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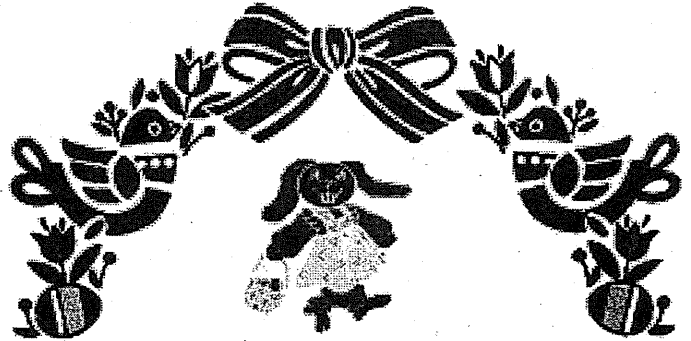
Presidential Perspective

The Asphalt Angels show was a great success! We had 9 members participate with 4 taking either 1st or 2nd place! Rick won Best of Show for the undercarriage.

Keep your eyes open for the new 2000 Cobra-R Mustangs which should be hitting the streets soon. There is a dealer in West Virginia who will be receiving one for sale.

George Cosier
CVMC President

Happy Easter!



Squashing Litterbugs!

Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Otterdale Road will be on April 1st starting at 9:30am for any interested members. This is another way for our club to become involved within the community. Meet at the Midlothian K-Mart in the morning to start, lunch at Pizza Hut in the afternoon for participants.

How Do I Submit Stuff?

Do you have a really great idea, an interesting question, or newsworthy information? There are two ways to send in stuff for the next newsletter! You can leave a message by calling 364-2663 or send an e-mail message to "mustang@developyour.com".

Editorial Notations

The 4th Annual Open Car Show at K-Mart at Hull and Genito originally scheduled for April 29th has been changed to April 15th due to the Richmond AACA show on the same day. The VA Nationals show is sponsored by the Virginia Classic Cruisers.

For all "wired" members who wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please sign up for the mailing list by sending an e-mail message to "mustang@developyour.com".

All members will continue to receive a printed newsletter in their postal mailbox every month.

Richard Seweryniak
CVMC Editor

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 5, 2000 AT RICHMOND FORD, UPSTAIRS

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB
MARCH 1, 2000

President George Cosier called the March meeting of the Central Virginia Mustang Club to order at 7:30 PM. There were 3 new members or guests present: Jorgan Jorgansen, who is looking for a '67 or '68 fastback; John Gartland, who is looking for a '66 fastback; and Patrick Antkowiak, who owns a '93 LX 5.0 and a '69 fastback.

George informed the membership of the recent death of Cindy Smith. Her husband, Don, was present at the meeting. She was a wonderful person, always ready with a smile, and all who knew her will miss her. Our sympathies are extended to Don and their sons, Kevin and Brian.

George reported the results achieved by club members in the recent Asphalt Angels show at The Showplace. Next fall, perhaps as early as November, George would like to put a notice in the newsletter and start working on organizing our display for the Asphalt Angels show. It is always scheduled around the same time in February. We are allowed up to 8 cars in the club display, and this year we could only get 6 commitments after the applications came out in early January. Next year we will start earlier.

Kenny Fischer listed the upcoming car shows. In addition to the local shows, the new season for Mustang Club of America sponsored national shows is also starting. The next MCA show is March 24-26, in Pensacola, Florida. There will be a MCA national show again this year in Virginia Beach scheduled for May 12-14.

Lew Stakes discussed the upcoming parades. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled for March 19. He has not yet received confirmation of our acceptance into the line up. We will plan to meet at the K-Mart on Glenside Drive at 11:30 AM, move to the Reynolds Metals grounds by noon, and the parade will step off at 2:30 PM. Typically, the CVMC group goes to dinner together following the parade. The Azalea Parade is scheduled for April 15 (earlier than usual due to Easter being later than usual). The Azalea Parade will line up at George Wythe High School beginning at 7:30 AM and will step off at 10:30 AM.

Brenda Jones and George reported they have recently spoken with Rick Hughes of Trigon regarding scheduling our car show in September. For the past 2 years we have been allowed to have the show on the grounds of the Blue Cross/ Blue Shield / Trigon building on Staples Mill Road. Apparently there is a new Trigon corporate policy that any events held on company grounds must be health care related. Fortunately, we fit the description with thanks to our association with Virginia Blood Services. Our show this year will also coincide with the kickoff of the United Giver's Fund drive.

National Director Paul Oliver encouraged anyone interested to please join Mustang Club of America. He has information available.

Kenny read notices from the bulletin board. (1) '67 fastback, project car, (2) '70 Mach I, 351 Windsor, project car, (3) '66 fastback, c-code, 4-speed, project car, (4) '68 convertible, 6-cylinder, appraised for \$11,000 asking \$9,000, (5) '67 fastback with '69 351 Windsor, asking \$4000.

Second Vice-president Susan Morris reported that we have 54 paid members. She listed the March birthdays. Treasurer Karen Lane read the financial report. We had a beginning balance of \$2060.63 plus \$180 (dues) minus \$29.70 (printing & mailing newsletter) minus \$24.10 (phone) minus \$24.46 (printing show flyers) for a final balance of \$2162.37.

A Ford dealer in Hurricane, West Virginia sent a notice that they will definitely be receiving a new Cobra-R, if anyone is interested. The car will list for about \$54,000 but will sell for about \$70,000.

Secretary Debbie Shaver listed the upcoming social events, which were inadvertently omitted from the recent newsletter. On March 26, CVMC will take a cruise to Norfolk to eat lunch at The Rainforest Café and wander the new MacArther mall. We will meet at the New Kent rest area on I-64 at 11:00 AM, and plan to leave there no later than 11:15 AM. Lunch reservations are at 1:00 PM. Please contact Donna Young no later than Wednesday, March 22, if you are interested in attending. On April 1 (NO FOOL'S JOKE) we will collect trash from our section of Otterdale Road. We will meet at the K-Mart on Midlothian at 9:30 AM, to be followed by lunch at the Pizza Hut in Midlothian.

There were no technical questions.

Richard S was not present tonight. George proposed that we send the newsletter by e-mail to anyone who is "hooked up". We need to discuss this with Richard as to the practicality of the procedure. About half of the members present have access to e-mail.

Brenda and Richard Jones visited with Carroll Lipscombe tonight. He continues to remain housebound due to his chemotherapy treatments. He will begin radiation treatments soon. He hopes to be able to drive himself to at least some of those appointments because they are 5 days a week for 5 weeks.

The membership viewed about 20 minutes of the Mustang Madness movie that was made during the 35th Anniversary Celebration in Charlotte last April. To be continued at the next meeting, time permitting.

Adjourned 8:30 PM.



Calendar of Events and Car Shows

April 1	Adopt-a-Highway at 9:30am, meet at the Midlothian K-Mart
April 8	Dream Cars, Fairfield Commons Mall
April 15	Azalea Parade
April 15	4th Annual Open Car Show at K-Mart at Hull and Genito, 804-790-1439
April 16	Charlottesville Car Show, 804-589-2207
April 27-30	VA Nationals at Virginia Motorsports Park
April 29	31st Annual Richmond AACA Show at the State Fairgrounds, 804-288-4439
April 29	Styling Stangs, Yorktown
April 29	Snipes Ford & Motorsports with Eastern North Carolina Mustang Club 1st Annual All Ford Powered Car Show at Berkley Mall in Goldsboro NC Fred Wade, 252-566-2174
May 5-7	SVRS Vintage Race
May 12-14	MCA Virginia Beach, VA
May 13	Crewe Car Show
May 13	4th NAPA Late Great Chevy Show, 804-598-3404
May 27	Gloucester Car & Craft Show, 804-693-2168
June 2-4	All Ford Carlisle
June 16-18	MCA Biloxi. MS
June 24-25	Fun Ford Weekend at Virginia Motorsports Park
June 29	SAAC-25
July 14-16	MCA Bellvue. WA
Aug ??	Water Park
August 12	12th Annual Tri-City Cruisers Show, 804-530-2204
Sept 1-3	MCA Grand National Raleigh, NC
Sept 16	Central Virginia Mustang Club Show, 804-271-2139
Oct 14	Gloucester Car & Craft Show
October 14	13th Annual All Ford Day, 804-590-9583
Oct 21	Leaf Cruise
Nov 4	Adopt-A-Highway
Nov 18	Cruise to Norfolk, The Grate Steak
Dec 1	Holiday Party
Dec 10	Chester Christmas Parade



News from the General Assembly

This year the three state car club councils had two goals for the General Assembly session: maintain the 250 miles of daily pleasure driving for antiques and get a rolling emission exemption passed. Both goals were achieved. HB 1522 passed both houses and allows for emissions testing exemptions for all daily drivers once they become 25 years old. This same bill failed last year. The bill's sponsor added to this year's measure an increase of the maximum emission inspection fee from \$20 to \$25 to allow for the loss of revenue from not testing the older vehicles. That had to be changed because another bill passed that raised the max cost to \$50! Emissions testing is about money not clean air. Be thankful that only Northern Virginia has to test. HB 441 worried hobbyists because it included the 250 miles of pleasure driving in it's text. However hobbyists received assurances that the bill would not alter the 250 miles allowed for pleasure driving of antiques. It passed and the 250 miles remained intact. HB 441 allows for the use of the pre-73 plates, with stickers, on daily drivers. Last year the state police and DMV were against the use of stickers on vintage plates. But several license plate vendors complained about sagging sales and the result was the passage of 441. So if the governor signs this bill into law you will have the choice of using vintage plates with stickers on your 72 or older vehicle if it is registered as a daily driver.

There were several special license plate bills passed this year. One important license plate bill that passed is HB 658. It allows the use of 8 instead of the present 7 characters on plates. This means that there will be hundreds more possible combinations for vanity plates and of course more cash for the state treasury. HB 56 will prevent the use of colored glass and plastic over plates. This is because photo red programs are becoming popular and the plastic provides a reflection so that the plate numbers can't be seen by the camera. And the "Bears in the Air" bill passed. This makes Virginia the 31st state to allow state police to use aircraft to run radar. I-295 will be known as the "Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway" and the still under construction I-895 will be known as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway".

A couple of auto related bills didn't make it. A bill to raise the minimum liability auto insurance failed. The bill to make seat belt use a primary offense failed in the House a few days after an article appeared in the Richmond newspaper. A team of reporters watched the assembly parking lot as the delegates and senators left. They caught all three of the seat belt bill patrons leaving in their cars unbuckled. They also caught half of the Capitol Police driving around unbuckled. I guess they're used to that saying do as I say not as I do.

If you would like to find out more on the assembly session you can find it online at the car club council site: <http://www.angelfire.com/va2/ccccva/> and I have put together another site for the All Ford Day Show. It is found at: <http://www.angelfire.com/va2/allford/> and if you go to this site you will get a prompt to download a plug-in. This plug-in will allow your mouse cursor to become a steering wheel while you're on the site. It's up to you to download or not.

Fred Fann, CCCCVA



Ford to Provide Free Installation of Child Safety Seat Tether Anchors

CHICAGO, Feb. 15, 2000 - Ford Motor Company will begin providing free installation of top tether anchors in vehicles for use with child safety seats beginning immediately.

Owners of Ford, Lincoln and Mercury vehicles from the 1989 model year through current model year production will be able to receive the installation by contacting their local dealership.

Top tethers attached from the child safety seat to the vehicle improve forward-facing child seat performance in crashes by limiting the forward motion of the seat. The upper portion of child safety seats are attached to an anchor point by a special tether strap, available through child safety seat manufacturers. The anchor points are located on the rear side of the back seat, in the rear filler panel, on the floor, or in the roof, depending on the vehicle.

"Occupant safety, especially for children, has always been a primary concern for Ford," said Helen Petrauskas, vice president of Environmental & Safety Engineering. "Free installation of top tether anchors will further improve parents' and other caretakers' abilities to securely attach child safety seats."

The US government will require top tether attachments be placed in all vehicles beginning in the 2001 model year. Child safety seat manufacturers were required to equip all forward facing seats with top tether straps beginning in September 1999. This action has also resulted in increased customer demand for the vehicle anchors.

Ford Motor Company was the first automaker to offer built-in tether anchors in the 1986 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable station wagons.

For the 2000 model year, nearly all Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars, as well as the Ford Windstar and Mercury Villager minivans and the Econoline van are equipped with top tether anchors.

In a related area, new federal regulations will require lower attachment hardware on all vehicles and child safety seats manufactured for the 2003 model year. This system, called LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children) uses rigid, metal-anchoring points in the vehicle seat bight (where the seat back and cushion meet). The child safety seat is connected directly to the metal anchor points in the rear seat of the vehicle. This system provides for a secure and easy installation of the child car seat.

Ford Motor Company is among the first automakers to produce vehicles with the lower anchors. They can be found in both the Ford Windstar minivan and Ford Focus.

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News from Ford Motor Company

Ford Motor Company To Buy Land Rover From BMW

DEARBORN, Mich., March 17, 2000 - Ford Motor Company announced today that it has reached a memorandum of understanding to buy Land Rover from the BMW Group. The transaction is subject to BMW and Ford reaching a definitive agreement, due diligence and regulatory approvals. If successful, the acquisition is expected to be completed in the second quarter.

The acquisition involves the entire Land Rover line of vehicles - Range Rover, Discovery, Freelander and Defender - including assembly and engineering facilities. It does not include Rover's passenger car business or any assumption of debt by Ford.

"Land Rover is a terrific global brand with a wonderful heritage," said Ford Motor Company President and Chief Executive Officer Jac Nasser. "It is our intention to leverage Land Rover to its fullest potential."

"The board is enthusiastic about this opportunity," said Ford Motor Company Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. "Land Rover is known throughout the world and fits perfectly into Ford's growing family of world-class brands."

"In the automotive market Land Rover is certainly one of the most famous and strongest brands in the world," said Joachim Milberg, chairman of the board of management of the BMW Group. "The decision to sell Land Rover was certainly not easy. But in the light of our new strategy, we welcome the approach of Ford."

The Land Rover business will become part of Ford's Premier Automotive Group, which includes the Lincoln, Volvo, Jaguar and Aston Martin brands. Land Rover sales for this year are projected at about 200,000 vehicles.

"Land Rover is consistent with the strategy of growing our global premier brands with vehicles that achieve high margins and are complementary with our present product range," Nasser said. "Land Rover is considered to be the 'Jaguar' of four-wheel-drive vehicles. It solidifies our market position and business strategy for this high-growth, lucrative segment."

BMW announced on Thursday that it is conducting negotiations to sell its Rover car business to Alchemy Partners, a private investment group.

Elected Club Officers

Thanks to all who came to December's meeting or mailed in their votes. Listed below are the Elected Club Officers for 2000-2001.

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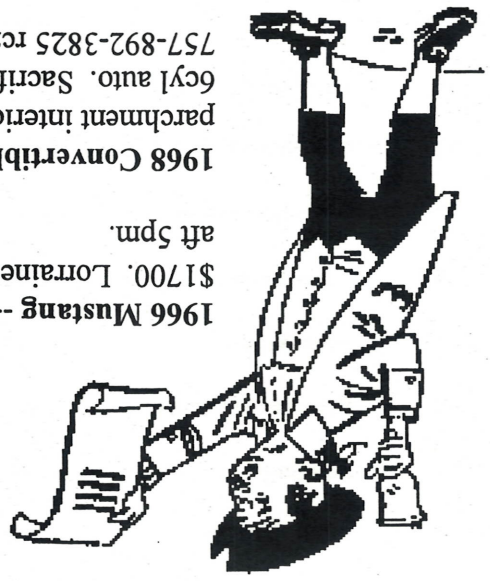
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 parchment interior white, power top,
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 757-892-3825 rczoom@aol.com

8 metal stanchions for car shows --
 used to rope off areas around display
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