



“HOOFBEATS”

The newsletter of the CSRA Mustang Club

November 2011

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Next Meeting: November 3, 2011

Evans Diner 4429 Washington Road Evans, GA 30809

Eat @ 6:30

Meeting @ 7:00

Please submit any stories, photos, or other submissions for consideration for the newsletter to me at the following address: mike.anchor@yahoo.com. THANKS!

Mike



From the President

Don Blackstock

Well, it appears that Halloween must be getting close...I was asked why I was wearing a mask so early. Come on now, I'm not that SCARY!

Of course, Cracker Barrel had their decorations out around Labor day. Last week they were already reduced 40% to make room for Christmas merchandise. Remember the so-called "good old days"... School started the Tuesday after Labor day, people really didn't decorate for Halloween, we put up Christmas trees Thanksgiving weekend, we had to walk to school...yeah I know, up hill both ways. Really, those were the "good old days"!!

Congratulations again to the group that made the trip to Savannah for the 22nd annual Savannah Mustang Club Classic Ford and Mustang Show. We took 8 cars and picked up 8 awards. We had a few folks who "adopted" us as their home club as well. The Tara club of Atlanta had 14 cars, but we outdid them as far as bringing home awards was concerned. It's a very friendly rivalry....but, nonetheless, still a rivalry!

At our November meeting, we will have an exciting contest to announce. Make plans to be there and learn all about it.

"The Road Goes On Forever and the Mustang Party Never Ends!"

See ya at the Diner

Don Blackstock
President and MCA Regional Director
CSRA Mustang Club

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Membership Renewals are coming up. All CSRA Mustang Club membership renewals are due in January for 2012. The annual family membership fee is \$20.00 for non-MCA members or, if you are a member of MCA, you are eligible to renew your membership at the discounted rate of \$10.00 per year. These are due in January; however, you may start renewing now. Some of you have paid your memberships in advance. If you are unsure of your renewal status, please check with me and I can pass that information along to you. Also, you **MUST** be a current MCA member to qualify for the discounted fee. You can either renew at the upcoming meetings or send your renewal to: CSRA Mustang Club, PO Box 211726, Augusta, GA 30917.

See you at the diner!

Lynda Blackstock

Welcome New Members:

Richard Harrell: 1988 Mustang



Ford News & Notes

Classic Mustang Convertible Repro Bodies Announced

It's a classic car lover's dream come true: Now it is possible to build a '64½, '65 or '66 Mustang convertible from the wheels up using the all-new Ford-approved and officially licensed body shell.

The body shell for the original Mustang convertible, now in production and available for restorers as a Ford-licensed restoration part, gives classic car enthusiasts a new option in putting their classic dream Mustang ragtop back on the road.

“The 1964-66 Mustang is the most restored vintage vehicle. But the number of original 1964-66 vintage bodies is shrinking every year,” said Dennis Mondrach, Ford Restoration Parts licensing manager. “Most of the original Mustangs left in scrapyards are rusted or wrecked beyond repair. The new body shell is made of virgin metal and uses modern welding techniques. It comes rustproofed, and after final adjustment and finish preparation of the body panels, it is ready for painting and final assembly.”

To build a restored Mustang using the new shell, the powertrain, suspension and brakes, the electrical systems, the interior and trim can either be bought new or transferred from an existing car to the new body. Original parts that can't be reused from an old Mustang can be replaced with Ford-approved restoration parts. Mondrach says that nearly all the parts needed to build a complete new 1964-66 Mustang convertible, except for some minor body hardware, are now available from Ford-approved classic parts suppliers.

Ford-approved Mustang restoration parts can be found at www.fordrestorationparts.com.

For a restoration part to be approved by Ford, suppliers must meet or exceed the fit, finish and quality of the original, said Mondrach. In order to keep classic Ford-built vehicles on the road, Ford allows parts suppliers access to original technical drawings, blueprints and specifications for parts.

The new body shell not only can save restorers time and money, but enable them to build a strong, well-engineered classic.

“Instead of spending money fixing rust and welding in new panels, restorers can now simply transfer their powertrain, interior and trim parts onto the new body shell,” said Mondrach.

The '65 Mustang body shell is constructed of higher-grade steel than the original, said Jim Christina, vice president of Dynacorn International, the Ford-approved company that is manufacturing the '65 Mustang. “We use a modern universal automotive-grade steel that is actually stronger than the original, and modern welding techniques along with more welds to strengthen the body,” Christina said.



The '65 body is in production now and can be delivered by freight truck to any address. The '65 Mustang body includes the doors and trunk lid and all the sheet metal from the radiator support to the taillight panel except the hood and front fenders. Those items are available separately. The '65 Mustang body shell starts at \$15,000.

America's love affair with the original Mustang is still going strong after nearly 50 years. Debuting in April 1964, the original Mustang sold more than 1.2 million units – including more than 174,000 convertibles – before its first redesign in 1967. The 1964-66 Mustang has long been America's most popular classic car of the postwar era. It is frequently the No. 1 most insured car at Hagerty Insurance, the world's No. 1 insurer of classic and collectible cars.

The new body shell can be made into a 1964½, 1965 or 1966 Mustang, based on the powertrains and trim parts added to it. It is the third classic Mustang body shell now available to restorers. The other two are the 1967-68 and the 1969-70 fastback bodies.

Ford will display a new 1965 Mustang body shell Tuesday through Thursday at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas. It will be parked next to a restored 1965 convertible to demonstrate the high quality of the assembly.

TMN Staff. "Classic Mustang Convertible Repo Bodies Announced." *The Mustang News*. 28 October, 2011. Web. 28 October, 2011. <<http://www.themustangnews.com/content/2011/10/classic-mustang-convertible-repo-bodies-announced/>>





If Ford Mustang Boss 302 owners use TrackKey, will their warranty be shortened?

Word has it that the Ford TrackKey feature available on the Mustang Boss 302 will come with some interesting fine print. According to Mustangs Daily, owners who opt to have TrackKey installed at their local Ford dealer will have to endure a three-year, 36,000-mile powertrain warranty. That's noticeably shorter than the five-year, 60,000-mile warranty that comes standard on the Mustang Boss 302. In addition, owners who decide to bolt on any extra performance modifications in conjunction with TrackKey will see their warranty completely voided. Ford says that aftermarket modifications could cause severe engine damage.

Despite the shortened warranty, Mustangs Daily reports that Ford doesn't expect any reliability issues with TrackKey. The company says that its engineers have done all of the necessary homework on the system.

From the sound of things, Ford is simply protecting itself from abusive owners who may seek to take advantage of a race car with a warranty. We'll learn more once Ford officially debuts TrackKey at SEMA in Las Vegas in a few weeks.

Bowman, Zach. "If Ford Mustang Boss 302 owners use TrackKey, will their warranty be shortened?" Autoblog. 26 October, 2011. Web 26 October, 2011. <<http://www.autoblog.com/2011/10/24/if-ford-mustang-boss-302-owners-use-trackkey-will-their-warranty/>>.

If you are looking for Christmas ideas for your favorite person (or your favorite CSRA Mustang Club Editor), check out the selection of goodies at www.steedshop.com.

The SEMA show is November 1-November 4, 2011. You can stay up-to-date with all the latest happenings at www.themustangnews.com. There will be plenty of Mustang and Ford vehicles represented at the show, so make sure to bookmark them and check their site.



KUDO'S!

The club received the following "thank you" letter from Golden Harvest Food Bank:

Dear Friends,

This past week marks the transition of seasons that I SO eagerly look forward to. As I feel the air change from a hot humid heat to a cool morning breeze, I'm reminded of how God's hand is always moving but also upholding us by His divine power and grace. Soon the leaves will begin to turn beautiful colors and then crackle as we casually stroll through His creation.

As I reflect upon all that He has done, I'm mindful of the Lord's greatness and how blessed we are each day to have contributors such as you who generously give to Golden Harvest Food Bank so that those who struggle with hunger can be assured that a meal will be available.

Thank you for partnering with us and for your gift of \$2000.00 so that we can continue providing grocery products to those most in need within our 30 county service area in Georgia and South Carolina!

May God richly bless you as we continue to feed lives together!

Thanks be to God for **His indescribable gift!** 2 Corinthians 9:15

God bless you,
Travis W. McNeal
Direct of Special Projects
Golden Harvest Food Bank

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Joke(s) of the Month

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family.

She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."

A man visits his aunt in the nursing home. It turns out that she is taking a nap, so he just sits down in a chair in her room, flips through a few magazines, and munches on some peanuts sitting in a bowl on the table.

Eventually, the aunt wakes up, and her nephew realizes he's absentmindedly finished the entire bowl. "I'm so sorry, auntie, I've eaten all of your peanuts!"

"That's okay, dearie," the aunt replied. "After I've sucked the chocolate off, I don't care for them anyway."

You might be a redneck if...

You've ever shot a deer from inside your house.

The first words out of your mouth every time you see friends are "Howdy!", "HEY!" or "How Y'all Doin'?" (If they respond with the same... they're a redneck too!)

You have more than two brothers named Bubba or Junior.

You've ever stolen toilet paper from a public restroom.

You clean your nails with a stick.

You prefer car keys to Q-tips.

Your father encourages you to quit school because Larry has an opening on the lube rack.





From the “There ought to be a law” department:



Was this one of those “rare” Mustangs that surface on internet auction sites from time to time?



I know, it’s not a Mustang, but it’s still wrong, and “there ought to be a law!”



A Toyota MR2-based Eleanor replica...Scary...very scary..
Someone really needs to go to jail for this monstrosity!



CSRA Mustang Club Members
Christmas Party

Thursday, December 1, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Washington Hall (Next to T-Bonz)
2860 Washington Road
Augusta, GA

\$10.00 per person (all ages)

Please join us for a delicious buffet in celebration of the Christmas Season!

Menu

Homemade meatballs
Herb crusted baked chicken breast
Roasted Vegetables
Macaroni and Cheese
Dinner Rolls
Gourmet Red Velvet Cupcakes
Chocolate-Covered Strawberries
Non-alcoholic beverages

Join us for family-oriented food, fun and fellowship with your fellow Mustang Club members. We will have all types of games and prizes!

Please contact Lynda Blackstock at lblackstock.csramc@bellsouth.net or 706-726-1654 to reserve a spot for you and your family. We will need a final count of attendees prior to Thanksgiving. Payment must be made prior to the party and is preferred at the November meeting, or you may send it to: CSRA Mustang Club, PO Box 211726, Augusta, GA 30917. If mailing your payment, please allow plenty of time for it to reach the PO Box prior to the dinner. If we don't have your response prior to Thanksgiving, we will be unable to add you to the list of attendees. Don't miss out. Hope to hear from you soon!



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOCAL/REGIONAL EVENTS

November 5, 2011 Charleston, SC Low Country Mustang Club (Charleston, SC) will be hosting its 17th Annual All Ford and Mustang Show November 5th at the Carolina Ice Palace, North Charleston, SC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SHOWS, VISIT www.mustang.org

