

## MUSTANGS OF EAST TEXAS



**T**he winner of the "Pay it Forward Contest" is Mustangs of East Texas. The decision was made at the beginning of April. The winning club was awarded the project car on Saturday, April 16, 2009, at the Mustang 45th Anniversary Celebration in Birmingham, Alabama.

Posed in the Scott Drake Enterprises booth, the project car left the Barber Motorsports Park on a trailer with the member of East Texas Mustang Club.

Deciding the winner of this contest proved a difficult task. Six clubs presented applications. Several provided extensive plans for the project car. All presented names of Charities they wished to have benefit from the proceeds of this project. However, East Texas was just a notch above the other applicants. They have formed a Pay It Forward Restoration Team. Along with their application, they presented a complete outline of the restoration process which included a month-by-month Progress Flow Chart, a Restoration Team Roster, Component Subcommittee Chairmen, a letter from their benefactor—East Texas Crisis Center, letter from a PPG Paint Distributor who donated paint, primer, and other supplies, and an artist rendering of the completed Pay It Forward Mustang.

The Subcommittee consists of 22 separate departments ranging from Engine to Interior to Publicity, Fund Raising, and Parts Procurement. Their team members signed the following pledge:

*As members of the Mustangs of East Texas Restoration team, I pledge the following:*

- *I will dedicate myself and my talents to provide a restoration of the highest quality.*
- *I will dedicate the time necessary to complete this project in a timely manner.*
- *I will do my best to support and promote both Scott Drake Enterprises and the Mustang Club of America.*
- *I will do my best to maximize the benefits of this project to the East Texas Crisis Center.*

*I will assist in any way I can in procuring the needed parts and supplies to complete this project.*

This pledge was signed by 20 members of East Texas.



East Texas Crisis Center center is the charity of choice for East Texas.

East Texas Crisis Center was established in 1978 in Tyler, Texas, to provide services to victims of family violence and sexual assault. The Center serves a five-county region in East Texas and serves 1,800 women and children each year. The agency services include emergency shelter, a 24-hour hotline, counseling and support groups for women and children, advocacy in hospitals and court, legal aid and advocacy in obtaining family protective orders, a variety of programs for children ages 3-17 who live in their emergency shelter, violence intervention classes for batterers, volunteer training and public education to schools, church groups, civic groups, and professionals in the community.

Members of Mustangs of East Texas have worked with the East Texas Crisis Center planning and working together on the Crisis Center's annual car show. This year, the Crisis Center's show made them a profit of \$170,000. It was their best year yet. And, the proceeds from the Pay It Forward restoration will also be donated to the Center when the car is auctioned off at the end of this year.

Mustangs of East Texas has about 54 member families. This active club meets monthly, however it's been reported that many members gather each Saturday morning for breakfast then they work on members' cars, sharing knowledge and experiences.

Their officers include: John Haigler, President; Bob Ground, Vice-President; Tomi Ellis; Donna Alexander, CPA, Treasurer; Robert Owens, Past President; and Directors: Robert Owens, Mark Whitt, Danny Alexander, and Craig Chesley who also serves as their MCA Regional Director.

Congratulations to all the members of this fine club. We look forward to their regular reports on the project.



### SIDEBAR:

**Members of the selection committee included:**

**From Scott Drake Enterprises**  
**Scott Drake**  
**Christina Brisneo**

**From The Mustang Club of America**  
**Austin Craig, Publisher,**  
Member of the National Board of Directors  
**Millicent Moye**  
Member of the National Board of Directors

**Mary Jean Wesche**  
Editor of *Mustang Times*