



CVMC News

HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2016



Happy New Year to everyone on behalf of your new officers and board members! We hope your coming year is full of happiness and prosperity.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2016! As we usher in a new year, I'm excited to take the reins as your new President. Our former President Tony Hall dedicated countless hours over the last 6 years to ensuring this club is successful and fun! He has been a great mentor to me on any number of things related to

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club business and I don't plan to let him or the membership down! I hope I and the other new officers (Vice President-Graham Marsteller, Membership Director-Nickie Hannigan) can count on your support as we journey into 2016. Thank you Michelle Jordan, Ron Martin, and Dave Dickey for remaining as officers and Tony as Past President to ensure a smooth transition. As my time as Vice President, I have come to truly appreciate the other officers and everything you do to keep this club running smoothly.

Now the 411 about me for those that don't know... I am originally from Chicago, IL, moved back and forth between IL, VA, and a few years in N. Carolina, then moved permanently to Virginia in 1987. I am the oldest of 6 siblings, 1 lives in Norfolk, Virginia, 1 in New Hampshire, 3 near Chicago, IL, and 1 deceased in Illinois. I am a wife, married to my husband, JC of 20.5 years. He's not an overly social person so you won't seem at many club functions. However in 2015, he made a significant purchase, a Dodge Hellcat so he's learning to show his car and appearing at events to show off his ride. I am an Air Force veteran, retired as a Captain in 2008, originally went in as an E-1 in 1983 – 3.75 years active duty and 19 years as a Reservist. I first became interested in Mustangs while in high school in the late 70s, early 80s, my best friend's boyfriend had a '67 fastback. I owned my first Mustang when I could afford to own a first generation in 1993 at age 29 and I still have it today, a '69 convertible, 6-cylinder. I later got

interested in Mustang road trips and purchased a '08 California Special GT convertible in 2011. I am a member of MCA, The Great American Pony Drive, Red Mustang Registry, and Blue Mustang Registry. I enjoy the look of most Mustangs, the nimble quickness of a Mustang, the wind in my face with the top down, and the American patriotism that the Mustang represents. I first joined CVMC in 1994, left for a few years and came back in '99. I held the positions of director and vice president and performed numerous duties such as fall show chairperson, webmaster, Facebook Admin, National Memorial Day Parade organizer, etc. I'll be asking the other officers to share something about themselves each month so you get to know us!

Now a bit more about our beliefs regarding CVMC. I, and my fellow officers, share in the belief that we want to create an environment of fun and enjoyment with our Mustangs, the owners and families driving them. I personally want you to be able to say being a part of this club is fun! I came back to CVMC in '99 once I saw a new President that promoted fun and included all model years and ages. I plan to continue with Tony's legacy and keep the fun with your help! You have your reasons for joining and being a part of this club, I hope you see it as a place to put life's stresses aside for a bit and enjoy your Mustang and the owners driving them. Please consider stepping up and assisting with one or more of these committees:

- Membership
- Welcoming Committee
- Spring Show
- Fall Show
- Cruise-Ins/Events

I'm all about keeping things fresh and spontaneous, where possible. We are doing some exciting things sometimes spontaneous, sometimes not. If you have ideas for events or activities we should be doing and you want to step up and organize

one of these events or activities, let me know. I don't know about you, but there is nothing better than a herd of Mustangs going up the street and stopping people in their tracks watching us go by.

Article By: Kathy McWilliams

BRENDA JONES **1948-2015**

Our friend and long time club member, Brenda Jones passed away peacefully on December 25, 2015, after a four year battle with multiple myeloma cancer. In addition to being a cherished member of CVMC, Brenda was a distinguished college graduate, highly regarded Moose Lodge member, and a Life Member of the Tuckahoe Rescue Squad. She leaves behind a large family and a multitude of friends and will be sorely missed by us all.

A funeral service was held at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 30, at Bliley's-Central, followed by interment at Greenwood Memorial Gardens Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation, www.themmrf.org; Manchester Moose Lodge Chapter 1078, www.manchestermoose.com or Grove Avenue Baptist Church, www.groveave.com.



CVMC ELECTION RESULTS

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the election for our Club's 2016 – 2017 Officer and Board of Directors (BOD) positions. The Officers and Directors serve two (2) year terms. At the present time the BOD consists of six (6) Officers and twelve (12) Directors. To maintain the continuity of Club business, the term of office for the Directors shall be two (2) years each with half' the Directors elected in the even-numbered year, and the other half elected in the odd-number year. These positions are extremely important because the Board determines the future direction of the club, its activities and involvement in community affairs. Without the participation of these members who have graciously volunteered their time and experience to serve and attend Board meetings, the club could not function at the high level that it currently exhibits. The club is extremely fortunate to have these individuals willing to be responsible for the important functions of CVMC. I thank all of the Board and CVMC members for their hard work that make CVMC as successful as it is. The next couple of years will present new challenges for the club that I am sure will be successfully addressed by the new Officers and Directors. The following individuals have been elected to serve on the Board for 2016-2017:

*President - Kathy McWilliams
Vice President – Graham Marsteller
Secretary – Michelle Jordan
Treasurer – Ron Martin
MCA Regional Director – David Dickey
Membership – Nicki Hannigan
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again! Time for current members to renew their membership through 2016. It's quick and easy - please visit our [website](#) to renew online. We encourage online renewal to ensure we have your current information, address, email, etc and you can pay your \$25 with PayPal which reduces the need to handle paper checks. The club pays the PayPal fee, we don't pass it along to you.

Don't forget about all the perks of being a CVMC member. Members have access to: immediate access to the latest CVMC newsletter, "The Galloping Gazette", emails regarding club activities or announcements, numerous discounts with participating local vendors, ability to participate in cruise-ins, car shows, parades, track events and more; access to information on restorations and modifications; monthly meetings for members to discuss news and provide feedback. Don't forget to renew today!

If you are a 2015 registered member that did not receive their new member packet at the time of registration, please email Nickie Hannigan at membership@centralvamustang.com.

New for 2016! Do you have great ideas for club activities/events or suggestions on ways to improve the club? We will be sending out a short survey to get your feedback. We would love to hear from you on ways to make CVMC an even better club in 2016!

For those that have already renewed, thank you!

Article by: Kathy McWilliams



CVMC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Tony Hall, President

- I. New Members: No new members attended.
- II. Old Member News: No news to report.
- III. Elections: Ballots were submitted by all present at the meeting. Please see results in the monthly newsletter.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Ron Martin presented the November financial report.
- V. Membership Report: Please be sure to renew for 2016 now. Laura Pegram thanked the membership for her support while acting as the Membership Chair.
- VI. MCA Report: Please see Dave Dickey's report in the monthly newsletter for details on MCA. The 2016 show schedule is out.
- VII. Christmas Party: Gordon Martin reported that the Christmas Party will take place on 12/12 at Bass Pro Shops. The party is sold out and there is a waiting list.
- VIII. Parades: The Mechanicsville parade is set

for 12/6. There were 26 cars in attendance for the Ashland parade. Although it was cold, there was a great turnout.

- IX. Website/Facebook: No updates.
- X. Cruise Ins: Plans are being made for 2016. Please see a member of the committee if you have any ideas or suggestions.
- XI. Fall Show: Kathy McWilliams reported that a meeting was held with Bass Pro and they are very pleased with the outcome of our show. We have been welcomed back for 2016. The show will be held on 9/17/16 and will be pre-registration only.
- XII. Merchandise: Please see George Godsey for hats, shirts of all kinds, cups, name tags etc. available. Place your order for coats now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm.

Article By: Michelle Jordan

CVMC HOLIDAY DINNER 2015

We held our Holiday Dinner at the Bass Pro Shop on Saturday December 12. We had close to 50 guests that attended the dinner. The room was comfortable and the food was good. We got things kicked off with Dave & Judi's trivia game. Dave Lythgoe won first place and got a great prize. Our gift exchange got a bit wild and crazy as always. A number of guests went home with a Bass Pro gift card as part of our door prizes. Thanks to everyone that attended and made the event so much fun. I want to wish you all the very best that life can offer for the New Year.

Article By Gordon Martrin



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MCA REPORT



Welcome everyone to 2016.

The installation of our new MCA officers and directors (published in November's issue of Mustang Times) will take place at the Phoenix, Arizona Marriott airport hotel beginning Friday January 29 with the installation dinner. Saturday is open all day to attend the Barrett-Jackson auto auction and Sunday the new members will participate in the annual Board of Directors meeting.

Ford's plan for the 2015 Mustang to make it available around the world appears to be a success. The interest for Mustang outside of the United States is extremely strong, as new Mustangs are sold out through 2017 in Australia. Their engine preference is the 5.0 Coyote V8.

Since we will be celebrating MCA's 40th birthday there will not be a MCA Grand National show this year.

Mark your calendars for the following 2016 MCA National show schedule:

- April 15-17 St. Augustine, Florida, by the Jacksonville Mustang Club. The host hotel, Jaybird's Inn, is sold out.
- June 3-5 Reno, Nevada by the Reno Mustang Club
- July 22-24 Buffalo, New York, by the Western N. Y. Shelby and Mustang Club
- September 1-4 Indianapolis, Indiana Motor Speedway, for MCA's 40th Anniversary celebration, by the Mustang Club of Indianapolis. The JW Marriott DOWNTOWN is the host hotel and has sold over 60% of their allotted rooms with Marriott's Courtyard having 40% of their allotted rooms sold. **BOTH** the Fairfield Inn and Springhill Suites have sold 80% of their allotted rooms and this celebration is still 8 months away.

Also there is another MORE program like the one they had at the 50th Mustang birthday celebration. MORE stands for Mustang Organizations Rallying Enthusiasts. Participation requires a group must have a minimum of 20 registered 40th MCA Mustangs. I'm checking with other Virginia clubs to see who is going.

- September 30- October 2: Myrtle Beach, S.C.; by the Coastal Carolina Mustang Club. The host hotel is the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center @ 2101 N. Oak St.; telephone # 1 (843) 918-5001. The hotel is beginning to take reservations for this show

As I have said many times if you are planning to go to any of these shows make your hotel reservations soon. Registration is now open and

done through Motosho. As you have heard the hotels around the show sites fill up very early. If something comes up that you can not attend you can always cancel your reservations.

As a member of MCA you receive the professionally written Mustang Times magazine included with your membership. The December issue has the following:

- Check out the Just In for some new parts listed, News and Notes has information on the 2016 Cobra Jet and CVMC is the ONLY club, of the many Virginia Mustang club's, listed as having received the President's award.
- In my June MCA newsletter article I informed you about the building of an all-new 1965-66 Mustang with pictures and a list of parts that are built into these new Mustangs with a list of options. The prices start @ \$119,500.00 for the fastback and \$122,000.00 for the convertible. The new replica is so much in demand that production is sold out through January 2016 and they have hired 2 new employees

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

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CVMC - MCA Gold Card Judges
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1967-1968: Dave Dickey
1965-1970 Shelby's: Rick Nochta

CVMC – MCA Certified Judges
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MEMBERSHIP REQUESTS

I'm in the process of restoring a 1966 convertible that I got in pieces, so I don't know how it goes back together. I'm at the point where I will install engine, transmission, fuel and brake lines, wiring harness, etc., but would like to see someone's car that is complete. I have a stock 289 V-8 with automatic transmission. Could someone please give me a call. My number is 804-873-9592.
Thanks!

Noel Einolf

THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE GALLOPING GAZETTE

Please keep your articles coming! Thanks!

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.

With the recent elections, email addresses have been switched around a little. Mine has been one of these so please be sure to send your articles to:
Graham Marsteller
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Article by Tony Hall

CVMC Merchandise

As the weather is turning colder, CVMC now has CVMC Winter Coats! They have embroidered logos on the front a back and are available by special order only for \$105. Get yours today!



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JANUARY 2016 CAR HOBBYIST NEWS FROM THE COUNCIL

I will begin with a quote from Mark Twain: "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session." We will begin the 2016 session of the General Assembly on January 13. Currently I am posting links to bills of interest on the Virginia Association of Car Councils website: <http://vaacc.org>. There have been a few bills pre-filed and most of the bills will be filed as the session begins. I go through every bill to make sure nothing that could affect the car hobby is missed. SEMA also monitors legislation in the GA and will send alerts about bills it believes would affect the hobby. So far so good – I have not seen anything that concerns me. I would like to see an update to the exhaust law. Last year a bill was signed into law giving exhaust system freedom of choice to vehicles older than the 1950 model year. I would like to see this extended to the 1974 model year, the year before catalytic converters were required.

Everyone knows that a deal was struck at the recent climate

change conference. The 195 countries decided by unanimous consent (that's the way the UN makes decisions) to keep global temperatures from rising 2 degrees C (3.6 degrees F) by the year 2100. Some have said the bar was lowered to get consensus from the group. The countries are supposed to "peak" their carbon emissions and then begin to lower them. That isn't binding but reports and plans every 5 years are binding.

Beginning in 2020 developed countries will send \$100 billion a year to developing countries to help fund things needed to adopt to climate change and also to fund development of green energies. The accord was written so it will not have to go through Congress for approval here in the United States. President Obama will impose the agenda through executive action by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy. Congress has the power to cut funding and it will be interesting to see if Congress takes action.

I'd like to include a quote from Secretary of State John Kerry from the climate change conference: "The fact is that even if every American citizen biked to work, carpooled to school, used only solar panels to power their homes, if we each planted a dozen trees, if we somehow eliminated all of our domestic greenhouse gas emissions, guess what – that still wouldn't be enough to offset the carbon pollution coming from the rest of the world.

If all the industrial nations went down to zero emissions – remember what I just said, all the industrial emissions went down to zero emissions – it wouldn't be enough, not when more than 65 percent of the world's carbon pollution comes from the developing world."

John Kerry is correct and if the US cut 100% of its carbon dioxide

emissions it would not make a difference.

The EPA was formed to protect our environment and when it was formed the agency was not supposed to engage in lobbying or propaganda. Now the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a statement accusing the EPA of using covert propaganda on social media to get the public involved in lobbying for the EPA's proposed Clean Water Rule. Currently the Clean Water Rule is in the courts after 18 states challenged the proposed standards. Recall that ethanol producers asked the EPA to approve E15 gasoline and the agency did. The EPA should be free of this kind of activity. It should do its job without input from those who have a financial stake in what happens and it should certainly not use federal tax dollars to lobby – something that is against federal law.

The man at the EPA behind most of the social media push for the water rule has been moved to the White House to work on pushing President Obama's message on climate change also using social media. The only good news here is that the EPA got caught violating the rules. I doubt there will be any punishment.

Under \$2 gasoline is here and will most likely be staying for a while. If you are a person who follows the stock market I'm sure you are surprised by how low crude has gone. Production of oil is up in the US plus OPEC is lowering prices in an attempt to make oil so cheap that the US and other parts of the world will not be able to compete. It's called dumping – from Wiki: "In economics, "dumping" is a kind of predatory pricing, especially in the context of international trade. It occurs when manufacturers export a product to another country at a price either below the price charged in its home market or below its cost of production. The purpose of this act is sometimes to

increase market share in a foreign market or to drive out competition."

Gasoline could even be lower if we didn't have the ethanol requirement. Nearly all of that ethanol comes from corn. If we had no ethanol requirement it is estimated the cost would be 19 cents less per gallon. By using corn for food instead of gasoline food prices would go down about one percent saving us money. For now enjoy those low gas prices.

Article by CCCC President Fred Fann



Rick Nochta has been restoring Mustangs since 1985. To better serve the Mustang hobbyist, Rick became a MCA certified and gold card judge for 65-70 Shelbys and Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) 1965 Shelby Head Judge. SAAC asked Rick to rewrite the 65-66 Shelby judging rules which are used today. For all your Mustang needs, call Rick today at 804-321-5383.

NEW LEGISLATION COULD MAKE WAY FOR REPLICA MUSTANG SALES

Turn-key classic Mustangs could very easily be built legally with the aid of this new law - H.R. 22, the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act" SEC. 24405- Treatment of Low-Volume Manufacturers

History was made recently for manufacturers of kit/replica products to allow low-volume "turn-key" production of their products to

consumers. No longer would a customer have the only choice of building their replica at home or having a local dealer install the drivetrain to make the vehicle roadworthy. Now, thanks to H.R. 22, the "Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act," you can now order a turn-key vehicle fully legal and ready to roll on America's highways. President Obama signed into law the legislation that will permit low volume car manufacturers to produce turn-key replica vehicles for customers nationwide.

The SEMA-supported provision was part of a larger, highway construction bill that was introduced by Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) and Rep. Gene Green (D-TX) in June 2015; legislation that SEMA has pursued since 2011. It received strong bi-partisan support and was inserted into the highway bill. "With this new law, Congress has demonstrated that it understands the importance of enabling U.S. companies to produce classic-themed vehicles that are virtually impossible to build under the current one-size-fits-all regulatory framework," said SEMA President and CEO Chris Kersting. "This program will create auto sector jobs and meet consumer demand for cars that help preserve our American heritage."

The low volume provision allows small automakers to construct up to 325 such replica cars a year, subject to federal regulatory oversight. Replica cars resemble production vehicles manufactured at least 25 years ago, which would include first generation classic Mustangs, even the majority of the Fox Mustang era for that matter. The U.S. currently has just one system for regulating automobiles, which was established in the 1960s and designed for companies that mass-produce millions of vehicles. The law recognizes the unique challenges faced by companies that produce a small number of custom cars.

The measure establishes a separate regulatory structure within the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for replica car manufacturers. The companies are required to register with NHTSA and EPA and submit annual reports on the vehicles they produce. The vehicles are required to meet current model year emissions standards, although companies are permitted to install engines from other EPA-certified vehicles to help achieve that requirement.



Dynacorn made a name for itself with its line of classic replacement bodies, including 1965-1966 convertible and fastback, 1967-1968 fastbacks, and 1969-1970 SportsRoofs. Companies like Dynacorn not only help with restoration parts production, but help these low-volume manufacturers build turn-key dream rides.

“This law gives enthusiasts the opportunity to buy turn-key replica cars while preserving their option to build one from a kit,” said SEMA Chairman of the Board Doug Evans. “It recognizes the unique circumstances associated with limited production replica vehicles, such as the 1932 Roadster and 1965 Cobra, which are primarily used in exhibitions, parades and occasional transportation. With enactment of this new law, kit car companies and SEMA member companies that supply equipment and components can take advantage of this unique opportunity.”



We’ve heard rumors for a few years of a potential Fox Mustang replica body. We hope those rumors become truth someday, as the Fox has always been known for its low-cost and simple build abilities. From a “Foxrod” to a road race car, to whatever you can think of, the Fox can be built into it.

NHTSA Provisions

EXEMPTION FROM VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR LOW-VOLUME MANUFACTURERS

- The Motor Vehicle Safety Act is amended to add an exemption for low volume manufacturers [49 U.S.C. § 30114]
- A "low volume manufacturer" is a motor vehicle manufacturer whose annual worldwide production (including by a parent or subsidiary of the manufacturer) is not more than 5,000 motor vehicles each year.
- A low volume manufacturer may construct and sell up to 325 replica vehicles in the U.S. each year.
- A replica vehicle is a vehicle that resembles the body of another motor vehicle produced at least 25 years ago. The vehicle is subject to a license agreement for the intellectual property rights for the replicated vehicle from the original manufacturer, its successor/assignee or the current owner of the replicated vehicle's intellectual property rights.
- Replica vehicles will be treated as an assemblage of automobile equipment and subject to any current motor vehicle equipment safety standards (lighting, tires, windshields, brake hoses, etc.). They are exempt from

safety standards that apply to motor vehicles (roof crush, side impact, bumper standard, etc.). The exemption recognizes that it is impractical to apply current model year standards to vehicles designed decades ago (ex: 1930s roadster) or crash a vehicle when only a few are being produced.

- Replica vehicles are exempt from the country of origin labeling requirement, fuel economy ratings and the Monroney label requirement.
- Replica vehicle manufacturers are required to register with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and file annual production reports. NHTSA has 90 days to approve or deny the registration application (and 30 more days if the application is incomplete). Once approved, a registration may be revoked if the company fails to comply with the program requirements or if NHTSA issues a finding of a safety-related defect which the company has not corrected.
- A permanent label is to be affixed to the vehicle identifying the standards from which the vehicle is exempt and designating the model year that the vehicle replicates. NHTSA may require that the manufacturer provide a written notice of the exemption(s) to the dealer and first purchaser.
- Aside from the provided exemptions, replica vehicle manufacturers will be treated as motor vehicle manufacturers subject to recordkeeping and defect/noncompliance notification and remedy requirements.
- Replica vehicles are subject to state titling and registration laws and regulations.



Of course we'd be creating a grievous error if we didn't tip our hat to the current replica car industry, such as Factory Five Racing (one of their Roadsters is seen here), for their part in helping to get this law passed and giving us classic Mustang owners the potential to buy a turn-key car if our budget so allows.

EPA Provisions

VEHICLE EMISSION COMPLIANCE STANDARDS FOR LOW-VOLUME MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS

- Section 206(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7525(a)) is amended to allow the replica vehicle to be equipped with a motor vehicle engine (including all engine emissions control equipment) which is already covered by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certificate of conformity for the current model year in which the replica vehicle is produced. The replica vehicle will then be deemed emissions compliant.
- The EPA will also deem the replica vehicle as being emissions compliant if the installed motor vehicle engine (including all engine emissions control equipment) has received an Executive Order from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the model year in which the replica vehicle is produced.
- The replica vehicle manufacturer must install the engine in accordance with instructions provided by the engine manufacturer and self-certify the installation.
- The replica vehicle manufacturer must affix emission control labels to the vehicle and provide the customer with emission control warranty information from the engine manufacturer, including where warranty repairs can be made, along with the EPA certificate of conformity number for the vehicle in which the engine was originally intended or the applicable CARB Executive Order (EO) number.

- *Replica vehicles are exempt from state-based emissions testing since the vehicles will have current model year engines.*
- *Replica vehicle manufacturers are required to register with EPA and file annual production reports that include a description of the engine installed and the applicable vehicle certificate of conformity number or CARB EO number.*
- *Except as otherwise provided, the replica vehicle manufacturer will be considered a vehicle manufacturer subject to applicable regulations, including being subject to civil penalties for compliance failures.*

NHTSA and the EPA will have 12 months after enactment to issue any necessary regulations to implement the law.

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2016 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE NEIMAN MARCUS LIMITED-EDITION



Neiman Marcus has been offering special edition cars around the holidays for decades. Most of these have just been appearance packages, although many of them have also had the interiors redone in special high-end materials. As older models have been shown to be collector's items, more recent Neiman Marcus Edition cars have sold out quickly, often within minutes, as the annual collector's feeding frenzy begins. And while a special paint color is all that most of these cars need to be worth a lot of extra money, this year's car offers a bit of extra incentive, in the form of being an absolute beast.

Different carmakers work with Neiman Marcus to different degrees, but Ford certainly went all in on this year's Mustang. The car gets a boatload of extra power, a unique chassis and suspension tune, unique exhaust, special wheels... it's practically a new car. It also comes with a free two-day course at Ford Racing School, probably a good idea, since a lot of people won't be able to control a car like this without a bit of instruction. And even with the school, this car is going to be a lot to handle.

The first thing you're likely to notice about the car is the new paint. This is a sort of two-tone blue and silver scheme, although there is a sizable field of black separating the silver and the blue. The exhaust now exits from the side, and the lower body panels have been modified to accommodate this. There is a new vented hood and a carbon fiber tonneau cover. The cars will all be convertible models, but this isn't unusual for Neiman Marcus. The windshield and door windows are all Lexan, and there are even new mirrors. It is not at all a subtle look, and a pretty big departure from previous Neiman Marcus cars. But that's okay, as it's supremely badass. A lot of these editions come with some sort of special upholstery, but for this one, there are whole new seats. These

are racing buckets, a move that makes sense for something like this. But apart from that, there really isn't too much that's different. There are some carbon fiber accents and Neiman Marcus logos on a lot of the surfaces, but that's about it. Although there is one last thing to mention, the all-important edition number plaque on the dash, the piece of the interior that will make this car so valuable.

First the bad news, just to get it out of the way. The press release states that this car features all-wheel-drive, and anyone who read that part of this article first probably got really excited. But unfortunately, Neiman Marcus's VP of Communications has since followed this up with a statement to the effect that this was a misprint. That is unfortunate, but there is still quite a lot to love about the drivetrain on this car. It has the same 5.0-liter V-8 as the Mustang GT, but a supercharger (said to be a "custom color", although the press release doesn't elaborate on this) has been added and horsepower is now up over 700.



Torque is now up to 600 pounds-feet, and the car will now reportedly hit 60 mph in 3.5 seconds, as well as a top speed of 195 mph. Big Brembo brakes have been added to reign it all in, and all of this is transmitted to the ground via a set of Nitto tires. Neiman Marcus has certainly sold fast car before (there was a Neiman Marcus Edition McLaren 12C, for example), but this level of modification is unusual, as well as hugely impressive.

There is a certain perception that safety is a kind of an afterthought when it comes to sports, but this is not true when it comes to the Mustang. Not only did the 2015 model get a 5-star rating from the NHTSA, but it wasn't even close to being less than that. Few cars on the road have better crash test scores. Whether or you'll be able to handle the 700 horsepower without crashing, well, that's on you. The Neiman Marcus Edition Mustang will set you back \$95,000 if you are somehow lucky enough to grab one of the 100 units being produced. The cars are sold only over the phone, and on a first come, first served basis. Neiman Marcus does place a limit of one per household, but the cars sell out immediately every year. They're never cheap either, but this year's car really isn't exceptionally expensive when compared to the normal prices that tuners charge to do something like this. And just for an extra little bit of a warm fuzzy feeling about the car, \$1,000 from the sale of each car is donated to The Heart of Neiman Marcus Foundation.

Neiman Marcus is primarily a clothing store, and the cars that are sold through the catalog are generally fashion items as well. They have special paint and special interiors, thing to make the cars more fashionable, but generally that's it. And that's fine, in reality, a lot of cars could really benefit from some of this thinking. But this Mustang is just a full-on tuner car, and even the paint job is a serious change of pace. Not that any of this will be a problem for Neiman Marcus, the cars will all still sell out in 5 minutes. If anything, it just makes us all the more curious to see what will come next year, and whether this tuner thing will become a trend.

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May 30, 2016

May 30, 2016 – Monday, Time

– Start Time 2:00 PM

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this exciting parade. Event date on
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We'll leave on Monday morning and
meet at:

TA Richmond Truck Stop

10134 Lewistown Rd

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Time 8:30 AM.

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32ND ANNUAL FORD AND MUSTANG SHOW

2016 Date Set!

Date: September 17, 2016

Rain date: September 24, 2016

Location: Bass Pro Shops, 11550

Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland, VA

Vehicle Limit: 155 cars

New for 2016! Pre-registrations Only -
no day of show registrations will be
taken

Event date on club calendar and

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Announcement will be made once the
registration website is available



MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

September 1 - September 4, 2016

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Indianapolis, Indiana

<http://www.mca40th.com/>

MCA 40TH TRACK ACTIVITIES

Parade Laps

-On Sunday, Sept. 4th the track will be
open for Parade Laps for all Mustangs
participates-free of charge.

-We have received a number of
inquiries from guests considering
purchasing open track to be able to
take their vehicle on the Indianapolis
Motor Speedway track.

-The open track activity uses the GP Track, not the entire Indy 500 track. The Sunday Parade Laps will be the only time the Mustangs will be allowed on the entire Indy 500 track and it is free.

-Due to track regulations we can only sign up attendees on Sunday. We will have the sign up location information in the registration packet.

-Please remember Sunday is the only day to sign up for the free Parade Laps.

Open Track

-We have sold 25% of the open track spaces, once we reach 100% of the open track spaces sold, that track day will no longer be open for additional registrations.

-Jim Chism and members of the Music City Mustangs will handle the open track duties.

-Motorsport Registration will be sent out to attendees signed up shortly, along with open track details posted on the event website.

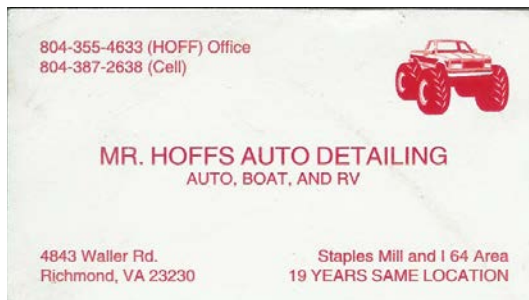
-Remember if you sign up for three days of open track, you receive a garage space for those three days free.

Auto Cross

-We are also planning auto cross activities. Details will be announced soon.

The Next week

-Details on the Friday Night World Record Mustang Parade attempt.



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Ancient City National

MCA National Show

St. Augustine, Florida

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<http://www.jmcmustang.net/Ancient-City-National>

June 3 - June 5, 2016

Magic of the Mustang

MCA National Show

Reno, Nevada

NV - Reno Mustang Car Club

<http://www.renomustangcarclub.com/mc...e-mustang.html>

July 22 - July 24, 2016

Mustangs on the Niagara

MCA National Show

Buffalo, New York

NY - Western New York Shelby and Mustang Club

<https://www.facebook.com/Mustangs-on...1490/timeline/>

September 30 - October 2, 2016

MCA National Show

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

SC - Coastal Carolina Mustang Club

<http://www.carolinamustangclub.com/>

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June 3, 2016 - June 5, 2016

Carlisle Ford Nationals

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