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## **Springtime Yellow Original The Barrett's '68 Mustang Story**

*by Dave Barrett*

It was my senior year of high school in 1964 - 1965. One of my classmates, Dave Hunter, came to school one day that school year in a 1964½ Mustang convertible that his dad had just purchased for the family's second car. Would you believe Phoenician Yellow exterior with a white convertible top, 289 four barrel and C4 transmission? Around that time I was made aware of the fact that Dave's younger sister, Mary Hunter, wanted me to ask her for a date. Since Mary was not sixteen yet, I could not ask her until after her birthday in late January of 1965. Over the next few months we occasionally got to use the car for dates but it was difficult getting the car when Dave Hunter did not already have plans for its use. Then it was off to college for both Dave Hunter and Dave Barrett. Yes, Mary had the Mustang all to herself.



Fast forward to late summer of 1968, Mary and I were married. Since we did not have a car for Mary to get to work, her dad graciously offered the use of the Mustang. My admiration for Mustang was beginning. This arrangement lasted for a couple of years until the high maintenance cost of the Mustang, on our tight budget, necessitated more reliable transportation for Mary to get to work. We returned the car to her father who planned to give the car to his stepson as a means of transportation to high school. By now it is 1971 or 72 and babies are on the way. About that time we received a telephone call from Mary's dad

telling us that the stepson ran a stop sign and was tee-boned. The stepson was okay but the Mustang was terminal. If I only knew then what I know today, I could have had my father-in-law keep the 1964½ Mustang in his garage for my later acquisition and restoration. Oh well, hindsight is 20/20.

Fast forward to 1994 when we were finally able to afford a muscle car of our own. It was off to the Ford dealership to look at the new model Mustang. Would you believe I settled for a Camaro Z28 because it was \$6,000 cheaper than the Mustang. Then the trading up began: in 1998 a Corvette and again in 2003. I was becoming weary of the sameness of the purchases and the empty feeling after about 6 months. Why wasn't I satisfied? Was it a blind pursuit of nostalgic memories with wrong choices that left me empty. I decided that I needed to begin a search for a vintage Mustang. In 2003 Mary accepted a job in Charlotte. Not too long after arriving a fellow employee, Woody, and Kevin Yeargin put me onto a 1968 Mustang for sale.

I purchased the car in 2006. As you can see, it is a beautiful coupe, Springtime Yellow exterior, with a 289 two barrel and C4 transmission. Of the many awards the car has received, I am most proud of the Bob Laidlein Award [*the late AACA judge—Ed.*] for Most Original at the 2011 Spring Auto-Fair. Since that award, the car has received period correct new seats and styled wheels.

I guess you could call this Mary and Dave Barrett's anniversary car.

— C R M C —

### President's Corner

by Mark Young

Hey Folks,

Once again we rang in the New Year with quite a bang! The new Officers and Board Members were introduced and we had several new people visit and joining before the end of the evening.

Our first Guest Speaker for 2014 was none other than renowned Author and Certified Car Geek...Tom Cotter. He was very interesting and never missed a beat with one entertaining story after another. Thanks to Carol for another Home Run on the monthly Featured Guest!

Our Bank Account looks pretty healthy and membership is still about 170 primary and 400 total which is excellent in my book.

It was great to see some old friends that hadn't been to a meeting in a while, which is always great to visit and catch up. A very special club member, Serviceman Juan Davis, came to visit the January meeting all the way from Afghanistan! Juan has been on deployment the last several years and just got back before Christmas to be with his family and Mustang Collection! It's great to have him back in one piece and eager to start the next chapter in his life. Mustangs are his passion and CRMC is very fortunate to have someone like Juan, who has given so much, so we can have the freedoms and share in his passion 24-7. Thank you Juan for all that you've done and continue to do on a daily basis...on behalf of the Carolina Regional Mustang Club and all of its 400 members!!

I'll lastly get on my soap box real quick and request some newsletter articles from everyone. As I said in the meetings, everyone has a Mustang Story to tell. Jot it down in an email and send it to myself or Don Stewart for publishing content. This lets the general membership get to know you on a little more person-

al level and triggers other people to do the same.

Keep up the enthusiasm in these off months because before we know it, Cruise-In and Show Season will be quickly upon us.

Hope to see everyone next month, Tuesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, for our next monthly meeting!

— C R M C —

### Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Progress Report

by Mark Young

Here's a Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> update after meetings on Thursday 1/16 at the Captains Galley and Sunday 1/19 out at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

We've about got all our Chairman/Coordinator positions filled which was a short term goal by the end of January.

We had about 25 people at Thursday's meeting to address the overall event and CRMC's responsibilities moving forward. Sunday there were 10 in attendance and detailed parking coordination for the M.O.R.E area as well as inside the track and staging were discussed first hand on site.

The Mayhem Mustang Club, led by Jeremy Marler, has volunteered to run the zMAX Drag event under Tom Hennig's direction. This will coincide with the Open Track Event on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 4/17-4/19. Tom said that Friday was already SOLD OUT and the other two days are 50% or better. So if you have any inkling to participate in this, you better hurry as this time next month will most certainly be too late.

Mike and Lorie Williams are well on their way to planning the perfect Cruise-In to Kannapolis with the help from the CCVB (*Cabarrus County Visitor's Bureau—Ed.*) and the town directors. More details will be published next month once a few more loose ends are tied up. Participation will be in the 500-800 Mustang range and will be Friday evening of the event. I hope most attending CRMC members will participate in this event and volunteer to assist Mike and Lorie that evening during the Cruise-In.

Dave Barrett along with Tim Croswhite and Ed Kale are heading up the Captain's Choice Golf Tournament at Rocky River Golf Course behind the Embassy Suites. If you're a golfer of any level, you'll want to participate in this special event taking place on Friday 4/18.

Dave Goff is organizing the CRMC club parking for the M.O.R.E. effort for organized group parking. We need 75 CRMC members there to park each day Thursday through Saturday. So look for additional information on this and how to get signed up. Dave Goff will need numerous assistants and volunteers to help with organizing as well as manning the Club Tent each day.

Lastly, I hope that every CRMC member will be registered for this 50<sup>th</sup> event before the cutoff in March. I also hope that everyone will offer to assist in some capacity at least once during the event by doing a 4-hour shift under one of the many Chair People or Coordinators CRMC has to offer.

As always, feel free to contact me direct with any questions or concerns and I'll do my best to address them or put you in contact with someone who can.

As an FYI, we'll be having another meeting later this month on Thursday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at the Captains Galley at 6:30-9:00 pm, 6:00 pm if you want to have dinner.

Steve Hall, Joe Grace, and Steve Prewitt (MCA Nat'l President), will be in attendance to go over the next planning stages.

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## Afterlife for Worn-Out Tires

by Don Stewart

When it's time to put new sneakers on your pony, where do the old sneakers go? Did you ever wonder?

You use up all of the "good" out of your tires in a variety of ways: old age; high miles; aggressive driving; burnouts; track time; drag strip passes; hot laps on Tail of the Dragon; a fast run up The Snake from Mountain City, TN to Bristol, TN; or (*fill in the blank*). Sooner or later, they've served their purpose. So off you go to your tire store and drive out with a nice new set. But what about the old ones you left behind? What happens to them?

Sure some wind up in a giant pile that just sits there or catches fire and burns forever. But more and more those old carcasses are recycled into a variety of useful products, an afterlife that not only helps mitigate the disposal problem but serves to benefit all of us. It's a good thing too because some 200 million worn out tires are replaced each year and about 15 million more join the party from scrapped cars (numbers from: *Car and Driver* magazine, January 2014).

OK, what useful products do we get from these tires? How about this one: the cushioning under artificial turf? Your favorite NFL team may be playing on a cushion made partially from old tires, your tires and a few thousand others. Or how about black landscaping mulch, a sustainable fuel source for power plants and manufacturing sites, one of the raw materials for acoustic mats, athletic track surfaces, aggregate for drain fields, and many more?

One of the premier tire recyclers is Liberty Tire Recycling in Pittsburgh, PA. where 140 million tires are processed each year. Liberty collects the tires from disposal sites, runs them through shredding machines that make ¾ - inch chunks, blow away and collect the fabric cord pieces released during shredding, separate the bead-reinforcement wire with magnets, and finally reduce the rubber chunks to various smaller sizes, some as fine as talcum powder. The fabric cord can be used as fuel and the reinforcing wire is sold as scrap metal.

So feel good about using up your tires because in their afterlife, they make a great raw material for so many other things.

## Forth Generation Mustang

contributed by Mike Williams

source: Ford Motor Company

[Last month, Mike contributed an article about the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Fox Body ponies. This month, his article is about the 4<sup>th</sup> generation SN-95 Fox4 Mustangs. Be sure to follow his series next month too, as we head toward the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. I'm sure he'll tell us about generation five, just a few weeks before the big party.—Ed.]

**1994 Mustang:** Not only did 1994 mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ford Mustang; it also ushered in the fourth generation of the car. The '94 Mustang was built on a new SN-95/Fox4 Platform. Of the vehicle's 1,850 parts, Ford reported that 1,330 had changed. The new Mustang looked different, and it drove differently as well. Structurally, it was engineered to be stiffer. Ford offered two engine options, the 3.8L V-6 engine and the 5.0L V-8 engine. Later in the year Ford released the redesigned SVT Mustang Cobra, which sported a 5.0L V-8 engine capable of generating 240 hp. The vehicle was featured as the official Indianapolis 500 pace car for the third time in history. Coupe and convertible models continued to be available options, while the hatchback body style was dropped from the Mustang lineup.

**1995 Mustang:** This was the last year Ford used the 5.0L V-8 in the Mustang. In future models, Ford incorporated a 4.6L engine. In 1995, Ford released a stripped down version of the GT Mustang, named the GTS. It featured all the performance parts of the GT without the flashy styling accessories such as fog lights, leather seating, and power doors and windows.

**1996 Mustang:** For the first time in history, Mustang GTs and Cobras were equipped with a 4.6L modular V-8 engine instead of the long used 5.0L V-8. The Cobra version featured a 4.6L dual-overhead cam (DOHC) aluminum V-8, which produced approximately 305 hp. The GTS Mustang remained in the lineup, although the model name changed from GTS to 248A.

**1997 Mustang:** Ford's Passive Anti-Theft System (PATS) became a standard feature on all Mustangs. The system was designed to protect against drive away theft through the use of an electronically coded ignition key.

**1998 Mustang:** Although there were very few changes to the Mustang in 1998, the GT version received a power upgrade as the 4.6L V-8 engine increased to 225 hp. Ford also offered a 'Sports' package in '98, featuring black racing stripes. This was the last year for the round-body Mustang. Although the SN-95 Platform would continue to be used, the overall body style of the Mustang would change the following year.

**1999 Mustang:** Many people mistake the 1999 model lineup as the launch of a new generation Mustang. Although the body style changed significantly, the Mustang was still based on the SN-95 Platform. The redesigned "New Edge" Mustang, which coincided with the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mustang, featured sharp design lines and an aggressive stance in addition to a new grille, hood, and lamps. Both engines received power upgrades. The 3.8L V-6 increased in horsepower to 190 hp, while the 4.6L DOHC V-8 was capable of producing 320 hp (*in the Cobra—Ed.*).

**2000 Mustang:** Ford released the third version of the SVT Mustang Cobra R. In all, only 300 units were produced. This street legal Mustang featured a 385 hp, 5.4L DOHC V-8 engine. It was also the first Mustang to ever feature a six-speed manual transmission.

**2001 Mustang:** Ford released the special-edition Mustang Bullitt GT in 2001. The car was based on the 1968 Mustang GT-390 driven by Steve McQueen in the movie "Bullitt". In all, 5,582 units were produced. Enthusiasts placed their orders for this vehicle long before they became available to dealerships. Those who waited until the model-year launch had a difficult time locating the Bullitt GT. The vehicle was offered in Dark Highland Green, Black, and True Blue. It featured a lowered suspension, a brushed-aluminum gas cap, and a "Bullitt" badge on the rear panel.

**2002 Mustang:** There was no doubting it; the rising popularity of SUVs had resulted in fewer sales of American sports cars. In 2002, the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird both ended production of their sports cars. The Ford Mustang was the sole survivor.

**2003 Mustang:** The Mustang Mach 1 returned to the Mustang lineup in 2003. It featured a ram-air "Shaker" hood scoop and a V-8 engine capable of producing 305 hp. Meanwhile, Ford released a SVT Mustang Cobra that featured an Eaton supercharger for its 4.6L V-8 engine. Horsepower was upped to 390, which resulted in the fastest production Mustang at that time. Many enthusiasts note that Ford's Cobra horsepower figure is inaccurate. It's been widely reported that many stock Cobras were capable of outputting between 410 and 420 hp.

**2004 Mustang:** Ford produced its 300 millionth car – a 2004 Mustang GT convertible 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition. In honor of this milestone, the company offered an Anniversary package which was available on all V-6 and GT models. The package featured a Crimson Red exterior with Arizona Beige Metallic racing stripes on the hood. Unfortunately, this was the last year the Mustang was produced at Ford's Dearborn Assembly Plant. It was reported that 6.7 million of the 8.3 million total Mustangs ever produced, at the time, were produced at Dearborn Assembly.

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## And the First S-550 Mustang Goes To . . .

*contributed by Mike Williams*

*source: CarScoops*

*editorial comments & updates throughout by: Don Stewart*

Ford announced that the first retail unit of the all new 2015 Mustang would be sold with no reserve at Barrett-Jackson's auction in Scottsdale, Arizona, on January 18, 2014 with all proceeds benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), a global organization funding juvenile type 1 diabetes research.

Although the name of the winning bidder was not announced, the pre-production Deep Impact Blue Fastback Mustang GT, serving as a proxy for the auction and designated as Barrett-Jackson Lot No. 3010, sold for an even \$300,000. It was ham-



mered by young diabetic "Nate" at 7:37 PM MST following introductory comments by JDRF incoming chair John Brady and Ford Group Vice President, Global Product Development, Raj Nair.



The new owner will choose a manual or automatic transmission as well as any interior, exterior, and stripe color combinations offered. His GT will be powered by the 5.0-liter Coyote V8 producing [more than] 420 horsepower and 390 lb-ft (528 Nm) of torque. In appreciation of the donation to JDRF, the team involved in Mustang design and development will sign the car. It's scheduled for delivery after production of the new model year begins [late fall of 2014 — Ed.].

"We're thrilled to be able to take advantage of Mustang's popularity to help achieve the dream of ending Juvenile Diabetes," said Steve Ling, North America Car Marketing Manager for Ford.

"Ford Mustangs have always been among the most popular collector cars at Barrett-Jackson Collector Car events," said Steve Davis, president of Barrett-Jackson Auction Company. "While every collector wishes they had snapped up the first Mustang sold in 1964, this is an opportunity to realize that dream in a different way," he added.

Each 2015 model will celebrate 50 years of the Mustang with a [dash mounted] badge showing the galloping pony logo and the words, "Mustang Since 1964." [See an interior picture in the January issue of **Pony Express** and another picture on the last page of this issue — Ed.]

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## 25 Most Famous Movie & TV Mustangs

*contributed by Mike Williams*

*source: ComplexRides*

25. **Fear** 1966 Convertible with William Peterson
24. **Gone In Sixty Seconds** 1971 Modified Sports-roof with H.B. "Toby" Halicki
23. **The Princess Diaries** 1966 Convertible with Anne Hathaway
22. **Lock Up** 1965 Coupe with Sylvester Stallone
21. **2 Fast 2 Furious** 2003 Saleen S281SC with unknown actor
20. **Hollywood Homicide** 2003 Saleen S281SC with Harrison Ford
19. **Crash and Burn** 2006 Shelby GT-H with Kevin Hawkins
18. **I Am Legend** 2007 Shelby GT500 with Will Smith
17. **Transformers** 2007 Saleen S281 Extreme with Jess Harnell

16. **The Fast and Furious 3** Tokyo Drift 1967 Fastback with Lucas Black
15. **Death Race** 2008 Mustang GT "Frankenstein's Monster" with Jason Statham
14. **Starman** 1977 Cobra II with Jeff Bridges
13. **Charlie's Angels** (ABC TV Series 1976) 1976 Cobra II with Farrah Fawcett
12. **Fastane** 1968 "Bullitt" Replica with Tiffani Thiessen
11. **Diamonds Are Forever** 1971 Mach 1 with Sean Connery
10. **Team Knight Rider** 1997 SVT Cobra "Domino" with Christine Steel
9. **Back To The Future II** "2015" Fox Body with Michael J Fox
8. **War Of The Worlds** 1966 Shelby GT350 with Tom Cruise
7. **Knight Rider** 2008 Shelby GT500KR "Kitt" with Justin Bruening
6. **Goldfinger** 1964½ Convertible and Fastback with Gert Frobe
5. **Le Gendarme de Saint-Tropez** 1964½ Convertible with Nicole Curchot
4. **Bull Durham** 1968 Shelby GT350 with Kevin Costner
3. **The Thomas Crown Affair** 1968 Shelby GT350 with Pierce Brosnan
2. **Gone In Sixty Seconds (2000)** 1967 Shelby GT "Eleanor" with Nicolas Cage
1. **Bullitt** 1968 390GT Fastback with Steve McQueen

Honorable Mention: **Batman Comic Book** - 1973  
**Death Race** - 2008  
**Gone In Sixty Seconds** - 1974  
**Marriage On The Rocks** - 1965  
**Reno 911** - 2007  
**Murphy's Romance** - 1985  
**Smokey And The Bandit** - 1977  
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## Cars for 2014 Spring AutoFair

*by Woody Woodruff*

The new year is upon us and that means it's time for us and the Charlotte Motor Speedway staff to think about the 50<sup>th</sup> Mustang display at April 2014 Spring AutoFair. As most of you know, Dave Barrett helped the Speedway put together a great display of Corvettes in September for Fall AutoFair; we want to do the same with the Mustangs at the spring meet in 2014.

Cars should be top quality and in running order:

1. Please send me any ideas you have, one car or a list of 30. The display will most likely be 25 to 30 cars.
2. Anything goes. I would like to see pre production models, early 64½ cars, Shelby GT 350 R model, H/M AFX car, Boss 302/429, Boss 351, SVT, etc., etc.
3. The closer the car the better chance of putting it on display. Sometimes the Speedway can have a couple of cars shipped in, but it's a lot easier to have them driven by their owner.
4. As I receive ideas, I pass them on to the Speedway staff. They in turn will contact the owner directly and arrange for insurance and other paperwork required.
5. Around the clock security is provided by CMS and the cars are in a locked garage at night.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Contact me at: [thewoodman1@msn.com](mailto:thewoodman1@msn.com)

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## Straight Gas Update

*by Don Stewart*

*suggested by Woody Woodruff*

The straight gasoline locations identified so far are listed in the table below. Woody Woodruff suggested publishing these locations back in November 2013. He had found one and I knew of another one. So we started with those two but now we have four, thanks to two more added by Ed Cronk. If you see a station with straight gas (gasoline with no ethanol), send the information to me and I'll add it's location to the table. You can email me at:

[newsletter@ponytales.org](mailto:newsletter@ponytales.org)

### Stations Selling Straight Gas

Brand	Location	Octane	Price
Shell	Old Monroe Rd at Potter Rd Stallings, NC	89	\$3.699
Exxon	Johnston Rd at McMullen Creek Pkwy Charlotte, NC	93	\$4.029
BP	Idlewild Rd at Mill Grove Rd Hemby Bridge, NC	87	\$3.559
Shell	Idlewild Rd at Mill Grove Rd Hemby Bridge, NC	87	\$3.599

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## Speakers at Monthly Meetings

*by Don Stewart*

Several years ago, we usually had a speaker at our monthly meetings. And then we went through a period when they were few and far between. Well, now they're back. Vice President, Carol Barker, has seen to that. If you haven't been coming to meetings, you're missing some great entertainment and great information.

In January, the speaker was Tom Cotter whose dry wit and total obsession with the car hobby kept us enthralled for about 30 minutes. Lest you confuse him with Tom Cotter the comedian, our speaker was Tom Cotter, renowned author and self-described Certified Car Geek. He has authored or co-authored several automotive books, including *Rockin' Garages: Collecting, Racing and Riding with Rock's Greatest Gearheads*. (MBI Publishing Company 11/19/2012) and his famous collection of "Barn Find" books. Plus he's known for the AutoBarn climate controlled automotive storage facility in Concord, NC.

Carol told us at the January meeting that Winston Kelly, the executive director of the **NASCAR Hall of Fame**, will speak in February so put February 4<sup>th</sup> on your calendar—7:30 PM at the Matthews Captain's Galley. Carol also said that if anyone has suggestions for a speaker, let her know by email at:

[carol.barker@suntrust.com](mailto:carol.barker@suntrust.com)

## Happy Birthday

from Robin Endsley

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to everyone with a February 2014 birthday. When this issue of *Pony Express* went to press, 26 people appeared in the birthday database for the month of February. Come to the meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> to enjoy a birthday dessert from CRMC:

Courtney Fesler	2/1	Jeffrey Lance	2/1
Abby Schrader	2/1	Kitsie Goers	2/3
Luke Schrader	2/7	Debbie Hinson	2/9
Robin Barnes	2/10	Harry McPherson	2/10
Marilyn Michue	2/10	Brittany Rush	2/10
Charlie Barnes	2/11	Ken Cooley	2/12
Lorie Williams	2/12	Julie Hunter	2/13
Rufus Ivie	2/13	Caroline Hohensee	2/15
Barry Stone	2/15	Richard Fekete	2/17
Nita Plummer	2/17	Tammy Pope	2/20
Ethan Edberg	2/23	Ken Thompkins	2/23
Ray Michue	2/25	Bobby O. Cullen	2/27
Dave Dove	2/27	Audrey Burbach	2/28

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## Membership Update

by Paul Watson

At this writing, CRMC membership is 171 households in good standing. When all family members are counted, we have a total of 384 members.

We welcome 2 new members (joint) this month:

Dennis (Jr) and Keli Hurley  
Paul and Janet Towle.

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## Short Takes from the Editor

by Don Stewart

### More 2015 Mustang Pictures

Pictures of the S-550 Mustang are simply gorgeous, in my opinion. Or quoting from February *Car and Driver*, "It's as if designers for one of the world's sportiest cars finally looked up the word 'sleek' in the dictionary." So at the end of this newsletter you'll find more pictures to supplement those printed in January's issue. I don't know if it's possible but I've heard that the car looks even better in person. I only hope the driving dynamics are as good as the design. I'm betting they are!

The pictures came from an online *Motor Trend* article. View all 65 pictures and the article at:

[http://www.motortrend.com/roadtests/coupes/1312\\_2015\\_ford\\_mustang\\_first\\_look/](http://www.motortrend.com/roadtests/coupes/1312_2015_ford_mustang_first_look/)

For more pictures and, MORE IMPORTANTLY, **THREE PAGES OF SPECS**, MCA members should check out their January 2014 issue of *Mustang Times*. Just flip over to page 30 of the club magazine. That's where the article begins.

### Thank You, Dave & Mary Barrett

Our Pony of the Month contributors for February were Dave and Mary Barrett, as you saw on the front page. I can't tell you how much I appreciate their participation in this traditional lead article for the newsletter. Again, thank you, guys.

### No More POTM Articles in the Library

Pony of the Month (POTM) from the Barretts was the only one in the library. There are no more! The 2015 Mustang reveal

saved us last month, Dave and Mary saved us this month, but without your help, it's back to ponies talking to each other over the corral fence in the upcoming months. Please send me your pictures and articles so we can continue the monthly tradition. Submit them to:

[newsletter@ponytales.org](mailto:newsletter@ponytales.org)

### MOCSEM & Ford Rumored to be Working on 50<sup>th</sup> Party

Last month I said there was a rumor about Ford and MOCSEM collaborating on a 50<sup>th</sup> Mustang Celebration at Ford World Headquarters (WHQ) in Dearborn. But rumors are just that . . . rumors. And this one has changed. The new version is that Ford will support the 2014 Mustang Owners Club of South-eastern Michigan Show, at WHQ in August, but not as an active participant. This is said to be the case because Ford recently announced active participation in the MCA 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations at Charlotte and Las Vegas.

Nevertheless, with a venue like WHQ and a history of drawing a huge number of cars (*1020 last year — Ed.*), MOCSEM should still have a great regional show to celebrate Mustang's golden anniversary.

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## North American MotorSports Expo™

by Tom Hennig

At the request of the organizers of the North American Motor-sports Expo (MSX) held in conjunction with the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) national convention, CRMC will be a charter MSX Club Partner and have a booth in the inaugural event on March 7-9, 2014. We will be listed as a supporting sponsor on all of the promotional materials, printed and on the web.

The MSX Expo is taking place in the Charlotte Convention Center on Friday evening from 6 – 7:30 PM, Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM, and Sunday 10 AM – 3 PM. The CRMC exhibit hall booth will be a complimentary 10x10 space and include 3 complimentary exhibitor passes, so those working the booth get in for free. We have also arranged for a discount of **50% off of the expo fee of \$10.00** for club members not working the booth. The registration process is easy:

1. Go to [www.msxexpo.com/register](http://www.msxexpo.com/register)
2. Complete the name, address section
3. Enter the discount code in the box labeled Discount Code
4. The code is **CRMCE**
5. The discount price will appear on the payment page, not when you choose the registration type.

The event brochure provides all the details about the Expo. It can be accessed online at:

<http://www.msxexpo.com/>

Check out the speaker list in the brochure and note that we are in the list of world class exhibitors on page 2.

This is a great opportunity to interact with folks from the national motor sports community and to learn from some of the best drivers and engineers. As a club, we will have a chance to advertise CRMC and recruit members, publicize the 50<sup>th</sup>, and pitch our driving school to be held in October.

We need a few more volunteers to help staff the booth on Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday from 10-3. If you are interested, please send an email to Tom Hennig at either one of the following addresses:

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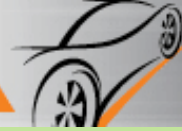
This is a great opportunity for all of you, including our track rats, to see firsthand how big this sport is. So mark your 2014 calendar and reserve March 7-9 for the MSX.



REGISTER TODAY!  
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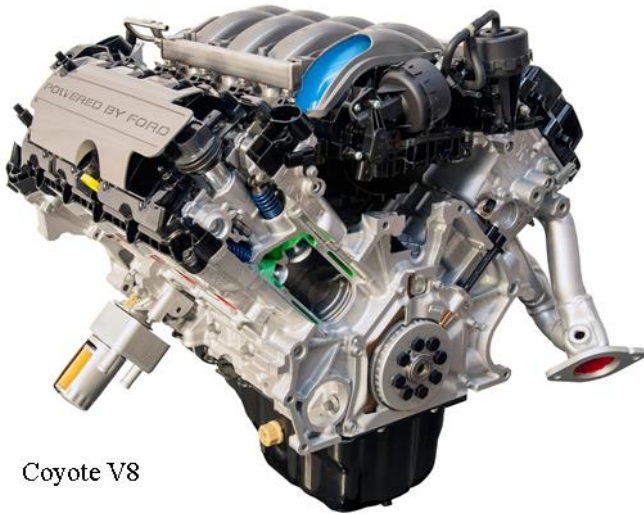


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