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## CVMC News



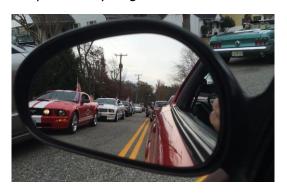


## Ashland Christmas Parade November 23, 2014

The Ashland Christmas parade was held on November 23 at 2:00 P.M. We had 17 cars (3 old ones). The weather was a lot better than last year (much warmer).



Ashland had their usually large turnout to watch the parade. The only downside was the fact they put us behind the horses again this year. I think the horses all had some sort of a problem. I had to clean my tires after the parade if you get what I mean!



Except for the horses I think it was a good parade for everybody.

Article by Llew Stakes

Photos by Tony Hall

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## 2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION BALLOT

The following eight individuals have graciously volunteered their time and experience to serve on CVMC's Board of Directors for the 2015-2016 term. The Board consists of twelve Directors and the CVMC officers. The Directors serve two year terms.

These positions are extremely important in that the Board determines the future direction of the Club, its activities, its involvement in community affairs, etc. Without the participation of these members, the Club could not function at the high level that it currently exhibits. We are extremely appreciative to these individuals that are willing to be responsible for these important functions of the Club.

Please select six (6) names from the list below. All ballots must be received no later than the December 3, 2014 CVMC monthly business meeting. You may send your selections to <a href="mailto:headjudge@centralvamustang.com">headjudge@centralvamustang.com</a> or by mailing it to CVMC, PO Box 25158, Richmond, VA 23260.

Tony Hall will notify the selected individuals on or before December 10, 2014.

George Cosier	
Laura Hennagan	
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## The Mechanicsville Christmas Parade December 7, 2014

The Mechanicsville parade is Sunday December 7th at 2:00 P.M. We are unit 49 in division 4 which is on Hanover Green Drive. The address is 7300 Hanover Green Drive which is the Girl Scout building (they will probably move us around before the parade starts. This is on the same side as the Post Office. We are requested to be there between 12:00 & 12:45 P.M. to get lined up. Please note that this parade is starting earlier than in the past to avoid darkness. Last year we were iced out so let's hope for better weather. For more information contact...

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## CVMC Holiday Dinner December 13. 2014

## Holiday Dinner 2014 Saturday December 13 @ 6:00 PM

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We are booked at The RumbleSeat Grill for a fun evening of good food, a little gift exchange competition and maybe even some live music after dinner. Let's keep it simple. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person. Guests are welcome at the same price. Your payment will confirm your reservation. Bring a \$ 10.00 gift if you want to be included in the WILD & CRAZY gift exchange. Deadline for reservations are December 6, 2014.

Happy Holidays! Gordon Martin nativeborn@comcast.net 550-3196

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- Mechanicsville- December 7th at 2:00 P.M.
- Powhatan-December 13th at 2:00 P.M. (if membership wants to go).

This is all I have at this time, more to follow as I receive it.

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## CVMC November Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Michelle Jordan

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Kathy McWilliams, Vice-President.

- New Members: Tom Buckley joined us with a 1994 GT.
- Old Member News: Kathy McWilliams recently celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Elections: Judi Dickey reported that she has 8 individuals set to run for the board positions up for reelection in December. She would like to have more. Please see Judi if interested. Voting will be held at the December meeting
- Membership Report: Laura Pegram reported that it is now time to renew for 2015. Please reach out to old members that you have not seen in a while to get them back to the meetings.
- MCA Report: Please see Dave's report in the monthly newsletter for complete details.
- Parades: Llew Stakes reported on parades. The Ashland parade will take place on 11/23 and the

- Mechanicsville Christmas Parade has been set for 12/7.
- Website/Facebook: Check the website/Facebook for up to date info on coming events.
- Cruise/Cruise In Report: The Bill Talley cruise in had good club participation. The Leaf Cruise was a huge success.
- Fall Show Update: A meeting was held with Bass Pro Shops to discuss the Fall Show. Next year's show has been set for 9/12/15. The club will donate \$2000 to the Richmond Fisher House.
- Mustang Club Picnic: There were 5 clubs that participated in the picnic, with 10 participants from out club.
- Christmas Party: The party is set for 12/13, 6pm, Rumble Seat Grill, Manakin, VA, \$10 per person.
- Merchandise: George Godsey reported on the club merchandise and reminded everyone that he is able to get a wide variety of items for the membership. He is taking orders for winter coats.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

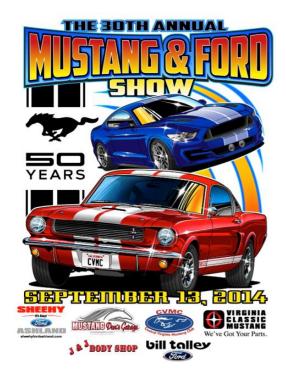


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CVMC now has CVMC Logo Car Magnets for sale at \$17.00 apiece.



George Godsey

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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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## 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** 

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## MCA Report

Judi and I hope all our CVMC members have a **very Merry Christmas** and we hope you have a **prosperous New Year.** 

We finally received MCA's prestigious Presidents award for 2013 and will be proudly displayed on our club webpage for all to see. The active participation you have given to our activities has made this award possible. This award recognizes our club as a very active club by sponsoring and supporting car shows, participating in local benefits, cruiseins, national parades, along with other activities including traveling to MCA shows.

Tony Hall is the only CVMC member to drive his SVT Cobra to enough shows to receive enough points to receive the impressive Grill Medallion. It also recognizes our

members for taking the time to study, pass the tests required to become MCA certified judges and then volunteering to judge at MCA shows to earn their Gold cards. This is the reason I try to keep track of our MCA members who attend National and Grand National shows. The award along with the application submitted to MCA will be on the table for you to view.

I have been asked by several MCA executive officers "when are we going to apply to host an MCA National show".

Start making plans for the 2015 MCA National shows that are listed below.

- March 27 29 Tucson, AZ. "Spirit of the Sun", by the Old Pueblo Mustang Club
- May 22 24 in Grovetown, GA.
   "Gateway Southern Stampede", by the Central Savannah River Mustang Club
- July 17 19 in Loveland, CO. "Mustangs with Altitude" by the Front Range Mustang Club
- Grand National, September 3 9 in Columbus, OH, "2015 Buckeye Mustang Grand National" by the Mustang Club of Ohio.

The 2015 MCA shows closest to Richmond is around 7 hours driving time to Grovetown, GA and around 8 hours to Columbus, OH.

The MCA reinstituted membership incentive program ends in January and could be a good Christmas present. Normal membership is \$50.00, however our board passed the \$10.00 MCA was giving us to each new MCA member. I have a special form to send to MCA headquarters with the new member's payment and application.

Included with your membership is the wonderful Mustang Times magazine available only to MCA members. There are great articles on various shows and activities, a section on new or hard to get remanufactured parts, judging issues, pictures, and articles on repairs for all year Mustangs.

As an MCA member Ford's 'X' plan pricing is also available on all

Ford products, except the Shelby's, which could result in a savings of perhaps thousands of dollars on your new 2015 Mustang. If you want to join MCA, please see me during the break.

Check out the new Facebook 6 cylinder Mustang club that is devoted to just 6 cylinder Mustangs for all years. The best thing about this club - - there are no dues. You will receive an online newsletter. The website is mustang6associationM6A.

Check our newsletter, club and Facebook websites for other upcoming parades, shows and cruise-ins in the Richmond metro area.

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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

1964-66: Rick Nochta 1966: Karen Lane

5<sup>th</sup> Generation: Tony Hall, Dave Dickey, David Lythgoe, Michelle Jordon

& Dave Thomas





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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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## SHELBY GT350 MUSTANG: THE LEGEND DETUDNS

*NOV 17, 2014 | LOS ANGELES* 

- All-new Shelby® GT350 Mustang is a thoroughbred capable of tackling the world's most challenging roads and racetracks
- GT350 is powered by a unique, high-revving flat-plane crankshaft 5.2-liter V8 engine that will produce more than 500 horsepower – the most powerful

- naturally aspirated Ford production engine ever
- Advanced materials, MagneRide dampers, aggressive brakes and finely tuned aerodynamics push the performance of Mustang to previously unmatched levels

One of the most iconic performance Mustang nameplates of all time is returning, Ford confirmed today with the reveal of the all-new Shelby® GT350 Mustang.

The original Shelby GT350 introduced in 1965 established Mustang's performance credentials. The all-new Shelby GT350 Mustang, featuring the most powerful naturally aspirated Ford production engine ever, is a world-class performance vehicle, designed to tackle the planet's most challenging roads – an all-day track car that's also street legal.

The new GT350 builds on Carroll Shelby's original idea – transforming a great every-day car into a dominant road racer – by taking advantage of a dramatically improved sixth-generation Mustang to create a truly special driving experience. Driving enthusiasts behind the wheel of a Shelby GT350 can expect to be treated to the most balanced, nimble and exhilarating production Mustang yet.



Ford engineers took an innovative approach with GT350. Rather than develop individual systems to perform well independently, every component and shape is optimized to work in concert; balance is the key. While paying rigorous attention to detail, the team pushed the envelope with cutting-edge materials and technologies.

"When we started working on this car, we wanted to build the best possible Mustang for the places we most love to drive – challenging back roads with a variety of corners and elevation changes – and the track on weekends," said Raj Nair, Ford group vice president, Global Product Development. "Every change we made to this car was driven by the functional requirements of a powerful, responsive powerplant – nimble, precise handling and massive stopping power."

### Track-tuned driveline

Early in development of the GT350, it was decided a high-revving, naturally aspirated V8 engine would best suit a track-focused Mustang.

"The final product is essentially an all-new powerplant unique to GT350 – and one that takes true advantage of the new chassis dynamics of the Mustang platform," said Jamal Hameedi, chief engineer, Ford Global Performance Vehicles.

The new 5.2-liter engine is the first-ever production V8 from Ford with a flat-plane crankshaft, an architecture typically found only in racing applications or exotic European sports cars. Unlike a traditional V8, where the connecting rods are attached to the crankshaft at 90-degree intervals, this design evenly spaces all crank pins at 180-degree intervals.

The 180-degree, flat-plane layout permits a cylinder firing order that alternates between cylinder banks, reducing the overlap of exhaust pressure pulses. When combined with cylinder-head and valvetrain advancements, this permits better cylinder breathing, further extending the performance envelope of the V8.

The result is the most powerful naturally aspirated production Ford engine ever, at more than 500 horsepower, with a torque peak above 400 lb.-ft. The track capability is enhanced by the output characteristics of the engine – the 5.2-liter V8 features an exceptionally broad torque curve. Combined with its high-revving ability, the flat-plane 5.2-liter V8 gives

drivers an enormous amount of performance and flexibility within each gear of the lightweight six-speed manual transmission. A standard Ford-tuned Torsen limited-slip differential optimizes cornering grip and straight-line traction.

"Make no mistake, this is an American interpretation of a flat-plane crankshaft V8, and the 5.2-liter produces a distinctive, throaty howl from its four exhaust tips," said Hameedi.

## **Balanced dynamics**

The new Mustang platform is the strongest in the history of the brand, with torsional stiffness increased 28 percent over the previous model. That stiff structure ensures the suspension geometry remains consistent, even under hard driving on back roads and tracks. Front stiffness is further improved on GT350 with a cutting-edge injection-molded carbon fiber composite grille opening and optional lightweight tower-to-tower brace. The front track has been increased while spring rates and bushings have been recalibrated all around, with ride height reduced compared to Mustang GT.

For optimum handling, the wheels need to respond quickly to the contours of the road and driver input. Reducing unsprung mass is key to improving that response, but a balance must be struck between taking mass out of a suspension and delivering truly capable braking performance.

Due to the significant speeds the car can develop, GT350 features the most track-credible brake system ever offered on a Ford vehicle in terms of absolute stopping power, fade resistance and brake pedal feel. The brakes are two-piece cross-drilled iron discs mounted to aluminum hats. At the front are massive 394-millimeter rotors clamped by Brembo six-piston fixed calipers with integrated caliper bridges, while 380-millimeter rotors at the rear utilize four-piston calipers.

GT350 makes use of extra-stiff 19-inch aluminum-alloy wheels – 10.5 inches wide in front, 11.0 inches in the rear – clad in state-of-the-art Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires with GT350-specific sidewall construction, tread face and compound. The custom tires are designed to deliver maximum grip on the road or at the track.

Ultra-quick responsiveness to changing conditions is provided by the first-ever Ford application of continuously controlled MagneRide dampers. The dampers are filled with a hydraulic fluid impregnated with iron particles; when an electric current is passed through the fluid, a nearinstant adjustment of the suspension performance can be made. With wheel position sensors monitoring motion thousands of times per second combined with other vehicle data, changes can be made to each corner independently every 10 milliseconds for optimum handling performance. This is a system designed not just to make the car handle better but to instill greater confidence in even the best driver.

#### Obsession to detail

"Everything we changed on GT350 is purely functional-driven design, with the goal of improving the overall performance of the car," said Chris Svensson, Ford design director, The Americas. "We optimized the aero shape of the car, and then fine-tuned what was left to increase downforce and cooling airflow." All bodywork from the windshield forward is unique to this high-performance model and up to two inches lower than Mustang GT.



The new aluminum hood has been lowered and sloped, compared to the base Mustang, tightly wrapped

around the engine for the smallest possible aerodynamic signature. Front and rear aero elements have been balanced to work together on the track. The fascia has been resculpted to provide the aggressive lower front splitter with maximum pressure and a ducted belly pan delivers significant downforce. The hood outlet acts as a heat extractor while also reducing underhood lift at high speed. At the rear, much of the engineering was focused on creating an aggressive functional diffuser doing double duty to increase downforce and provide cooling air to the optional differential cooler, and a subtle lip spoiler across the trailing edge of the decklid increases downforce without adding excess drag.

The athletic stance of the allnew Mustang is further accentuated with recontoured aluminum front fenders to accommodate the wider front track and wider wheel arches. Front fender vents work with vented inner fenders to draw out turbulent air in the wheel wells and smoothly direct it down the side of the car. The forward-angled grille is designed with individual openings to draw air through the radiator, high-pressure engine air intake, cooling ducts for the front brakes and, optional with the Track Pack, an engine oil cooler and a transmission cooler.

Focus-driven cockpit changes Like everything else about GT350, the interior has been optimized for driving, beginning with the specially designed Recaro sport seats with a unique cloth. Hundreds of hours and many prototypes went into a seat that is both comfortable in daily driving and capable on the track. A flat-bottom steering wheel makes it easier for the driver to get in and out, and is more ergonomic on the racetrack. Gauges are upgraded to reflect the enormous performance capability of the car. Chrome and bright finishes have been reduced or eliminated to prevent sun glare that may distract the driver.

The advanced technology inherent to Mustang has been deployed for duty in the Shelby

GT350. An all-new integrated driver control system allows selection of five unique modes that tailor ABS, stability control, traction control, steering effort, throttle mapping, MagneRide tuning and exhaust settings, depending on driver preference, to achieve maximum performance. Drivers are invited to test them all.

Drivers interested in comfort, convenience and entertainment upgrades may select the Tech Pack, which includes power, leather-trimmed seats; Shaker Audio; 8-inch MyFord Touch® LCD touch screen; and dual zone electronic temperature control, to name a few features.

"We took the best Ford Mustang yet and massaged every aspect of the car that affects the performance driving experience," said Hameedi. "We tested endlessly on the most challenging roads and tracks in the world, and we believe serious drivers will love the Shelby GT350 Mustang."

### 50 years of Ford Mustang

Shelby GT350 Mustang is the latest in an all-new line of Mustang fastback and convertible models, including the specially designed 50th Anniversary Edition Mustang.

More than 9.2 million Mustangs have been sold since the car's 1964 debut.

With more options to choose from, there is a Mustang to fit any lifestyle. The upgraded V8 in Mustang GT – now delivering 435 horsepower and 400 lb.-ft. of torque – is joined by a 300-horsepower 3.7-liter V6 and an all-new 2.3-liter EcoBoost® engine that brings state-of-the-art technology to Mustang.

The Mustang 2.3-liter EcoBoost engine uses direct injection, variable cam timing and a twin-scroll turbocharger to deliver the performance drivers expect with an output of 310 horsepower and 320 lb.-ft. of torque.

The new Mustang continues to be popular. In addition to being the most-liked vehicle on Facebook with 8 million likes, all-new models are turning on U.S. dealer lots in an average of six days.

## Article & Photos by Ford Motor Company



## News from the Car Club Council

The end of the year is near so this month I will review a couple of important things that took place in 2014, go over some things of interest.

In January a bill was introduced by Delegate Matt Fariss to exempt antique vehicles from the exhaust law. The bill met resistance from the State Police and got amended. The amended bill has been carried over in the Senate. It will either get killed or voted on in the coming General Assembly session. I don't think it matters what happens to the amended version of the bill since it doesn't really change what is wrong with the current exhaust law - no allowance for aftermarket parts that may produce a little more sound than factory parts. It is time for Virginia to join the majority of states and allow aftermarket exhaust parts as long as they do not produce excessive noise. I have written Delegate Fariss and asked him to sponsor such a bill. And if he does sponsor the bill I expect it will not be easy to shepherd through the legislature.

During 2014 I saw quite a few titles with DMV errors. The error that is the real problem is when the VIN on the title does not match the VIN on the car. There are states that will not allow the sale of a vehicle if the VIN doesn't match. No one except those who work at DMV place VINs on titles yet if you have this problem DMV will tell you to fill out paperwork and pay a

\$125 fee, then wait until investigative services gets around to coming to inspect the vehicle so that you can get a title with matching VIN. Not only does the Virginia DMV make this error I have seen other DMVs make the same error. Bottom line – check the title and car to make certain the VINs match before purchase and carefully monitor and check paperwork when you go to a DMV for a title transfer or duplicate title.

The CCCCVA calendar is a source of a lot of compliments. It was started because newspapers and radio stations would not publicize or cover car hobbyist events. Today it is the best way to find out what is going on with shows, cruises and other events. I do get questions about why there are 7 or 8 events on the same Saturday and the answer is because clubs and organizations select the same date for their event. I've heard suggestions on what to do about this but none of them will make the majority of people happy so I will continue to post all submitted events by date and order sent to me. Get your event in early to be the first one posted.

The weird stuff - wearing a colander on your head for driver license photos. The pasta strainer on the head represents belief in the satirical Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. The Flying Spaghetti Monster movement, also known as "Pastafarianism," started in 2005 as a protest against teaching intelligent design as an alternative to evolution in Kansas schools. Somehow this has spread and now you can find several photos of people's driver licenses online with the colander on their heads. Apparently states will allow you to wear whatever on your head as long as it is religious.

And speaking about driver licenses there was a surprise in the midterm elections in Oregon. Last year the legislature passed and the governor signed a bill into law allowing those in this country illegally to get driver licenses. It was put on the ballot in Oregon and despite the voters voting to legalize recreational

marijuana and expand the Democratic majorities in state government; the voters decided by a margin of 66-34 to cancel the new state law that would have provided driver's licenses to people who are in the country illegally. Looks like the liberal voters may have broken with President Obama on immigration issues.

California has become the first state to have a city post global warming warning labels on gas pumps. One city in California has voted to do so and soon another city will also vote to post the stickers. The stickers actually say driving a car produces carbon dioxide and causes global warming (the one sticker doesn't mention climate change). The cities are ignoring the fact that carbon dioxide is in a lot of things such as sodas, beer, propellant for whipped cream and fire extinguishers. How long before these items have global warming warning stickers?

President Obama has been sending out emails about climate change. The president's top science advisor asks in the emails to be sent any and all questions about climate change. I have one: please tell me all the other things in science that are officially settled as is climate change. I think the real purpose of these emails is to judge whether there will be enough interest for the president taking executive action on his climate change agenda.

For your Christmas present I give you low gasoline prices. The combination of new ways to find oil and the lowering of overseas oil have driven prices down to where they should be.

**CCCCV President Fred Fann** 





## FUSIONS PUT A BOW ON HISTORIC 2014 SPRINT CUP CAMPAIGN

NOV 19, 2014 By Team Ford Racing Correspondent

The Sprint Cup season that ended with Sunday's running of the Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway saw Ford Racing finish an exemplary year that put new names in the headlines and showcased a march to victory lane by the Blue Oval's top drivers.

Ford drivers won a total of 14 Sprint Cup races, more than double the number from the previous season.

Five Ford drivers -- Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano, Carl Edwards, Aric Almirola and Greg Biffle -- qualified for the Chase for the Sprint Cup, opening the playoffs as part of the Challenger round of 16 drivers.

Keselowski, Logano and Edwards advanced to the second round, then also moved on to the third round, giving Ford three drivers in the final eight. Logano then pushed on into the final four for the championship race at Homestead, where late-race trouble in the pits dropped him to a 16th-place finish.

Ford put five drivers in the top 16 of the final point standings: Logano fourth, Keselowski fifth, Edwards ninth, Biffle 14th and Almirola 16th. Keselowski, showing the driving strength that propelled him to the 2012 Sprint Cup championship, led the Cup driver list in victories with six, and Logano tied for second with five wins.

Logano, only 24, called the year "an awesome experience. This is the first time I have had a shot at winning a championship and the first time I won more than one race in a season. It has been a spectacular year."

Almirola lifted the profile of the Richard Petty Motorsports team by winning the summer race at Daytona International Speedway and qualifying for the Chase. He had seven top-10 finishes and had strong runs in several other races before mechanical problems intervened.

"It was a good year for us," Almirola said. "We won a race. We made the Chase. We did all the things we set out to do this year, but we would be a dangerous race team if we could figure out how to get the speed out of our cars week in and week out. Hopefully, we'll go win another race and get this car back in the Chase. Now that we have a little experience with it, we'll be able to make the most of it."

Almirola's Daytona win was part of a solid summer for Fusions as Ford drivers won four consecutive races -at Sonoma (Edwards), Kentucky (Keselowski), Daytona (Almirola) and Loudon (Keselowski).

Ford drivers won on every flavor of track -- superspeedways, road courses, short tracks and restrictor-plate tracks.

Logano scored the most points -- 238 -- of all drivers in short-track races, and Edwards led that category on road courses with 87.

On the seasonal laps-led list, Keselowski was second and Logano fourth.

Marcos Ambrose, completing his run with Ford Racing's Sprint Cup contingent (he's returning to his home country of Australia to race Fords), scored a second-place finish at Watkins Glen.

Trevor Bayne led Ford's efforts in the Nationwide Series, finishing

sixth in points. He will move up to a full-time ride in the Sprint Cup Series with Roush Fenway Racing next season. Team Penske won the Nationwide owners championship. **Article & Photo by Ford Racing** 

## **Upcoming Car Shows**

#### MCA Events

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

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

Car Club Council of Central Virginia

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