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A newsletter for the members of the Central Virginia Mustang Club, Inc.

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Corrosion, Possible Recall

The Center for Auto Safety has filed a class action lawsuit in California against Ford Motor Company regarding an alleged design defect in corrosion resistant parts, including brake rotors and subframes.

This may affect owners of older cars and owners who bought vehicles from states that contain high salt levels on the roads during winter months.

Many Ford Mustang, Thunderbird, Taurus, Escort, F series pickups, Ranger, and Bronco models built between 1983 and 1996 were listed in the class action suit and may be recalled per order by a California judge.

If recalled, up to 2 million vehicles may be affected, although the described problem may not be a factor for those living in areas with low salt content on roads.

Customers to Decide Tires in 2002

Customers will decide what types of tires they prefer on 2002 model year Ford Explorer and Mountaineer sport utility vehicles. The choice will, however, be limited to Bridgestone/Firestone and non-Bridgestone/Firestone brands. If the customer chooses the latter, then either Michelin or Goodyear will supply the tire.

Previously, Bridgestone/Firestone had been the sole tire supplier for Ford's line of sport utility vehicles.

Ford spokeswoman Della DiPietro explained, "the effect is to give the customer a choice. The customer will decide."

Ford spokesman Jon Harmon said that about 70% of 6.5 million recalled tires have been replaced already by both Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone.

The 2002 Explorer and Mountaineer with tire selection choice will be arriving in showrooms next year.

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 273-0646 or send an e-mail message to "mustang@developyour.com".

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB
OCTOBER 4, 2000

President George Cosier called the October meeting of the Central Virginia Mustang Club to order at 7:35 PM. There were two new members/guests present. George Johnson's wife is a salesman who met Llew and got information about the club. Don Riggins brought a '66 coupe to the car show. Several applications for club membership were received at the car show. George thanked everyone for the hard work. There were no complaints this year. Mike has just delivered to Debbie the judge's sheets, which she will mail out to everyone who requested them.

Fred Fann, President of the Car Club Council, spoke regarding the car show. He felt it was very successful. He put photos of the show on the CCC website (www.angelfire.com/va2/ccccva) and that particular week the website won an award for car club sites. He has been approached by Hemmings Motorsports regarding putting his website onto their site. Quite an honor. He has information about the All Ford Day (October 14 at Willow Lawn, awards at 3:00 PM) on the site and has on-line registration. About 50% of the pre-registered vehicles have registered on-line. He mentioned that George's photo was in the local Chester paper, with his wife's car.

Treasurer Karen Lane reported a beginning balance of \$1221.94 plus \$2176 (show registrations) plus \$1130 (sponsorship) plus \$136 (dues) plus \$509.5 (raffles) minus \$2028.87 (trophies) minus \$33 (postage) minus \$24.48 (phone) minus \$211.47 (ribbons & program printing) for a final balance of \$2875.62. For the car show itself, we had income of \$4117.50 and expenses of \$2988.55 for a final show profit total of \$1128.95. There were some trophies left over, so that will reduce some expenses for next year's show.

Adopt-A-Highway trash pickup will be November 4. We will meet at the Midlothian K-Mart at 9:30 AM. There will be a show meeting to do the post mortem for the car show immediately following trash collection at the Midlothian Pizza Hut.

Don suggested a letter of appreciation to the two Ford dealerships that gave us money and to the disc jockey, who donated his time. Lonnie suggested an "award" to show our appreciation to the Ford dealerships who donated money towards the trophies. Mike will have plaques printed to attach to the left over wooden bases.

The Virginia Blood Service set a goal of 25 units for our show. Nine people registered and 7 were able to donate blood. We "saved" 21 lives through our donations.

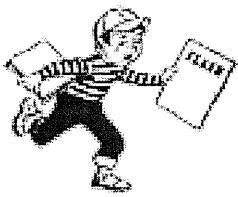
The car show season is winding down, however, parade season is getting into full swing. Mr. Dawson and Llew had information regarding the Autumn Harvest Parade scheduled for October 14. Anyone interested in participating needs to meet at Willow Lawn and drive to DMV as a group. Several club members will be driving their convertibles with dignitaries in the back. We are asked be in place by 5:30 PM. The Leaf Cruise will be held October 21. We will meet at Willow Lawn, near Starbucks, at 9:00 AM. Please pack a picnic lunch. Also on October 21, the Bon Air Village Festival in Midlothian is planned at 10:00 AM. The Ashland Christmas Parade is November 19 at 2:00 PM and the Chester Christmas Parade is scheduled for December 10, but Llew hasn't received entry information for either event yet.

While in Carlisle for the show and swap meet last weekend, George talked with Billy Thompson, who owns White Post Restorations in White Post, Virginia (near Winchester). White Post Restorations has the capability to restore any vehicle ever made. Vehicles must be at least 25 years old. Staff members spend the first 6 weeks researching the vehicle and have a custom machine shop to make any part necessary. On November 11, they will be hosting an open house. George was able to schedule our club for a tour at 2:00 PM. We will plan to meet at Willow Lawn and leave about 9:00 AM. We would like to have a group of about 25 club members and guests. It was suggested that perhaps we could invite the Victory 7 club to accompany us. The cruise to Norfolk originally scheduled for November 18 (the next weekend) will be rescheduled, possibly in the spring.

Don't forget the Holiday Party scheduled for Friday, December 1 at 7:00 PM at the King's Charter Club House. Santa will be there, so please bring a "Santa gift" for your child/children and a gender gift to exchange. And don't forget to pick up items for the Toys For Tots campaign..

Technical question: Mike is looking for the formula for maximum cooling. Apparently a 50/50 coolant to water ratio has the greatest efficiency. Installing an auxiliary fan was also suggested to aid in cooling, especially during parades. George has installed one on Linda's car, which is easy to remove for car shows.

Adjourned 8:40 PM.



Buy a Ford Vehicle Online with FordDirect.com

DEARBORN, Mich., Aug. 25, 2000 -- The Ford Dealer Council, with 4,200 dealer-members across the U.S., announced today the formation of an Internet-based enterprise, FordDirect.com, that will offer services to customers who want to purchase Ford brand cars and trucks online.

FordDirect's website will allow customers to configure, select, price, finance and initiate the purchase and schedule the delivery of a new car or truck from participating Ford dealers all online within minutes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The transaction will be completed by a local Ford dealer chosen by the customer, who can provide the necessary off-line support both during and after the sale. FordDirect.com will offer the largest representation of Ford Division dealers available online.

The new commercial enterprise will be jointly owned and supported by participating Ford Division dealers and Ford Motor Company with an independent management team appointed by the venture's board of directors. Trilogy Software of Austin, Texas, has been selected by FordDirect to provide the technology to create a new e-commerce platform to transform the consumer buying experience.

"This is an unprecedented partnership between an automotive dealer body and a manufacturer," said Jerry Reynolds, chairman of the national Ford Dealer Council.

"No other automaker can claim this level of cooperation with their dealers. We are breaking through the channel conflict that is sometimes caused by the Internet and giving our customers a great new experience," Reynolds said.

Reynolds continued: "Consumers have sent a clear message. The Internet has become a major force in buying new cars and trucks and in the ownership experience that follows. Now, we have responded. FordDirect will address the selection and service shortcomings of today's existing online auto sites by bringing superior geographic coverage, accurate information, and the broadest range of services directly to consumers at the point-of-sale. We combine the off-line strengths of Ford and the dealer body with the convenience of the Internet to create the ultimate 'clicks and bricks' customer experience."

"This is a breakthrough," said Jim O'Connor, Ford Motor Company vice president, and president, Ford Division. "Earlier this year, our dealers came to us with a proposal to join forces and invest with us to build the biggest and best online direct purchase website," O'Connor said. "We're excited about it. FordDirect is a cooperative effort between us and our dealers. But the real winners are our customers. They can now buy a new car or truck online with confidence and peace of mind, knowing that the entire experience is backed by Ford and our dealer partners."

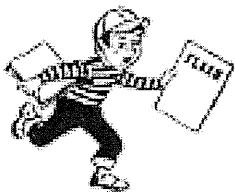
The FordDirect management team will combine talent from the Ford Division dealer body with Ford Motor Company personnel and the best e-commerce talent available.

Ford Motor Company will be an investor, but Ford Division dealers will retain control of the new entity. While the dealers' participation in the venture is voluntary, the initial reaction from them has been enthusiastic, and the vast majority is expected to join. Specific percentages and other terms of the investment are not disclosed.

FordDirect will enable consumers to select specific cars or trucks with the desired equipment, color and trim from inventories available at their preferred dealers. A special FordDirect e-price will reflect the maximum price a dealer may charge a consumer using FordDirect for a vehicle configured by the consumer.

FordDirect is expected to be fully operational in September in California and will expand across the U.S. with full implementation throughout the country expected next year.

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Product History of the Mustang

Few cars in American history have inspired the kind of loyalty shown the Ford Mustang.

Mustang mania swept the country when Ford's fabled pony car was introduced on April 17, 1964. Dealers took an impressive 22,000 orders that day. Enthusiasm ran so high that in Garland, Texas, the winner among 15 bidders for a Mustang insisted on sleeping overnight in the car until his check cleared the next day.

An instant legend, Mustang posted world record sales of more than 418,000 in its first year on the market, more than quadrupling the 100,000 sales expected.

Conceived as a "working man's Thunderbird," the first Mustangs were available as hardtops and convertibles. Based on a Falcon chassis, Mustang had a 108-inch wheelbase and an overall length of 181.6 inches. Engine choices ranged from the standard 170-cubic-inch 101-horsepower six-cylinder to a high-performance 289-cubic-inch V-8 rated at 271 horsepower. The hardtop's base price was an affordable \$2,368.

Within three years, almost 500 Mustang enthusiast clubs formed.

Nearly 1.3 million Mustangs had been sold by 1967, when a new Mustang body that borrowed heavily from the original was introduced. While annual production dropped, Mustang still claimed 6.2 percent of the U.S. automotive market and 42.5 percent of the pony car market.

For 1968, Mustang expanded its engine options to six. Even so, production fell to 317,404 units.

The 1969 model year brought a new body and two new models: the Grande, an upscale hardtop with vinyl roof and luxurious interior; and Mach 1, a fastback variation. Eight of every 10 Mustangs had V-8 engines and seven of 10 had automatic transmissions. But while Ford offered many popular options, including power disc brakes and power steering, production dropped again.

A restyled Mustang with a new front end and flatter roof that made the car seem lower debuted in 1971. The standard engine was a six-cylinder 250-cubic-inch with 145-horsepower. The Boss 302 became Boss 351 due to its new 351-cubic-inch 330-horsepower engine.

By 1973 - with 10 model years behind it - Mustang had sold nearly 3 million vehicles.

The latest generation of Mustangs arrived in 1994, updated but with many familiar styling cues. The classic long hood and short deck silhouette, sculptured side scoops and galloping chrome pony on the grille evoked the original, but with a contemporary interpretation.

For the 1999 model year - the 35th anniversary - all cars marked the occasion with a special anniversary tricolor-bar emblem on the front fenders.

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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	Newsletter Editor	Richard Seweryniak	273-0646
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Items For Sale

A circular postmark from Richmond, Virginia, dated October 2003, with the time PM.

A black and white illustration of a man in a top hat and a patterned coat, depicted upside down. He is holding a bottle in his right hand and a long scroll or piece of paper in his left hand. The scroll has some horizontal lines on it.

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