

# THE G.H.M.A...CANADA EH?



*GHMA's Stampede 2007.*



*Niagara falls.*



*Toronto's skyline at night.*

The concept of The Golden Horseshoe Mustang Association originated at the 30th Anniversary Mustang Show in Charlotte, NC. Mustang enthusiasts from the greater Toronto area of southern Ontario decided to create a Canadian Mustang club. Jim King, the Vice President of Ford of Canada at the time, was the first president of the GHMA.

The club always had a close relationship with Ford of Canada. Our meetings are held at their head office facility in Oakville, Ontario. Additionally, many Ford of Canada executives and employees are avid members and supporters of the GHMA.

With club emphasis on family participation, our yearly activities include a road rally, spring fling, Christmas party, and representation at Performance World and the Toronto International Auto Show.

For the last 12 years the GHMA's pride and joy has been the planning, organizing and hosting of the annual Mustang Stampede. This predominantly classic Mustang show held in July is always well attended and always enjoyed by all who attend. This year's Stampede raised the bar for future events hosted by the GHMA. By opening the registration to all year Mustangs and the venue on the beautiful shore of Lake Ontario, we had the highest attendance of any GHMA show. The response was remarkable. The club couldn't have asked for a better team of organizers and volunteers, a better location or better weather. The 2007 Stampede attracted the likes of the Yellow Mustang Registry and visitors from all parts of Ontario, New Brunswick, Quebec, and Buffalo N.Y. just to mention a few.

The smooth running of Stampede 2007 was a clear indication that the GHMA was ready for its next great task, the 2008 MCA No Borders Internationals. The GHMA is proud to be hosting the first-ever MCA National Show outside the continental United States. Situated approximately an

hour's drive from the U.S./Canada border, we are within reach for many Mustangers to enjoy this first ever experience. The show is located just west of Toronto, at the Ford of Canada Headquarters in Oakville, Ontario. Proceeds of this collaborative event will be donated to such charities as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the United Way.

Southern Ontario has a wealth of attractions and locations that many attendees may find worth discovering.

•Tours of Toronto: Highlights include The CN Tower, The Rogers Centre, (formerly The Skydome) home of the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Argonauts; The Air Canada Centre, home of the Toronto Raptors and Toronto Maple Leafs; the Entertainment District, Harbourfront and Queen's Quay, the Toronto Zoo, Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Science Centre; to name a few

- Hockey Hall of Fame
- Tours to Niagara Falls
- Wine Tours of the Niagara Wine Region
- Trips to local Casinos
- Ford Motor Company will be in the midst of launching the 2009 Ford Flex built at the Oakville Assembly Plant
- Tours of local hobby related businesses—Legendary Motorcar/Dream Car Garage, Sean Hyland Motorsports, DaSilva Racing
- Opportunity to book a round of golf at the prestigious Glen Abbey Golf Course—where the Canadian Open is played.

The events and attractions listed above are only a glimpse of what the Greater Toronto Area has to offer. Each of these would take a day to properly experience and enjoy. Niagara Falls and its surrounding area is definitely a worthwhile experience to explore. The Niagara River Parkway and its' attractions: the Legends and Whirlpool Golf Courses, Sir Adam Beck Generating Station, the Floral Clock, the Butterfly Museum; all en route to Queenston Heights and Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort George and The Shaw festival; the Niagara Escarpment, The Welland Canal

and Niagara's World Class Wineries are all within in an hour of the show's location.

Toronto is the largest city in Canada and is the provincial capital of Ontario. It is located on the northwestern shore of Lake Ontario. With more than three million residents, it is the fifth-most populous municipality in North America. Toronto is at the heart of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), and is part of a densely populated region in south-central Ontario known as the Golden Horseshoe. Toronto is a very active and vibrant city. It is home to a number of museums, historical sites, sporting attractions and multicultural neighbourhoods to explore. The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is a major museum for world culture and natural history. The Toronto Zoo, one of the largest in the world, is home to over 5,000 animals representing over 460 distinct species. The Art Gallery of Ontario contains a large collection of Canadian, European, African and contemporary artwork. The Ontario Science Centre always has new hands-on activities and science displays particularly appealing to children, and the Bata Shoe Museum also features many unique exhibitions. Racing enthusiasts may want to take in the action at nearby Mosport International Raceway or Dunnville Autodrome. All these links can be found on the GHMA website as the Show draws closer.

More information about the GHMA and the Registration Form for the 2008 MCA No Borders Internationals is available on our website [www.ghma.on.ca](http://www.ghma.on.ca)

We are looking forward to hosting Mustang enthusiasts from both sides of the border at the No Borders Mustang Internationals in August. The Golden Horseshoe Mustang Association is thankful to the Mustang Club of America for the opportunity of hosting this great event. We anticipate everyone attending the show will be treated to a fantastic and memorable event. Please mark your calendars for August 1 - 3, 2008.

—Kevin Banks