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*The Monthly Newsletter of the GRMC*



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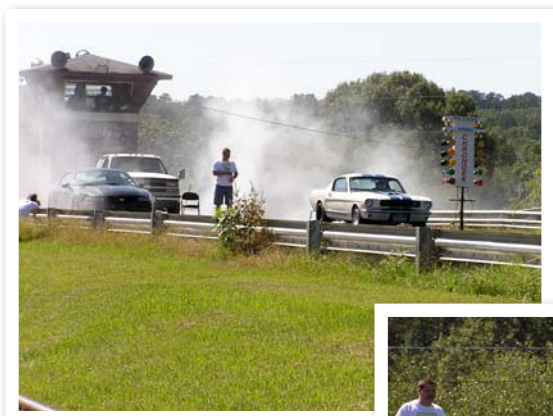
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DRAG DAY IN PARADISE

For the first time that I can remember the GRMC went Drag Racing! With the help of the Cherokee Mustang Club in Calhoun and Pioneer Ford in Bremen, many members of the GRMC got to strut their stuff down the drag strip. As a private test and tune event the turnout of about 60 cars allowed everyone to get plenty of opportunity to spin the tires. The day was started with a quick how to clinic taught by yours truly to introduce and instruct the beginners to art of drag racing. Of course most mustangs leave Ford's factory with a terrible lack of traction and we proved it. Pioneer Ford supplied trophies for Sponsors Choice and Clubs Choice of the event, Top Ten based on a popular vote and one for the most enthusiastic given to our own Anne Martin who made several trips down the 1/8th mile! A big thanks to all that came out and for the members of the Cherokee Mustang Club. I love to see the members of our club trying new things and really experiencing the Mustang Experience whether it be a Car Show or a Driving Event like this.

*- Patrick Kelley*



PIONEER FORD SHOW

Well the GRMC hosted another Great Show! I would like to thank all of the folks at Pioneer Ford including Bob Winarczyk for a great day and a great opportunity to host the First Annual Mustang and Ford Show on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Despite the cold wind, we had a great turnout of neat cars and good friends to spend the day with. First Annual anythings are always full of hiccups and teething problems, but the volunteers working took everything in stride and pulled off a fabulous show. With over 50 Cars judged and many more as spectators and displays, the Pioneer Ford Dealership definitely had a full lot. I would like to thank all of you who came out and volunteered and to those who showed up and supported the show. The trophies given out at the show were actually a 12x18” Garage sign made by the crew at Crazy Native in Douglasville, GA. A big thanks goes out to them for taking my crazy idea and making it a reality. Of course it wouldn’t be a first annual if we didn’t have another one in the works. We will be announcing the Second Annual Pioneer Ford Show here soon for next Fall!

*- Patrick Kelley*



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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Holiday Greetings to all GRMC members! Its time for our annual Christmas Party.

**Location:** Mazzys in Marietta

**Date:** Saturday December 12th, starting at 4:00 pm until 7:00pm

This is a sit down buffet dinner. There will be 4 entrees ( checking to see if Prime Rib is possible) and 2 salad selections. All the soft drinks will be included. There will be a no host bar.

The cost is approx \$8.00 per person, excluding tax and gratuity. If Prime Rib is a selection, that will cost more. We must have a minimum of 20 people for dinner. You must RSVP by a week in advance, if you wish to have dinner. My email is myredpony91@hotmail.com and my phone is 404 290 6688.

We are still in need of entertainment suggestions. We always have the White elephant gift exchange, but something additional would be fun also. If you have a suggestion, please talk myself or Patrick.

Please bring a new unwrapped gift for our Toys for Tots donation. Thank you

The time the meal will be served will be posted on the website and the GRMC Facebook page, for those club members who do not wish to eat, but want to join us after the meal for the gift exchange and entertainment. For new members, the gift exchange is a game. Bring in something you have at home that you would love to get rid of, or another gift of less than \$20. There was a ceramic cat that made the rounds for several years. All the exchange gifts should be wrapped. There will be lots of trading going on!

I hope to see all of you there the enjoy the company, good food and vote for our new officers for 2010. At the November club meeting, several members already offered their time for next year by nominating themselves for some of the new positions. 2010 could be our best year yet!

*- Gail Phillips*

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**FROM THE GARAGE**

I'm not one to spend hours in front of the TV, but the other night I caught the beginning of the movie 'Jerry Maguire'. Tom Cruise plays a sports agent that has a life changing revelation and writes a new idealistic mission statement about how his industry should behave and treat others. I do admit that I often sit here as I write these little monthly blurbs and imagine that one day I will author some piece of work that will be read and worshipped around the world for its deep meaning and insight into this great hobby of ours. I rack my brain thinking of incidents and experiences to share and try to tie in some life lesson or bit of knowledge to share with those who take the time to actually read this. As Tom stood in the Kinkos at 4am making copies of the new mission statement titled 'Things We Think and Do Not Say', the long haired hippie helping him looked up from reading what he wrote and told him that's how you become great, by saying what needs to be said regardless of the consequences! There was my answer. All I have to do is write down everything that everyone knows, but is afraid to say. .... Was it really that simple? Since, I'm resigning as President of the club in 2 months - why not say what's on my mind. So I decided to write a few things below that I think need to be said. I don't think anything I say here will be a life changing revelation for you, but I do hope that you take a moment to think about them and how they apply to you.

I often joke about the volunteers in the club and how you get what you pay for! I don't believe that is very true. Most of the folks that volunteer for this club deserve far more than I believe they ever receive. We have several folks in this club that show up early, do whatever is needed ( not just what someone asks of them), and stay late to make sure everything is done. Not only do they raise their hand and volunteer for assignments, but they actually do what they volunteered for. I often wonder if some of the club members really have a true understanding of how a club like ours works. We are a volunteer organization. If people don't step up and give their OWN time to organize events, then the club doesn't have events. I have been hearing many complaints about the website being updated. Well, it takes a volunteer to step up and handle updating the website and Facebook pages. If everyone in the club would step up and do a little, then the load is easier to manage for all involved. Over the years, I think this club has lost some great people who just got tired of working their butts off for the masses and not getting any help or the recognition they deserve. Don't get me wrong, I don't expect you to tithe half your salary and volunteer 40 hours a month to the club. What I am saying is the club is only as good as the people and the effort they put towards the club. A little effort from many people makes it easier for all. If you love mountain cruises, then offer to organize one! Road Rallies – organize it and write one. This is your club and we want to do what the membership likes. Don't complain – Step Up and Do something about it!

Georgia Regional has a very diverse group of Mustang fans on the roster. We have folks that love the Shows and really appreciate the work to maintain our favorite cars. Some would rather use the cars for what we believe Ford built the cars for – Driving. The differences amongst us give the club a great advantage and opportunity, in being able to host events for our own membership to enjoy. Unfortunately events require volunteers to operate. First priority for the club members at our events should be to take care of our guests and be good – no GREAT hosts for our guests. Our events are what defines this club and shows the world who Georgia Regional is. I love our open track event every spring. I volunteered to organize the event and have managed to run all of them – from the tower. So far in five years, I have been in my car driving for a grand total of about 45 minutes. I think Rick Conquest has made more laps around that track in my car than I have. Last year Jason Swenk stepped up and volunteered to coordinate the event for the morning (since he wasn't driving with us that day) and give me the opportunity to drive. Excited as I was by the possibility of actually driving my car, duty came first and I spent the morning riding as an instructor (since we were short help and we were hosting!), for the entire first four hours helping others. I then spent the afternoon session working a corner to cover for a lack of volunteers to man all of the work stations for the day. I'm not whining or complaining about the lack of my seat time. I am disappointed in the lack of dedication of our membership to help when needed. Having a large diverse membership should allow us the opportunity to

have our own events and spend time enjoying what we love. One example would be if everyone in the club that liked the car shows would step up and volunteer for the track events and those of us that like the driving events would step up and work the car shows, then everyone would be able to participate in their favorite event, instead of working them. The membership has to work as a team for the greater good of the club. If the track event had to end early because of a lack of workers/volunteers, or no one shows up to register cars at the car shows, then the club cannot continue to exist.

Last month, I wrote about visiting the Cherokee Club in Calhoun, GA and how amazing it was to be welcomed by complete strangers. A simple handshake and hello was offered by most there and I left feeling genuinely welcomed and they also bought my dinner. For the club to continue to survive and grow, our membership has to be open and receptive to new members and always open to new ideas. I know it's hard for some people to step up and meet new people. I will admit, I am the worst when it comes to names. I meet so many people in business and through the club, it is hard for me to remember everyone's names. I often catch myself avoiding folks, whose names I can't remember. From this moment on, I declare that it's okay to ask someone their name again. Don't be afraid. In fact, they may not remember yours either, so they might appreciate you stepping forward and asking again. It shows you care who they are. Part of being a good host, is being friendly. I don't expect everyone who attends a meeting to join the club and become a life member, but I do want these folks to feel welcomed and enjoy what we do with us. Also, we only spend a few hours a month together at best and being friendly to each other is important too.

Self Promotion is going to be very important for the future. Georgia Regional is now and should be a club we can all be proud of in the future. Why don't we toot our own horn? I go on the web and I don't see any conversations about the club and our events. Why not? Many of you visit forums on the internet. Why not add the GRMC to your signature? The club has placed two shirt orders this year, so everyone had the chance to get official GRMC swag. Did you wear yours to the show last Sunday? Cruise night Last weekend? We have a great club, let's show the world.

Georgia Regional has a Great History and I would love to see this club survive for many years to come. We now have some great sponsors for our events with plans actually underway now, for next year. The group of people on our club roster is second to none, and I look forward to the future with everyone's help. The meeting November on 15th, at Ryan's in Hiram, is going to cover a lot of information and I hope everyone can take some time to come out and be a part of it. The other club officers and myself, are still working hard and there are several issues that need attention this coming month. I would also like to say and give a BIG thanks to the officers who have served the last 2 years with me. Liz, who has been in charge of the newsletter, facebook, and twitter!!! Lanora, as the treasurer who keeps the money flowing. Gai, as the Vice President who jumped in whenever needed and also organized several events for us. Joe, as our National Director, who keeps us informed about the MCA's happenings. Lee Mathias, for doing ??? Just kidding, Lee. Lee has been a huge help organizing and working events taking pictures and writing post-event articles. These 5 folks have been working their tails off for this club and I really appreciate all that they have done. I would also like to thank Jason Swenk for Web duties and organizing the 2009 Talledega track day. Calvin Pate for handling the AJC auto show event last February. I look forward to seeing a new batch of folks taking over the as club officers for 2010!

I wanted to take a moment to tell everyone about my new idea for the upcoming year. I introduced the idea of adding several new officer positions at the meeting today and got a really positive response from everyone there. My hope is by adding more people to the club hierarchy that the work load can be reduced and more easily handled by the volunteers who so generously donate their time and energy to this club. For many years this club has continued to grow and it's about time the club grows to meet the needs of our membership. By spreading out the job responsibilities, more people can now get involved. I will be listing the new club officer positions and describing each one in more detail below. I hope everyone will take a moment to read through the list and consider volunteering a few hours a month for a position to help the GRMC continue long into the future.

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Three Rules Established here –

1. I have asked is that each person only occupies one position a year.
2. That all of the positions must be filled.
3. The term for all positions will last only one year. ( Show Chairman may repeat)

I look forward to hearing from anyone with question or concerns. All positions will be voted for at the December Christmas Party. If you will not be able to attend, please let me know if you are interested in a position. As always experience not required – Enthusiasm is. We offer on the job training.

**President:** Oversee the day to day operations and coordinate among club officers. Conducts meetings and represents club. Terry Trusdell threw his hat in the ring for this position. Terry has a great personality that I think will serve him well in this position.

**Vice President:** Main responsibility will organizing and locating meeting locations. Fills in where needed. Mark Cordery who hasn't been very involved in the GRMC yet, volunteered for the position. He has quite the car club background from his past years out west and I look forward to seeing him in this position.

**Secretary:** Dropped. No longer needed as job responsibilities have been distributed.

**Treasurer:** In charge of Checkbook and Club Roster/ Membership. Checking the club Post office box in Kennesaw. Greg Stack has volunteered.

**National Director:** Go between the MCA and GRMC. Not required to travel to MCA meetings but at least should be our eyes and ears to the happenings of the MCA. Anne Martin Stepped forward.

**Event Chairman:** In charge of each event listed and responsible for all matters related including correspondence with MCA for insurance, etc... All paperwork with the MCA has already been submitted for the upcoming events. We will also have one individual responsible for Purchasing and handling trophies.

- Mazzy's Show – Lee Mathias has volunteered for this position
- Open Track Event: John Rehder has volunteered for this position
- Pioneer Show: ?

**Trophies:** This volunteer will be in charge of purchasing all of the awards and trophies for the club throughout the year. We currently use the Trophy Hut in Marietta and Crazy Native in Douglasville.

**Media:** New this Year will be the addition of Media Dept. Two will be responsible for Newsletter and two will be responsible for learning and updating the website and related pages. Job Duties can be delegated internally. All four positions will also double as club photographers. At this Point Liz and John Knox have volunteered for the Web positions, but we still need 2 people to volunteer for the newsletter positions. They will be responsible for putting together the newsletter and email it out. Liz has created templates that make assembling the newsletter quite easy.

**Club Merchandise:** We will also have one individual responsible for Purchasing, Advertising, and Selling club merchandise. T-shirts/ Sweatshirts/ Club Crests.

If you are interested in any position please don't hesitate to give me a call. Even if someone else has volunteered, many folks listed above are flexible and we will ultimately need all of the positions filled.

*- Patrick Kelley*

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MEETING NOTES & OTHER CLUB BUSINESS

GRMC Meeting Agenda for November 2009

Topics Discussed:

*Upcoming Events:*

Mazzys Show - April 17th, 2010

Show Chairman: Lee Mathias

In keeping with the casual venue, this will be a popular vote show.

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Open Track Event Talladega Gran Prix – June 5th, 2010

Event Chairman: John Rehder

Tech Chief:

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Pioneer Ford Show – Oct 3rd, 2010

Show Chairman:

Judged Show ( Sponsor Requested)

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*Meeting and Activities:*

Monthly Meetings and Activities should be planned at least 3 months out.

December:

Christmas Party: Mazzys Dec 12th, 2009 4-7pm Price tbd. RSVP's required.

Summit Show – Dec 5th, 2009 – Toys for Tots

January Meeting:

Dahlonega Cruise: January 17th. Eric Lippman will be organizing the trip. The meeting will still be at Mazzy's at 3:00pm.

February Meeting:

There will be a carburator clinic at our February meeting on the 21st.

March Meeting:

Mazzy's: March 21st

Caravan to Pensacola? March 26-28th 2010 - MCA National

Cherry Blossom March 27th

*Old Business:*

Membership Cards have been ordered and will have for 2010!

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:**

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