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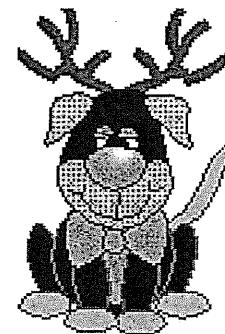
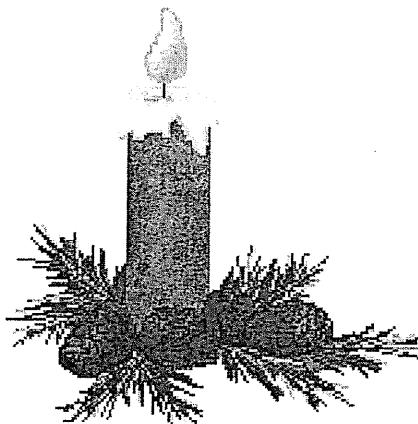
Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party is scheduled for December 1st at 7pm at the Kings Charter Clubhouse.

If you would like to take part in the gift exchange, please bring a \$15 gift. The CVMC will provide the main dishes and drinks, but members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Take 95 North to the Atlee Elmont exit and bear right onto Sliding Hill Rd. Go through the light (1/2 mile) at Atlee Station Road, past McDonalds, past banks and turn right into Kings Charter subdivision on Kings Charter Dr. The club house is about a 1/2 mile on the right.

Happy
Holidays



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 1	Holiday Party, King's Charter Club House
Dec 10	Chester Christmas Parade

Transition . . .

Unfortunately, this will be the last newsletter distributed by Richard Seweryniak as editor. Time contraints and increased workload at the office no longer permit the four plus hours each month needed to write, edit, compose, copy, fold, staple, address, stamp and mail the newsletters.

If you are interested in volunteering for this position and would like assistance, please contact me at mustang@developyour.com or by calling 804-273-0646. Thanks.



ENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB

NOVEMBER 1, 2000

President George Cosier called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Armitage, who owns an Edsel, was visiting the club meeting on the recommendation of Bob Oliver. Ian, who owns a slightly modified '94 GT, was also a guest. Ian is a "Cyberstanger" who routinely spends about 5 hours a day cruising the Internet for Mustang chat rooms. He urged us to visit www.stangtec.com. Sympathy is extended to David and Misty Perkins on the recent death of their infant son.

Treasurer Karen Lane presented the financial report. A beginning balance of \$2875.62 plus \$55.10 (car show drinks) plus \$86.00 (sponsorship & advertisements) plus \$24.50 (dues and membership fees) minus \$280.50 (newspaper advertisement) minus \$317.89 (postage & newsletter) minus \$30.75 (phone) for a final balance of \$2412.08. Debbie questioned the increase in the phone bill. Karen reported there was a collect call accepted at the hotline number. George will investigate.

George reported on the end of season car shows at All Ford Day at Willow Lawn, Gloucester Car & Craft Show, Fuqua Academy, and Varina. The next show will be the Asphalt Angels show in mid-February at the ShowPlace. Plan for snow. The leaf cruise had a very small group and were able to stop at antique shops along the way.

White Post Restoration in White Post, Virginia (near Winchester), is holding an open house on November 11. Our club has been invited to come as a group and have a personal tour, starting at 2:00 PM. We will meet at Starbucks at Willow Lawn at 8:30 AM to allow plenty of time for rest stops and a lunch break on the drive up there, which should take about 2½ hours.

The manager of the Virginia Motorsports Park in Dinwiddie has approached the Car Club Council proposing to host the largest car show on the East Coast, attracting vehicles from New York to Florida. He would invite every make and model, even airplanes. It was suggested that he promote the car show, not necessarily the track, but the track would be available for an additional charge. He needs 75 cars on the track to break even. All agreed that the Internet is the best way to get the word out. He would like to host the event in June, possibly of 2001. This is probably not enough time to organize for 2001. The recent SuperChevy show held at the track cost \$35 for participants to enter a vehicle, too much for most car show folks.

Llew reported the recent Harvest Parade was a great success. There were 7 club vehicles riding as a group, including Kendall Turner of Victory 7. We apparently had some "pull" with the organizers and were positioned 6A in the line-up. The weather was beautiful and there was a large crowd, probably larger than the St. Patrick's Day Parade crowd. The Ashland Parade is scheduled for November 19, stepping off at 2:30 PM. Debbie has taken care of registration. We will meet at the Southern States about noon. We need to be in position between 12:30 & 1:30 PM. Following the parade, we will eat dinner at The Smoky Pig. The Mechanicsville Parade is scheduled for December 3, and the Chester Parade is scheduled for December 10. Details to follow.

Adopt-A-Highway is scheduled for November 4. We will meet at the K-Mart in Midlothian at 9:30 AM. Lunch will follow at the Sycamore Pizza Hut. There will be a brief show meeting after lunch.

Donna Young reminds everyone about the upcoming Holiday Party, scheduled for December 1, at 7:00 PM. The event will be held again this year at the King's Charter Club House. A map and directions will be included in the December newsletter. The club will supply the main dishes and drinks, members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Members are asked to bring a gender gift valued at about \$15, if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Santa will be there, so please bring a gift for your child to open from Santa. Don Smith would prefer not to act as Santa again this year.

Joan & Brenda will make up the nominating committee again this year. The election will be held at the December meeting. There are 3 Director's positions available (Mike Young, Linda Cosier, and David Lythgoe). Paul Oliver has accepted a position in Atlanta, so we need to consider placing him as the National Director. The committee will call members to solicit nominees.

Brenda diagramed her recent accident on Route 29 north of Lynchburg. The take home lesson is to always wear your seatbelt.

The absence of the newsletter was discussed. George would like to see some changes after the first of the New Year. Ian questioned our lack of Internet presence. George reported that we are working with Hemmings Motorsports for a free site. The only stipulation is that there can be no advertisements for cars for sale.

Adjourned 8:35 PM.

SHOW MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2000

Judges sheets need to be sent out faster. Mike mistakenly took the sheets home from the show while Debbie had the envelopes addressed to recipients. We'll do better next year.

The plaques for concours cars haven't been sent out yet because Bob Albert has lost the list. He needs to reprint the list and get it to George. The Tuckers will work on a new computer program for next year. The Alberts are no longer club members and have no vested interest in maintaining the database.

There were several unclaimed door prizes. The blue door prize ticket in the goody bag was confusing. Next year, we'll use car numbers to call door prizes. This would give the participants fewer pieces of paper to have to keep up with and it would be easy enough to write car numbers on little tags to draw out of a bucket.

We need to maintain 4 lanes through registration. We need at least 2 cashiers to handle change. Perhaps everyone working registration could act as his or her own cashier. The cashier position was a bottleneck this year, no reflection on Susan. There were just too many vehicles coming through at the same time.

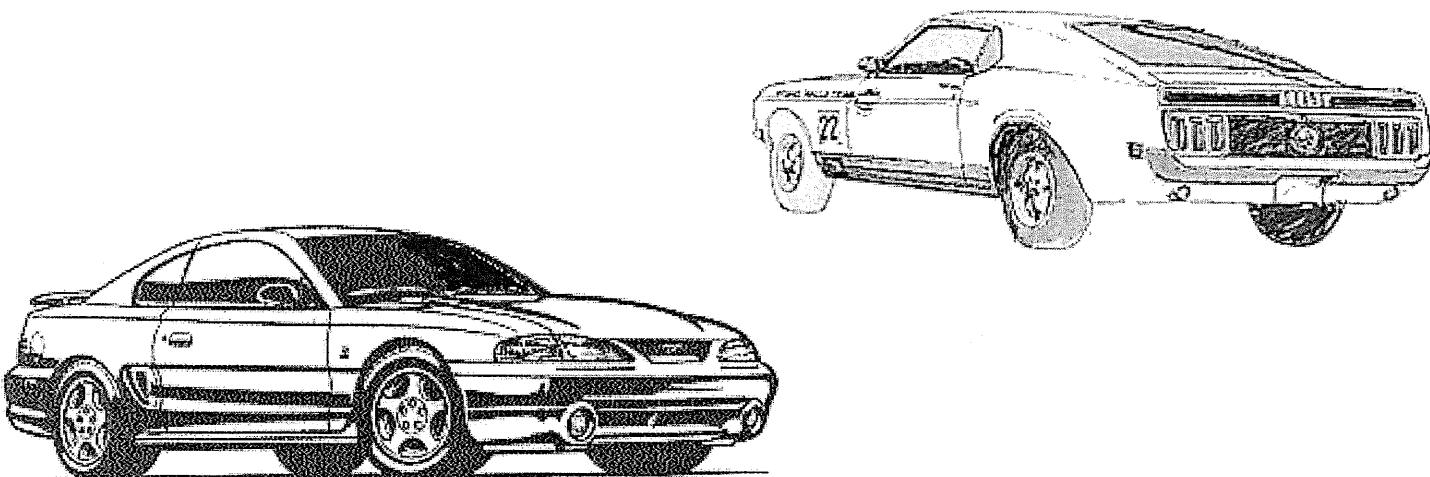
We will change the show hours listed on the show flyer to read 8:00 – 5:00. This should alleviate participant's frustration when awards aren't at 4:00. Registration time will be reduced to 8:00 – 11:00 in the show flyer. That will give the judges an extra hour to complete judging. Apparently many participants thought the advertised hours of 10:00 – 4:00 meant they couldn't arrive and set up until after 10:00. Awards will be at 5:00.

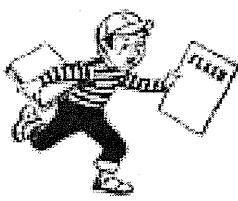
At noon, we will have a welcoming announcement that explains the day's activities, the contents of the goody bags, etc. Perhaps Mike Young could do this, as he is a good public speaker.

The 2 latest model years should be participant's choice, not judged. This year we had to judge these models due to a printing error. This will also help judging go faster, as there are many cars in this class.

We need more judges for judging to go faster. We have solicited aid from other clubs, but in general don't get much help. To help judging move a little quicker, put modified vehicles all together. It was suggested to number the car spaces on a master template and have the car parkers number a working list. We could number the spaces with chalk, but perhaps we would still be obligated to "wash" the numbers off of the pavement. This would present a numbered car in a numbered space, so no cars should be "lost". We can also have runners look for "lost" cars or have "lost" car owners paged.

Adjourned.





Ford Recalls More Than 432,000 Mustangs

DEARBORN, Mich. (Reuters) - Ford Motor Co. said that it would recall more than 432,000 1994-2001 Ford Mustangs with manual transmissions to fix a problem with the parking brake.

Ford, the world's second-largest automaker, said a misalignment in the parking brake could cause it to slip while engaged, potentially allowing the vehicle to move. Ford said it had no reports of any accidents, injuries or deaths because of the problem.

The Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker said that the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration had 300 reports of unintended vehicle movement, but Ford did not know if any of those were related to the misalignment in the parking brake.

Mustang owners will be notified by mail in November and December about the recall, Ford said.

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New Ford Web Site FordDirect Delayed Until Year End

DETROIT (Reuters) - Ford Motor Co. said that the launch of its new Web site, FordDirect.com, which will allow customers to configure, price, finance and buy a new Ford brand car or truck online, will be delayed until at least year end.

Ford spokesman Chris Vineyard said the delay is due to unspecified regulatory snags in California.

"We really want to make sure that we have all the regulatory concerns met before we do launch," Vineyard said.

Seventy-eight percent or 3,194 of Ford's Ford brand U.S. dealers have agreed to participate in FordDirect.com.

The No. 2 automaker, responding to the increasing use of the Internet in buying new cars, launched FordDirect.com on August 25 to give consumers a way to communicate with dealers directly online.

Ford said when it announced the Web site in August that it hoped to have FordDirect up and running in September.

Ford officials have said they will consider expanding FordDirect to other Ford brands -- including Lincoln, Mercury, Volvo, Jaguar, Land Rover and Aston Martin. Ford also has a controlling stake in Japan's Mazda Motor Corp.

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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.

President George Cosier

271-2139

1st Vice-President Mike Young

730-3993

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768-0342

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768-1209

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748-6889

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744-4587

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748-6014

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748-6889

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Llew Stakes

262-5789

Judging

Steve Shaver

768-1209

Refreshments

Herbert Hudson

748-6014

Parties & Picnics

Donna Young

730-3993

Scrapbook

Bonnie Fischer

276-3384

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Sonny Coble

282-4932

Kenny Fischer

743-1490

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262-2137

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321-5383

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740-2096

8 - 3.8 Ford Superchargers rebuildable cores - \$15 each

1 - 1.8 DOHC engine complete. Fits Escort GT.
Less than 1000 miles: \$250

Trucks and Expeditions: \$600 each
Less than 1000 miles on each. Fit 1997 small block F-Series

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Jim 323-0644

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power. 794-4223. Tom Eissig.

65 Convertible and 65 Fastback. Both 289

with AT, PS, Solid lifters. Convert has factory air, full

cam, solid lifters. Convert has 4 bbl,

65 Convertible. Original candy apple red,

complete. Have new and used body parts to

restoration complete; 302 V-8 4bl carb.

original invoice; approx. 50% ground up

finisih. Call Angelo at 804-746-5638

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