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## Ponies from All Corners of the Country

by Don Stewart

Here's a question for you: What's the primary reason you own a Mustang? Each of us has an answer and when we look at those answers, they'll vary all over the map. Some will say a Mustang is for shows or cruise-ins; some are convinced it's only for sunny-day drives when there's absolutely no chance of rain; some just enjoy looking at it in a collection, never to be driven at all; some can't wait to modify it to their personal taste, and so on. On the performance side of the question, owner's thrive on using their Mustangs for controlled-environment events like the CRMC Performance Driving School, drag racing, open track, autocross, drifting, road racing, or \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank). But regardless of your favorite ownership subset, the vast majority of owners will agree that Mustangs are meant to be DRIVEN. And they enjoy their ponies just that way, in the daily grind and on the open road.

This year is special, though, and it may cause some of the more conservative owners to rethink how and when they drive their Mustangs. That's because this 2014 year on the Gregorian calendar will be the one that beckons thousands, if not tens of thousands, of the "running pony and tribar faithful" to the open road as they look forward to the Birthday Celebration of Mustang in its 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of production. The original pony car is the only one that can lay claim to that accomplishment. Those folks are all hyped-up and focused on various Mustang gatherings at car-related events all across the country, the largest of which will be two simultaneous celebrations organized by Mustang Club of America.

Some owners will trailer their Mustangs to the simultaneous events but most will drive them there. Some will travel in groups and many will drive solo. Others will take what they consider to be the trip of a lifetime when they join one of the organized pony drives depicted below on the map of the lower 48. The



routes not shown in yellow eventually lead to Norman, OK. They're designed to bring the faithful to Norman for an MCA pre-birthday-party in celebration of Mustang. Imagine all of those routes populated with Mustangs, Mustangs with their drivers focused on reaching Norman so they can enjoy the party. But truth be told, the drivers are probably more focused on leaving Norman after the party is over because the reason they came to Norman in the first place was to join one of two other pony drives. They can't wait to fire up their ponies for the trip to one of the final destinations.

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For some, that destination lies to the west in Las Vegas, NV. For the rest it lies to the east in Concord, NC northeast of Charlotte. Those choosing Las Vegas will head out on the yellow route and descend on Las Vegas Motor Speedway on April 16, 2014. The rest will follow the eastern trace of yellow to arrive in our backyard at Charlotte Motor Speedway on the same date. But east or west, they're all headed to one of the two sites hosting the simultaneous MCA Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations and they're eager to get there.

With the foregoing as preamble, here's an excerpt from an article written by Ron Bramlett, Executive Director, Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. It appeared in the March 2014 issue of *Mustang Times*:

As the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline approaches, there are very few days left to register for the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, all the registration information will be printed out and the stuffing will begin of several thousands of Mustang Birthday Celebration goodie bags. After March 16<sup>th</sup>, if you want to attend the special dinners or other activities that will be held in the evenings, you will have to purchase tickets for them once you get to the event, if tickets or space are still available. So don't be left out! Be sure to get your registration and special event choices in today if you haven't done so already.

Now let's talk about the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration goodie bag. We've had a couple people ask why in the world they should worry about getting a plastic bag filled with advertisements. Remember, this is the Mustang's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Birthday celebration goodie bag is far from a plastic bag filled with pieces of paper. Months ago we enlisted the services of Go Boxes to take their popular Go Bags-style and put the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration logo on one side and the goodie bag sponsors logo on the other side. This gives us a very unique goodie bag which will commemorate the event and be something useful for years to come. On top of that, the goodie bag will be filled with several unique items pertaining to the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. I won't tell you what those items are because I don't want to spoil the surprise. But I can tell you that people who do not get a goodie bag will want it and all the contents inside which will commemorate the Mustang's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This is one of the reasons that we put a spot on the registration form for those people who are not bringing a Mustang to be able to purchase a goodie bag. Take it from me, a lot of thought and effort has been put into each one of these special items. They will be limited in quantity and once they're gone, they're gone.

Lastly, all of the special evening events pertaining to the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration are up on the website where you can purchase tickets to attend. We expect most of these activities to be sold out long before the event begins so I would encourage anyone who is planning to go to get their tickets now.

Following Mr. Bramlett's article, there was a brief summary of evening events plus the Easter Sunday schedule for the celebration at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Here's that summary excerpted from the same issue of *Mustang Times*:

## MUSTANG 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EVENING EVENTS & SUNDAY SCHEDULE: CHARLOTTE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>

*Welcome Party, Music by Cruise O' Matics  
Embassy Suites Ballroom*

Before the opening of the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, this meet and greet is a great way to start the greatest Mustang event ever produced. This informal event will include VIPs and Ford executives, but no speeches! A great place to meet old friends and discuss plans for the 50<sup>th</sup>.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>

*Evening Birthday Dinner Cabarrus Arena*

What is a Birthday Celebration without a Birthday Dinner? This evening event will include a taste of North Carolina BBQ, along with Birthday cake. Just outside the Arena is a small track and we are asking Ford to bring vehicles for ride and drives. (Yes, the 2015 will be on display.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

*Night Cruise to Kannapolis*

*Hosted by Carolina Regional Mustang Club*

Friday evening the Mustangs will gather in the corral and then drive north on Highway 29 to Kannapolis, NC, to park in downtown with live entertainment and food available from local vendors. [See page 4 for more information on the cruise—Ed.]

SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>

*Evening Banquet*

*Embassy Suites Ballroom*

The social event of the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, the Banquet will include speakers from Ford, industry VIP's and Mustang Club of America officials. The evening festivities will also include the presentation of the Lee Iacocca Award. This plated dinner will begin at 7pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

*Sunrise Easter Worship Service*

*Group Photo*

*Sunday Parade Laps*

On Sunday, everyone parks inside the Charlotte Motor Speedway and a group photo will be taken at 11am. After the group photo, parade laps on the Speedway will begin. Details of how to sign up for the parade laps are on the event web site, along with details about the Sunrise Easter Worship Service.

— C R M C —

## President's Corner

*by Mark Young*

I don't know about anyone else but it seems to me that this year is flying by at a record pace! March is almost behind us which leads to yet another busy month. In fact, one of the busiest month's CRMC has seen in over 10 years. With CRMC participating in the annual Spring Autofair with our usual stellar display of 30+ Mustangs, we're also providing over 20 of the 30 or so Mustangs in the Nationwide Garage 'Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Special Collection'. Then two weeks later it's the one we've been waiting quite some time for....the actual Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> right in our own back yard.

This is a momentous occasion no matter how you want to look at it. Fifty continuous years of America's favorite Pony Car for all of us to enjoy with fellow Mustang Enthusiasts from literally across North America and around the World. New Friendships will be made and certainly old ones rekindled from past Celebrations.

The Carolina Regional Mustang Club has left its mark on most of the Mustang Birthday Celebrations by either hosting the event or running a portion of the gathering such as the Open Track. I'm in awe at what this club has done over the past 35 years and more than proud to be its current leader. Being a well respected club with this much history is certainly not without sacrifice. So many members before me have logged countless hours assuring CRMC will be successful at any venue it's involved with, bar none! As a matter of fact, CRMC has never failed at any events, locally or on the national level. That's due to the sheer dedication of its mem-

bers.....all of you....past and present.

Let's all band together for one final push and make this Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> the event, once again, that all others will be compared to. Thanks again everyone for your continued commitment to this event as it would not take place without it....period!

— C R M C —

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

by Mark Young

Well.....the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration is nearly upon us, with less than 30 days before its commencement. We're in the process of orchestrating one last push for volunteers as well as finalizing details for the event involving CRMC. Daily shifts are to arrive by 6:30am to be at your post for the 7am-11am morning shift. Arrive by 1:30 for the 2pm-6pm afternoon shift. You will receive a 50<sup>th</sup> Event Volunteer Staff T-shirt and a meal ticket for each shift worked.



A quick recap of what our own CRMC is responsible for includes:

- ◆ Mustang Traffic Flow in and out of the Speedway (Thurs.-Sun.)
- ◆ M.O.R.E. Group general parking (Thurs.-Sat.)
  - ◇ Assist with on-site Parking Lot Layout (Mon.-Weds.)
- ◆ Our own CRMC Group Parking in the M.O.R.E. Lot
  - ◇ We're responsible for parking our own cars within our designated area.
  - ◇ Special M.O.R.E. Parking Credentials will be provided in your Registration Packet.
- ◆ Mustang general parking outside the track (Thurs.-Sat.)
  - ◇ Staging for inside parking
- ◆ Mustang general parking inside the track (Thurs.-Sun.)
  - ◇ Parking Lot Layout (Mon.-Weds.)
- ◆ Open Track Event (Thurs.-Sat.)
  - ◇ Tech Inspection
  - ◇ Truck & Trailer parking
  - ◇ Organizing the Nationwide Garage
  - ◇ Instructors and Track Staff
  - ◇ General Track Related Logistics
  - ◇ Pace Car Drivers
- ◆ Wounded Warrior Cruise to Kannapolis (Friday)
- ◆ Information Booth (Thurs.-Sat.)
  - ◇ An opportunity to set a World Record!
  - ◇ Staging Parking at zMAX (4-6pm)
  - ◇ Organizing cruise route
  - ◇ General organization of entire event
  - ◇ Operate out of Media Center
- ◆ Assist with Vendor Parking (Mon.-Weds.)
- ◆ All Mustang Parking inside the track on SUNDAY
  - ◇ All hands on deck for this event!
  - ◇ People needed from 7-10am and again from 2-5pm
- ◆ zMAX Drag Event and the Golf Tournament have both been cancelled

All registration packets must be picked up at the Embassy Suites prior to any event admittance. Pick-up times are daily from 8am to 5pm. CRMC will have a separate table for Show Credential pick-up so we don't have to wait in the long lines. Details to follow on this so stay tuned. Now, in case you missed it the first time: . . . There will be no admittance to the Speedway without proper credentials, which must be retrieved at the Embassy Suites. You will also collect your Event Goody Bag for each car you have registered at the Hotel as well. If you qualify for a 50<sup>th</sup> Award of Excellence, those will be available at the MCA Tent inside the Speedway beginning on Thursday. All Mustang General and Inside Parking will enter through the zMAX Main Entrance and take the Speedway I- 600 over to the designated parking area...follow the signs. Staging for parking inside the Speedway will take place in the same divided parking area. All M.O.R.E. Group parking will enter the Speedway through the Main Front Entrance off Hwy 29 and Bruton Smith/Speedway Blvd.....follow the signs. All Spectator Parking will be across from the Speedway and Hwy 29 where the Pedestrian Bridges cross over.....follow the signs. Volunteer and Staff parking for those not commuting in their Mustang will have special parking credentials and will park inside the front entrance of the Speedway to the left...follow the signs.

A few things I know for the schedule of events:

- ◆ Event opens Weds. at Noon unofficially.
- ◆ Welcome gathering Meet & Greet on Wednesday evening at the Embassy Suites
- ◆ Opening Ceremony on Thursday Morning at 11am inside the Track
- ◆ 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration dinner on Thursday night at the Cabarrus Arena
- ◆ Mustang & FORD related seminars in the Media Center every day.
- ◆ FORD Ride & Drive inside the Speedway with the 2014-2015 Product line-up every day.
- ◆ Take the FORD Eco-Boost Challenge over at zMAX Dragway every day.
- ◆ CRMC's Wounded Warrior Cruise to Historic Kannapolis on Friday Night.
- ◆ Special events scheduled throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday.
- ◆ 50<sup>th</sup> event Banquet on Saturday evening at the Embassy Suites.
- ◆ Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7am on Sunday morning inside the Speedway.

I'm sure there are things I'm forgetting, but this will get you basically up to speed. More to go over at our Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup> monthly meeting so don't forget! Check the websites listed below for additional information.

Thanks for everyone's support so far and looking forward to another successful Mustang Celebration by CRMC!!

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This article describes the cruise to Kannapolis scheduled for Friday evening April 18, 2014; it was excerpted from the website at [www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com](http://www.mustang50thbirthdaycelebration.com). Under the able guidance of Mike and Lorie Williams, Carolina Regional Mustang Club is solely responsible for planning, hosting, and presenting the cruise in conjunction with the MCA Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration at Charlotte Motor Speedway.—Ed.]

**MUSTANG 50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

April 16th-20th, 2014



**Wounded Warrior Friday Evening Cruise To Historic Kannapolis**



Cruise Friday evening April 18<sup>th</sup> in support of The Wounded Warrior Project. All proceeds from the cruise will go to support WWP. Staging area for the cruise will be immediately outside the speedway on the perimeter road behind turn 3. This area is adjacent to the Swap Meet parts area. Staging for the cruise will be from 5:00PM-6:00PM. Police escorted cruising to Kannapolis will take approximately 25 minutes. Several restaurants and local food vendors will be there to enjoy while you fellowship with fellow Mustangers. Local beach band "Continental Divide" will entertain throughout the evening. The City of Kannapolis will provide a trolley to shuttle people to restaurants and sites on adjoining streets in and around Kannapolis.

Hours for the Cruise are: Leave Speedway approximately 6:00PM. Depart Kannapolis 9:30PM.

MUSTANG ENTRY FEE PER CAR.....\$15.00  
(Fee includes guests in the Mustang)

For more information on the Wounded Warrior Project or to make a personal contribution  
<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

For more information please contact Lorie Williams at: [mnllwilliams@live.com](mailto:mnllwilliams@live.com) or 980-241-1324

Previously, the Guinness World Book of Records was commissioned to document an attempt to break the world record of most Mustangs in a continuous parade/convoy for the Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration pony drive from Asheville to Charlotte. As it now makes more sense to try and integrate a larger amount of participants, the attempt to break the record has now been moved to the Friday night cruise in from Charlotte Motor Speedway to Kannapolis, NC.

Although Asheville will be host to a few hundred Mustangs, the opportunity to set a new world record (that may never be eclipsed) can happen with a much larger group of Mustangs during the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday event.

As of this writing (February 26th), over 300 Mustangs have registered for the Friday night cruise in. We will be accepting registrations up to the last minute including the day of while the Mustangs are lining up at the staging area. [Reportedly, the cruise is sold out at 700 with a slim possibility that 50 more tickets will be available just before departure.—Ed.]

Imagine the many conversations you will have over the years telling people that you were not only at the largest ever gathering of Mustangs at the 50<sup>th</sup>, but part of a Guinness World Record!

The folks at Guinness were very easy to work with and had no problem with us moving the attempt to the Friday night cruise in. Please understand that in order for this record to be broken YOU MUST be at the staging area and depart with the group at the time of departure!

No Mustangs will be counted along the route to Kannapolis nor will they be counted when parked. This is a 'moving' (continued top of page 5)

event and thus will be counted as such.

The world record was established in Canada back in 2008 and no offense to our Canadian Mustangers, but as you all pretty much humbled our American hockey teams at the Olympics, it would be nice to bring the 'Gold' back home during the 'Golden' Anniversary of our beloved Mustang!

Sign up folks, we need to see 621 Mustangs in the staging area on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Have Your Original CD Player Repaired

*by Janet Wojcik*

I don't know how much members are interested in keeping their car audio stock and maintaining that original appearance. My 1994 GT Convertible came with the CD player, which was a fancy option then. However, the mechanism that loads the CD is plastic, and it has broken a couple of times. I found a company based out of East Syracuse, NY called United Radio, and I was able to send them the CD as a core deposit and receive a repaired stock unit. It takes a little more time if you want your piece repaired, if they still offer that as an option. I have no personal or family interest in United Radio, but I know how challenging it can be to have a stock radio repaired for that original look. For more information, see:

[www.unitedradio.com](http://www.unitedradio.com)

or call them at:

**1-800-448-0944 or 315-446-5570**

In looking at their webpage, they actually have a Charlotte-based account executive for automotive, Jim Rhyne at:

[jrhyne@unitedradio.com](mailto:jrhyne@unitedradio.com) or **704-200-0250**

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## Not All Bolts Are Created Equal AMK Bolt Kits Are Among The Best

*by Jim Parry*

Have you ever started out with a "small" Mustang project, have had to take more apart than expected, and then get delayed putting it back together? Never happens! Finally, you have the time to get back at it, and it's "What Bolt Goes Where?" Or worse yet, "I can't find the bolts!!!"

AMK Products has a wonderful solution to this problem in the form of Bolt Kits. They sell small individual bolt kits, as well as their Master Kits. Master Kits cover such areas as, Interior, Exterior, Engine, Body, and Chassis. Shown here and at the top of the next column is the 1965 Mustang Master Chassis Kit.



The kits are application specific to year, body, engine, and brake system type. Each of the colored tags are groups of fasteners, very specific to the area of installation.

Below are the Engine / Transmission Mounting Groups.



In another example, pictured here are the Motor Mount bolts. The bolt heads are totally unique, and the low profile nuts are not a common hardware store part.



Bolts for the Ford Front Support Brace under the Engine, shown at the top of the next page, are also totally unique. Because of their location, these guys particularly like to rust into the frame.

**Carolina Regional Mustang Club  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Performance Driving School  
October 4-5, 2014**

*by Tom Hennig*

Registration is now open on MotorsportReg for the Carolina Regional Mustang Club 14th Annual Performance Driving School on October 4-5 at Carolina Motorsports Park in Kershaw, SC. This is a new date for us, shifting from an early summer event the first week in June that we had the last several years. The format is the same as in prior years with lots of quality track time supported by experienced classroom and in-car instruction.

The prices are the same as the last 3 or 4 years: \$295 for the weekend with a special discounted rate of \$200 for students with high school or college ID cards and for Active Duty Military with ID card. We try to limit entries to 75 folks in order to provide the highest quality training possible. Instructors participate at no cost as usual with track time, lunch and an event shirt as our token for your support and participation.

Go to this MSR link to register:

<http://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/event.advert/uidEvent/E7814838-A33E-568C-D66C0D59BD283359#.UvAeWiyYbIU>

Please join us for the time of your life, not only improving your driving skills and gaining a better understanding of the capabilities of your car, but enjoying the camaraderie of your fellow drivers.

The school is open to all makes and models of vehicles.

To provide additional value to the weekend, we have partnered with Turn One at CMP for a lapping day on Friday, October 3, at a special rate of \$150 for folks registered for the school and \$100 for approved instructors. You can register for this on MSR in with your weekend registration. For those of you who can't participate on the weekend or your friends not registered, you can still register for Friday directly with Turn One/CMP at [www.carolinamotorsportspark.com/turn1.html](http://www.carolinamotorsportspark.com/turn1.html).

We are looking forward to having you join us on October 4-5.

**Contact:**

Tom Hennig, Chairman, CRMC Motorsports Committee and Performance Driving School 704-305-3778

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**Woody Woodruff  
New Accessories PPR**

*by Don Stewart*

Woody Woodruff wants everyone to know that he recently took over as PPR for CRMC accessories. He assumed the responsibility from Pam and John Brynarsky at the February club meeting. Thanks to Pam and John for the time and effort they devoted to the job.

Woody is selling CRMC Polo shirts, T-shirts, baseball hats, and more. Get your accessories at all monthly meetings and at special events such as AutoFair.

If you have any special requests, you can contact him by phone or email at:

**704.577.6789**

or

**thewoodman1@msn.com**



These are the Front Shock upper mounting bracket bolts. At first look, they appear to be carriage bolts. These are unique in that the heads are much slimmer (thinner) than a standard carriage bolt and those for '65 & '66 are fine thread, not coarse like later years.



These are the nuts and copper sealing washers used on the differential 3<sup>rd</sup> member.



The main purpose of these kits is to provide the correct hardware for concours restorations and to reduce assembly time.

The countless hours at a wire wheel, buffing rusted bolts, is a thing of the past for me, not to mention the added time to treat the buffed bolts to achieve the correct finish!!!

You can find AMK products online at:

**www.amkproducts.com**

and at most major Mustang parts suppliers.

## Spring Wine Cruise

by Steve Hartung

The CRMC spring-wine-cruise committee has selected Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup> as the date for the 2014 CRMC spring wine cruise. We will be visiting **Elkin Creek Vineyard** in Elkin Creek, NC. Their web site is:

[elkincreekvineyard.com](http://elkincreekvineyard.com)

Elkin Creek Vineyard has their own on-site brick oven pizza kitchen, which we will be enjoying along with their excellent wine selection for those who wish to taste their wines. More info will be announced at the monthly club meetings as well as in the newsletter and on the website event calendar page.

You do not have to participate in the wine tasting to enjoy this cruise. If wine tasting is not your thing, please join us anyway. All Club Members of Record are welcomed to take part.

To sign up for the cruise, please contact Steve Hartung at:

[shart67stang@yahoo.com](mailto:shart67stang@yahoo.com)

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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.

Although the foregoing is true, CRMC didn't have a speaker in March, choosing instead to devote much of the meeting to discussions about the upcoming Mustang 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. A similar format will be used again in April meeting. But after the dust settles from the 50<sup>th</sup>, speakers should be back on the agenda.

If you would like to recommend a speaker, let Carol know by email at:

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

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## Happy Birthday

from Robin Endsley

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to everyone with an April 2014 birthday. When this issue of *Pony Express* went to press, 30 people appeared in the birthday database for the month of April. Come to the meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> to enjoy a birthday dessert from CRMC:

Justin Brown	4/1	Nancy Cleary	4/1
Mark Hunter	4/1	Freda Davis	4/2
Larry McFadden	4/5	Leah Young	4/5
Henry Busch	4/6	Terri Capaldi	4/7
Andy Bilmanis	4/10	Ree Morris	4/11
Scott Namowicz	4/11	Tim Croswhite	4/12
Jim MacRae	4/13	Roger Benfield	4/20
Rob Ruska	4/21	Phillip Hinson	4/22
Linda Busch	4/23	Zaida Lattstrom	4/23
Katelyn Namowicz	4/24	Woody Woodruff	4/24
Norma Howard	4/25	Rachel Garner	4/25
Allison Goff	4/25	Shannon Garza	4/26

Daniel Lightfoot	4/27	Tony Broglin	4/28
Janice Casale	4/28	Vicci Brown	4/30
Nick Clavijo	4/30	Jerry Plyer	4/30

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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 386 members.

We welcome 9 new and returning members this month:

Andy Bilmanis	Paul Garza
Sue & Ray Bleau	Gene Lightfoot
Darryl Bobzin	Bob Morris
Tom & Mary Chervenak	Kelly & Scott Poltorak
Ed & Sue Shyne	

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## Ethanol-Free Gasoline Update

by Don Stewart

suggested by Woody Woodruff

The location of stations selling ethanol-free gasoline locations are listed in the table. Woody Woodruff suggested publishing

### Stations Selling Ethanol-Free Gasoline

Brand	Location	Octane	Price
Mystik	Eastway Dr at Kilborne Dr Charlotte, NC	87	\$3.349
		89	—
		93	—
Exxon	Johnston Rd at McMullen Creek Pkwy Charlotte, NC	93	\$4.029
Kangaroo	Rae Rd at Blakeney Greens Blvd Charlotte, NC	89	\$3.899
Shell	Old Monroe Rd at Potter Rd Stallings, NC	89	\$3.699
Shell	Idlewild Rd at Mill Grove Rd Hemby Bridge, NC	87	\$3.599
BP	Idlewild Rd at Mill Grove Rd Hemby Bridge, NC	87	\$3.559
Shell	Roosevelt Blvd at Morgan Mill Rd Monroe, NC	89	\$3.639
BP	Roosevelt Blvd at Secrest Short Cut Monroe, NC	89	\$3.669
Mt. Gallant Express	Mt. Gallant Rd at Farlow St Rock Hill, SC	87	\$3.299
BP	W. Main St at Rawlinson Rd Rock Hill, SC	87	\$3.559
Exxon	Celanese Rd at Museum Rd Rock Hill, SC	87	\$3.659
Shell	Celanese Rd at Riverview Rd Rock Hill, SC	89	\$3.709
QT	N. Anderson Rd at Mt. Gallant Rd Rock Hill, SC (sold as E087)	87	\$3.459

these locations back in November 2013. He had found one and I knew of another one. So we started with those two. Ed Cronk found two more and recently I verified another nine, bringing the current total to 13. If you see a station with ethanol-free gasoline, send the information to me and I'll add it's location to the table. You can email me at:

**newsletter@ponytales.org**

The reason we're interested in this subject is because ethanol is corrosive to rubber and some metals. Ethanol also attracts water from the air and bonds with it. In your gas tank, the water can separate and settle to the bottom. It can do the same thing in carburetors, and fuel filters. Mustangs built before there was a need to protect against ethanol, are susceptible to fuel line damage and degradation of gaskets, seals, and other components. First, second, third and most of the fourth generation cars are vulnerable.

Much of the gasoline that you buy is E10 or 10% ethanol. There's some E15 on the market and it's probably OK for model years 2007 and newer but not recommended if your prize pony goes into dormant or semi-dormant storage during the winter. And then there's E85 for use only in Flex-Fuel vehicles. Never buy E85 unless your vehicle is certified for its use.

So what's the bottom line? Use most of the E10 in your pony's tank before you park it for extended periods. Fill up with straight gas and then put it away. If your pony is a daily driver, E10 will probably be OK but the older generation cars will show gradual degradation of the fuel system. Avoid E15 except in emergencies and, of course, never use E85.

Note that the prices shown in the table were correct when the stations were verified. But today's prices may be different because, as we all know, gas prices fluctuate all over the map. One other thing to note is the gradual implementation of red slip-covers on ethanol-free-pump nozzles, like the green covers used on diesel nozzles. If a station is using red covers, it will be easy to identify the pumps with ethanol-free gas. Otherwise, you will need to read pump signage carefully.

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## Short Takes from the Editor

by Don Stewart

### New Dates for the Performance Driving School

Be sure to check out Tom Hennig's article on page 6. Tom highlights the change in dates for the 2014 Performance Driving School and gives guidance on the registration procedure. His major announcement is that the PDS will be staged on the first weekend in October this year rather than in June, as we've seen in previous years. So read his article closely.

I'll include Tom's article and this note in each newsletter going forward until the PDS takes place.

### Voodoo Rumor Revived

It's been several months since I last saw an update on the Voodoo rumor. Know what Voodoo is? If you do, you probably can't wait until it hits the street, if it ever does. If it never sees the light of day, well, it was a good rumor.

Anyway for those who haven't heard of Voodoo and possibly an update for those who have, it's said to be an SVT version of the current Coyote V8 used in the Mustang GT. Some of the rumor mills say it will be an EcoBoost version with twin turbochargers producing upwards of 600 HP. Others say it will proba-

bly be a slightly enlarged version of the Coyote, like in the 5.2 liter neighborhood. Another rumor says Voodoo will have a flat-plane crankshaft, lowering rotating mass enough to allow a red-line well beyond 8000 RPMs. The normally aspirated flat-plane version carries a guesstimate of something like 550 HP.

Let's go with the normally aspirated flat-plane rumor. That's the latest I've seen. The source says it's a known fact that SVT is working on a flat-plane engine. The source also says SVT expects to have the Shelby GT350 ready to go as a 2016 model. That's right, the Shelby GT350 will be an SVT S550 Mustang built in Flat Rock, not a Shelby American tuner car.

Getting back to the rumor, the Shelby GT350 is supposedly planned as a steroidal replacement for the discontinued Boss 302, likely powered by Voodoo and priced around \$50k. So if you believe in rumors, start saving your pennies. If it happens and if it's done right, you'll find high powered Camaros on the trailers where they belong. And if Ford goes full bore, the Shelby GT350 will put a good many Corvettes on the trailer right along with the Camaros.

Think I'm blowing smoke? Well, time will tell. Personally, I hope it's true because just the of thought Mustang putting the General on the trailer brings back vivid memories of 1<sup>st</sup> generation GT350s putting Corvettes on the trailer at Watkins Glen back in the '60s. That would be B-Production Shelby GT350s beating the "you-know-what" out of A-Production Corvettes on the road course. And it could happen again if Ford has the will to build the S550 GT350 into the best Mustang ever.

### No More POTM Articles in the Library

There are no more Pony of the Month (POTM) articles in the library. Without your help, it'll be back to ponies talking to each other over the corral fence in upcoming months. You know the picture I'm talking about don't you? It's the one at right:

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