

X-PLAN FOR CURRENT MCA MEMBERS—A PRIMER

One of the many benefits of being an MCA member is the recent offer of an X-Plan by Ford. The plan is available to all current members, and is applicable to the majority of vehicles made by Ford Motor Company. The GT500 and The Raptor are NOT products that qualify under the X-Plan, and there may be more vehicles that also don't qualify. To find out, simply follow this procedure:

1. Log onto www.fordpartner.com
2. Use Partner Code MC405

From there you can browse the site to gather more information about the X-Plan, which gives you the opportunity to find prices and discounts on different vehicles. You can also click on Plan Rules, which is self-explanatory, that tab also has answers to frequently asked questions about the Plan. At anytime you can just click on the "Get Your PIN" tab.

Be aware that dealers have a choice as to whether or not they will accept the X-Plan. If they don't, try to bargain with them as there are many dealers who would love to make the sale. Just be prepared to show your current MCA Membership Card along with your X-Plan paperwork to the dealership.

Canada has its own Friends and Neighbors Program similar to, but not exclusive of, the U.S. Program. Canadian X-Plan requests must be directed to alewand2@ford.com.

Hopefully this gives a good overview of the program. If you have any further questions contact Kristie at the MCA office at 850.438.0626

MUSTANG CLUB NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

At the recent Mustang Nationals in Glenelg, South Australia, during the weekend April 2-5 2010, the Mustang Owners Club Australia Incorporated (MOCA) announced the commencement of the Hall of Fame with the following members: Kevin Musgrave (Victoria), Rod Kilvington (South Australia), and Lorraine Kilvington (South Australia) being inductees 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Each of the inductees has displayed a list of achievements unparalleled in the history of the Mustang hobby in Australia and we acknowledge and celebrate their contribution to the Mustang movement.

The concept arose through discussions at the MOCA National Delegates meetings over the past 2 years. The MOCA Hall of Fame Committee consisting of the President, Vice President and the two elected National Delegates from each mainland State, wanted to ensure that the history of the Mustang movement in Australia was documented, maintained and celebrated for years to come and at the same time have a process that was workable and the Australian Mustang fraternity could be proud of.

The only way to honour those members, both living and deceased, who have made a significant and long-term contribution to the Mustang movement in Australia over a prolonged period of time, was to create a Mustang Owners Club Australia Inc. Hall of Fame. The criteria has now been agreed to and every State in Australia will have the opportunity to nominate members for consideration to be among the elite of Mustanging in Australia. The nomination/approval process is through the MOCA Hall of Fame Committee.

We look forward to welcoming many more Australians to the Hall of Fame in the years to come.

MUSTANG V-6 AVERAGES 48.5 MPG; RUNS 1,457 LAPS AT BRISTOL ON A SINGLE TANK OF GAS



The 2011 Ford Mustang, which made history when it became the first car ever to deliver more than 30 mpg and 305hp, set a new record by running 1,457 laps at Bristol Motor Speedway while averaging 48.5 mpg. The Mustang 1,000 Lap Challenge was designed to demonstrate that a stock Mustang V-6 could run 1,000 laps and 533 miles on a single tank of fuel. With the aid of fuel-efficient driving techniques, the Mustang surpassed its goal.

"To see a Mustang post average fuel economy of 48.5 mpg while running at Bristol is impressive," said Dave Pericak, Mustang chief engineer. "The new V-6 engine along with the advanced 6-speed is a key element in delivering fuel economy and performance."

The Challenge team, which included NASCAR driver David Ragan and 4 Ford Mustang engineers, completed the challenge in 17 hours, 40 minutes, showing off the 2011 Mustang V-6's class-leading fuel economy. The V-6 averaged 48.5 mpg over 776.5 miles during the Challenge, which is more than the 2 complete NASCAR Sprint Cup events that take place in Bristol every year.

Ragan pushed the Mustang past the 1,000-lap mark at 7:26pm, 12 hours, 26 minutes into the Challenge, but the car wasn't close to being out of fuel. Mustang engineer Seong Park was behind the wheel when it finally came to a halt (on the backstretch) at 12:41am local time. Other Mustang Challenge drivers included Tom Barnes, Jonathan Mehl, and Carl Ek. Each driver took one-hour driving stints during the event.

"When we hit 1,000 laps we still had a 1/4-tank of gas left," said David Ragan, driver of the #6 UPS Ford Fusion for Roush Fenway Racing. "The last driving stint before I passed 1,000 laps I was averaging 43.7 mpg; that is unbelievable. These guys have run the distance of more than 2 Sprint Cup races at Bristol and they still have fuel left. Congratulations to everyone behind the Mustang and at Ford; this 2011 Mustang V-6 is really something special."

"This is beyond our wildest dreams," said Tom Barnes, lead engineer for the 1,000 Lap Challenge. "Many people have done a lot of things in preparing this 2011 V-6 to run the Mustang 1,000 Lap Challenge and to have the success we had today. It was great when we passed the 1,000-lap mark, but nobody could imagine that we still had five hours ahead of us. This is a fantastic feeling and it shows again what a great car the 2011 Mustang V-6 is."

More than 51,000 consumers registered guesses for the event at www.mustang1000lapchallenge.com. One lucky consumer that correctly guessed 1,457 laps will be randomly drawn from all correct entries and will win their own 2011 Mustang V-6.

WILD HORSES ON MUSTANG ISLAND, TEXAS



The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced they'll be participating in MustangFest 2010 on Mustang Island.

The BLM will conduct a Wild Horse Adoption on Island Moorings Parkway, bringing approximately 20 yearling Mustang horses. The horses will be available for adoption by the general public, who has come to love the wild horses they adopt thru the BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program. The exact number of animals is subject to change, and the BLM will provide MustangFest producers with the total number when they leave Oklahoma on September 30th with the horses.

Male and female Mustangs will be available for viewing on Friday afternoon during the arrival of the annual Cruise To MustangFest, scheduled to pull into Plantation Suites at 3:38pm. All of the horses will be available for adoption during Saturday's show, on a first-come basis. The BLM's wild horses will add to the excitement this year on Mustang Island.

Kris Rittenberry-Cagle, a specialist for the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Program stated, "We want every one of them to find a new home with families who enjoy the rewards of caring for a horse of their own." To adopt a wild BLM Mustang, you must be 18 years of age and have no prior convictions for inhumane care of animals. Adopters must also have a minimum of 400 square feet per animal to keep the horse, corral height of 5 feet, along with adequate feed, water, and facilities to humanely keep the adopted animal(s). The \$125 adoption fees may be paid with VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Traveler's checks, personal checks, money orders, and cash. The horses are all vaccinated, dewormed, freeze marked, and cared for until they are adopted. Each adopter is provided a record of the animal's medical care (including negative Coggins test results).

The Wild Horse and Burro Program is exclusive to BLM, which holds adoptions throughout the country. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 217,000 horses and burros into private care through adoption. The BLM protects, manages, and controls wild horses and burros under the authority of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 to ensure that healthy herds thrive on healthy rangelands. The BLM manages these living symbols of the Western spirit as part of its multiple-use mission under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Tom Hartford, MustangFest producer said, "The excitement generated already by the baby Mustangs coming to Mustang Island is very inspiring. We will be watching the surprised faces of the Mustang owners and passengers as they arrive for check-in with baby Mustangs waiting to be viewed."

For more information on wild horse and burro adoptions, visit www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov.

WELCOME SHELBY AMERICAN



The MCA welcomes Shelby American as its newest sponsor.

As with all our sponsors, we thank them and hope that each member consider patronizing the businesses that support the Mustang Club of America!

Welcome aboard, Shelby American!

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- That if you log onto youtube.com and search Mustang 1000 laps, you can see videos of the 1,000 Lap Mustang Challenge?
- That if you log onto vimeo.com/11447453 you'll see the 2011 Mustang commercial?
- That you can manage your personal information in the Member's Only section of the MCA website, mustang.org?
- That the winner of the Healing Heroes Network Mustang Dream Giveaway was Robert R. Totton? He will receive the keys to a Restored 1967 GT500 and a Patriot Edition 2010 GT500 at Ford World Headquarters on August 8th.
- That Greenville, PA's St. Michael's School Annual Car Drawing includes a 2010 Kona Blue GT500, and that St. Michael's pays for the taxes and title for the winner? Get ticket information at www.smscardrawing.com.
- That MCA Sponsor Kicker Audio gives a \$1,000 certificate to one lucky winner at each National / Grand National for 2010?
- That Kicker Performance Audio is hosting a 2-day Summer Bash Car and Truck show at Kicker's headquarters in Stillwater, OK? Need info? Call 800.256.KICK (5425), or Email summerbash@Kicker.com.

FRIENDS OF THE MCA

The Friends of MCA program enables members and small businesses to contribute to the growth of the Mustang Club of America through an annual contribution.

Every Friend of MCA will be recognized for 12 consecutive months in a special Friends of MCA listing in *Mustang Times* on page 66, the Club Benefits page. The listing will include the name of the person or company, phone number, and email address or website contact information.

The Friends of MCA annual contribution is \$150. All contributions should be made payable to the MCA and sent to:

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