## The Mustang Wedding



## of Allie & Chris Powers

Text by Jackie Dahlen Photos Courtesy of Allie & Chris Powers

astor: "Allie, do you promise to love, honor and cherish Chris's Mustang?"

Allie: (after a slight pause)
"I promise to love, honor and cherish
Chris's Mustang."

With these words, Chris and Allie Powers began their married life together. Now how is that for modern day wedding vows? This truly will be a Mustang marriage made in heaven!

On Friday, July 23, 2010, 18 Mustangs

from various locations in the Philadelphia suburbs converged on two locations in Hatfield and North Wales to serve as drivers for the wedding party. Those involved in this coveted procession, drove the ladies and gentlemen to Pinecrest Country Club in Lansdale, the site of the wedding celebration of Allie and Chris Powers. It will be remembered for being one HOT wedding, as well as being one HOT wedding!

As always, there were a few minor glitches along the way, but the end result could not have been more beautiful or more perfect! I was in charge at the groom's location, where 11 Mustangs were to meet up. One driver who was not familiar with the area went eight miles beyond the street he was to turn onto, however he managed to get back in plenty of time. There was a last minute change of driver for a '69 Mach 1 whose owner was on vacation. And there were other adjustments that had to be made. Chris ended up riding in that '69 Red Mach 1 428 Cobra Jet with its very colorful substitute driver, and I as the lead escort driver then drove Joan, the groom's mother. What an elegant lady! She good-naturedly climbed around the



roll bar of my heavily modified GT and allowed me to strap her into the 5-point harness, then off we went.

Not being accustomed to driving with a passenger (I usually drive in the lead and concentrate on the route), I began to talk with Joan and-you guessed it-I missed one of the turns. Of course, so did everyone that was following behind me. Fortunately it was in a residential area and I could make a U-turn at the next street, which was not really appreciated by the 1st Generation Mustangs with no power steering. Anyway, we arrived at Pinecrest only a couple of minutes late and what a dramatic entrance we made. The wedding guests were all assembled under the portico; we each drove up and discharged our passenger with each driver exiting their car briefly so the photographer could take a picture. Each driver then drove through and around to the left to the parking area that had been reserved for us. Last, of course, was Allie who was driven by Jean Lutz in her 2009 Pink-striped White GT/CS. What a perfect Mustang for a bride to be driven in

While the ceremony was taking place, all the drivers went inside where Chris had little bride and groom trophies for each driver on a side table. We then went outside again and took pictures of all the drivers and their cars while holding their trophies. After the ceremony, Chris and Allie came out and posed for pictures with the cars and the drivers. As an additional thank you, all drivers were invited to the cocktail hour, at which served were delicious hors d'oeuvres and a delectable signature drink called a Lemon Martini. Finally, as a thank you to the Valley Forge Mustang Club in general, Chris and Allie made a generous donation to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation-one of the charities the club supports.

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Having completed our task of getting our passengers safely to the wedding, and after a couple of the overheated Mustangs had a chance to cool down, the VFMC members then departed with fond memories of having had the honor and privilege to have taken part in this joyous occasion. MT



