

BILL DILLARD RECEIVES THE IACOCCA AWARD



Bill Dillard, one of the founding members of the Mustang Club of America, former MCA President, current member of the National board of Directors, all-around Mustang fanatic, and genuinely nice guy, was the recipient of the Iacocca Award. Rick Schmidt of National Parts Depot presented the award to Bill at the 2009 Silver Springs Mustang & Ford Round-Up in January 2009.

The Lee Iacocca Award is an award for excellence. It is a one-of-a-kind elegant plaque with a likeness of Lee Iacocca and his signature engraved in gold. This award is created for car clubs and shows to acknowledge car enthusiasts and their passion for maintaining an American tradition and directly benefits the Iacocca Foundation to help find a cure for diabetes. Bill Dillard certainly exemplifies excellence in his passion and his work toward perpetuating the Mustang hobby.

Created in 2006, proceeds from the Lee Iacocca Award go to the Iacocca Foundation, which has provided over \$23 million to fund diabetes research. The foundation was created in 1984 in memory of Mr. Iacocca's wife Mary K. Iacocca who died from diabetes complications.

For more information about the Lee Iacocca Foundation and the Lee Iacocca Award, go to www.iacoccafoundation.org.

CAR LOAN INTEREST & SALES TAX

The U.S. Senate voted in early February to make loan interest and sales taxes on vehicle purchases deductible from federal income taxes. The proposal, championed by the NADA, was added to an economic stimulus bill under debate in the Senate. The vote was 71-26.

The provision was not in a House-passed version of more than \$800 billion package of spending increases and tax cuts.

A conference committee will decide whether the provision stays in. The bill is a top priority of President Barack Obama.

If the measure passes, taxes on auto loans will be deductible for the first time since 1986.

THE 2010 ROUSH® MUSTANG

On March 18, 2009, ROUSH® will unveil their version of the 2010 Mustang. We were hoping to have a rendering of the Mustang for this issue, but at press time nothing was available. So, for a teaser peek and probably some updates, log onto www.roushTV.com or www.roushperformance.com for more links and information.

Additionally, ROUSH® announced that they will have 35 different parts available for the new 2010 Ford Mustang, right around the same time that initial deliveries of the vehicle begin showing up on the Ford dealer lots.

The initial parts that will be offered by ROUSH® will include:

- Suspension Package
- Brake Kits
- Resonator Exhaust & Tips
- Lowering Springs
- Interior Accessories: floor mats, sill plates, pedals
- Wheel / Wheel & Tire Packages
- Convertible Light Bar

The 445 horsepower, 400 lb-ft of torque ROUSHcharger® is expected to be available in mid-March. As before, installation of this supercharger will not void any Ford factory warranty on the new Mustang. A non-calibrated version of the R2300 ROUSHcharger® will also be on the shelf around this time.

ROUSH® body kits and other painted components will be available for purchase in mid-April.

CONGRESS REJECTS "CASH FOR CLUNKERS" PROGRAM



In recent weeks, thousands of SEMA members and SEMA Action Network (SAN) enthusiasts responded to a call for action urging lawmakers to reject a Cash for Clunkers program as part of the economic stimulus being drafted in Congress. Your efforts were successful as both the House and Senate versions of the bill are clunker-free.

Two proposals were put forth and then withdrawn during the Congressional debate. The first was a \$8 billion program targeting SUVs and pickup trucks of any year that make less than 18 mpg such as Ford F-Series. The second would have provided \$16 billion worth of cash vouchers to individuals making less than \$50,000 a year (\$75,000 for families) who allowed their turned-in cars to be destroyed. A Cash for Clunker proposal may reemerge later this year. SEMA will remain vigilant in educating legislators on the need to oppose programs that do not spur car sales, reduce emissions or raise fuel economy.

SEMA thanks all member companies and SAN enthusiasts who donated time and effort to contact legislators. Your voice helps protect our industry and hobby.

JUNE PATON



Carl Paton and his mother, June, had been a constant presence at MCA National and Grand National shows until 2008. Confined to a wheelchair due to an accident, Carl never attended a show without his Mother. In 2008, Carl's severe back pain and June's diagnosis of terminal cancer, sidelined the Mother-Son duo. Sadly, June succumbed to the painful disease on February 14, 2009. She was only 64 years old.

Carl said, "...Mom was everything from the caretaker, handyman, car detailer, mover (I moved around a lot), dog keeper, friend, and most important, Mom! She did it all!

"She gave up her life a long time ago to make sure mine, with my injury, was as normal as possible. She helped me with everything from day-to-day living and she did it all whenever I attended the Mustang Shows, too.

"I want to say Thank You Mom for all the Mustang Shows over the year as could never have done them without you."

Our prayers and thoughts are with Carl as he deals with this tremendous loss.

COBRA R BUILD SHEETS

Performance Parts, Inc. is offering archival-quality copies of original DAP-printed build sheets for most 1993 and 1995 Cobra R models (only). This is a limited-time offering and will be withdrawn without notice. Proof of ownership is an absolute must. Contact them to see if they have a build sheet or build sheets available for your particular 1993 or 1995 Cobra R model and to secure prices for the service. Contact Performance Parts, Inc. at 703.742.6207, or visit their web site at www.PerformancePartsInc.com

BLUE RIDGE MUSTANG CLUB HOSTS PONY DRIVE TO BIRMINGHAM



The Blue Ridge Mustang Club of Asheville is hosting a Pony Drive from Asheville NC, to Birmingham, AL, for the 45th Mustang Anniversary Celebration. If you are planning to attend the 45th Anniversary, we invite you join us for a Pony Drive on Thursday, April 16th. Plans are for us to depart from Asheville the morning of April 16, meeting off exit 33 on Interstate 26.

We plan to drive I-26 to I-85 through Atlanta into Birmingham, AL. All Mustang clubs or individuals are welcome to meet up with us in Asheville. As we travel to Birmingham, we will coordinate with clubs from SC and GA that may be interested in joining the drive. If you would like to converge in Asheville, NC, for a Pony Drive to the 45th Anniversary. We have obtained a special rate of \$59 per room for the night of April 15th for those wishing to arrive in Asheville the night before. Refer to our website for hotel information and locations. Our Pony Drive Hot Line Number is 828.667.9213; email ponydrive2009@gmail.com. or visit www.brmcoa.org for information and updates.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

On page 26 of February's *Mustang Times*, a SEMA picture in the top LH corner identified the Mustang sitting below the hanging Dynacorn body that of a completed Dynacorn shell. In fact, the Black beauty belongs to Rick Schmidt of National Pats Depot. It his his original 1970 428CJ Deluxe Sportroof. Sorry for the mixup, Rick!

Also in the February issue, the Blue Ridge Mustang Club of Asheville's event listing for September 26 and 27 gives an incorrect website address. The correct address is: www.brmcoa.org

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