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CVMC News



Renew Your Membership TODAY!

We at CVMC have been very proud to have you as a member of the Central Virginia Mustang Club in 2013 and would love to have rejoin us for a very exciting year in 2014!

CVMC has three different ways you can renew your \$25.00 membership dues.

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Hope to see you soon!
Article by Tony Hall



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Virginia International Motor trend Show March 21st - 23rd, 2014

I have contacted the show representative for the Motor Trend Show and they said they wanted the Central Virginia Mustang Club to be a part of the show this year. I should be getting more details in the next couple weeks.

I will be starting a list of members only who would like to

display their Mustang in this event. We may have to make choices due to space limitations so please be aware that just because your car is on the list does not necessarily mean that your Mustang will be selected.



We are looking for a good mixture of years, styles, and quality cars. This is the 50th Year Celebration and we will be adding some birthday hoop-pla!

Thanks,
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***It's a Birthday Party
Celebration!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
MUSTANG
April 5th, 2014***

You Are Invited

When: Saturday April 5, 2014

Where: Quaker Steak & Lube
8000 W. Broad Street

Time: 12:00 to about 7:00PM

CVMC is having a big birthday bash for our Mustangs. This party will be in conjunction with the Pony Drive & Victory 7 Mustang Club, and is being sponsored by Mustang Don's Garage.



Here are some details of the party:

Our party will start at 12:00 noon on April 5. We will have a show-our-cars to the public. The whole front of the parking lot of Quaker Steak & Lube will be ours. (all of the parking area if needed.) We need our members to please plan to be there as Quaker Steal & Lube is going all out for us. Kathy McWilliams is handling the out of town Pony Drive members and they will be there.



There will be a DJ there from 12:00-400 playing our favorite music. There will be "LIVE" music from 4-8 playing 60's music "Mustang Sally". There will be special menu items, Mustang Burger & Mustang Chicken Sandwich. Quaker Steak & Lube will be doing advertising on this event and will sponsor with a local beer distributor to have flyers and a big banner printed up.



We will eat dinner at approximately 5:00PM and the restaurant is providing us with a "MUSTANG BIRTHDAY CAKE". Something very special.....We will have a GREAT BIG Birthday card there for everyone to sign and this card will be sent to Ford Motor Co. Mustang Division. Balloons, party hats, It's going to be fun!

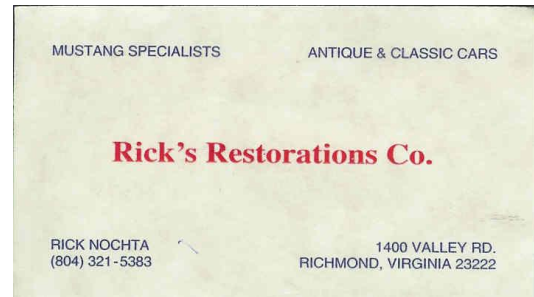
Please remember we need participation all day long as a lot of cars pass on Broad Street and we want to keep the lot full of display cars. I will be talking more about this at our February meeting, if you cannot attend the meeting and want more information please call.

Mark Abrams
804-272-4007

Please get your voices in shape as we will sing Happy Birthday!

Article by Mark Abrams

Photos by Tony Hall



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



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***MCA's MORE Program
Mustang's 50th
Anniversary
Charlotte Motor
Speedway
April 16th - 20th, 2014***

CVMC will be participating in the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration at Charlotte Motor Speedway in April. We do not have the required 20 cars to participate yet. I am pushing for the 10th of February for a solid list of who wants to participate in the program; of course last minute add-ons will happen as they occur before 1 March 2014. There is no charge to participate. You will not be able to participate in this program after March 15th.

Those CVMC members that want to park in this area please send me the following information ASAP: your name, address, phone # where you can be reached, Email address, & the number of cars. My Email is mcadirector@centralvamustang.com

For those of you that have not heard of the M.O.R.E. program, it stands for Mustang Organizations Rallying Enthusiasts. The following are some of the benefits of participating in the MORE program:

- *Designated parking area for your group or organization*
- *Members of your group can come and go as they please from your area; however this is not allowed if parked inside speedway*
- *Up close parking to the speedway (adjacent to main entrance)*

As with any program like this, in order to make it work and be properly executed, prior planning and coordination of all the players is essential. The following are the qualifications to participate:

- *A minimum of 20 cars are required to reserve a MORE parking area for your group*
- *Deadline to apply for a MORE parking area is March 15th, 2014*
- *All areas will be assigned on a first come first served basis beginning closest to the main entrance*
- *Your group will be assigned an exclusive number by which to identify it*
- *All participants in your group must be registered for the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration with a minimum of 1 Mustang + 1 person*
- *You must provide the MORE program coordinator an excel spreadsheet listing the following data for persons in your group that wish to participate:*
 - a. Name*
 - b. Address*
 - c. Phone*
 - d. Email address*

Participants must acknowledge that they are committed to parking in their assigned MORE parking area. Their Dash card will indicate such.

Some of the above was published in the November issue of Mustang Times, page 12, with several pictures of this area and CVMC's January newsletter. More detailed information and pictures are shown on the 50th website (MORE) @ <https://www.mmx2reservations.com/cabarrus/pc/MCAMustang>

**Dave Dickey
MCA Regional Director**



2014 CVMC Cruise Committee

Your cruise committee is working on several awesome events for 2014. This is your club and your cruise-in's so let's get ready for an awesome 2014.

One cruise-in that I am working on now is for the "Virginia Aviation Museum" in Virginia Beach. This will be a fun filled day with plenty of activities. I am now in the process with talking with the events and marketing coordinator with the museum and will have an update and further information for you at the February meeting.

We are also working on several things to help mark the 50th Anniversary of the Mustang.

We would also like to thank Ray Louth for his hard work chairing the Cruise Committee for the past few years. Ray will be helping out when he can. Thanks Ray!

Please let me know if you have any suggestions. Here's to a great upcoming 2014.

**CVMC Cruise Committee:
Mark Abrams and Tommy Wilson**

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Article by Tony Hall



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CVMC January Monthly Meeting Minutes

By Michelle Jordan

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 pm by Tony Hall, President.

- I. **New Members:** New members Mark with a 2014 V6, and Kevin with a 2006 GT joined the meeting.
- II. **Old Member News:** Tony Hall shared the news that Mustang Bill has been sick.

CVMC January Directors Meeting Minutes

- III. **Treasurer's Report:** Ron Martin provided a detailed treasurer's report for the month of December, 2013.
- IV. **Membership Report:** Laura Pegram reported that it is time to renew your membership and on-line renewal is available now.
- V. **MCA Report:** Please see Dave Dickey's report in the monthly newsletter for complete details on MCA as well as an update on the 50th Anniversary celebrations.
- VI. **Pony Drive:** Kathy McWilliams will head the Richmond leg of the Great American Pony Drive, heading to Norman, Oklahoma and on to the 50th celebration. She welcomes any and all suggestions for activities.
- VII. **Elections:** Elections were held at the December meeting and results announced at the club Christmas party. Please see the newsletter for the current list of officers and directors.
- VIII. **Parades:** The National Memorial Day parade is May 26th in DC. Please see Kathy McWilliams if you intend to participate.
- IX. **Website/Facebook:** No updates at this time.
- X. **Cruise Ins:** Please see Tommy or Tony if you have any suggestions for 2014.
- XI. **Merchandise:** George Godsey reported on the club merchandise and reminded everyone that he is able to get a wide variety of items for the membership including winter coats
- XII. **Fall Show:** Kathy McWilliams reported that she is having a meeting with Bass Pro at the end of the month to establish a date for the 2014 show.
- XIII. **Open Agenda:** The club is reminded that the next meeting of the Board of Directors is January 14, 7:30pm at Shoneys, Virginia Center.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.
- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:28pm by Tony Hall, President. Members in attendance: Tony Hall, Kathy McWilliams, Michelle Jordan, Ron Martin, Dave Dickey, Laura Pegram, David Lythgoe, Militza Wiseman, Rusty Wiseman, Johnny McGrath, Larry Money Penny, Mike Peyton, Llew Stakes, George Godsey, Tommy Wilson, Mark Abrams, and Dave Thomas. Guests in attendance: Bernie Jordan, Betty Wiseman, Joan McGrath, Carol Money Penny, Judy Dickey, and Marsha Stakes.
- II. Club enthusiasm was discussed and all were reminded to encourage the membership to seek out new members as well as bring back old members.
- III. The floor was opened for any suggested changes to the bylaws. None were proposed.
- IV. Increasing membership was discussed. Laura Pegram reported that she is reaching out to 2012 non-renewing members to encourage re-joining.
- V. Dave Thomas updated the Board on Spring Show plans to date. The show is set for May 3rd with a rain date of May 10th at Westchester Commons. Sponsors are needed now.
- VI. A motion was made and passed to make a donation to the Smithfield Show charity on behalf of our club.
- VII. Cruise-ins were discussed including Quaker Steak & Lube, Luray Caverns, and the Goochland Drive-In.
- VIII. Kathy McWilliams reported on the Fall Show. She has a meeting coming up with Bass Pro to start discussions for the 2014 show.
- IX. Llew Stakes discussed future parades including Sandston Memorial Day, Labor Day, Ashland, and Mechanicsville. Kathy McWilliams will be sending the

- paperwork in for the DC Memorial Day Parade.
- X. MCA is selling a 50th Anniversary Celebration Kit to all clubs interested. A motion was made and passed for the club to purchase the kit.
 - XI. Dave Dickey discussed the MORE program for the 50th Anniversary Show. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Dave and must be a registered show participant.
 - XII. Kathy McWilliams will be heading up the Richmond leg of the Pony Drive and welcomes any and all suggestions for activities.
 - XIII. The next meeting of the BOD will take place Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 7:30pm, Shoney's, Virginia Center Commons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.



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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.
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News From The Blue Oval



JAN 17, 2014 | DETROIT

FORD BRINGS 37.5-TON PIECE OF MOVING ASSEMBLY LINE TO 2014 NAIAS, CELEBRATES MUSTANG HERITAGE WITH NEW EXHIBIT

- *Ford display at North American International Auto Show encompasses more than 66,000 square feet, includes new upper-level gallery; tops previous years' experiences, offerings*
- *Impressive displays include a 37.5-ton piece of the all-new F-150 moving assembly line simulation and a new upper-level exhibit area to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mustang*
- *The Ford stand's many interactive features include numerous opportunities to experience the Blue Oval's full family of vehicles and technologies, along with creative ways for showgoers to share their experiences socially*

Ford Motor Company's stand at the 2014 North American International

Auto Show includes a 37.5-ton display that simulates a moving assembly line, as well as a chance to see the all-new Mustang next to the original pony car.

Ford is offering its freshest vehicle lineup, latest technologies, newest innovations and the coolest interactive exhibits at this year's auto show in Detroit. A new upper-level exhibit area will feature the all-new Mustang positioned near the Concept II created by the 1962 Mustang design team.

Using 66,167 square feet of floor space for 82 vehicles and numerous interactive displays, Ford is showcasing its full lineup of dynamic new products. From "50 Years of Mustang" to discovering "The Future of Tough," courtesy of the all-new F-150, Ford's display is a feast for the senses. The show is open to the public Jan. 18-26 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"Consumers will be able to interact with Ford vehicles in new and exciting ways that will capitalize on the strength and quality of our products," said David Tillapaugh, global auto show operations manager for Ford. "There is no better stage than the auto show for audiences to get a closer look at what makes the Blue Oval Go Further, or to experience why our all-new Ford F-150 is Built Ford Tough."

The Future of Tough

The all-new Ford F-150, America's favorite truck, has been redefined as the toughest, smartest, most capable F-150 ever.

For the first time, the public will get to see the origins of the 2015 F-150, with the story of the truck being told through Ford's standards of durability, capability, efficiency and technology via The Future of Tough, one of the main attractions of the NAIAS stand.

To tell a story this big, a massive display has been erected to simulate the F-150 assembly line, with robotic pieces that dramatize the creation of the vehicle. Four trucks in various stages of build, starting with a steel frame, are showcased. The

display, measuring 22 feet in height and 75,000 pounds, moves the trucks from left to right, lowering and raising each vehicle via central elevators to show consumers a different stage of F-150 construction. As each version of the truck is explained, the vehicle is then raised back into the air.

"Each stage of the truck's construction follows the themes of durability, capability, efficiency and technology," said Tillapaugh. "F-150 has been reengineered to higher standards, and with more technology than it has ever had before. This display will help consumers understand the levels to which Ford's engineering team went to bring it to life."

Celebrating Mustang

The iconic pony car that has inspired so many over five decades is back as Ford shows off the all-new Mustang, opening up a part of its auto show stand to the public for the first time.

The 2015 Mustang – loaded with technologies and world-class levels of performance – takes center stage at the Ford stand this year. A new upper-level exhibit area provides a special celebration for the 50th anniversary of Mustang. Visitors to this space will be immersed in cultural and historic artifacts, as well as references to Mustang's impact on fashion, film, food and fun throughout its life.

Young Mustang fans can be among the first in the world to make their own free Auto Show Edition Mustang model from Revell® – a worldwide leader in the hobby industry. The all-new Mustang model kit will be offered while supplies last, and can be assembled in minutes. It is the first licensed product offering for the all-new Ford Mustang.

Prominently displayed on Ford's show floor is the history and future of Mustang encapsulated with multiple versions of the pony car, including the original model and Concept II. The display features the all-new Mustang convertible with a 2.3-liter EcoBoost® engine and a Mustang GT with 5.0-liter

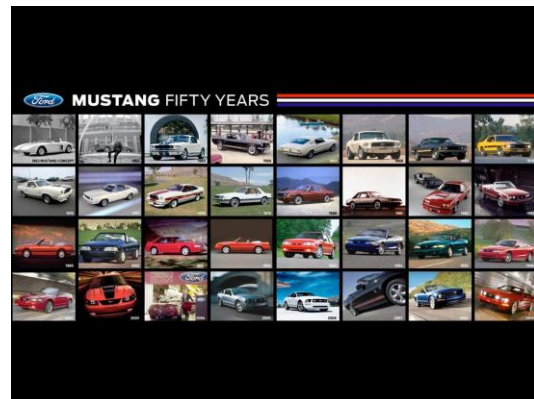
V8. Front and center is an all-new Race Red Mustang GT fastback.

A live engagement presentation and immersive film on an LED screen is also part of the Ford NAIAS display. Visitors can take part in the narration and presentation via two cameras, with the footage used to capture highlights of showgoers checking out the Mustang exhibit.

An adjacent ST enthusiast area provides racing simulators for two people to go head-to-head on a road course and compete for winning times they can then share via social networks.

"This is the largest consumer experience Ford has ever had, and it provides the greatest number of opportunities for engaging visitors in Ford's history at the North American International Auto Show," said Tillapaugh. "Right at the entrance, visitors will be greeted with the opportunity to take part in the displays and see what makes Ford Go Further."

Article & Photos by Ford Motor Company



JAN 24, 2014 | PENSACOLA, FLA.

THOUSANDS OF FORD MUSTANGS EXPECTED TO CARAVAN ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR GREAT AMERICAN PONY DRIVE

- To honor Ford Mustang's 50th anniversary, thousands of fans summoned to Norman, Okla., for the start of this historic drive
- Two caravans will depart from Norman to converge on Las Vegas Motor Speedway and Charlotte

Motor Speedway for five days of events

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

50 Years of Mustang The All-New Ford Mustang

Ford Mustang enthusiasts are invited to cross the United States in the largest caravan of Mustangs in history and join the official 50th anniversary festivities that will celebrate Mustang past, present and future, including the all-new Mustang set to go on sale this Fall.

Cars from every decade are being summoned to Norman, Okla. on Sunday, April 13, 2014, where they can join either the herd headed to Charlotte Motor Speedway or Las Vegas Motor Speedway. The Mustang Club of America (MCA), along with the support of Ford Motor Company, is holding a Mustang anniversary event on April 16-20, 2014, to commemorate the iconic pony car, while also looking forward to the next 50 years of the Mustang.

"The official Mustang 50th anniversary celebration will kick off in the middle of the country so people can enjoy these pony cars as they were intended to be used, 'on the road,'" said Ronald D. Bramlett, executive director of the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration. "We believe this will be the largest group of Mustangs traveling together in the world."

The groups will cruise over four days to Charlotte Motor Speedway or Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Those locations will host enthusiasts who have gathered from around the globe to attend the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration.

"Ford Mustang owners love to share their adventures," said Steven Ling, North America car marketing manager for Ford. "The Pony Drives will give them the opportunity to impart their personal stories and create new ones with fellow enthusiasts. While traveling across half a continent, they'll form new, lifelong

friendships and reconnect with past ones."

MCA is coordinating both of the Pony Drives. The Las Vegas Pony Drive will stop in Amarillo, Tex.; Albuquerque; N.M.; and Flagstaff, Ariz. The Charlotte Pony Drive will be hosted in Little Rock, Ark.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Asheville, N.C. Those who cannot travel to Norman can still register for the MCA Pony Drive and join the group in one of the host cities along the way.

"Each Pony Drive will offer its own unique goodie box," said Bramlett. "It will include one of a kind, commemorative items specific to the Pony Drives and not available to the general public. These items will be lifelong keepsakes for those who participate."

Those planning to join one of the routes to Norman, can find the registration form and hotel information at ponydrive.us. For anyone joining the group in Norman, the Official MCA Pony Drive registration form is available at

www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com

"Once we opened registration for the Pony Drive, entrants began pouring in," said Bramlett. "We hope to have examples from each of the first 50 years of Mustang and share a moving historical display along the route."

This year's 50th birthday party has a host of celebrations at the two locations:

The Tentative Schedule is:

- Sunday, April 13 – Pony Drive Migration Begins from Norman, Okla.
- Wednesday, April 16 – The first official day of the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration will feature vendors and exhibits as Pony Drives and members arrive
- Thursday, April 17 – MCA will conduct opening ceremonies followed by a host of activities and exhibits including track time, Ford's Ride & Drives and hot laps, car

displays, vendors and historical displays celebrating Mustang's 50th

- Friday, April 18 – Activities continue, with a themed dinner
- Saturday, April 19 – The festivities will follow the same pattern as Friday; Saturday evening will feature the Saturday Night Banquet, with guest speakers
- Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunrise Services will be held early morning at both tracks; parade laps around the speedways and closing ceremonies

Details are being formalized for the event and are continuously updated on a special website, www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com

Article & Photos by Ford Motor Company



RACING



- Richard Petty Motorsports finished the morning session on Day 3 of the Sprint Media Tour hosted by Charlotte Motor Speedway. Below is the transcript of on-stage remarks:

BRIAN MOFFITT, CEO, Richard Petty Motorsports -- HOW HAVE THESE NEW PARTNERSHIPS HELPED YOU MOVE FORWARD IN 2014? "It really shows the direction we're headed when we bring in partners and continue to retain the partners that we've had. We've had some success in bringing in WinField, Twisted Tea and others -- GoBowling.com -- to help us improve our R&D efforts so

these guys can go out and compete at the highest level. We're really excited about where we're at and where we're headed for the future of the company."

HOW DOES THE BUSINESS SUCCESS SHAPE THE GOALS FOR 2014 AND BEYOND? "When Richard, Andy and Doug got the business back a few years ago, they didn't want to run at the back of the pack. The winning tradition of the Pettys is to be up front and win races and compete for championships. That's what we're in this for. We have R&D development and bringing Dakoda on in the Nationwide and Corey LaJoie and Ryan Truex, so we're looking forward and we're poised for the future."

ARIC ALMIROLA – No. 43 Smithfield Ford Fusion – HOW DOES IT HELP KNOWING YOU HAVE SUPPORT FROM FOLKS LIKE THE U.S. AIR FORCE? "It helps a lot. It's great to have the Air Force back. I'm an Air Force brat. My dad was in the Air Force, so it's really cool to represent them. We host a lot of kids getting ready to swear into the Air Force every weekend and we have a lot of the high-ranking officials come each and every weekend, so that's a lot of fun to represent that brand and represent the U.S. Air Force. And also Smithfield Foods stepped up in a huge way for us and for our race team, and the commitment they made to Richard Petty Motorsports and to me is tremendous. It's allowed us to go out and hire more people, hire new people. I've got a new crew chief this year in Trent Owens and I feel really lucky to have him because he's gonna help us a lot. I'm excited about this year and, like Brian was saying, we've got more sponsors and new people looking at this race team. We've got GoBowling.com and Fresh from Florida and it's just really good. We've got a lot of momentum on our side. We're excited about this year. We started off last year really well and faltered through the summer and we're not gonna falter this year. We're gonna keep it up and keep that going, so I'm excited about that and excited to be back in a Ford Fusion this year with all

the support we get from everybody at Ford Racing, so we've got a lot of things going at Richard Petty Motorsports and we're ready for 2014."

MARCOS AMBROSE -- No. 9 Stanley Ford Fusion -- HOW HAS RPM GROWN IN YOUR TIME? "I've seen over the last 12 months the commercial success RPM has had has really reinvigorated our race team. We've added a lot of human resources to our program for 2014. We've created an R&D program. That's the first time that's happened since I've been at Richard Petty Motorsports. I'm excited about the potential of unlocking some more brain power on our race program and we're thrilled to not only keep what we've had since I joined Richard Petty Motorsports, and I joined at a fairly tumultuous time. That was a difficult time for Richard and everybody to re-brand the company and actually re-buy the company and take it from the crumbs. So I've seen it at its darkest days and I'm really looking forward to 2014 because I think it's the year Richard Petty Motorsports can break out and really show everybody the maturity that it has taken since I've been there, over four years now. We're thrilled to have more people working on our race program, both from a commercial perspective and also inside our race team. At the end of the day, we're all racing to go out there to win and we want to put Richard Petty back in victory lane. We've been able to do that occasionally over the last couple years, but we want to do that on a more frequent basis if we can. I think the way the rules are going this year, it's gonna give us a better chance to make the Chase and to really do something special. So the gloves are off. I'm looking forward to turning the page because 2013 was a difficult one for both the Stanley car and also the Smithfield car with Aric and we're looking to really make it stick in 2014."

DAKODA ARMSTRONG -- No. 43 WinField Ford Mustang -- CAN YOU TALK ABOUT HAVING THE 43 ON

YOUR CAR AND BEING WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE? "It's great to be with an organization like Richard Petty Motorsports and having WinField come on board with us. One thing that really helps is having an experienced crew chief like Phillippe Lopez and this whole team allowing me to step in and make it really comfortable for me to just step into this role. I think everything has been going really smooth so far. It's a team that definitely has the winning capability, so hopefully we can work on that and get there this year. I think our Daytona test was a good starting point to let everybody mesh together and learn each other. I think our communication is getting to where it needs to be. Now we've got to get ready for Daytona and get the season started."

RICHARD PETTY, Co-Owner, Richard Petty Motorsports -- WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR? "We're probably in the best shape we've been in the last three or four years. Everybody knows we went really to the bottom a couple or three years ago when our car owner went bankrupt or whatever and we got with a couple of guys and bought the place out and just tried to get some foundation. I don't know that our year last year was that much better than the year before, but it was a lot more stable and that's what we're trying to do now with our new sponsorships coming on, and all the people that had been there before stayed, so that's really good. Some of them stepped up, which makes us feel like we were doing the right thing. Now we've been able to go into more of an engineering department and do a little bit more R&D on our own from where we've been at. We used to do it all. We used to build the motors and the cars and took them to the race track and did the whole deal. Now things, with the way NASCAR has the rules, everything is kind of cut-and-dried, so there's not as much of that going. You have to have the engineers then to really tweak stuff. It used to be that

we got close and it worked, so we feel like that we're way better off than we've been on that part of the deal. I guess we'll have to have a little talk with the drivers and get them to step up a little, too."

Article & Photo from Ford Racing



MCA News February 2014

The car show season is just around the corner. As soon as the snow and cold weather disappear, you need get the Mustang out for a drive and decide what needs to be done to get it ready for the upcoming shows. Because of the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration there will not be a Grand National show this year. The National shows for 2014 are:

- *May 23 – 25, The Central Illinois Mustangs, Springfield, Illinois*
- *August 7 – 10, Capital City Ford and Mustang Club, Lincoln, Nebraska*
- *October 10 – 12, Savannah Mustang Club, Savannah, Georgia*

There are some changes to the 2014 National show classes which were published in the December issue of Mustang Times on page 12. Also Occasional and Daily Driven classes will be Gold, Silver, or Bronze instead of 1st, 2nd or 3rd awards.

CVMC will be participating in the Mustang 50th Birthday Celebration at Charlotte Motor Speedway in April. When this report was written we do not have the required 20 cars to participate in the MORE program. The

*benefits and qualifications were published in January's newsletter. At that meeting many indicated they wanted to participate. I am pushing for the 10th of February for a solid list of who want to participate in the program. There is no charge to participate. You will **not** be able to participate in this program after March 15th.*

Those CVMC members that want to park in this area please send me the following information ASAP: your name, address, phone # where you can be reached, Email address, & the number of cars. My Email is mcadirector@centralvamustang.com

All 19 hotels at exit 49 to the speedway have no rooms available for 16 to 20 April. The only one left is Springhill Suites by Marriott which is over 2 miles from the speedway. Many other hotels are 5 miles away are getting full. If you are planning on participating at the 50th, you should reserve you room now.

The company that is providing the scooter rental is Scootaround and you can call them to reserve a scooter at 1-855-441-7575 (this number is good for both Charlotte and Las Vegas).

Thomas Victory informed me that Caroline Golf Cart has 4 passenger golf carts for \$125.00 each for a 2 day rental. They will deliver and pick it up for an additional fee. Their telephone is 1-704-392-2211 for additional information and reservations.

As of this date the new MCA club membership drive has been discontinued. Included with your membership is the Mustang Times magazine which contains great articles on various shows and activities, judging issues, pictures from National shows and a list of those who won awards. There is advice on repairs for all year Mustangs, and new or hard to get remanufactured parts. Also Ford 'X' plan pricing is available on all Ford products, except the Shelby's, which could result in a savings of thousands of dollars on your new 2015 Mustang. This magazine is only available to MCA

members. If you want to join MCA, please see me during the break:

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

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CVMC - MCA Gold Card Judges

1964½-1966: Don Lane

1967-1968: Dave Dickey

1965-1970 Shelby's: Rick Nochta

CVMC - MCA Certified Judges

1964-66: Rick Nochta

1966: Karen Lane

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



News from the Car Club Council

This is the long session of the General Assembly which means the major objective is to pass a state budget but along with the budget there are plenty of bills. I invite you to go to the GA tracking web page at <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?141+men+BIL> and click all legislation. No matter what interests you have you will find bills on those subjects. Keep in mind most bills fail and that is really a good thing. I can't imagine what would happen with a couple thousand new laws each year.

Let's get to the auto-related legislation. We've known for months that an antique exhaust bill would be introduced in this session. HB 741 is that bill. It would exempt antiques from the requirements of the current

exhaust law. In other words antique owners would have to freedom to fit any muffler(s) on their vehicles. The concern is that there are no factory replacement mufflers and exhaust components for many antique vehicles. You can't go to the Hudson dealership and pick up a muffler for your Hornet. In fact you can't go to the Chevy dealership and pick up a muffler for your 1931 Chevy. The problem - in my opinion - is the current exhaust law needs to be rewritten for today's times.

I contacted the aide of HB 741's sponsor after the bill was introduced. The State Police were against the bill so an amended version was proposed. That also was opposed by the State Police. With the State Police against the bill the sponsor decided not to amend but to go forward with the original version. From my conversations I don't think anyone expects this bill to go anywhere once it is heard in committee. We do need a better exhaust bill; how to go about getting one is the problem. A SEMA sponsored overhaul of the current exhaust law was killed a few years ago - and yes the State Police were against it. I'm not sure where they think you can buy Studebaker mufflers just like the factory ones as required by the law.

You may recall last year when the transportation package was put together a tax of \$100 on electric and hybrid vehicles was included. The thinking behind this was that those vehicles use less or no gasoline and therefore don't pay as much in taxes that go to roads. Under pressure from many who disagreed with this tax the governor amended it to \$64 a year. The former governor was a Republican and now a number of Democrats in the Assembly have introduced bills to repeal the \$64 tax. In fact a couple of bills will refund the \$64 paid last year. Interestingly a bill has been introduced - HB 623 - that if passed would impose a \$64 annual road usage fee on any other motor vehicle that has a combined city/highway fuel economy rating equal to or greater than 40

miles per gallon according to standards and regulations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This is the same thinking – those vehicles use less gas and pay less gas tax so let's tax them a different way.

Over the years I have watched the penalty for DUI going up, up and up. Upping the punishment seldom changes the behavior. This year there is something new for first time DUI offenders. Instead of a license suspension for a year the proposal is for the offender to have an ignition interlock installed. This would allow the offender to continue to drive to work and other necessary places while preventing the use of the vehicle if the person has been drinking.

No one license plate bills were introduced this session. This shouldn't be a surprise as none have gone anywhere in the past decade. In fact one plate bills in other states were also killed in 2013 and one state is considering going from one to two plates. There were only a few special license plate bills introduced. I'm guessing that market has been saturated.

A bill has been introduced to prevent people from driving while holding a pet. I'm guessing this is about small dogs but who knows with all the strange pets today. A few years ago a similar bill was killed. There is also a bill that would prohibit driving at less than the posted maximum speed limit in the left-most lanes of interstate highways. A bill that defines a new class of vehicle, known as an autocycle, and provides for examination of drivers, registration fees, safety, inspection, and other requirements pursuant to creating this new class of vehicle. A bill has been introduced that would provide that only vehicles owned by Virginia residents can be registered as farm vehicles or antique vehicles. A bill that would require that all "photo-red" systems have yellow light signal lengths of at least three seconds and a bill that would repeal photo red have been introduced. A bill that would make failure to wear required motor

vehicle safety belts enforceable as a primary offense has also been introduced. Another new bill would require drivers of mopeds to obtain a driver's license and maintains the requirement that drivers obtain a motorcycle driver's license when driving a moped over 35 miles per hour. And another new bill would require the Department of State Police to amend its regulations to include inspection of window tint as part of the motor vehicle safety inspection.

And then this bill: Provides that it is a Class 6 felony for a person to (i) own or operate a vehicle or vessel containing a false or secret compartment, (ii) install, create, build, or fabricate in any vehicle or vessel a false or secret compartment, or (iii) sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of any vehicle or vessel containing a false or secret compartment. The bill defines a "false or secret compartment" as any enclosure that is integrated into or attached to a vehicle or vessel, the purpose of which is to conceal, hide, or prevent the discovery of a person, controlled substance, or other contraband.

Look through all the auto-related legislation at <http://www.vaacc.org/legis1.html> where you can also monitor the bills and see if they pass or fail.

**CCCCV President
Fred Fann**

Upcoming Car Shows

MCA Events

April 16th-20th, 2014

MUSTANG 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Simultaneous events at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC & Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, NV. For complete details and registration visit www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com

For more information on other MCA Car Shows and Events please visit the Mustang Club of America's website at... [Mustang Club Of America](#)

Non-MCA Events

February 7th to the 9th, 2014 52nd Annual Festival of Rods & Customs Show

At Meadow Event Park – Farm Bureau Center, 13111 Dawn Blvd., Doswell, VA 23047 804-994-2800 Fri. 3 pm - 10pm Sat. 10am - 10pm Sun. 10am - 6pm Trophies – 6:30pm 1963-64 top fuel dragster and driver, 1972 top fuel dragster and driver. Brand new location. Longest running indoor show on the East Coast Host Hotel: Best Western Kings Quarters, Doswell, VA 1 mile from show Website www.asphaltangels.net Contact phone number 804-266-1483

March 8th, 2014 Richmond Region AACA Winter Swap Meet and Car Corral

ACCA Shriners Activity Center - 1712 Bellvue Road - Richmond, VA 8AM-2PM Admission FREE Vendor Spaces \$25 indoor - \$15 outdoor. Contact George Field for information or to reserve a space. 804 380 9873 or email mpfield@comcast.net

March 15th, 2014 Roll With Mike Car Truck & Bike Show

At Atlee High School (9414 Atlee Station Rd. Mechanicsville, Va) begins at 9 AM. ENTRY FEE \$20 SPECTATORS FREE. 100% of all proceeds go to the cause. Open to all makes and models. Food, drinks, raffles, live music, hot wing eating contest, and much more!!!! Many of you know me, but to those that don't, my name is Justin Spurlock. I held a fundraiser in 2012 for Atlee native Cole Sydnor. The event was a huge success, and so greatly appreciated by the Sydnor Family, Hanover County, and everyone that helped with this event and attended it, that I decided to bring it back and help out another person, Gennoris "Mike" Marshall who has a

similar injury as myself, was injured in a severe vehicle accident back in 2000 which has left him to battle paralysis for the rest of his life. The purpose of this event is to help the Marshall Family with a serious need, a WHEELCHAIR [ACCESSIBLE VEHICLE](#). Since his accident he hasn't had the chance to fully regain his mobility, [find employment](#), or [enroll](#) in any type of graduate schooling due to not having the funds to purchase an accessible vehicle. With this vehicle it will open Genorris to so many opportunities and the ability to become independent and help provide for his loving family. I ask that not only bring out some nice rides to a car show, but bring them out to support a great cause !!! So who's in to help me put on another great show for a great cause and raise enough money to help the Marshall Family?!?! For more event info contact: Justin Spurlock (cell) 804.514.5407 (email) cntwlk@yahoo.com(event website) www.facebook.com/events/318597684868179

March 29th, 2014 Annual Prince George High School PTA Car Show

Rain date April 12th
7801 Laurel Spring Road, Prince George, VA 23875, Registration 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Awards -1:30 p.m. , \$15 pre-registration, \$20 day of event, Entertainment, Vendors, Concessions, Classes for cars, trucks and specialty vehicles. Contact dkssv@comcast.net, 804-943-5409 or lallin@pgs.k12.va.us, 804-720-0061

For more information on other Area Car Shows and Events please visit the Car Club Council of Central Virginia website at...

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