

BLACKFOREST MUSTANGS DO A DOUBLE AT DAYTONA



by Greg Aleck

Two Blackforest Motorsports Ford Mustangs took on the high banks of Daytona; one ran in the 2007 Grand-Am KONI Challenge Series season opener, the other lone pony took on the Porsches in the 45th running of the Rolex 24 at Daytona.

One Mustang won its race and one learned a good lesson. Tune in next month for the complete story!

DALE LEHRING

Derby City Mustang Club, in Louisville, KY, lost fellow member and good friend, Dale Lehring passed away in his sleep Friday, December 8, 2006. Dale died in his sleep at age 58.

He became a member of Derby City Mustang Club in 2003 when he purchased a Blue 2003 Mach I. Dale was a quite, shy man, never one who wanted to be noticed. He quickly involved his wife, Yvonne, who immediately got busy in the club becoming the club Secretary and Editor of the club newsletter. To be sure she was fully part of the mix, Dale went to Texas and purchased a Red 1967 Shelby Clone for her to drive. Next he brought in his two younger brothers, Doug and Richard, after seeing that they each had Mustangs to drive. Not content with stopping there, he was instrumental in getting several couples, whom he had been friends with for many years, into Mustangs and into the club where they became involved and currently are in leadership roles.

To honor this great friend and member, the club drove 13 Mustangs to lead the funeral procession from the funeral home to the beautiful Cave Hill Cemetery where Dale was laid to rest.

Dale will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

—Joe L. Walters, President, Derby City Mustang Club

SHELBY'S MAKE HISTORY AT BARRETT-JACKSON

Two Ford-powered and Carroll Shelby-built vehicles made history the weekend of January 19-21, 2007, at the 36th annual



Photo By Sam Haymart

Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction in Scottsdale, AZ.

The new 2007 Shelby GT Mustang, serial No. 1, and the only 1966 427 Cobra Super Snake made bidder's history in front of

an estimated 25,000 spectators and more than 1 million viewers live on Speed Channel. Collector Ron Pratt of Chandler, AZ, placed the winning bid for the Shelby GT—\$600,000.

The auction was officiated by Mark Fields, Ford's President, with the proceeds from this event put toward Carroll Shelby's Children's Foundation created in 1991 to help provide financial assistance to children in need of organ and tissue transplants. From the last three auctions alone, Ford Motor Company has raised more than \$1.7 million for the foundation.

Hold on to your hats for this one—Mr. Pratt also won the bidding for Shelby's 427 Cobra "Super Snake," the rare dual supercharged 427 built by Carroll Shelby in 1966, with a bid of \$5.5 million—the highest amount paid for an American car at auction. Shelby commented, "I wanted it to be the fastest, meanest car on the road. Forty years later, it will still kick the tail of just about anything in the world. It's the fastest street-legal Cobra I've ever owned."

Also receiving plenty of attention at the auction was the 1932 Dearborn Deuce, the first ever mass-produced V8 engine that echoed the engineering genius of Henry Ford and groundbreaking styling of his son Edsel. The legendary vehicle brought a winning bid of \$330,000.

"Edsel probably never got the credit he should have gotten for a lot of things he did. And I think celebrating his influence on the Deuce coupe interests me a lot, and that is one of the reasons I'm here," said Edsel's grandson, Edsel B. Ford II.

PRIMEDIA ENTHUSIAST MEDIA TITLES FOR SALE

On February 9, 2006, PRIMEDIA Inc. announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the Company to explore the sale of its Enthusiast Media segment (PEM). PRIMEDIA has retained Goldman Sachs and Lehman Brothers to manage this process.

PEM is the number one special interest media company in the U.S. with over 70 publications, 90 leading websites and over 65 events, with revenues of over \$500 million in 2006, excluding the recently divested Outdoors Group. Some of PEM's best known assets include *Motor Trend*, *Automobile*, *Hot Rod*, *Automotive.com*, *Muscle Mustangs & Fast Fords*, *5.0 Mustang & Super Fords*, *Mustang Monthly*, and *Mustang & Fords*, and had just the day before acquired *Modified Mustangs*.

Dean Nelson, Chairman, President and CEO of PRIMEDIA, said, "The Board believes the market environment is extremely favorable for the sale of PEM. We have spent considerable time reviewing strategic options for the Company and have been exploring, at the Board's direction, a possible spin off of our Consumer Source division, creating two distinct publicly traded companies. We have received a favorable IRS ruling and virtually completed complying with the Securities and Exchange Commission regulations. Therefore, spinning off the Consumer Source business remains an option.

"However, given the multiples PRIMEDIA received from the sale of the Outdoors Group and the particularly strong investment and debt markets, the Board believes the best course of action for PRIMEDIA shareholders is exploring the complete sale of PEM," Mr. Nelson said. "In addition, we are seeing positive results from our online and product investments, which we believe will be valued by potential acquirers. We believe there will be strong appetite for our leading brands." Mr. Nelson added, "The Company will apply the proceeds from the sale to pay down debt."

MUSTANG CALENDARS FOR 2007



The Wall calendar is a generous 12x12-inches and features a different full-color Mustang photo each month. Cost for the wall calendar is only \$9.00.

Contact Kristie at the MCA office at 850-438-0626, or order them on the MCA website, www.mustang.org and click on accessories. Get yours while they're still in stock.



The MCA office still has Mustang desk and wall calendars available for 2007. The desk calendar has a section for notes, and includes a bonus: a 1:64-scale diecast Mustang. Cost is only \$10.00.

JUDGES CORNER

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items that required no extensive disassembly of components or systems, no cutting of metal, no splicing of wires, no drilling attachment holes, or any structural alteration. The modifications that fit this category are worth 3 points each. Some examples of this category are valve covers, simple bolt-on air-cleaner, non-factory wheels, chrome exhaust tips, simple bolt-on or snap-on chrome covers or plates under the hood, on the body, in the interior or trunk.

Minor modifications are defined as parts, accessories or components that require more disassembly, minor trimming of metal, minor wire splicing, drilling attachment holes, but no structural alteration. The modifications that fit this category are worth 5 points each. Some examples for this group are aftermarket intake manifolds, cold air kits, aftermarket headers, multiple carburetor setups, bolt-in custom instrument panels, stereos, speaker systems, bolt-on braces or bolt-on body parts.

Major modifications are defined as those that require extensive disassembly, extensive cutting and welding of metal, extensive wire splicing and or rerouting the wiring, structural alteration, custom fabricated parts, or parts or items that require welding for attachment. The modifications that fit this category are worth 8 points each. Examples of this type are molded body parts, welded roll cages, welded sub-frame connectors, and welded sheet metal and removed structural parts. Installing Mustang II or aftermarket custom suspensions in early mustangs, late model EFI drive trains in early, vintage mustangs or installing EFI components in non-EFI Fox bodies and installing supercharger systems.

In closing, all modified/restomod Mustangs are welcome at MCA-sanctioned shows. The rules are structured to allow all to compete and be able to earn National recognition for their efforts. Mustangers that plan on entering Modified Classes are strongly encouraged to download the rules posted on our MCA website: www.mustang.org

Mustangs in the six modified classes attaining the highest points at the show year's end will earn a special Pinnacle Award. This award is sponsored by Mustangs Plus. **MT**

MCA CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS



There are a few Pewter MCA ornaments in stock. First in a series and dated 2006, get yours today while supplies last. Gift boxed for easy giving, the ornaments are \$10.00.

Contact Kristie at the MCA office, 850.438.0626; or order one on the website at www.mustang.org and click on accessories.

MUSTANG LOVERS' CRUISE

On page 31 you'll find an ad for a Mustang Lovers' Cruise which will take place in early 2008. On the schedule of events for the cruise are various seminars, one of which will be given by Arley Whitsell, Immediate Past President of the MCA. In case any of you are interested, here is the list of other seminar topics and leaders.

Arley Whitsell, Immediate Past president of MCA
History of the MCA
How the MCA Judges Cars

Kevin Marti, Owner of Marti Report
The Marti Report and How Our Services Can Save You Money, Time, and Headaches"
"Numbers Matching"
"Fraud and What You Can Do"
"Business Opportunities"

Mark Fletcher, Collector Car Appraiser
How to Establish the Best Appraisal for your Auto.
Using an Appraiser for a Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspection.
What Adds Value (or subtracts value) to my Collector Car

Arnold Marks, Owner of Mustangs Etc.
Buying a Restored or Project Mustang. Which is better?
How to Purchase the Right Mustang for you
How to Find the Best Shop to Restore Your Mustang and Avoid Problems

Larry Jewett, Editor, *Mustang Enthusiast Magazine*
How to Get Your Car in a Magazine

Ed Terwillinger, Detailing and reconditioning instructor/consultant
How to Remove Swirl Marks/Detailing Tips
New Technology in Detailing Chemicals, Waxes, and Sealants

Rich Truesdell, former editor of *Car Audio & Electronics Magazine*
How to Put Modern Audio in Your Vintage Mustang