.

Photos & Articles from Ford Racing

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Our Bylaws state in Article XVIII, Section 5 requires me to submit to MCA Headquarters, our club roster listing all our MCA members by their membership number. There is a clip board on the table with an alphabetical list of CVMC members that are MCA members. It is important that I have your correct MCA number and the expiration date is correct so please verify and/or correct your information.

If I have missed anyone, please add in your information.

MCA has a new membership drive that **current** members can participant **AND** also extend their membership for an additional year. All the details are listed below.

The New MCA "Three 4 Two!" Membership Drive Program
Help the MCA grow and extend your MCA membership while doing it!

Want to help the MCA grow and extend your MCA membership while doing it? That's now possible by taking advantage of the MCA's "Three 4 Two!" Membership Drive Program that will take place from December 1, 2011 and **ends at midnight on February 29, 2012.**

It's been the goal of the current MCA National Board of Directors to be able to find a way to lower the yearly dues for MCA members and increasing the MCA's membership is the quickest way to achieve this goal. Spreading our expenses out over more members brings down the cost per membership of running the MCA. But, to increase the MCA membership, we need current MCA members help. So we created the "Three 4 Two!" MCA Membership Drive and it goes like this.

Any current MCA member can sign up two new MCA members and get his or her MCA membership extended for one year. That's three MCA yearly memberships for the price of two!

The "Three 4 Two!" Membership Drive Program immediately gets the MCA two new MCA members, not renewals, and **extends** the current MCA member's membership **by one year**. A win for the MCA and a win for the recruiting MCA member! That's all there is to it. **Just follow the guidelines outlined below and sign up new MCA members as fast as you can!**

1.) You must be a current MCA member in good standing to participate. If your MCA membership has expired, you must bring it to a current status before you're eligible to receive a membership extension.

2.) Every application must include your MCA number along with your name and other information. This is so the MCA can make sure the right membership number is extended at the same time as the new members are entered into the MCA data base to keep the proper records. E-mail addresses are optional. For information regarding our data handling practices and privacy policy please visit

www.mustang.org/privacy.php.

3.) All three MCA memberships must be processed together and each new MCA membership is \$50.00 each. The recruiting MCA member will have to collect the new MCA member's dues and forward it on to the MCA with the filled out application. This will prevent any problems regarding who the actual recruiting MCA member is. All new MCA memberships under this program shall be for \$50.00 each. Offer does not apply with any other discounts or programs of the past or in the future.

4.) You can recruit up to 10 new members and get your MCA membership extended for an additional 5 years. That's right! You can do this up to 5 times! Recruit 10 new MCA members and your MCA membership will be extended for 5 years! Each extension must be done separately. Each shall consist of a current MCA member and two new MCA members so that proper records can be kept.

5.) New MCA members recruited can recruit new MCA members to extend their MCA memberships by 5 years. Once they have their MCA number, new MCA members can recruit new MCA members and extend their MCA membership the same as the MCA member who recruited them. That means that when a new MCA member spends \$50.00 for their MCA membership and recruits 2 new MCA members themselves, they will have actually paid \$25.00 a year for their MCA membership. If they bring in 4 new MCA members, that means their MCA dues are actually \$16.67 per year and so on.

6.) You can either go on the MCA website and complete the process or mail the application with payment. Go to www.mustang.org and sign up today using either a credit card or PayPal for payment. You can also print out the Application Form from the website and mail it in. You can even use the Application Form below, or a copy of it, and mail it in to the address below

with payment. Payment can be a check from the recruiting MCA member or checks from the new MCA members. However, if the new MCA member's check is returned, their MCA membership will be cancelled and the recruiting MCA member's membership will be docked for the extended year.

7.) Lastly, the MCA reserves the right to cancel this MCA Membership Drive at anytime. For any reason, the MCA reserves the right to cancel this program at anytime. Be sure to get your application(s) in ASAP!

The MCA Regional Clubs can also use the "Three 4 Two!" Membership Drive Program to help build their MCA numbers. As an example, an MCA member can sponsor two new MCA members, have them join at \$50.00 each, and then the two new MCA members can then sponsor two new MCA members and get their MCA membership extended for a year which would work out to only \$25.00 per year. This is a great way to bring all the MCA Regional Club members into the MCA in a very economical fashion!

The MCA's "Three 4 Two!" Membership Drive Program will only in effect from December 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012. Just think if every MCA member jumped on this and we could increase the MCA membership by thousands! Let's see if we can make that happen!

If you are sending the application by mail, please use the attached form for every two new MCA members you sign up and mail with \$100.00 payment to:

**Mustang Club of America
"Three 4 Two!" Program 4051
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(18.0 KB, 16 views)

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CVMC - MCA Gold Card Judges

1964½-1966: Don Lane

1967-1968: Dave Dickey

1965-1970 Shelby's: Rick Notha

CVMC - MCA Certified Judges

1966: Karen Lane

5th Generation: Tony Hall, Dave Dickey
& David Lythgoe



News from the Car Club Council

The General Assembly session begins this month and your council will be keeping an eye on the bills that are introduced. So far the automotive related pre-filed bills have dealt with drunk driving and transportation funding. We have not heard anything about any possible legislation that would affect the hobby but we will look through all the bills to make sure nothing is missed. All automotive related bills are posted on the Virginia Association of Car Councils (VAACC) website at this page:

<http://vaacc.org/legis1.html>. Feel free to check the page during the GA session. Each bill is linked to the GA website where you can see its status. If something is introduced that would affect the hobby emails will be sent out to all car hobbyists on all five of the councils' email lists. It will be posted on both the VAACC website and websites for the individual councils.

This will enable hobbyists to contact our representatives to make sure they look out for our interests. Hopefully nothing detrimental to the hobby will be introduced this session.

Along with the councils SEMA also monitors legislation and sends out alerts. I know many of you have signed up with SEMA to get legislative alerts. In addition to the councils and SEMA the Historic Vehicle Association also monitors legislation. Currently the federal government appears to be of more concern to hobbyists than the state governments. The approval of more ethanol in gasoline and the direction of both the EPA and other government agencies need to be monitored.

The EPA has come up with final regulations for labeling E-15 gasoline. It still may be months before you see E-15 for sale. The EPA wants to be certain proper labeling will prevent mis-fueling of vehicles. You may recall there were many fueling errors when unleaded only cars were introduced in the 70s. The gas pump nozzles and fuel tank inlet sizes had to be changed to prevent the introduction of leaded gas into unleaded only vehicles. You can see the EPA report and E-15 label at this link <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/fuels/additive/e15/420f11023.pdf>. Please note the label states that it is against federal law to put E-15 into certain vehicles. Putting E-15 into those vehicles could cause engine damage. You may find it interesting to read the comments of the ethanol lobby to the labeling. You will find 126 pages at this link <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/fuels/additive/e15/420r11006.pdf>. Apparently the ethanol lobby wanted a more lax warning.

The National Traffic Safety Board (NTSB) wants a nationwide ban on the use of cell phones and text messaging devices while driving. Some states ban cell use and many ban texting while driving. A ban of talking on a cell while driving is just not going to work. It will be another law that everyone breaks and no one enforces.

I've seen a lot of police cars being driven by uniformed police officers talking on a cell phone. And what about officers talking on a police radio while driving – isn't that just as dangerous? What's next – the removal of all radios in vehicles or the banning of occupant conversations while driving? The NTSB call for a ban has not been received well by anyone.

I remember fondly my 49 Ford with the starter button that had to be pushed. I'd turn the key to on and then push the starter and hope the old flathead would crank fast enough to start. I can also recall a couple of people who had Buicks that had the starter button under the gas pedal. I thought the days of the starter buttons were long gone. Then the automakers decided to go with keyless systems where you pushed a button to start the engine and then pushed the button and held it for 3 seconds to kill the engine. About 10% of 2008 vehicles had the systems and they have increased in popularity. Now there is a problem. Back in the good old days if there was an emergency such as a broken carburetor return spring you simply turned the key to off to kill the racing engine. With the new keyless systems you'd have to hold the button down for 3 seconds. Three seconds isn't a lot of time but it is enough time to get you in serious trouble with a racing engine. We've all heard about runaway vehicles that seem to just floor themselves and keep going and braking doesn't seem to slow them down. There have been so many of these incidents that the government has come up with a proposal. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wants to standardize keyless systems so drivers can hit the panic (or kill) button and shut off an engine in a half of a second instead of 3 long seconds. The button would have to shut off the engine even if the car is not in park and give some type of audible warning.

Isn't progress great? I wonder who will keep someone from hitting the kill button at the wrong time -

perhaps we will need another government rule. I'm wondering why the automakers decided to get rid of the old ignition key – did it work too well?

**CCCCV President
Fred Fann**

Upcoming Car Shows

MCA Events

For Future Reference

I will no longer be listing the MCA National & Regional Shows in the Newsletter for the following reasons.

- 1. They have changed the format of how they list the events on their website.**
- 2. I can no longer easily find the Regional Shows that are in or close to Virginia.**
- 3. I can no longer easily copy & paste the National and close by Regional Shows into the newsletter.**

If you wish to know about MCA National & Regional Shows you will have to go to the MCA website!

For more information on other MCA Car Shows and Events please visit the Mustang Club of America's website at...
[Mustang Club Of America](http://www.mustangclubofamerica.com)

Non-MCA Events

January 28th, 2012

13th Annual Polar Bear Run - annual mystery run to somewhere good. No one knows where we are going until we get there. All the info is at this website www.double26.com/pbr13 - be sure to register for this FUN event!

February 10th-12th, 2012

50th Annual Rods & Customs Car Show presented by Asphalt Angels Car Club. The East Coasts Biggest & Largest Indoor Rod & Custom Show is known up & down the Coast for its Unique and Unusual Trophies and Laid Back Atmosphere. The Location is "The Showplace Exhibition Center" 3000

Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, Va. 23223. Info: Phone Number: 804.225.8877 or check their web site www.asphaltangels.net

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