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CVMC News

Tis The Season For Christmas Parades



The Ashland Christmas Parade

We had a fantastic turnout for this years Ashland Christmas Parade. As you can tell from the picture above that the weather was perfect.



I believe we had 29 Mustangs for the parade which included at least three non club members. Lets hope they decide to join.



Some of us actually decorated our Mustangs while most of us did not. Something to work on maybe?



There was a pretty good crowd of spectators at the parade. It looked to me that there weren't quite as many spectators as last year. Maybe it had something to do with the date.

This always a fun parade and everyone had a great time. For those who didn't make it "Where were you!?!". Hopefully you can make the Chester Christmas Parade.

For information on the Chester Christmas Parade contact...

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Happy Holidays!

The Holiday season is upon us and I'd like to wish each and every one of you a happy and peaceful time. No matter what your beliefs and no matter how you spend this Holiday season I wish you the best that life has to offer. Please remember those that are less fortunate and share what you can. Above all remember our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. It is by their sacrifice that we are able to enjoy the comforts of our home this Holiday season.

God Bless Us, Every One,
Gordon M. Martin
President

For The CVMC Judge's

Dear Judges - I would like to Thank each of you for the excellent job you did at this years Show. The overwhelming success of the show was in large part because of your hard work and dedication to fair judging. I hope everyone will again sign-up for the 2008 Show as your talents will again be greatly needed.

Rick Nocht
Head Judge

CVMC Christmas Party **December 8th, 2007**

The Christmas Party will be held on December 8th at the Hill City Chop House in the Virginia Center Commons mall. Cost will be \$26.00 per couple with the club picking up half of the tab. We are limited to 50 people. We also have to pay for the room this year. Please sign up as soon as possible. We will be starting at 7:30pm.

For more information please contact...

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CVMC Elections **December 5th, 2007**

Hear Yee! Hear Yee! Hear Yee!
The time to elect new officers and directors are here.

Gordon Martin
President

2008 CVMC Membership **Renewal**

Yes folks, it's that time again. Time renew your CVMC Membership for 2008! 2007, was a great year and we look forward to an even better 2008.

Those who have renewed since September are set for 2008. All others, well it's time to pony up! It's ONLY \$25 for the year so send it in now and be set for 2008!

CVMC November Monthly **Meeting Minutes**

By Renee Bennett

President Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

We had 1 new member a Melissa Simic she has a 2007 V6 Mustang.

Old Members New News:
Graham is going to be a dad again and they are having another girl
Congratulations!

George is going to be a granddad again and Renee Bennett is going to be a Grandmother again.
Congratulations again to you all.

President Gordon gave the Treasures Report and asked for a motion and it was given.

Ron Martin has 10 Race tickets for the May Race please contact him if you want any Tickets.

President Gordon: Told some Jokes.

President Gordon: Thanked Larry Boyd for his hard work and time he spent on the Chesterfield Air show it was a great show and turn out thank you to all that brought your cars out. He also thanked Tony Hall for working hard on it as well he marked the spaces and helped out a lot. Larry said they would like to have us back again next year and we will be told at a later date when.

President Gordon: Talked about the Election Ballot and it needs to be turned in by Dec.5th 2007 and this is the by laws Rules. Gordon also talked about what each position does.

President Gordon: Talked about the up coming Board Meeting on Nov.13th 2007 at 7pm at Topeka's Steak House on Parham Road. We will be talking about the Spring Show.

Llew Stakes: He spoke about the up coming Parades Nov.18th 2007 is the Ashland Parade it starts at 2:30pm we need to lined up by 1pm or 2:30 Southern States and we are no# 68 out of 74 units.

Dec.2nd 2007 Mechanicsville Elementary School it starts at 3pm be there by 2or 2:30pm.

Dec.9th 2007 Chester Parade it starts at 2pm be there around 1pm or 1:30pm meet at the Morrison's Funeral Home.

President Gordon: Spoke about the Christmas Party at the Chop House at Va. Center Commons Mall. It costs \$26.00 a couple the club will pick up the rest and it's limited to 50 people and it's on Dec.8th 2007 at 7:30pm.

President Gordon told another Joke and he spoke of the Trash pick up and said it was very cleaned and had no problems.

Renee Bennett: Talked about the Toys for Tots at Shoney's at Oxbridge Square Shopping Center Sat.Nov.10th 2007 9am-6pm 9963 Hull Street Road in Chesterfield

Rusty: Talked about a Cruz In at Springfield Motor Sports everyone will be meeting at 8am at Brisco Truck Stop.

President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

CVMC November Director's Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the November Director's Meeting will be in the January Newsletter.

Buyer Beware!

A Cloud Over Reborn Shelby Mustangs



***By ROB SASS
New York Times
[New York Times.com](http://NewYorkTimes.com)
Published: November 25, 2007***

FIVE years ago, amid a sharp rise in prices of vintage muscle cars, Carroll Shelby licensed his name to a Texas company to construct replicas of the 1967 Shelby GT500E used in the 2000 remake of the drive-in classic "Gone in 60 Seconds."

Mr. Shelby, the racing legend who had built Shelby Mustangs and the Cobra sports car in the 1960s, correctly perceived an eager market for the movie car, known as Eleanor. The cars were to be built by Unique Performance in Farmers Branch, a Dallas suburb.

But this month, after a public dispute between Mr. Shelby and Unique Performance, and following lawsuits against Unique from customers who say they put down large deposits but never received their cars, the story took a new twist. Farmers Branch police and Texas state officials raided Unique and seized 61 cars in varying states of completion at five sites.

Restored and modernized cars like the Eleanor replicas have become known in the collector car industry as resto-mods, and they are intended to combine the best of old and new.

Original '60s-era muscle cars, while fierce in a straight line, were often not pleasant to drive. Most had slippery and uncomfortable vinyl seats, vague steering and dubious handling, their tires squealing at the first suggestion of a kink in the road. And, oddly for cars with such performance, they usually came with ineffective brakes that faded away after hard use.

Resto-mods generally combine original frames and body shells with modern brakes, suspensions and tires, along with upgraded powertrains and better interiors to address the shortcomings of the original cars.

But when old cars become so heavily altered in the process of becoming resto-mods, issues involving titles and serial numbers can become cloudy.

In a telephone interview, Cpl. Chad Taylor of the Farmers Branch police department said Unique's cars were seized because authorities had learned that the company might have altered the V.I.N., or vehicle identification numbers. He said the matter had been referred to the Dallas County prosecutor, but as of Wednesday no charges had been filed.

Authorities had also suggested that Unique engaged in a practice known as "title washing," in which salvage titles are cleansed of salvage status by retitling the cars in another state. Customers might be unaware that the donor car for their GT500 Eleanor had been declared a total loss previously.

Both Mr. Shelby and Chip Foose, the prominent custom car designer who had also licensed Unique to build cars from his designs, have severed their ties with Unique Performance.

Attempts to reach Unique Performance executives for comment were unsuccessful last week. The company's phone number has been

disconnected and its Web site is no longer operating.

Fans of unaltered original muscle cars like Colin Comer, a Milwaukee dealer and collector who wrote "Million Dollar Muscle Cars" (Motorbooks, 2007) said he thought that those who paid \$200,000 and more for resto-mods like the Shelby GT500E would probably never recoup their investments, especially with a cloud over Unique.

Unlike original muscle cars, most resto-mods have no pedigree or provenance. Indeed, they may have started out as a run-of-the-mill 6-cylinder car before being altered to look like a rare high-performance model. So resto-mods may share more with today's cars than just modern mechanicals. They may depreciate like them as well.

[New York Times.com](http://www.nytimes.com)



Christmas Cards For Our Soldier's

CVMC member Andy Phaup has been checking on a program to send Christmas Cards to wounded soldier's at Walter Reed Hospital or any VA Hospital. Below is what he found out. If you can please visit the websites that Andy has listed and do what you can to help. I know they will appreciate it.

Walter Reed Army Medical Center officials want to remind those individuals who want to show their appreciation through mail to include packages, letters, and holiday cards addressed to 'Any Wounded Soldier' or 'A

Recovering American Soldier' that Walter Reed cannot accept these packages in support of the decision by then Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Transportation Policy in 2001. This decision was made to ensure the safety and well being of patients and staff at medical centers throughout the Department of Defense.

In addition, the [U.S. Postal Service](#) is no longer accepting "Any Service Member" or "A Recovering American Soldier" letters or packages. Mail to "Any Service Member" that is deposited into a collection box will not be delivered.

Instead of sending an "Any Wounded Soldier" letter or package to Walter Reed, please consider making a donation to one of the more than 300 nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping our troops and their families listed on the "America Supports You" website,

www.americasupportsyou.mil

Other organizations that offer means of showing your support for our troops or assist wounded servicemembers and their families include:

<http://www.usocares.org/>

<http://www4.army.mil/ocpa/tooursoldiers/>

<http://www.redcross.org>

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>



Thanks Andy, for your work on this matter!

CVMC On The Web

Yes folks CVMC has a website! We have CVMC Club Events listed along with MCA Regional and National Shows and lets not forget the Local Shows. [CVMC Events Link](#)

We also have a ton of pictures from our past events. [CVMC Event Photo's Link](#)

We have a very good Forum's Section. Here you can pass along your extensive knowledge about your Mustang or answer someone's question. It is also a good way to keep up with current CVMC projects and events. [CVMC Forum's Link](#)

Be sure to use your CVMC website, it is here for your use!
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Thanks For Contributing To The Galloping Gazette

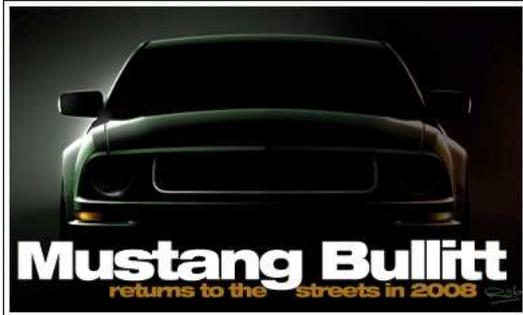
I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who has contributed to the Galloping Gazette and let everyone know that if you have an article that you wrote on anything CVMC, Mustang and or Ford related please send it to me to be used in the newsletter.

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 me Tony Hall at
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News From The Blue Oval



More On The Bullitt!

2008 Mustang Bullitt Races to the Streets

BlueOvalNews.com

By Staff

Published: November 6, 2007

More horses: Featuring the latest in Ford Racing Technology, Bullitt's 4.6-liter V-8 delivers 315 horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque.

Sport-tuned: Modified chassis and suspension improves an already competent and capable chassis to deliver the most balanced Mustang ever.

Film-inspired: Dark Highland Green exterior paint calls back the original movie car; while a specially mastered DVD helped Ford engineers deliver an exhaust note that matches the film.

Mustang magic: Bullitt is the latest in a line of special editions that keep Mustang news fresh. Plus, it delivers on the Mustang tradition of unique products that fit customers' individual preferences: a steed for every need.

Bottom line: Bullitt carries on the Mustang tradition of affordable performance with a \$31,075 Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price

(MSRP). A limited production run of 7,700 units is planned.



MUSTANG BULLITT WINS, KEEPS FANS 40 YEARS RUNNING

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6 – Four decades after hitting the big screen and redefining the on-screen car chase, the Ford Mustang Bullitt returns to the streets in 2008, blending the best Mustang ever with the latest Ford Racing technology.

This modern classic delivers a balance of power and performance, thanks to special chassis and suspension tweaks as well as the 315 horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque that Bullitt delivers through its 4.6-liter V-8 engine.

"The 2008 Mustang Bullitt embodies the true spirit of the 1968 movie car," said Derrick Kuzak, group vice president, Global Product Development. "Like the original Bullitt, this car dials the driving dynamics up a notch for Mustang enthusiasts who love the performance, handling and the sweet sound of Ford power that only Mustang can deliver."

The 2008 Bullitt arrives in dealers early next year, with a starting MSRP of \$31,075 (including destination and delivery) and limited production of 7,700 units for the U.S. and Canada.

The launch of the limited edition 2008 Mustang Bullitt coincides with the 40th anniversary of the release of the Warner pos. Pictures film that gave the original car its name. In the movie, legendary actor Steve McQueen drove a Dark Highland

Green 1968 Mustang GT that gained cult status among Mustang enthusiasts, thanks to a seven-minute scene that film and car buffs believe defined the modern movie car chase.

*Bullitt Chassis Delivers a Balance of Performance and Comfort
Ford engineers modified the 2008 Mustang Bullitt's chassis and suspension to fine-tune handling and ensure the extra horsepower and torque from the 4.6-liter V-8 is put to good use. The live rear axle uses a unique 3.73:1 gear that helps launch the Bullitt with vigor.*

Stock Mustang GT shocks and struts were swapped out for new units that allowed engineers to dial in a more aggressive driving dynamic while still maintaining the outstanding ride and balance of the base Mustang GT. A tower-to-tower brace designed specifically for the Bullitt lends additional torsional and lateral stiffness to the chassis for improved cornering and holds a unique serial number for each Bullitt.

"The 2008 Mustang Bullitt delivers balanced performance," said Paul Randle, chief engineer. "Comfort is not compromised for performance. Performance is on demand. You can easily take Bullitt from the track to the street and back onto the track with confidence."

The brakes also have been improved versus the base Mustang GT's. More aggressive front pads were developed specifically for Bullitt and improve fade resistance and pedal feel.

The 2008 Mustang Bullitt wears unique cast-aluminum Euroflange wheels, offering a modern twist on the original movie car. The Dark Argent Gray spokes feature a satin finish, while a bright-machined lip completes the look. Calipers are colored to match the wheel. The wheels are wrapped in the same P235/50ZR 18 BF Goodrich g-Force T/A KDWS tires used on Mustangs at the Ford Racing High Performance Driving School at Miller Motorsports Park in Utah.



Powered by Ford Racing

Bullitt packs firepower under the hood. The 4.6-liter, 3-valve V-8 delivers 315 horsepower at 6,000 rpm and 325 pound-feet of torque at 4,250 rpm.

Engine calibration is designed to increase throttle response for a snappier acceleration feel. The redline has been boosted by 250 rpm to 6,500, with top-end speed bumped to 151 miles-per-hour. Gears are selected via a Tremac 5-speed manual transmission, and the shifter is topped with a polished aluminum shift ball designed specifically for the 2008 Bullitt.

The car features the first use of an open-element air filter in a factory-produced, fuel-injected Mustang. Inspired by Ford Racing, the intake is tucked neatly behind the driver side headlamp, mounted in an air box that was tooled up specifically for the Mustang. The hood liner was extensively modified to provide a full seal to the air box, ensuring that the engine is fed a steady diet of cooler air.

"Colder air reduces intake losses," said Randle. "The new cold-air intake has shown a reduction in rise over ambient temperature from 50 degrees down to 17 degrees Fahrenheit. That equates to more horsepower and more torque in all driving conditions."

Engine performance is further enhanced through the use of an innovative adaptive spark ignition system, new for the 2008 Mustang.

The system can sense, within a few seconds, what type of fuel is being injected into the motor and adjusts the spark to provide maximum torque at any given speed – and as much as 10 pounds-feet more between 1,000 and 4,000 rpm.

Bullitt can run on either premium or regular fuel. Ford recommends premium fuel for optimum performance, but the adaptive spark ignition will adjust the spark to burn regular fuel without damaging the engine.

"With all the improvements we've made to the engine and the taller 3.73-to-1 rear gear, the Bullitt will plant you firmly in the driver's seat when you stand on the throttle. We've seen zero to 60 times drop by up to three tenths of a second," said Randle. "There's also plenty of power on tap at any speed. The car definitely feels lighter on its feet, and it is."

The custom-designed exhaust system continues Mustang's traditional use of a true dual-exhaust system with a new H-pipe specifically developed for Bullitt. The all-new mufflers, featuring larger 3.5-inch chrome tips (versus the 3-inch tips on the standard Mustang GT) are tuned to minimize backpressure, maximize horsepower and provide the Bullitt with its powerful exhaust note.

"We wanted to get the exhaust note as close to the original movie car as possible, so we based it on a digitally mastered DVD," said Randle. "We wanted something that would rumble your heart, literally buzz you – and the Bullitt team delivered."



FORD'S FINNS STRIVE FOR WINNING FAREWELL 11/25/2007

150TH START AT RALLY GB

Warwick, England — Newly-crowned world rally champion BP-Ford aims to add the drivers' title to its second- consecutive manufacturers' success in the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile World Rally Championship in Wales this week. Marcus Grönholm and Timo Rautiainen have their sights set on celebrating their 150th WRC start by securing a third world title on Rally GB this coming weekend on their final event before retiring from the sport.

The Finns stand second in the record books with 30 WRC victories, five of which have come this season in a Ford Focus RS World Rally Car. They head into the final event of the 16-round series with everything to do after losing their long-time lead to arch-rival Sébastien Loeb in Ireland earlier this month. They lie six points behind the Frenchman and must win in Wales and hope that Loeb finishes sixth or lower to claim the title.

Grönholm, who has been given a clean bill of health after crashing in

Ireland, knows he faces a tough task but can draw on the unpredictability of Rally GB to aid his challenge. The hilly forests of south Wales, where the three-day rally is based, can be evil in late November as unpredictable wintry weather poses the biggest single challenge to competitors.

All but one of the 17 speed tests are held on privately-owned gravel tracks. Most are in regular use, either by military vehicles on the most northerly special stages, or by lorries transporting logs to timber yards.

Narrow tree-lined sections high in the Vale of Neath forests contrast with wide open sections, both on the military land and where forestry work has removed the trees. If the weather is gloomy, fog can hang between the trees in the forests while throwing a white blanket across the exposed areas on higher land. The roads are fast and flowing and invite drivers to attack but at this time of the year they can be treacherously slippery and even icy if true wintry weather sets in. And, in a return to the past, Friday and Saturday's legs will include tests in full darkness.

Thirty-nine-year-old Grönholm has won twice from 10 previous starts, last year providing Ford with its first British win since 1979. Apart from the desire to end his career on a high, Grönholm has national pride on which to draw.

"It will be difficult to win the title but I have a chance and have to make the most of that opportunity. What happened in Formula 1 is a good example. With two races left, Kimi Raikkonen had a big gap to make up to win the title—and succeeded. That's a big spur for me because for Finland to win both the Formula 1 and the WRC titles would be something special for my country," he said.

"I don't feel under pressure because it is out of my hands now. All I can do is try to win the rally and hope Seb has problems. This is my 150th WRC start so it would be great to mark that and my last rally with a victory. But it's the title I'm thinking about. I would swap a win for a top

three finish and the title if that was all that was required," he added.

This will be the fifth Rally GB start for BP-Ford team-mates Mikko Hirvonen and Jarmo Lehtinen, who have only one aim.

"All we can do is to try to finish in front of Loeb and do our best to help Marcus," said 27-year-old Hirvonen. "The roads in Wales will be fast and slippery and after my win in Japan last month, I feel confident in those conditions. The uncertain weather is the biggest concern on this rally. Some stages will be held entirely in the dark and if it rains or is foggy then it will be extremely tricky.

"I've not driven proper stages in the dark since the Monte Carlo Rally in January but when I began my rallying career in Finland there were plenty of night stages so I'm used to it. Our pace notes will be more precise than usual in case it is foggy in the forests so that's also a benefit for the night stages," added Hirvonen.

TEAM NEWS

- Rally GB will mark the final event for Jost Capito at the helm of Ford's European motorsport programmes. At the end of the season he will take up a new role as Vehicle Line Director for Ford Performance Vehicles within the company's Product Development organisation. Mark Deans will take up the new role of Motorsport Director for Ford of Europe from January 1 2008.

"I'm proud to have been heading Ford's rally programme during the most successful period in our history," said Capito. "We've won back-to-back manufacturers' titles in the last two seasons and the Focus RS has won 15 WRC events in that period."

- BP-Ford will use BFGoodrich's g-Force gravel tyre for the low-wear loose surface roads. The pattern is relatively compact to ensure a maximum amount of rubber is in contact with the ground for the best possible grip and traction. The grooves can be hand cut to open them if there is a lot of loose gravel on the road surface or if the tracks become

muddy. The tyres will be available in soft and medium compounds.

- The team has launched a new public website packed with news and inside information from the team. As well as containing news and views from key team personnel from all WRC rounds, the site also contains profiles of the drivers and co-drivers, action photographs, technical details about the Focus RS WRC, downloads, games and much more.

RALLY ROUTE

The rally is again based in the forests of south Wales, with the start and finish in Cardiff. The service park has been moved from the edge of Swansea to a more central location in the city's marina area, about 70km from Cardiff. The route is virtually identical with just Sunday's Trawscoed stage showing major differences—it will be used in the opposite direction to 2006. Friday's opening leg is the longest and is centred on the Vale of Neath forests, including the classic Resolfen and Rheola tests. Saturday's competition is located further north, close to the Epynt military land. The day ends with a spectacular test inside Cardiff's Millennium Stadium and, as in previous years, the arena's sliding roof will be shut. The final leg takes competitors west to Brechfa Forest, notorious for being foggy and slippery. Drivers tackle 17 stages covering 359.54km in a route of 1271.94km. [Ford racing.com](http://Ford.racing.com)



**EDWARDS CLINCHES NBS
CHAMPIONSHIP
11/3/2007**

FORD'S SECOND TITLE IN FIELD

Fort Worth, Texas — Carl Edwards is the second Ford driver to win the NASCAR Busch Series championship. Greg Biffle was the first driver to win the title when he achieved the feat in 2002. Interestingly, both drivers were behind the wheel of the No. 60 Ford.

The championship was the 11th for Ford in NASCAR's three top series combined. In addition to a pair of Busch Series championships, Ford has one Craftsman Truck Series crown and eight NASCAR Cup Series titles.

Today's championship is the fifth overall NASCAR crown for owner Jack Roush.

FORD NASCAR BUSCH SERIES CHAMPIONS

2002 – Greg Biffle
2007 – Carl Edwards

FORD NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES CHAMPIONS

2000 – Greg Biffle

FORD NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES CHAMPIONS

1965 – Ned Jarrett
1968 – David Pearson
1969 – David Pearson
1988 – Bill Elliott
1992 – Alan Kulwicki
1999 – Dale Jarrett
2003 – Matt Kenseth
2004 – Kurt Busch

CARL EDWARDS – NO. 60 DISH NETWORK FORD FUSION "I'm proud of my guys. We had an unbelievable first half of the season. We had so many points. These guys have been working very hard. I'm so grateful to be driving this car. To win it here at Texas, this track has a lot of memories here for me. It's just a really good feeling."

**THIS IS YOUR FIRST
CHAMPIONSHIP; THIS MUST BE IS
PRETTY COOL.** "Yeah, this is pretty cool. Hopefully, it's one of many but we're going to try and do it again next year and try to do even better. We've had a lot of really great fortune this

season and we've had a lot of bad fortune this season. This took a little bit longer than we thought. I'm just very, very grateful for all the people who have given me opportunities and I'm so glad to be here."

SO YOU WANT TO TRY IT AGAIN. "Oh, yeah, for sure. I'll be back next year."

PIERRE KUETTEL – NO. 60 CREW CHIEF; YOUR GOAL THIS YEAR WAS TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP. "This race, we kind of hoped it would come out better than this. We were strong in the middle there. We tried to make adjustments like our teammate in the 16 [Greg Biffle] had because he was running really strong. The adjustments didn't work for us. Unfortunately, we didn't get a top-10 today, but the winning the championship is great."

DOUG HERVEY, MANAGER NORTH AMERICAN RACING OPERATIONS, FORD RACING TECHNOLOGY "This is obviously a great day for us. Carl had a great season in the Busch Series. We are very excited for Carl and Roush Fenway Racing. This is fantastic for us. I'm very proud of the team, Roush Fenway Racing and Dish Network and all the sponsors of Carl, Pierre Kuettel and the NASCAR Busch Series. We're very pleased to be affiliated with such a true champion."

THIS ALSO MARKS THE FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FORD FUSION. "Yes, it is. I'm very pleased and proud to say that Ford is affiliated with Roush Fenway Racing. We look to continue the relationship and look to winning more championships."

Ford.racing.com



KENSETH, REISER DOMINATE ENDING 11/19/2007

BY TEAM FORD RACING CORRESPONDENT

Homestead, Fla. — Matt Kenseth celebrated Ford Championship Weekend with a dominating victory Sunday in the Ford 400 at Homestead-Miami Speedway, his final race with crew chief Robbie Reiser atop his pit box. Reiser will become the new general manager of Roush Fenway Racing.

Kenseth, the 2003 series champion, led 214 of 267 laps in his DeWalt NANO Technology Ford Fusion to earn the 16th Nextel Cup victory of his career and the seventh of the season for his Roush Fenway Racing team. The victory was the fourth consecutive Ford 400 win for Roush—the other three belonging to Kenseth's teammate, Greg Biffle—and it meant the Kenseth finished the season fourth in Nextel Cup points. He also finished in the top five in each of the final five races of 2007.

"I guess we had five really good runs to finish the year off and that feels good," said Kenseth. "We really ran strong throughout the Chase [for the Nextel Cup]. ... I think our performance was as good or better than any other Chase closing the season out, so it's pretty awesome to get up to fourth from where we were five weeks ago. Tonight we just had a dominant car."

So dominant, in fact, that Reiser had little fine tuning to do as

the warm, sunny Florida day turned to night. "We made very few adjustments," Kenseth said. "It was just a pretty dominant car on the long run all day. They could really make a run at me for about 20 laps and then after that we could start making some distance. It was a really fun race, even though we were out front a lot. The track and the way my car was loose, especially kind of getting into the corner, you really had to stay on top of it every lap and try to hit your marks just right and kind of sliding around, so it was a lot of fun."

Kenseth had plenty of company up front at Homestead, with teammates Carl Edwards and David Ragan finishing fifth and 10th, respectively making it three Roush Fenway Racing Ford Fusions in the top 10. That had car owner Jack Roush already eagerly looking forward to 2008.

"They certainly have a lot of momentum going forward," Roush said of the No. 17 squad. "They're going to go into winter well. There won't be a great deal of anxiety about the fact that, 'Gee, we missed it. We don't know how to make these cars go fast.' I think the thing Robbie would tell you and the thing Matt would tell you and certainly the thing I believe is the application of the technical side is the single thing that made the biggest difference in how the 17 was able to progress through the year. ... We're looking forward to carrying the energy and the momentum of the 17 forward."

PS - Keep an eye on the word engineering in 2008. It's what will give Ford teams an edge next year.

"There's a revolution occurring," Roush said. "Time was when I started 20 years ago at this, engineering was something that was kept on the back burner and if you absolutely got cornered and couldn't figure out what to do you would ask the engineer what he thought and the crew chief would make a decision to either laugh or to try it. But today this thing has gotten so complex and there are so many great engineers doing so

much predicative and analysis work that you have to have that going for you. The best application that we've got of the technologies that Ford has given us is with the 17 car and that really showed bright today."

Ford.racing.com



The officers and directors of the Mustang Club of America wanted me to pass along to the Central Virginia Mustang Club members their wishes

for a **Merry Christmas** and a prosperous **New Year.**

Judi and I have many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving and we hope each of you had a wonderful day and we also want to wish every one of you and your families a very **Merry Christmas** and a happy **New Year.**

Another successful show season is coming to a close. This was the 1st time CVMC was awarded MCA's prestigious Presidents award. I also saw several CVMC members attending MCA shows and earning awards and several members became MCA certified judges. As many of you know, MCA dues as has many other things, but did you know if you pay for a 5 year MCA membership it will cost you only \$160.00 which means you get 1 year free. Now that is a bargain. Looking for a Christmas gift that will last all year, an MCA membership could be your answer. Along with the membership comes the Mustang Times. An outstanding publication which is full of valuable technical information and how to do articles, stories and colored pictures of members unique Mustangs, show activities, new accessories and parts. If you would like to join MCA see me during the break.

Check our website for additional car shows and upcoming Christmas parades in the Richmond metro region.

By Dave Dickey
MCA Regional Director

CVMC - MCA Gold Card Judges

1964½-1966: Don Lane

1967-1968: Steve Shaver & Dave Dickey

4th Generation: Steve Shaver

CVMC - MCA Certified Judges

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



December 2007 Car Hobbyist News From the Council

By Fred Fann

If you are the owner of a vehicle registered as an antique be sure to get your VSA 10 B form to DMV before the end of December. Even if you did not get a form in the mail from DMV you still must send one in – they are available on the DMV website. There is an article in the council online newsletter with a link to the form page and address where to send the form. If you do not send the form in you will have to re-register your antique and that will set you back \$50.

The good news is that antique registrations are down and this is exactly what DMV was hoping would happen. Lower registrations mean vehicles are being used in accordance with the new law. Delegate Danny Marshall was the sponsor of the bill that created the new antique registration. In November he said in an email "I think the bill we passed this year fixes the majority of the

problems. DMV told me that the number of people getting antique tags is down since this bill became law this July. I think the next plan of action is, to do nothing. We should sit back and let this new law work." In my discussions with an aide for one of the delegates I was told they wanted to give the new law 5 years to work. Apparently the law is already working. There are those who want to make changes in the law. If a bill is introduced to change the law then 140 members of the Assembly and the governor will be able to make changes. Let's leave the law as is for a while!

Ozone in the Richmond area is up a little from previous years. Hopefully some of the new power plant regulations will show a decrease this coming summer. The state only monitors ozone in the warm months because the temperature has to be in the 90's or above to produce high ozone levels. Ozone levels are directly related to weather conditions especially high temperatures. A cool damp summer will have lower ozone numbers than a hot dry one.

A federal appeals court heard a lawsuit brought by 11 states and 2 cities on the Bush administration plan for SUV fuel standards. The court did away with the planned fuel economy standards for "light trucks" AKA SUV's. The court tossed the new standards because they did not include heavier trucks. The court ordered the Bush administration to find out why it considers light trucks differently than cars. For years trucks and cars have had two different fuel economy standards but now there are many light trucks (SUV's) used for transporting people just like cars. The federal court that made the ruling was located in San Francisco – do you wonder why the cities and states that sued did so in that district?

Driver licenses for illegal aliens has become a hot issue with politicians. Some brave politicians such as New York Governor Elliot Spitzer came out for licenses for illegals but later backed down because of public

outcry. They are in the country illegally and therefore they should not enjoy the same privileges as a legal citizen, is one argument. It is a safety issue – many illegals simply buy a car from a private owner and never get a driver's license, never title the car, never buy plates or register the car, never get the car safety inspected and never get insurance. Getting a driver's license puts them in the system and they are required to register and insure a vehicle they drive. Illegals driving without licenses have killed and injured many people and caused lots of property damage. If I'm going to be hit by someone I'd like him or her to have insurance. Currently 8 states license illegals.

A proposed power plant in Wise County is supposed to be a clean coal plant. However the plant would produce over 25 million pounds of air pollutants each year. The rising price of oil and the fear of pollution from coal have many people talking about building more nuclear power plants to produce electricity. More electrical power is needed because of the growth in the state.

Happy Holidays from the council – and may next year be a much better one than 2007!

New Member's

Welcome! We at CVMC hope you will be a member for many years. CVMC has 123 members signed up for 2007.

CVMC Guess The Plate

The object of this game is to guess which CVMC member the license plate belongs to.

Renewed Member's For 2007

Thanks everyone for coming back for another great CVMC year! CVMC has

123 members signed up so far for 2007.

December Birthdays

Looks like we have a bunch of birthday Guys & Gals!

Dec. 1st Brenda Boyd, Dec. 5th Lyn Williams & Adriana Dempster, Dec. 10th Betty Wiseman, Dec. 11th Rob Parker & Rusty Wiseman & Bruce Bennett & James Bobrovsky, Dec. 16th Bill McGill, Dec. 17th Phyllis Sims & Bill McCauley, Dec. 18th Joan McGrath, Dec. 20th Bryan Floyd, Dec. 22nd Chuck Carter, Dec. 23rd Manuel Nichols, Dec. 25th Brenda Jones, Dec. 26th Shirley Shaner & Billy McDaniel & Tom Chapman, Dec. 28th Ryan Jenkins & Sandy Mitchell, Dec. 29th Faye Braughton, Dec. 31st Chris Bennett,

Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns!

CVMC Guess The Plate Answer

Upcoming Car Shows

MCA Events

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Non-MCA Events

**December 2nd, 2007
Mustang Club of Tidewater Joy Fund**

At Auto Zone, VA Beach Blvd, VA Beach, VA

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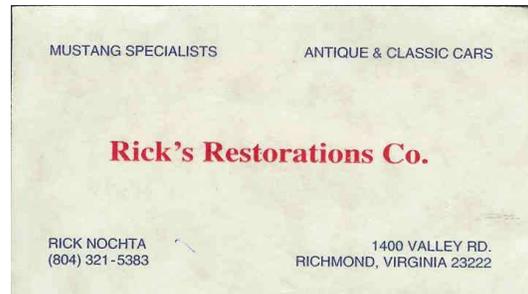
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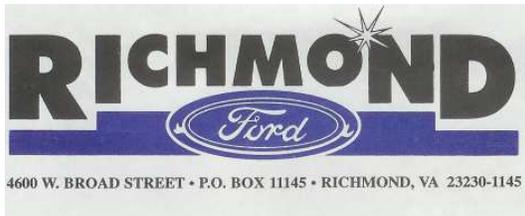


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