ROANOKE VALLEY MUSTANG CLUB NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN DETAIL:

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March 18, RVMC Monthly Meeting

Corned Beef & Company, Downtown Roanoke

March 19, Roanoke, VA

Virginia Museum of Transportation - Open House event to showcase their new automotive wing. More details can be found in this newsletter.

March 28-30, Pensacola, FL

MCA presents first national show of the season hosted by the Gulf Coast Mustang Club (www.gcrmc.org). Show location is the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds. Holiday Inn Express is the host hotel (850) 944-8442.

March 29, Ft. Mill, SC

2nd Annual Carolina Motor Madness car show to benefit the Tega Cay Lions Club, located at Charlotte Knights minor league baseball stadium (I-77 exit 88 just over NC/SC border). Show hours 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Open to all vehicles, judged show. Registration is \$20 day of show. For more information contact Bob Cullen at (803) 548-2201 or see www.carolinamotormadness.com.

April 3-6, Concord (Charlotte), NC

Spring Food Lion Auto Fair at Lowe's Motor Speedway, car show and swap meet. See www.lowesmotorspeedway.com for complete show updates, or contact the Speedway Events Dept at (704) 455-3205.

April 5-8, Columbus, OH

Columbus Spring Swap at the Ohio Exposition Center. All Ford, Lincoln, Mercury parts. See www.springswap.com or contact Richard at (614) 855-4750.

April 10-13, Atlanta, GA

18th Annual Peach State Nationals, Fun Ford Weekend at Atlanta Dragway. See www.funfordevents.com for more details.

April 20, Lexington (Columbia), SC

30th Annual Mustang and Ford Show sponsored by the Central SC Mustang Club at Ben Satcher Ford. Show hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with registration ending at noon. Registration fee is \$20. Proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Columbia. Contact person is Dana Doyle (803) 348-7325 or ddoyle9234@ aol.com, or see www.centralscmustangclub.com.

April 26, Virginia Beach Boardwalk

Cruise on down to the Virginia Beach boardwalk Saturday, April 26th from 10:00am-4:00pm, for a day of fun in the sun and the chance to see a collection of some of the hottest cars ever assembled! Whether you bring a classic car to show off, or cheer your favorite entry at the popular burnout competition, this revved-up weekend is guaranteed to crank up both participants and spectators. Advanced registration deadline April 22nd. Visit http://www.beachstreetusa.com.

April 26, Statesville, NC

Homes for Families Car Show sponsored by the Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County, NC. Show will be held at Signal Hill Mall, I-77 exit 50. Open to all cars but special classes for Mustangs and Fords. Registration begins 8:30 a.m., judging at 11:00. Registration \$12 pre/\$15 day of show. For more information, contact Amberle Gowan at (704) 650-6059 or AmberleASU05@ aol.com.

May 3, Roanoke, VA

RVMC 20th Anniversary Mustang and Ford-Powered Round-Up at Tanglewood Mall

May 17th, Danville, VA

River City Mustang Club would like to invite you to our All Ford Show held at Barkhouser Ford, Danville, Va. on May 17th. Please feel free to bring your family and friends. Contact Luther Griffin (434) 792-9888.

May 30-June 1, Danville, VA

SVT Cobra Mustang Club presents SCMC On Track, a 15th anniversary celebration of open track, banquet, and car show, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m event hours. Open to all Mustangs and Fords. Registration fee is \$425. Contact person is Tony Sorrentino at (803) 371-0725, mrmach@comporium.net, or see www.svtcobraclub.com.

May 31-June 1, Kershaw, SC

8th Annual Performance Driving School hosted by the Carolina Regional Mustang Club at Carolina Motorsports Park. This is a safe way to learn about your car's handling and capabilities and is not a racing school. Cost is \$280 and open to all vehicles. Contact Jim Edwards at jimedwards@theciada.com, or see the CRMC website at www.ponytales.org.

June 6-8, Carlisle, PA

All-Ford Nationals at the Carlisle Fairgrounds. All-Ford show and swap meet. See www.carsatcarlisle.com for complete show information.

June 14, Burlington, NC

Gate City Triad Mustang club hosts its annual show at Alamance Crossing Shopping Center (I-40/I-85 exit 140, head north) to benefit the Northwest North Carolina Food Bank. Show hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$30 day of show (\$25 before June 1, or bring 4 canned goods to reduce day of show registration to \$25. For more information, contact Jeff Pruett at (336) 932-5645 or email jpruett@rocopp.com.

June 20-22, Dublin (Columbus), OH

MCA national show hosed by the Mustang Club of Ohio (www. mustangclubofohio.com) at the Columbus Marriott Hotel.

June 20-22, Richmond, VA

10th Annual Old Dominion Nationals, Fun Ford Weekend at Virginia Motorsports Park. See www.funfordevents.com for more details.

June 27-28, Roanoke, VA

Star City Motor Madness Cruise In and Car Show to benefit the Virginia Museum of Transportation. The cruise will be held from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Friday with the car show on the Roanoke City Market from 2 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. See the website at www.starcitymotormadness.com or contact the Transportation Museum at (540) 342-5670.

July 21-26, Myrtle Beach, SC

Mustang Week 2008, daily show hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with registration until 11:00 a.m. Preregistrations only \$30 before July 14. For more information, contact Rodney Melton at 910-894-3592 or Rodney@mustangweek.com, or see www. mustangweek.com. Bullitt Nationals are planned as part of this event from July 23-26. Contact Greg Autry at (469) 235-2020, email gautry@imboc.com, or see www.bullitnationals.net.

August 1-3, 2008, Oakville (Toronto), Ontario, Canada

MCA presents its first national show in Canada, The No Borders Mustang Internationals at Ford of Canada Headquarters. Host club is the Golden Horsepower Mustang Association (www. ghma.on.ca). The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn (905) 829-1145.

August 1-3, Bristol, TN

17th Annual Thunder Valley Nationals, Fun Ford Weekend at Bristol Dragway. See www.funfordevents.com for more details

August 15-18, Millville, NJ

Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC) 33rd annual national convention at the new Thunderbolt Raceway in southern NJ. Includes open-track, racing, show with SVTOA, and much more. See www.saac.com or email saac@saac.com or contact SAAC Headquarters, PO Box 788, Sharon, CT 06069.

August 29, Park City, UT

MCA Grand National Show hosted by the Northern Utah Mus-

tang Owners Association (www.numoa.com) on Main Street in downtown Park City. Host hotels are the Grand Summit or Sundial Lodge at The Canyons Resort (435) 615-8040.

October 24-26, 2008, Chandler (Phoenix), AZ

Phoenix National hosted at the Wild Horse Casino by the Copperstate Mustang Club (www.copperstatemustangclub.com). LaQuinta Inn in Chandler is the host hotel (408) 961-7700.

RVMC MEETING UPDATES

Our meeting is set for **Tuesday**, **March 18** at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive earlier by 6:30 if you wish to order food.



RVMC MAY 3RD CAR SHOW UPDATE

A **BIG Thanks** to the following people who have taken on car show chair positions:

Linda Gardner - Goody Bags Cheryl Kessler - Prize Board Mike Loos - Parking / lot setup

If you would like to work on any of these committees, please contact these people. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

We still need a chairperson and committee for the following:

Event Sponsorship Awards Judging Tech Inspection 50/50 Announcements and entertainment Clean-up Photography Publicity Registration

If you are unsure what any of these areas require or are interested in being a chairperson, **please contact Butch Cook at Myred64stang@aol.com or (540) 387-1979.** We would be glad to help out & guide anyone who is willing to take on these responsibilites. In order to hold a successful event, we need as much club support for the show as possible.

VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION OPEN HOUSE EVENT MARCH 19TH SHOWCASING NEW AUTOMOTIVE WING

Over the past 10 years, our club has taken a vested interest in the **Virginia Museum of Transportation, Inc.** We have donated dollars to the museum, hosted events at the museum and participated in fund raising events like *Star City Motor Madness*. Have you ever wondered where the dollars go that our club donates or the money from *Star City Motor Madness*? The VMT would like for you to know the answers to your questions. The car community has been invited to attend an open house to see the newly opened automotive wing and to ask questions. This event will be March 19th from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



20th Annual Mustang and Ford Powered Round-Up

1964 1/2 - 2008 Mustangs & <u>ALL FORD powered</u> vehicles

Saturday, May 3, 2008 10am - 3pm RAIN or SHINE at Tanglewood Mall



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4480 Electric Rd Roanoke, VA Registration on day of event begins at 8:30am and closes at 12 noon. Goody bag and dash plaque for the first 100 registered vehicles.

Early Registration (by April 25th)\$20.00		
Registration after April 25th\$25.00		
Automotive Flea Mkt(auto parts only)\$15.00		
Vendor Spaces\$50.00		
Pony Corral(vehicles for sale)\$5.00		
Display only vehicles\$15.00		
*Display only vehicles are displayed on the show lot, near like		
vehicles. You will get a goody bag and dash plaque, but will not be judged or eligible for place awards.		

For Further information contact Butch Cook at 540-387-1979 or myred64stang@aol.com

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Please visit our website for other event sponsor information.

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GET READY FOR THE GLASS ROOF

Since the Mustang will not get a major redesign until 2010, Ford is offering the option of a full glass roof on 2009 models to give a convertible-like feel to coupes at a lesser expense than purchasing a convertible. It is hoped that the glass roof may invigorate sales. The \$1,995 option will be available on both V6's and GT's. There will be a built-in manually-operated blind to control the amount of sun. The roof contains a layer of vinyl to reduce noise and vibration, and it has been thoroughly tested including how it reacts to water and air leakage. The glass will be safety glass, and the roof is reinforced for safety. The Mustangs getting the glass roof will be built at the Flat Rock, Michigan plant, but the installation will take place at the Ford personalization facility next door.

MUSTANG AND FORD NEWS BRIEFS

Consumer Reports 2008 annual auto issue recommends the 2008 Mustang in its ratings, and lists it as a CR Quick recommendation for "Affordable V8 Muscle". Other recommended 2008 Ford vehicles include the Edge, Expedition, Explorer Sport-Trac, F-150, Fusion, and Taurus as well as the Mercury MKX, Lincoln MKZ, Lincoln Navigator, and Lincoln Town Car.
Ford states they are on their way to becoming profitable and will give all hourly and salaried workers performance bonuses first quarter 2008.

• Automakers had a bad February with sales slumping 7% for Ford, 13% for GM, 8% for Chrysler, and 3% for Toyota. Ford says they are cutting production by 10% due to slow sales on full size cars such as the Taurus and large SUV's. However, sales were up 46% in February for the Edge crossover.

• Mustang sales are down almost 30% compared to last year. In February 2008, only 7,752 units were sold compared to 10,772 for February 2007. Even though January and February sales are normally slow, sales less than 10,000 units per month are alarming. Overall, Mustang sales for the 2008 model year are down 28% compared to this time last year.

The Mustang men's cologne, a collaboration through Ford and Estee Lauder's Aramis division, will be available in July.
Roush Performance has announced that in response to consumer demand, they are increasing production of their P-51A Mustang to 151 units over the 100 units initially projected.
There is a rumor that the NASCAR Busch series will switch to pony cars (Mustang, Chevy Camaro, Dodge Challenger) for the 2009 season.

• Ford is re-introducing the Fiesta small car in the U.S. for 2010. The plan is for the Fiesta to be a world car available globally. It will be introduced in Europe for 2009. It has always sold well in the U.K since its initial introduction in the 1970's. The Fiesta will do well on gas mileage and will compete with the Toyota Yaris and Nissan Versa.



FAMED BUILDER AND CONTEMPORARY DEAD AT 67

Boyd Coddington, SEMA Hall of Famer and longtime hot-rod industry icon died Wednesday morning at the age of 63. Recognized worldwide as an automotive designer, builder and fabricator of innovative hot rods, Coddington is credited with being the winningest custom-

car builder of all time. His accolades include the prestigious Grand National Roadster Show's America's Most Beautiful Roadster trophy—an honor he claimed on seven separate occasions.

"Boyd was a great innovator and entrepreneur. His passion for cars has touched thousands of people and inspired what has grown into a classic American pastime," said SEMA President and CEO Chris Kersting. "He is among the individuals who helped shape and influence SEMA. His amazing talent will continue to inspire us for many years to come."

Coddington's illustrious career began in his backyard garage in 1976 and flourished to include such milestones as having the only hot rod to ever be displayed in the Smithsonian Institution, and having a DuPont production paint, "Boyd Red" named in his honor. Coddington worked with other top designers, including Larry Erickson, Thom Taylor and Chip Foose who, along with Jesse James, worked in Coddington's shop for a number of years.

A longtime contributor to charitable organizations, Coddington and his wife Jo founded the Coddington Foundation, a non-profit corporation in 2005. The Coddingtons formed the organization exclusively for charitable and educational purposes to provide terminally ill children with a chance to realize their dream of building a hot rod, which were, in turn, auctioned for charity.

In addition to his induction into the SEMA Hall of Fame in 1995, Coddington was also welcomed into the Grand National Roadster Show Hall of Fame, the Route 66 Wall of Fame and the National Rod & Custom Museum Hall of Fame, to name but a few. Hot Rod magazine voted him its "Man of the Year' in 1988.

Article from WWW.SEMA.ORG



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See you on the 18th at:

