

## CRUISING ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR CANCER AWARENESS

Mary Coffey, who lost her husband to cancer in 2008, is inviting car enthusiasts around the country to join her on a cross-country drive from Buffalo, NY to Burbank, CA, to raise money for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Mary, who has had numerous friends diagnosed with breast cancer, also lost her husband to cancer in 2008. She has received support and sponsorship from numerous private individuals to drive her pink 2001 Saleen Mustang cross country, meeting other automotive enthusiasts along the way.

A web site, [www.buffalotoburbank.com](http://www.buffalotoburbank.com), has been set up where individuals can donate directly to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. In addition, Mary encourages automotive enthusiasts and owners from around the country to contact her through the web site if they are interested in joining her for portions of the drive, or if they would

like her unmistakable hot pink Saleen Mustang to visit their local cruise night to raise money for cancer research.

"I'd love to have a caravan of cars join me for different portions of the drive," said Mary. "Part of my route will be along historic Route 66, so it promises to be a beautiful drive. Plus, I'm looking forward to meeting other automotive enthusiasts—especially those who want to support cancer research."

Mary's son David originally bought a Mineral Gray 2001 Saleen Mustang in 2007, with the promise that he would keep up with the payments or turn the car over to his mom.

"I told David that if he didn't keep up with the payments, I'd take it away from him and paint it hot pink," said Coffey.

At the beginning of 2008, David turned the keys—and payments—over to his mother. Around the same time, Mary's husband Bob had been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, an aggressive cancer with high mortality rate. In an effort to keep Bob's spirits high, Mary promised him the Mustang if he would battle his way back to health.

Bob kept a positive attitude and fought a valiant battle, but succumbed to his illness that June. Mary followed through on her promise to paint the car pink.

"I know of only one other pink Saleen Mustang in the country, so if you see one, there's a good chance it's mine," said Mary. "Given the attention-grabbing color, it seemed natural to use the car to turn attention to cancer research."

October is breast cancer awareness month. Mary Coffey and other cruisers will be leaving Buffalo on October 1, 2011, for the month-long journey.



### Cruising for a Cause 2011



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## MUSTANG ALLEY - WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE 2011



Thirteen years ago Mustang Alley was a grass roots effort by a collection of Ford engineers to gather and celebrate the heritage that is Mustang. Since then, the Alley has grown to be one of the largest, single-day Mustang events in the world! To add fuel to the Ponies, three years ago Mustang Alley expanded into the Mustang Alley Experience, adding a day at the track for our participants. In 2010, we successfully managed a three-day event including the Mustang plant tour, Track experience at the Dearborn Development Center, and the main event Mustang Alley during the Woodward Dream Cruise.

We invite you to be a part of history as we aim to make the 2011 Mustang Alley the largest ever! Join us and more than 600 other Mustangs as we celebrate the heritage of our American icon during the Woodward Dream Cruise on Saturday August 20, 2011. Registration for the Alley is already open; a modest \$20 fee to park at the Alley is all that is required to join our gathering on 9 Mile and Woodward in Ferndale. Registration for the plant tour will open soon and the Track experience will be available once the Alley registration hits 500 cars. Both the plant tour and the Track experience are absolutely free to our participants.

All funds raised during the three day event will be donated to local and national charities. We'll even have some raffles available. Raffle items last year included sets of Brembo brakes, seats, wheels and tires and many more parts. Come see what parts were going to pluck off the line and give away this year!

Point your web browser to [www.mustangalley.net](http://www.mustangalley.net) and register early! Keep checking back for news on the plant tour and the Track event—you won't want to miss either!

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