

Where's That Groundhog?

This morning, as I was getting ready for work, I had the TV tuned in to the "Today Show" as it is most mornings. There was much discussion about the bad weather crippling much of the country, with snow being measured in yards instead of feet, and airports shut down all over the USA. Sometimes it's difficult to fathom that much trouble with travel when you live in Florida, where the weather this winter isn't as cold as it could be.

I was born in Connecticut and lived there a good portion of my life. I fully remember being snowed in and stranded in my house for days on end, sub-0 temperatures for weeks on end, etc. etc. However, I moved down here for a reason, and I have no regrets. Now, I'm not trying to rub salt into any wound here, I'm just stating a fact.

What I'm getting at is this. In just a few weeks, the show season for the MCA gets underway. We've already had one major show this year at Silver Springs in January. And, in a few short weeks we'll be covering the first Fun Ford Weekend for 2007—the 17th Annual Spring Break Shootout in Orlando on March 3-4. With all that's been on the news about inclement weather, stranded passengers, snow, rain, hail, sleet, tornados, etc. it's a refreshing idea to think about a show field full of beautiful Mustangs, a drag strip with Mustangs racing against the clock, a road course with Mustangs racing around corners and chicanes trying to be the first one to cross the finish line. At least the Groundhog says Winter is almost over! Not very scientific, but I, for one, hope he's right! Like it or not, time has a way of passing us by—for some of us too quickly, and for some of us not quick enough.

So, let's focus on what's coming soon. Besides the National Show and Grand National listed on page 52, turn to page 37 to read the 2007 schedule of Fun Ford events. If you haven't made plans yet for any of the National shows, I urge you to start now, right now. Reservations should be made at the hotels while there may still be room. After talking with most of the organizers of this year's shows, there will be more exciting activities than any of us have experienced before. Each show will be unique and will certainly have something for everyone. I, for one, can't wait. There's nothing like traveling to different areas to attend Mustang events. You meet the nicest people, some who will become life-long friends. And the camaraderie just can't be beat. Additionally, it's amazing the things we learn from each other. Hope to see you on the show field.

In addition to the MCA-sponsored shows, here's the tentative schedule of events that the Ford/Other Club Liaison committee will be attending this year. Since its inception, this committee has been one of the most active in the MCA. This year's chairman is Immediate Past President, Arley Whitsell. The committee members include: Elizabeth Cofer, Austin Craig, Joe Horne, Art Hyde, MCA Vice President Steve McCarley, Chuck Micele, Bob Perkins, Monty Seawright, Wally Short, David Siegel, Jim Silverman, Laurie Slawson, and yours truly. Elizabeth, Austin, Joe, Wally, Jim and Laurie all serve on the National Board of Directors. The remainder of the committee members have been asked to help out. While all of the members of this committee will not be at all of the following events, there will be good representation of the MCA:

- March 3-4 — Fun Ford Spring Break Shootout, Orlando, FL
 - April 22 — Fabulous Fords Forever, Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, CA
 - June 1-3 — Carlisle All Ford Nationals, Carlisle, PA
 - June 5-9 — Super StangFest, Daytona Beach, FL
 - June 14-17 — Mid-America Ford Performance & Shelby Meet, Tulsa, OK
 - June 22-24 — Fun Ford Old Dominion Nationals, Richmond, VA
 - August 18 — Woodward Dream Cruise, Ferndale, MI
- Come on out and join us!

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