



HOOF BEATS

The Monthly Newsletter of the GRMC



Just some of the Ponies at the 45th Mustang Anniversary.

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45TH MUSTANG ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT BARBER

DAY ONE

We'll meet at 5:45 AM at the Villa Rica exit on I-20. WHAT? Patrick, our fearless leader, was in charge of herding the wayward masses to the 45th Anniversary of our most cherished pony car at the Alabama Mecca of speed. After a few hiccups we were off and running. Patrick in the lead, hauling his race car and complaining Jason's rig was pulling him backwards when he got too close. Jason was second with his gigantic King Ranch, his absolutely huge Ford pulling an also gigantic closed trailer with his Solar Velocity Racing Mustang inside. He was using the better part of two lanes at any speed over 75 mph. He must have also been using part of Patrick's horsepower judging from the complaints by our illustrious leader. Bringing up the rear was my little Shelby GT pulling a trailer with racing tires, jack and air tank safely tucked inside. I wish I could tell y'all more but I think I was asleep most of the way over to Birmingham.

We arrived at the track early and they were only letting open track cars pass. I was politely informed show cars could not enter until 7 AM. I managed to convince the powers that be that I was registered for open track and the trailer was support. Someone hollered "that's a first," referring to the Shelby GT with trailer in tow. Rush to install slicks, rush to drivers meeting, rush to the gas pump, ah ready. They put me in with the race cars (my first mistake registering for the wrong class). My group was told to skip the last part of the drivers meeting as the cars were due on the grid. Second mistake, I did not know what the waving black flag meant. Cruising blissfully around the track for a couple of laps, waving at all the workers who were waving black flags, I began to suspect....Ah ha, a red flag, I know what that means and pulled over only to be motioned to the start/finish line with another red flag. The waving black meant for all cars to pull into the hot pit (something covered in the drivers meeting we were told to skip). After I got going again I reviewed Lee's rules of Race Car Drivers School. Rule one, learn the track (hard to do when waving faster cars by). Rule two, learn the car (it was a different animal with slicks) and rule three, explore the limits. These rules are supposed to be accomplished in order. Third mistake, skip to rule three, it will be OK. NOT



They finally allowed riders in the fourth session. Don Buck volunteered to show me the line and we were off. Let me tell you about tire pressure. Mustang Challenge cars start off at 32 psi. I am using the same tires, starting to get the picture? In a few laps it builds to around 38 psi. Don was showing me how to use the rumble strips to make the track wider and the tires were still not up to pressure. I threw it into turn 7, up on the strips and the right rear separated from the rim and went flat. The car snapped to the left and we rode down the esses to turn 8 sideways across more rumble strips. I got it straight, slowed down and Don says "nice save". When you fail to follow the rules and skip to rule three, stupid takes over and you gotta expect to get bitten. Yup, that's exactly the way it worked. I was finished for the day with a ruined tire. I put the street tires back on and went to look around.

My tires are scuffs that I found on e-Bay. They are the same size as the Mustang Challenge cars use. I did not have the money to buy another, but I wandered to the tire truck looking for a used one to take home as a get by. I love BFG. The guys at the B.F. Goodrich support truck gave me a used slick with almost the same amount of tread as my other three. They installed it free! I am back in business, but it's too late to change all four tires and get back out there. Let's go look at parts.....

I'll not bore you with the details of the vendor area. Suffice it to say we rode over there with the trailer in tow and they wanted to know if I was a vendor. I guess a white Shelby GT, rubber scuff marks all over it, class number on the windshield, a trailer with slicks and a jack could be a vendor space looking for a place to happen. Somebody yelled "like your pickup." Must be an Alabama thing. I know we walked three hours to see everything and only paused, never stopped. Saw a bunch of old friends, Steve Saleen was there, and Mustang stuff....all over the place. It was getting late, feet were hurting, eyes burning, stomach complaining and I could hear Georgia calling. 16 hours after I left, I pulled into the driveway. It was fun, another Mustang Anniversary passes into the record books and I can still run my car 'cause I have four tires again. Stupid is as stupid does, but still a successful mission.

- Lee Mathias

DAY TWO

The second day of Barber started off with an “oh, by the way...” conversation at the breakfast table. Apparently, with no advanced notice, the CEO of Ford, Alan Mulally, showed up to the events on Friday afternoon. It was one of those “darn, I shoulda been there!” moments. From the article in the [Birmingham News](#) that morning:

The anniversary tribute is expected to draw 75,000 people to Birmingham this weekend, including enthusiast clubs from across the globe.

"There are vehicles that are just iconic, iconic in the U.S. and iconic around the world, and it starts with the Mustang," Mulally said.

Besides mingling with the crowd, Mulally met with area Ford dealers and directors of the Mustang Club of America. It was his first trip to Barber Motorsports Park, and he called the facility "phenomenal."

"What a great thing for the city of Birmingham," he said, citing the museum, track and park-like atmosphere that makes it comfortable for families. "I've just never seen anything like it."

Gene Hallman, chief executive of the Bruno Event Team, which organizes events at the park, said the Mustang tribute is having an enormous economic impact on the Birmingham area. His firm's goal is to bring it back for the car's 50th anniversary.

Park creator George Barber said the Mustang tribute gives the facility a great deal of instant credibility.

"These people are from all over the United States and the world, and we have quite a few people here who would never have come to Birmingham," he said.

Naturally, I was impressed that the CEO had taken it upon himself to see just how popular and well-loved the Mustang truly is. Even I had no idea of the impact a single car could have. Although I have a Mustang “coffee table book,” I admittedly have yet to sit down and really go through it.

So, Saturday morning, I arrived at Barber probably between nine-thirty and ten, and the line to get into the park was a sea of Mustangs. But that was merely the appetizer.

It was a real treat, and a surprise to sit on the grassy hillside overlooking the track. As I watched, a herd of Ponies came roaring

around the tight corner, I recognized a familiar silver car with a big 01 painted on the side. Of course, knowing Jason’s propensity for speed, it really *shouldn't* have been much of a surprise seeing him on the track. Included in the next “herd” was another club icon: a bright orange racer owned by Patrick Kelley. As the afternoon went on, it appeared both got plenty of track time.

Of course, racing was only part of the day’s festivities. The other part was the sea of judged cars in the lots behind the track tower. It was absolutely amazing to see all the entries as well as the obvious pride the owners had for their “babies.” A friend of mine even remarked that he hadn’t expected the Ponies to have pedigrees. Among those showing were Henry & Tina Gosnell, Joe & Jodi Krumpleman, their

daughter & son-in-law, Tom Jarrett & family, as well as some of the Tara folks in their “can’t miss me” green T-shirts.

- Liz Reeder



PHOTOS FROM BARBER



- Photos by Liz Reeder

MAY MEETING NOTES & OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

DATELINE: May 16, Jonesboro, Georgia

The Georgia Regional Mustang Club held their May meeting at Gene Evans Ford. Gene Evans hosted the Tara Regional MCA show at the dealership's body shop facility. The huge porch and dealership sized showroom made for a comfortable retreat from the afternoon's thunderstorm. Chic Fila had a booth selling food and drinks. They brought it in from the chicken store in coolers and had two very nice young ladies selling the refreshments. Brewsters Ice Cream had their portable store on site and everyone chowed down on cool delights. These are two possibilities to explore at our next Mustang Show.

I was surprised at the lack of numbers in early Mustangs. There was one 1966 2+2 and three 71 to 73 fastbacks. There were only two Fox bodies, one was our club's Donnie Chandler's newly restored ride for his wife. If Donnie had brought his Shelby GT, there would have been four in my class. There were four or five GT 500's. Has MCA become a late model Mustang Club?

Weather played a huge role. Threatening rain kept the numbers low and a huge thunderstorm around 1 PM prompted early awards. I enjoyed visiting with Tara as we usually only see their green shirts at national events.

The main topic of discussion at the GRMCA meeting was the lack of communication among the membership. The web site has not been updated recently and most members seem ignorant of the club's Facebook. There should be a link to Facebook off the regional site or better yet add a forum to the club's website and forget Facebook. I mentioned no one seems to be on the Facebook besides myself, John and Calvin. Donnie mentioned he was disappointed in the activities available, he remembers the mid 80's when things were hopping. As the only members present, Donnie, his wife and myself conducted an orderly meeting over chicken sandwiches. No decisions were made, no events announced, no plans for Mazy's June show were formulated and these are the minutes. It sure was good to get the Shelby on the road, even if it was wet. Got home early, went to Jasper and ate Bar B Que with the relatives.

- Lee Mathias

GRMC TREASURY UPDATE

What We've Deposited To Date:

\$941.00 Membership Renewals, Shirt Sales, & Track Registrations

We've Spent:

\$ 509.32 Club T-Shirts

\$509.32 *Total Expenses for April 2009*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Drag day at Paradise Drag Strip in Calhoun, Georgia.

Sponsored by Cherokee Regional and Georgia Regional Mustang Clubs

The track is reserved for **Saturday, October 3, 2009**. Rain date is October 17.

This will be a fun day of racing, showing, eating, and a lot of put up or shut up. Line em up side by side, no handicaps, no delayed lights. When the green flag drops, the BS stops and we will see who is fastest. Do it over and over again, no extra charge. There will be no trophies for the racing, but bragging rights are included.

- Admission is \$10 per person plus \$10 for each vehicle entered for drag racing.
- 1/8 mile strip, open just for us.
- Helmet and seat belts required.
- No passengers.
- Fire extinguisher recommended.
- All racing vehicles must pass tech at the track.
- Heads up racing only, challenge your arch rival to a horsepower showdown.
- Street legal DOT tires only.
- If you want to run a serious drag car, you can do exhibition passes only, no side by side racing with these cars for safety reasons.
- Timers will be operating, collect those slips.
- If it ain't got a Ford engine, don't bother to bring it as it won't be allowed on the strip.
- Concession stand will be open.
- There will be an informal car show similar to the one at Mazzy's....four or five trophies.
- Gate and tech open at 9 AM
- Registration till noon.
- We will race till 3 PM, longer is we have a lot of cars.

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29th ANNUAL MUSTANG & FORD SHOW GORDON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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- B. 1964 ½ - 1973 Convertibles
- C. 1967 - 1968 Closed
- D. 1969 - 1970 Closed
- E. 1971 - 1973 Closed
- F. 1974 - 1978 Closed
- G. 1979 - 1993 All
- H. 1994 - 2004 All
- I. 2005 - 2008 All

MUSTANG CLASS & CATEGORY

- J. 1993 - 2008 Cobra
- K. Boss / Shelby
- L. 1984 - & Up Conversion Cars
- M. 2009 Current Yr. Popular Vote
- N. 1959 Older Special Interest
- O. 1960 & Newer Special Interest
- P. 1903 & Up Pickup Trucks

*All Vehicles Must Be
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1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Awards

Dash Plaques & Goody Bags for First 100 Entries

MCA Modified Judging

Registration Fee - \$20.00

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On Site 50/50 Raffle • Silent Auction

Food • Games

Registration: 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Car Year: _____ Type/Model: _____ Color: _____

Class: _____

Make Checks Payable to:
Cherokee Regional Mustang Club
2537 Old Rome/Dalton Road, NW
Calhoun, GA 30701

No Alcoholic Beverages - Aerosol Cans - Or Umbrellas
Allowed on Show Site
All Pop Up Shades Allowed in Designated Area Only

RAMBLIN' POKER PONY RUN

In our constant and never ending struggle to come up with unique meeting venues, we present the Ramblin' Poker Pony Run. This is a combination gimmick rally and poker run. Each Ford powered vehicle will be given a set of directions to an unknown location via unknown routes. Follow the directions, answer the questions about things you see along the way and the one with the most correct answers wins. In case of a tie, the one closest to the correct mileage wins. There will be two classes, two awards. The pros are anyone who has run a gimmick rally in the past and the rookies. Each winning team will receive a gift certificate for food at Mazzy's

The poker part will be 5 card draw. There is one prize for the winning hand instead of a pot. That's why it's ramblin', not gamblin'. Please, only one hand per person.

If this is as successful as the Pumpkin Rally last fall, we will take a vote on having a regular schedule of rally style driving events. We do not have to do them in conjunction with a meeting, they can be anytime day or night.

Who: Georgia Regional Mustang Club

What: Ford powered vehicles, a driver and navigator, something to write with and an American Flag. We provide the instructions and playing cards

When: Sunday, June 14, flag day

Where: Rally starts at Mazzy's, first car off at 11 AM

Why: Because it's a fun thing to do while driving around in your favorite Mustang and it happens to be FREE. There will be plenty of time to enjoy the food and companionship before the meeting.

Finish: Mazzy's for the Georgia Regional Mustang Club monthly meeting. If you just want to attend the meeting, it starts at 3 PM

Questions: call Lee Mathias (678) 986-1656 or Gail Phillips (404) 290-6688

AREA CRUISE-INS & EVENTS

Area Cruise-Ins:

Every Saturday:

Chamblee, GA

Donut Derelicts at

Dandy Donuts. 8:30am-11:00am.

Info: Mike Dailey 770-458-3262

First Saturday:

Villa Rica, GA

Ingles Shopping Center.

Info: Paul Debick

770-832-9857

Cartersville, GA

Town Square

Downtown Cartersville

5pm -9pm

Usually has live music and most of the restaurants are open.

First Sunday:

Marietta, GA

Caffeine & Octane

"The Avenue" in East Cobb.

8:30am -11:00am.

Info: Frank 770-565-2281.

Second Saturday:

Brenen, GA

Tallapoosa St downtown.

Info: Raymond Priest

770-537-9157

Marietta, GA

Wendy's at Dallas Hwy &

Barrett Pkwy.

Info: Randy Cline

404-925-5099

Third Saturday:

Canton, GA

Riverstone Shopping Center.

Info: Ted Thomas

770-479-7637

Villa Rica, GA

Main Street downtown.

Info: Danny David

770-328-9663

Matt Careins

770-459-4628.

Fourth Saturday:

Dallas, GA

Downtown Dallas.

Info: Larry

770-445-1481

Cartersville, GA

Hwy 41 and Main Street.

Info: Ken Barrett

770-424-7639

Richard Chatham

770-974-0327

MCA Regional Events:

Indianapolis, IN

June 4-7, 2009

Raleigh, NC

July 3-5, 2009

GRMC Calendar:

JUNE

June 14th

Mazzy's in Marietta

We will have a road-rally starting at 10:00am with the meeting held as usual at 3:00pm.

GRMC TRACK DAY

Saturday June 20, 2009

Talladega Grand Prix Raceway

[Sign Up](#)

Jason Swenk

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JULY

July 19th

Club Meeting @ Mazzy's in Marietta

There has been a discussion about this meeting also including a more formal car show. Details forthcoming.

AUGUST

August 16th @ 3:00pm.

Club Meeting @ Mazzy's in Marietta

SEPTEMBER

September 13th

Tara Mustang Show @ Summit

September 20th

Club Meeting @ Mazzy's in Marietta

OCTOBER

October 3rd

Paradise Drag Day

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

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