

BLUE ANGELS EDITION MUSTANG



The engineering and design teams at Ford Motor Company have produced a truly unique “Blue Angels” edition 2012 Ford Mustang GT. This one-of-a-kind vehicle was sold at the Gathering of Eagles charity auction July 28, during the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) 2011 AirVenture Oshkosh.

All proceeds from the car donation and sale will benefit the EAA Young Eagles organization, which has provided free introductory flights to more than 1.6 million young people since 1992 while also teaching the value of hard work, personal responsibility and enhanced math and science skills.



The exterior of Ford’s “Blue Angels” Mustang GT was inspired by the acclaimed naval aviation performance demonstration team and the F-18 Hornet aircraft it flies. The car’s custom rear spoiler’s vertical tailfins, the “screaming yellow” gloss accents, inclusion of the Blue Angels script and crest all are drawn from the Navy aircraft. The unique chrome blue paint, courtesy of Creations n’ Chrome, is unlike anything available on a production vehicle anywhere in the world.

With the Blue Angels crest stitched into its leather Recaro racing seats, the car’s interior also features offset stripes inspired by pilot flight suits.

Additional unique details of the “Blue Angels” Mustang include cluster graphics, performance gauges, navigation screen images, safety belt fabric, instrument panel appliques, rear seat-delete and cross-brace, Blue Angels script in the illuminated sill plates and puddle lamps that project jet images when the doors open.

Under the hood, the “Blue Angels” Mustang is all performance with a Ford Racing supercharged 5.0-liter V8 engine producing 624 horsepower. The Ford Racing components also include a handling pack, performance exhaust and racetrack brakes.

Mustang Chief Designer Darrell Behmer, Design Manager Melvin Betancourt, and Chief Nameplate Engineer Dave Pericak lead the design and engineering teams that developed the “Blue Angels” Mustang.

The Young Eagles Auction is part of the EAA Gathering of Eagles at the EAA AirVenture Museum. The Gathering of Eagles annually draws more than 1,000 aviation enthusiasts in support of Young Eagles and other EAA programs that inspire young people to become engineers, aviators, astronauts, scientists and innovators—the aviation pioneers of tomorrow.



The “Blue Angels” edition joins three other one-of-a-kind Mustangs created by the Ford design and engineering teams for the EAA Young Eagles Auction in recent years, each generating excitement among aviation and automotive enthusiasts alike. Ford vehicles sold at auction during past EAA AirVenture events have collectively raised more than \$1.3 million to support Young Eagles.



Other unique vehicles produced by Ford in support of EAA Young Eagles include the Mustang AV8R, with cues from the F-22 “Raptor,” which in 2008 helped introduce the glass-roof canopy and delivered a record auction contribution of \$500,000. In 2009, Ford’s AV-X10 “Dearborn Doll” Mustang was crafted in honor of World War II aircraft. In 2010, two automotive icons—Carroll Shelby, formerly a U.S. Air Force flight instructor, and Jack Roush, a longtime P-51 pilot—collaborated for the first time to create the SR-71 “Blackbird” Mustang inspired by the legendary reconnaissance jet.

LAST CALL FOR THE 2011 REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S SUMMIT...NO LET'S MAKE IT A REGIONAL DIRECTOR ROUNDUP

Time is fast slipping away for you to get your registration in for this year's Regional Director's Summit on October 8, 2011, in Dallas, Texas. As Horace Collums said in the July issue of *Mustang Times*, we want to bring out the big ship for this year's Summit, with a lot more attendees than last time.

This is your opportunity to be heard directly by the National Board of Directors as to what MCA can do for your Regional Club. But, just like last time, we want to know what your Regional Club can do for MCA.

We'll have information to share on the launch of new programs for our membership and how we can collectively leverage the new website to everyone's advantage. We'll have some insight as to what Ford has up its sleeves for the Mustang. We'll be brainstorming on how MCA can continue to provide more value to its members in all aspects of the Mustang hobby.

We want your input on how to best be effective as we implement the new youth program, the new online Certified Judges testing, member discounts for parts and services, and more. We want you to take an active part in what makes the Mustang Club of America tick.

Don't wait too long and miss the chance to be a part of the 2011 Regional Directors Summit.

Remember—the registration deadline is September 24, 2011. We hope to see you all in Dallas on October 8th!

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