

2010 GT-500 PACES MUSTANGS ACROSS AMERICA

The Official Pace Car of the Mustangs Across America 45th Anniversary Drive was a 2010 GT-500. With 45 years of Ford Mustangs in tow, the red, white, and blue 2010 GT-500 pace car led a convoy of Mustang enthusiasts from Las Vegas, NV, to the MCA Mustang 45th Anniversary Celebration in Birmingham, AL.



Mustangs Across America is a cross-country road trip celebration of America's number one pony car that garnered more than 600 Mustangs and participants from all over the world.

The 2010 GT-500 is the most powerful and prestigious pace car ever for an MAA event, given that none have yet made it into customer's hands. "We are proud to drive the top of the line steed from Ford and SVT," said event coordinator Sam Haymart. "The 2010 Shelby GT-500 will surely get attention and represent the breed well as we drive through the heartland of America. It is only fitting that it is red, white, and blue."

The 2010 GT-500 in white with red stripes is sponsored by Ford Motor Company and SVT. For the MAA drive, it featured special blue striping, which accentuates the new shape of the 2010 Ford Shelby



GT-500, particularly across the rear quarters. On the door is the round Mustangs Across America 45th Anniversary Drive logo.

While colorful and catchy, this logo has made a bit of controversy in Mustang circles as the pony is said to be going the wrong direction. "Traditionally, the Mustang pony always rides right to left," says Haymart, "But in our logo it goes left to right because the Mustangs are headed from the West to the East. We have had a number of people tell us we have it wrong and we just smile."

The 2010 Ford Shelby GT-500 pace joins a list of great cars that have paced past Mustangs Across America drives including a 1994 Mustang GT, a 1996 Saleen S-281 Budget Speedster, and a 2004 Roush Stage 3 Convertible.

The Mustangs Across America drive began in Las Vegas, NV, on April 11th and culminated in Birmingham, AL, on April 15th just in time to celebrate with the Mustang Club of America's Mustang 45th Anniversary Bash.

Check out the drive at: www.MustangsAcrossAmerica.com

ASHLEY FORCE HOOD WINS IN HOUSTON



Ashley Force beat a "Who's Who" of Funny Car drag racing that included her father, points leader Ron Capps, and defending race champion Del Worsham to a March 29, 2009, victory in the 22nd annual O'Reilly Spring Nationals that stamped her as more than just a novelty in the hunt for the 2009 NHRA Full Throttle Championship.

No victory was bigger, though, than a final round conquest of Fast Jack Beckman, the man who taught not only her, but her younger sisters and her mother to drive competitively.

Relegated to the troublesome right lane that all day long was the undoing of drivers with far more experience, the 26-year-old graduate of Cal State Fullerton was not intimidated. She left the starting line first and never trailed, recording a 1,000 foot time of 4.122 seconds at 306.19 miles per hour, second quickest of the day and easily the best in the right lane. Beckman trailed in 4.227 seconds at 303.43 mph.

"It was great," the Force Hood of the second professional win of her brief career, "especially since it came against Jack. He taught me when I first learned to drive and it's amazing that 10 years later, we're both driving nitro Funny Cars."



While it was her second tour victory, it was her first since her marriage last December to Daniel Hood and that made it even more meaningful.

"It's our first win together as husband-and-wife. I was definitely glad to have him there. He was right there in the thick of things in my pit area all day. He loves to work on cars and that is what he is good at. I am so happy to have him there working on it for me."

For JFR, it was a most timely victory. The team had not celebrated in the winners' circle since Robert Hight prevailed last September in the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals at Clermont, IN. It was the team's 180th Funny Car victory overall and it's 13th at Houston.

Ashley's second victory came in her sixth final round appearance and it boosted her to third place in points.

SALEEN HONORS WARRANTIES THROUGH SMS SUPERCARS



In an unusual step, SMS Supercars Chairman and CEO, Steve M. Saleen, announced a bold measure today regarding customer warranty on products of his former company, Saleen, Inc.

Saleen Inc. has ceased all operations, claims it has sold certain assets to MJ Acquisitions, Inc, and changed its name. In a statement made on March 6, 2009, to all

Saleen dealers, MJ Acquisitions announced that while "regrettably, Saleen, Inc. is unable to honor any warranties," MJ Acquisitions will "not be responsible or obligated to cover warranties and/or financial liabilities of Saleen, Inc."

Steve Saleen exclaimed, "I was saddened about the way the current owners of the proud company I founded, and which held onto my name after my departure two years ago, have now dealt with my loyal and longtime customers." Steve Saleen, who founded Saleen more than 25 years ago and remained its CEO until 2006, left the company completely in the spring of 2007. Since then Steve has had no control of, or operational role with, his former company, its operations, or its current shareholders, Hancock Park Associates.

"The ones who have been left out in the cold are the loyal customers of Saleen products. While my new company, SMS Supercars, has no legal or moral obligation to take up any of the warranty claims against Saleen Inc. or MJ Acquisitions, Inc., I would like to make a bold statement on the right way to treat customers," said Steve.

"If any Saleen customer in the U.S. who purchased a Saleen Inc. product up until February 2, 2009, has a warranty claim, they can directly contact my new company, SMS Supercars," Steve continued. "We will honor their remaining warranties as if they were SMS Supercars warranties." SMS Supercars' warranty terms will apply.

"This unusual step in uncertain times is a measure to assure that my past and future customers, as well as Saleen and Ford dealers around the United States, continue to have faith in products bearing my name", said Steve, who went on to say, "Customers who have bought a Saleen product in the past will receive the attention and care they and the Saleen products deserve."

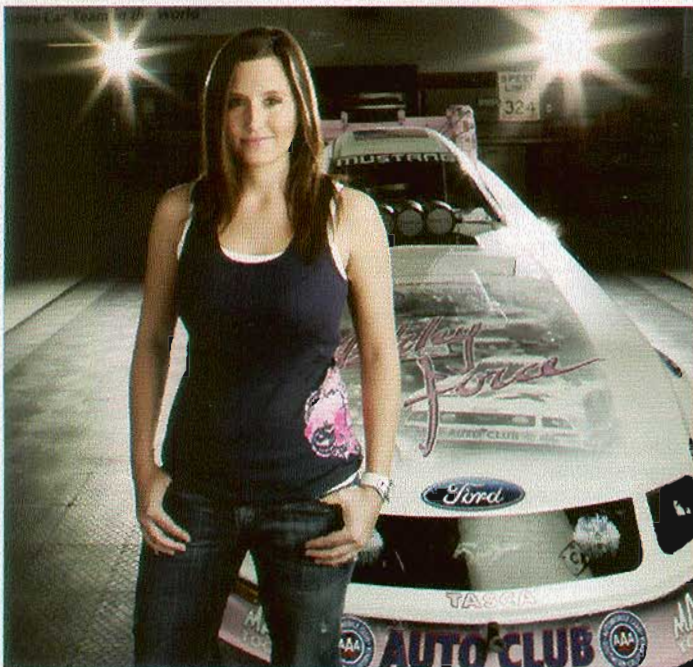
"Despite claims from any other company, SMS Supercars is the only company that today offers products endorsed by Steve Saleen," explained Steve.

SMS Supercars, based in Orange County, CA, is a manufacturer of high-end lifestyle performance vehicles.

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ASHLEY FORCE EXCLUSIVE FORD COLLECTION APPAREL



In May 2009, John Force Racing fans will have access to a new line of Ashley Force merchandise, apparel, and accessories. Evigna, Ford Motor Company's licensee managing The Ford Collection, recently confirmed the celebrity partnership and will feature Force's signature line in the Ford Collection catalog and website.

Ashley Force is the 26-year-old daughter of drag racing icon John Force and the first woman to win an NHRA funny car race. Quick to become the "face" of the NHRA, her apparel line brings a new level of excitement to The Ford Collection.

Characteristic of her beauty and toughness, the Ashley line represents strength in femininity.

"I am bit of a tomboy but I'm also girlie. You know, I am a girl; I like pinks and purples like most women and I do have a pink racecar! That's in a lot of the colors in the clothes. My favorite item is the tank top. I love blue and I love pink and it has both. I just really love tank tops and this one's right up my alley. If you looked at my closet, you'd see a lot of that and I'll be wearing that one (tank) often," said Force.

Not only is the Ashley's line fashionable and feminine, Evigna also took a good, hard look at this "face" of drag racing and considered her busy lifestyle. "I'm all about the comfort. I race better when I'm comfortable and relaxed. Obviously, I travel a lot so anytime I can wear clothes that are both comfortable and so cute, I'm all for it. The tee shirts, the tank top and the jackets are my kind of style and what I like to wear. Like the red zip-up (jacket). It's casual, comfortable and really reflects my personality," she says.

Other exciting signature items also making their way trackside to fans, enthusiasts and Mustang owners are the Pony Pearl Watch and the Leather Racing Jacket.

All products in the line, including the exclusive Ashley Force Leather Racing Jacket, will bear the Ashley Force signature Mustang Pony logo. Perfect timing for this year's 45th Anniversary of the Mustang.

Proud to drive a Ford and be a part of the Ford Collection catalog, Force first appeared in the catalog two years ago and has signed countless catalogs.

"I've had so many fans bring those (Ford Collection) catalogs up to me to sign. Every time a fan brings up one of those catalogs, everyone is like "where'd you get that?" They want to know where it's from because it (the photography) shows the real me and my personal side and not just me in my fire suit and my helmet," said Ashley.

In May, Ashley Force merchandise will be available in the print catalogs, online: www.fordcollection.com and via Ford dealers nationwide. Call toll-free at 888.380.6663. Current MCA members receive a 10% discount.