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CVMC News

Another Season for Car Shows & Cruise In's

Soon another great year for Car Shows and Cruise Ins will start. The "Woodward Dream Cruise" is an "OFFICIAL CVMC EVENT". We have blocked off some rooms at the Red Roof Inn in Dearborn, MI. This is an extremely fun event and is really huge. We will have more info as it becomes available. If you are interested in attending please send Rusty Wiseman an e-mail.

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"Mustang Lovers Valentines Day Cruise"

[Mustang Lovers Valentines Day Cruise".
February](#)

I wanted to let your club know about a very special Mustang event taking place in February 2008. It's the "Mustang Lovers Valentines Day Cruise". This isn't just any cruise but a Caribbean cruise dedicated to all Mustang enthusiasts. The cruise will have nationally known Mustang experts giving fun and informative seminars and lots of Mustang related activities while on board. It's a great way for your club members to get together in a unique setting and share an experience that will be long remembered. It is also a great way for club officers from around the country to meet and discuss

their particular club and their events that might be of interest to other clubs around the nation. The Mustang Club of America is on board with the 2006 MCA president, Arley Witsell, giving special seminars. In addition, we are proud to announce that Kevin Marti will also be on board to share lots of information about this special car that we all love. I am attaching the flyer about the cruise for your review. We ask that you please pass the information on to club members. The flyer will give additional information about this great event including destinations, speakers, prices and special events. I am excited about this exciting cruise and would love to have your club aboard. I hope to see you there.

Regards
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What Are Vintage Plates?

For years I have been telling people to never, ever say they have vintage plates. They are antique plates. There is no mention in the Code of Virginia - § [46.2-730](#). License plates for antique motor vehicles and antique trailers
(<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?000+cod+46.2-730>) - about vintage plates. They are antique plates! And call them that! If

you don't you could find yourself in some trouble.

The DMV website (<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/citizen/vehicles/antique.asp>) states: "Antique license plates are provided by DMV; vintage license plates are original Virginia license plates issued prior to 1976 that you provide." This is under the heading "Antique and Vintage License Plates". This is where the confusion began.

There are three antique plates: the black and white ones issued by DMV, the orange-yellow plates issued by DMV and the year of manufacture plates that you have to bring to DMV to inspect to insure they are usable. Year of manufacture plates that have stickers and are used on daily drivers are vanity plates. There is no such thing as vintage plates despite what the DMV website says – search the Code of Virginia if you don't believe me.

The problem with calling antique plates vintage plates is that some localities think they are year of manufacture plates that are being used on daily drivers. So the localities assess and tax the vehicles. They also require the purchase of an annual sticker or charge an annual registration fee just like they would for any daily driver vehicle. But these vehicles are antiques and are exempt those fees.

The same money hungry localities will tell you the law says only antique vehicles are exempt taxation and not vehicles registered as vintage. And guess what! They are 100% right! The Code of Virginia does not mention "vintage plates" so you shouldn't either.

Stop the confusion! If your vehicle is registered as an antique then it has ANTIQUE plates and vintage plates do not exist.

**By Fred Fann
President
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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 January Monthly Meeting Minutes

Jan.2nd 2008

Central Va. Mustang Club Meeting Minutes

President Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

He talked about the 2007 shows and how well they went. Gordon talked about the great turn out we had for Ray Newsome on December 29th at 3:30pm we did a drive by to Ray's house in Mechanicsville and he has a love of Mustangs and his mom wanted to do this for him while he's still here. We had 29 Mustangs and thank you to all for coming in such a short notice. Gordon gave a prayer at Ray's house with all of us there and we had our cars parked on his street so he could go by and see all of the cars he was so happy that we did this for him and it was a great day for Ray.

Thank you to all for again coming out and doing this for Ray.

President Gordon then asked if we had any new members: Tom Peplinski 69 Cobra Jet, Greg Luth 66 Mustang Coupe, Jeremiah Perks 2005 GT Mustang Black in color he's also from Richmond Ford if you need any parts go see him. Justin Hutson 2007 GT, Stewart Wenyss 2006 Mustang welcome to all of you.

Old Members New News: President Gordon spoke about Tony Hall's Father he's in the Hospital and keep Tony and his family in your prayers. Gordon also thanked Rusty for doing the newsletter in Tony's absence.

President Gordon asked for a motion on the Treasures Report that Ron Martin gave. Ron also let every one know he has 10 race tickets for the May race.

President: Gordon spoke about New appointed positions and how the election went and thanked every one for voting.

President Gordon talked about how nice the Christmas Party was and every one looked so nice and wished every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Llew Stakes talked about the parades in 2007 and upcoming ones. Bon air Parade will be announced at a later date this one is in April sometime he will let us know.

Llew also said he's checking on July 4th parade and will have more information soon and there is the Memorial Day Parade in Washington DC. In May and Kathy McWilliams will let us know all the details at later date.

George Bobrovsky talked about the Spring Show it will be held on April 5th 2008 at VA Center Commons Mall and it will be rain or shine and the years will be as follows: 1900-1973 will be going against each other and 1974-Present will be going against each other. This is not a judged show and there will be a best of show award given as well.

Dave Dickey talked about the MCA and the latest rumor is that the Mustang 45th Anniversary, sponsored by Ford, and supported by the Mustang club of America will be at Barber Motorsports Park just outside Birmingham Alabama. Event dates are confirmed as Friday, Saturday and Sunday April 17, 18 and 19, 2009 which coincide perfectly with the original introduction of the Mustang in 1964. More information will be coming. Looks like MCA is going to start a program to promote the Mustang to young enthusiasts. Hopefully this will provide for the future of the hobby and to encourage junior and youth members to attend National/local shows and meetings. The program is designed to educate, encourage and recognize young people and their Mustangs. The program will cover the history and overview of the Mustang and it's workings and a basic understanding of the judging system. All at a level the young people should find interesting and entertaining. Check your Mustang Times for more information.

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June 20-22 2008 Columbus Ohio

August 1-3 2008 Oakville, Ontario Canada

August 29-31-2008 Park City, Utah(Grand National)

October 24-26-2008 Phoenix Arizona

There are problems between Carroll Shelby and his licensing agreement with the organization formerly known as the Shelby American Automatable Club, SAAC for short. Rick is the SAAC representative and will give us more information.

Dave said also if anyone was interested in joining MCA to please see him during the break. Be sure to check out our website for upcoming car shows in the Richmond metro area.

President Gordon called for break at 8:25pm

President Gordon called for break to be over at 8:44pm and then he wanted everyone to sign the 68 Shelby GT 500KR model for Ray and Gordon was going to deliver this in person to his house since this is his favorite Mustang. Thank you to all who signed it. Brenda Jones then called for the 50/50 drawing and for the raffle tickets to be called.

To all members please don't forget about the Merchandise we have for the club this supports our club and we have sweatshirts, short sleeve shirts, Jackets, we have only Red, White and Blue colors now available we have all colors for the hats.

President Gordon called for the meeting to be adjourned at 9pm.

CVMC Board Meeting

Board meeting was held on January 15, 2008 at the Ironbridge Sports Park in Chesterfield County.

President Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm

Update on Tony's dad is he is not doing well at all please keep Tony and his family in your prayers.

President Gordon said that Ray is doing the same and that his birthday is on January 30th 2008 and Happy Birthday Ray from all of us.

President Gordon talked about the judging and that Rick the head judge is resigning as head judge. Dave Dickey will find out when The Ford Fun Weekend is in June 2008.

President Gordon talked about the Motor Trend Show at the convention Center some time at the end of March the dates will be announced at a later date.

Richmond Ford already wants us to do the Ford Cruz in again this year cause it

was a great turn out last year thanks again to who came out. When the dates are known we will be told.

President Gordon called the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

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

2008 FORD SHELBY GT500KR AT BARRETT-JACKSON

ONE-OF-A-KIND 2008 FORD SHELBY GT500KR DRIVES EXCITEMENT AT BARRETT-JACKSON AUCTION ON SATURDAY

By staff

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- Ford and Shelby Automobiles to auction one-off Shelby GT500KR featuring a full glass roof to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Ford Racing and Patrick Dempsey to auction off his No. 156 Ford Mustang FR500C, which the star raced in the Grand-Am KONI Challenge series

Team Shelby – A one-of-a-kind 2008 Ford Shelby GT500KR will go on the block at this year's Barrett-Jackson auction: the only "King of the Road" model to feature a full glass roof. Continuing a Ford and Shelby tradition of charitable giving, proceeds from the auction will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

"Barrett-Jackson is an ideal venue to launch and sell Ford's premier models," said Robert Parker, Ford car marketing manager. "It's the ultimate platform for selling the world's most remarkable cars, and we've created a unique GT500KR just for the occasion."

Barrett-Jackson will feature an unprecedented stable of muscle cars, led by a vintage Mustang from each year in which performance legend Carroll Shelby and Ford Motor Company produced the street-ripping 1960s classics. The highlight of the crop will be Mr. Shelby's personal 1969 GT500 convertible, followed by a pristine 1967 GT500 originally gifted by Carroll to his son, Mike Shelby. Muscle car enthusiasts are sure to tune in on SPEED TV this Saturday to watch Ford continue to lead the muscle car wars.



Shelby GT500KR with Glass Roof

The 540-horsepower Shelby GT500KR on the block at Barrett-Jackson is a unique rendition of the most powerful factory-built Mustang ever. Shelby GT500KR production began in Las Vegas on Jan. 11, Carroll Shelby's 85th birthday. The one-of-one ebony black GT500KR up for auction will feature the same full glass roof that is being offered as an option on the 2009 V-6 Mustang and Mustang GT models only.

The glass roof provides a third roof option for customers and responds to their growing desire for

more natural light. The glass is tinted, which reduces both infrared rays and vehicle cool down time by 50 percent. Production of large sunroofs has increased nearly 200 percent in North America since 2003, according to Just-autos.com.

While the Shelby GT500KR coupe features racing stripes over the roof, the unique glass roof on the auction model features stripes etched directly into the glass.

"Barrett-Jackson will be a rare opportunity for one lucky bidder to own a Shelby GT500KR with a glass roof, a car no one else can even buy," said Carroll Shelby. "It's been too long, but I'm very excited to have the 'King of the Road' back."



"Only Ford Motor Company and Shelby American have sold more genuine Ford-powered Shelby vehicles than the Barrett-Jackson auction over the past 36 years," said Craig Jackson, Chairman/CEO of the Barrett-Jackson Auction Co. "I'm proud that Ford and Carroll Shelby chose to sell a one-of-a-kind 2008 Shelby GT500KR coupe at our auction, where only the finest, authentic Shelby vehicles are offered to the public."

Patrick Dempsey's Ford Mustang FR500C on the Block Saturday

In another exciting development, Ford Racing and Patrick Dempsey, the star of ABC's "Grey's Anatomy," also will auction the actor's No. 156 2005 Ford Mustang FR500C. Dempsey drove the car in the 2007 Grand-Am KONI Challenge series for Hyper Sport Racing, a team he co-owns. Since its debut in 2005, the Mustang FR500C has earned seven poles, 10 wins, 92 top ten finishes and 25 podium appearances.

Featuring a Ford Racing 5.0-liter Cammer R50 engine, it continues to be the road racing car of choice.

Dempsey will be on stage as bidders vie for this unique race Mustang. The winning bidder also will also receive a helmet, gloves, shoes, hero card and DVD box set of the third season of "Grey's Anatomy" signed by Dempsey. In addition, the winner will enjoy a track day with Hyper Sport Racing and a day for two at the Ford Racing High Performance Driving School at Miller Motorsports Park in Tooele, UT.



Ford Exhibit Celebrates Speed

Building on a valued partnership, Ford plans to remain a key automotive sponsor of The Barrett-Jackson Auction series as a third venue is added in Las Vegas this October. As part of this sponsorship, Ford will bring interactive elements to Barrett-Jackson, including a drifting track, racing simulators and a dyno-simulated drag racing display.

This year, Ford will add a life-size Mustang collector's display which showcases a 'Steed for Every Need,' along with a new "Built Ford Tough" tent that houses Ford's feature vehicles. Consumers also can look forward to a few surprises. "We have found that experiential elements allow us to create a lot of memories for our current and future customers," said Parker.

Ford, Barrett-Jackson and Shelby: \$1.7 Million Raised for Charity
During the past three years, Ford and Carroll Shelby have raised more than \$1.7 million dollars for charity. Last year, the first 2007 Shelby GT Mustang was auctioned off at a winning bid of \$600,000. In 2006, an early production 2007 Shelby GT500 also sold for \$600,000.

* The 2008 GT500Kr sold for 550,000 at Barrett Jackson

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SPEED TO CARRY '08 GRAND-AM KONI CHALLENGE RACES

1/21/2008

Daytona Beach, Fla. —

Motorsports fans will be able to see some of the hottest production-based racing on television this season as a total of six events on the Grand-Am Koni Challenge Series schedule will be televised on Speed in 2008.

Beginning with Friday's Fresh From Florida 200 at Daytona International Speedway four Grand Sport and Street Turner combined races and one feature race for each class will be televised in two-hour episodes within one week of the race date, often during prime time on the motorsports network.

The '08 season-opener will air Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. ET. Other races on the air in '08 are the Memorial Day contest at Lime Rock Park (airing May 31 at 8 p.m. ET), followed by the ST feature at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (June 28, 1 p.m. ET), the GS feature at Barber Motorsports Park (July 26, 5 p.m. ET), and combined races at New Jersey Motorsports Park (Sept. 7, noon ET) and Miller Motorsports Park near Salt Lake City (Sept. 27, 8 p.m. ET). The Grand-Am Koni Challenge Series is Grand-Am's showcase for the latest in international and American-made high performance sports cars, coupes and sedans straight from the dealer showroom floor. With major modifications permitted only in the area of safety, the Koni Challenge Series is home to the same cars seen on streets and highways around the world every day. Nearly 100 cars are

expected to take the green flag in the Fresh From Florida 200 at Daytona International Speedway.

The Grand American Road Racing Association, which operates and sanctions the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series presented by Crown Royal Cask No. 16 and the Grand-Am Koni Challenge Series, is the premier road racing organization in North America. The 15-race '08 Rolex Series and the 11-race Koni Challenge Series calendars deliver professional sports car racing to key markets throughout North America in addition to being televised in the United States and Canada on Speed and distributed globally through ESPN International. Contributed by Grand American News Bureau.

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14-TIME CHAMP MAKES DRAMATIC RETURN TO COCKPIT OF CASTROL GTX FORD MUSTANG

Chandler, Ariz. — For John Force, drag racing's most prolific winner, four months of intensive rehabilitation following the most serious crash of his pro career culminated Monday in a unexpected and spectacular 4.782 second, 327.51 mile per hour sprint down a resurfaced quarter mile at Firebird Raceway.

It was the quickest run recorded during a National Time Trials test session extended by Sunday's rain and it all but ended speculation about Force's ability to rally from injuries that included a compound fracture of the left ankle, broken bones in both hands, broken toes and ligament and tendon damage.

With many his peers looking on, the 58-year-old icon fired the engine on a race car on which daughter Ashley's Castrol GTX Ford Mustang body had been mounted and, on his first effort since Sept. 23, successfully

executed a burnout and launch before shutting off at half track.

That done, the 125-time tour winner came back hours later and laid down the aforementioned 4.782 that moved him to the top of the performance list ahead of veteran Ron Capps, whose 4.786 in the NAPA Dodge had been the previous best.

Walking with a noticeable limp, Force passed the first phase of his comeback test on Saturday when he was able to get in and out of the cockpit and exit through the roof hatch, thereby satisfying NHRA safety concerns.

"I had to get in my firesuit and do the drill for them," Force said, "but I knew it wasn't going to be a problem because I already had done it [climbed in an out] at the shop. Like I said, 'it ain't pretty, but I can do it.'"

For Force, it was important that he was the first member of his team to take one of the new generation, Murf McKinney-built chassis down the track. He was followed by Robert Hight and Mike Neff. Daughter Ashley will make her first runs on Tuesday.

"I've been down the road more than anybody out here," he said. "If there was a problem, I wanted to be the one to deal with it before I sent Robert, Ashley and Mike Neff out there.

"We didn't know what we had [with the new car]," Force said. "We thought it would be good, but we didn't know. We still have a lot of work to do but that [4.78] was a good boost for this team. That'll give 'em motivation. Everybody's worked so hard since the end of the season and to run down through there like that was something."

Force, who missed the last three races of the season and finished seventh in points, his worst showing since 1984, will return to competition Feb. 7-10 at the 48th annual CarQuest Winter Nationals at Auto Club Raceway at Pomona (Calif.).

"I wouldn't be here without the doctors in Dallas [at Baylor University Medical Center] who put me back together and without Robert Ortmyer,

my physical therapist in California, who's kept me motivated. He understood why I needed to get back in the car and what I had to do to make it happen."

Neither of the JFR Mustangs made it to the starting line during the first two days of testing because of mechanical issues. They were denied again Sunday by rain.

Hight, No. 2 in the world the last two seasons, and rookie Neff, both aborted their first attempts Monday at half track, as planned. They'll try to follow Force's lead on Tuesday.

"Right now, it looks like we'll try to test here through Wednesday," Force said. "We need to make some laps. We're behind right now but we're scrambling to catch up."

After the death of team driver Eric Medlen in a testing accident last March and after his own crash in September, Force scrapped eight cars and started again with a controversial new design that hadn't been tested competitively before Monday.

"That's the first lap on these cars," Force said. "That's a credit to Austin Coil, Bernie Fedderley, John Medlen, Ford and Murf McKinney—to get these cars done in three months was unbelievable."

QUICK STEPS

Quickest times of Funny Car drivers participating in the National Time Trials pre-season test at Firebird Raceway:

1. John Force, Yorba Linda, Calif., 2006 Ford Mustang, 4.782, 327.51 mph
2. Ron Capps, Carlsbad, Calif., 2007 Charger, 4.785, 322.34 mph
3. Jim Head, Columbus, Ohio, 2007 Solara, 4.841, 313.95 mph
4. Tony Pedregon, Ft. Gratiot, Mich., 2007 Impala, 4.869, 278.98 mph
5. Gary Scelzi, Fresno, Calif., 2007 Charger 4.879, 318.02 mph
6. Cruz Pedregon, Brownsburg, Ind., 2007 Impala 4.959, 260.06 mph
7. Tim Wilkerson, Springfield, Ill., 2007 Impala, 4.969, 249.67 mph

8. Jerry Toliver, Temecula, Calif., 2008 Charger, 4.992, 259.11 mph

9. Del Worsham, Chino Hills, Calif., 2007 Impala, 5.031, 226.16 mph

10. Tommy Johnson Jr., Avon, Ind., 2008 Charger, 5.096, 238.51 mph

11. Scott Kalitta, Ypsilanti, Mich., 2007 Solara, 5.303, 203.03 mph

12. Jack Beckman, North Hills, Calif., 2007 Charger, 5.494, 170.82 mph

13. Melanie Troxel, Avon, Ind., 2008 Charger, 5.583, 164.89 mph

14. Bob Tasca III, Cranston, R.I., 2008 Mustang, 8.976, 93.01 mph

15. Gary Densham, Bellflower, Calif., 2007 Impala, 9.521, 97.12 mph

16. Phil Burkart Jr., Yorkville, N.Y., 2006 Ford Mustang, 11.580, 76.21 mph

17. Robert Hight, Yorba Linda, Calif., 2006 Ford Mustang, 11.938, 78.56 mph

18. Mike Neff, Fishers, Ind., 2006 Ford Mustang, 12.956, 81.63 mph

MOTORCRAFT, QUICK LANE LAUNCH '08 NHRA INITIATIVE 1/18/2008

Dearborn, Mich. — Long-time drag racing fans will see a familiar name rocketing down the quarter mile at NHRA tracks this season. Ford Customer Service Division brings its Motorcraft brand back to professional drag racing, and this time it's bigger than ever.

Motorcraft and Ford's growing national network of Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers are joining forces to launch a major marketing initiative for the 2008 NHRA season that will include primary sponsorship of the Shelby Mustang Nitro Funny Car of Bob Tasca III and Tasca Racing, along with a major interactive trackside presence at 14 NHRA events.

"The Motorcraft name still resonates strongly with NHRA fans. They expect us to be here," said Al Giombetti, Ford Customer Service Division executive director. "And I'm very excited about bringing Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers aboard, because of what the brand promises. Like the NHRA, Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers

are all about being the best and the fastest.

"Today's busy consumer demands quick, convenient automotive service that fits around their hectic schedule," added Giombetti. "The Quick Lane model was built from scratch with one thing in mind—our customers' busy lives. That's why you never need to schedule an appointment. While the franchise is fully backed by Ford Motor Company, we've developed a model that allows us to service all makes and models, allowing us to reach a broader audience."

The NHRA effort will compliment FCSD's on-going sponsorship of the Wood Brothers' No. 21 Ford Fusion in NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series in '08. Surprisingly, the two series enjoy very little crossover in their fan base, with statistics showing that less than 12 percent of NASCAR fans follow NHRA racing.

"Drag racing fans are the hands-on people that do much of the work on their cars and are very loyal to the sponsors that support the series," said Giombetti. "They're also considered the automotive experts by their neighbors, friends and co-workers. They're the go-to people, influencing decisions on what parts to buy and where to have maintenance done. Adding them to the Motorcraft and Quick Lane teams will help to further expand our reach beyond the racetrack."

Along with sponsoring the Tasca Racing Shelby Mustang funny car, FCSD is launching a very aggressive brand awareness campaign with a huge trackside presence in the form of the Motorcraft/Quick Lane Racing Experience. The massive display, spreading over half a football field, will let race fans connect with Motorcraft, Quick Lane and Ford Custom Accessories in a unique way.

Visitors may sign up to race virtual dragsters, compete against the clock while changing tires and oil filters, and spin the Ford Custom Accessories wheel for a chance to win valuable prizes. Fans may also pick up

Motorcraft and Ford Custom Accessories catalogs and branded merchandise, and Motorcraft and Quick Lane representatives will be offering up plenty of other free giveaways, including discount coupons for Motorcraft products and services at local Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers.

"We expect that the Motorcraft/Quick Lane Racing Experience will become the place to be at the races," said Giombetti. "It will be the destination, with fans looking forward to seeing what's going on at Motorcraft, Quick Lane and Ford Custom Accessories."

FCSD's activation won't stop at the edge of the display, however. There are plans in the works to expand the footprint of Motorcraft and Quick Lane's involvement into some of the local communities where NHRA races. In addition to the Racing Experience, Motorcraft and Quick Lane will host a trackside hospitality area as an incentive to reward local Motorcraft distributors and Quick Lane dealers.

Quick Lane will use the site for employee training to build customer relations skills and improve knowledge of Motorcraft products so Quick Lane employees can better communicate the advantages of using Motorcraft parts.

"We surveyed our Quick Lane employees and found that drag racing was one of their passions," said Giombetti. "We saw the track as a perfect venue to bring them in for training."

Bob Tasca III is moving up to a nitro-powered Funny Car after several successful seasons in the NHRA alcohol Funny Car ranks, where he holds the record for the quickest elapsed time in the quarter mile at 5.541 seconds at 263 mph.

The name Tasca holds a significance of its own in the NHRA. Tasca III, who grew up in and around Ford Motor Company dealerships, is the grandson of famed Rhode Island Ford dealer Bob Tasca.

The elder Tasca played an important role in the development of high-performance parts for Ford. He's

credited with helping develop Ford's venerable 428 Cobra Jet engine and was instrumental in launching Ford's return to professional drag racing in the early 1960s under the Total Performance banner.

"The Tasca family has a rich and genuine history and long association with Ford Motor Company," said Giombetti. "They bring a sound, proven business mind that is unique to the racing world."

Motorcraft and Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers are both brands of Ford Customer Service Division. FCSD and its associated brands won a place in the hearts and minds of drag race fans everywhere in the late 1980s and early 1990s, sponsoring Ford hall-of-famer Bob Glidden, a 10-time NHRA Pro Stock champion, and NHRA legend Kenny Bernstein among others.

Its brands have also visited victory lane in NASCAR, off-road and road racing competition, while earning championships in NASCAR, HDRA, SCORE, IMSA GT and GTO and SCCA Trans-Am throughout the years.

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The first MCA regular Board of Directors (BOD) meeting held via teleconferencing on 8 November with 26 members participating from around the country. The teleconference lasted over 2 and ½ hours and appears to have been a success. This experiment was done to cut down on out of pocket associated travel expenses for the volunteer members. I think the fee for the teleconference was something like \$35.00 per member vs. the hundreds of dollars for airline tickets, gas, hotel, and food expense to attend a meeting not held during a national show.

Rather than taking up a lot of space in the newsletter and your time here, I have provided copies of the minutes of the 8

November BOD and the agenda for the annual meeting for 2008, held in Atlanta, GA, 25 to 27 January, which was also the installation of our new club officers. Those items are on the table for your perusal.

The new website has been delayed coming on line because so many BOD officers have to input/update so much information to the company building the website. Since this is a volunteer organization, the information to the company has to be updated by the volunteers on their time schedules and this is why it is taking so long to get the website tested, up and running.

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Since the June show is in Columbus, Ohio, which is the closest show to Richmond, and the center of the US, the attendance will probably be very large. May I suggest to those who are thinking about going to make hotel/motel reservations now. This way you can guarantee being close to the show site. If you don't go, you can always cancel the reservation.

If you would like to join MCA see me during the break.

Check our website for cruises and upcoming car shows 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



February 2008 Car Hobbyist News From the Council

The General Assembly is in session and we are fortunate that there is only one bill that concerns antique car hobbyists. That is HB 52 sponsored by Delegate Lingamfelter. This bill would allow us to register an antique vehicle without getting the paperwork notarized. It's a common sense measure and has passed the House at the time I am writing this. You may wish to contact the delegate and thank him for sponsoring this bill.

The Assembly has had a lot of important bills to consider on a number of issues. One of those issues is how to pay for the cost of road building and maintenance. The civil remedial fees for bad drivers were a flop as they raised only a fraction of the money expected. They will be repealed. There are a number of bills that would increase the gasoline tax but many members of the Assembly are against a tax increase. The federal government is already hinting at a gas tax increase of up to 65 cents a gallon over a number of years. Unfortunately for us government at every level is looking at ways of raising taxes for roads. And government has been getting more and more money each year but somehow that's not enough. Perhaps government needs to prioritize spending or at least cut some spending.

Two bills were introduced that would create a regional transportation authority with taxing power for the Richmond area. The job of this group would be to come up with ways to raise money for road improvements. It may not pass. No one wants to pay more for gasoline especially with the recent price increases. It will be interesting to see what decisions the Assembly makes on the road and transportation issue.

There are bills in the Assembly to take away your car if you get caught a couple of times driving without insurance or on a suspended license. Seat belts could become a primary offense – this is bad because it would give police the power to stop people just to see if they are wearing a seat belt. In states that have this law people with antiques too old to have seat belts get stopped. There is a bill to stop people from driving with a dog in their lap. Another bill would ban the display of those bull "thingies" hanging from the rear of a vehicle. And my favorite is the bill that would have required hybrids to have a device to make them sound like a gasoline engine powered car. This bill was killed in committee. The reasoning behind it is that hybrids and electrics are so quiet they are a danger to blind people walking near roads. I called it the "vroom" bill. If you get stopped for loud mufflers tell them they are a safety device for the blind.

Be sure to check out all the auto-related bills on the www.vaacc.org website.

New Member's

No one new

Welcome! We at CVMC hope you will be a member for many years. CVMC has members signed up for 2008.

CVMC Guess The Plate

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

Renewed Member's For 2008

No one new

Thanks everyone for coming back for another great CVMC year! CVMC has members signed up so far for 2008.

February Birthdays

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

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Feb. 9th Bryan Williams, Feb. 8th Glen
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Happy Birthday and Many Happy
Returns!

CVMC Guess The Plate Answer

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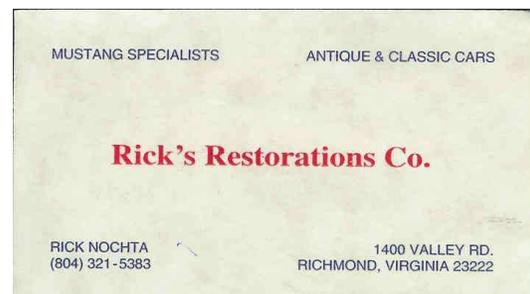
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