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NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Annual Mustang Club Christmas party

Friday, December 10th — * 7:30pm * — Please bring a dish to pass



The November club meeting marked the end of the casting of votes for the club elections. The results will be announced at the December meeting. Thanks to all those who have participated in the voting and the nominating. Also, a special thanks to those that currently are serving a position in the club.

Next year's MCA All Ford Show will be here before we know it so planning has begun. The highlights are posted on page 2 along with some important dates. There are a few important changes and we are planning some small changes in the setup of the committees as well—stay tuned for more updates to come in the future...

— Stacia Sidell, Co-Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Holiday Season has begun and the place to be on **Friday, December 10th** is the Club's **Christmas Party !!** We will be electing Club Officers, finalizing the Car Show Brochure, paying Dues for the coming year (hopefully Jack will have the 2011 cards ready) and of course the Christmas Party itself. As in past years, the party is a "Bring a Dish to Pass" kind of affair. We will try to start the meeting promptly at 7:30 and get through the Club's business as soon as possible and then kick back and enjoy the party !!

One thing that I would like to continue into the new year is starting the meetings promptly at 7:30. We strongly encourage socializing (why else would we have a Club), but we have been getting later and later with our start times. For 2011, let's try to arrive at the Lamm Post around 7:00 and be ready to get down to business at 7:30. The sooner we get the Club's business out of the way, the sooner we can get back to socializing.

If you missed the last meeting, then you missed out on Joel Kopp's animated explanation of the new format to the Car Show "Brochure". In short, it will be an 8½" by 14" (legal size) sheet of paper, folded in half to create a 4-page brochure. Jack Engler is in the process of creating the impressive cover art and a small group of us is working out the details of the car show's classes; but there will be one page where we urgently need your help. One page will list the contributors and in order to meet the publishing deadline, we need to have the contributors "commit" to a donation by January 15th !!! With the holidays fast approaching and all of the family issues that come with it, January the 15th will be here in a blink. The urgency is if the contributor wants the added bonus of having their organization's name printed in our car show brochure. We will still accept donations for the Theme Tray Auction and Goodie Bags right up to the week before the show itself. Go to the Club's website at WWW.WNYMUSTANGCLUB.COM and print the examples of the Contributor Commitment Form and the Vendor Rental Form. By the way, the show this year will be a 3-day event, starting on Thursday, June 8th. Details to follow.

Hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party !!! Until then, have a good and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

- Gary Shoffstall (MCA # 71880)



2011 Regional MCA and All Fords Car Show Section

DATE: SATURDAY JUNE 11th, 2011

LOCATION: EASTERN HILLS MALL - AMHERST, NY

- We are currently planning events for Thursday and Friday nights in addition to the car show on Saturday
- Show Sponsor Registration Form
 - Need commitment letter no later than January 15, 2011 to be included as an advertisement in the show flyer. Also, we need the money no later than May 1, 2011 and the product by June 1, 2011
- Vender Registration forms are first-come, first-serve

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 horse of the
 Western plains.
 In English society,
 the American
 wife of an English
 nobleman."*

Upcoming Events - Dates to Remember

December 10 - Christmas Party

June 11, 2011 - MCA Regional All Ford Car Show

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THE LEGEND LIVES



MUSTANG
Built for the road ahead.

A HELPFUL TIP FOR THE DO-IT-YOURSELFER...

It's better to buy a new wheel than fix the flaking chrome

Dear Car Fix: I have a 2007 Lexus ES 350 with chrome wheels. Three wheels are perfect and one is flaking and peeling. Do you know if the wheels are covered under the Lexus warranty, since they are Lexus-installed? If not, do you know of anyone in the area that either fixes or rechromes them? One last question: I'm looking for an extended warranty and the one Lexus has looks good. What do you think? I also have some info coming from CarFax warranty. Is that any better?

—B.M., Buffalo

Dear B.M.: First, Lexus will not cover the flaking on your chrome wheels. This is usually due to corrosion from the calcium chloride or road salt that destroys cars, chrome wheels and more during the winter months. Running any vehicle through a car wash or a hand wash will keep rust and corrosion to a minimum. As far as rechroming, it's usually cheaper to buy a new wheel or find a lightly used one in a salvage yard.

Warranties are another story. Factory warranties that are covered by the manufacturer directly can be valuable,

and outside warranties that have deductibles are rarely worth the money. Car manufacturers, dealerships and independent companies all sell extended warranties. These contracts cover certain car repairs or problems after the manufacturer or dealer warranty expires.

In general, all vehicles have basic warranties that cover the vehicle for three years or 36,000 miles; some even cover 10 years or 100,000 miles. If you intend to keep a vehicle beyond the manufacturer's basic original warranty, an extended warranty is a consideration. Like a standard manufacturer's warranty, an extended warranty ensures that certain engine components will be repaired or replaced at no charge to you. With a new car, the extended warranty usually must be purchased by the end of the first year of ownership. But think before you buy; there are a lot of details to consider. The right extended warranty could be worth its cost; most are not.

Before buying an extended warranty, make sure you know exactly what the warranty covers. A mechanical breakdown, in some contracts, might

literally mean that a part has to break, while other contracts expand the definition to include excessive wear and tear of certain parts.

While some agreements cover even more, a bumper-to-bumper warranty is the most complete plan a company can offer because it covers most factory-installed mechanical and electrical parts. Still, you will have to cough up cash for periodic maintenance, cosmetic items and items listed as "not covered" in the service agreement.

Extended warranties usually have a deductible you will have to pay before the warranty kicks in. Your deductible could wipe out much of the repair bill. For example, if you have a failed water pump, a \$150 deductible would cover the part and some of the labor.

Dear Car Fix: I have a limited edition 2004 Dale Jr. Monte Carlo. To store this car until spring, everyone

has their opinions: Fill the gas tank, park the car on boards, etc. Please give me your input.

—L.S., Eden

Dear L.S.: Many people store their dream cars; here are eight tips on the proper way to store your vehicle:

1. Choose a garage or other storage facility that's dry. Damp air will cause rust over a long period of time.

2. Fill the gas tank and add a fuel-stabilizing additive (Sta-Bil) to prevent the gas from oxidizing and deteriorating. An empty or low gas tank will rust internally as moisture may accumulate inside the tank.

3. Change your oil and repair any leaks or drips from the engine, transmission, brakes and rear end.

4. Relieve the weight on the tires by putting the car up on jack stands. Check with the owner's manual and/or your mechanic about the safest place

to place the jack stands.

5. Wash and wax the car to prevent corrosion.

6. Disconnect the battery so it doesn't fail. A trickle charge can be purchased at a parts store and will protect the battery. If you remove the battery, don't store it on a concrete floor. Use a battery box and store it on wood blocks. It's not recommended to start the car every once in a while, because it will create moisture in the exhaust and just sit there until you run it again (this can cause rust and corrosion). If you do run a car in a garage without proper ventilation, carbon monoxide can kill you.

7. Cover your car with a good quality car cover. Park your vehicle on a plastic sheet and place a piece of cardboard under the car to absorb any drips or moisture. Plug the tail pipe with aluminum foil to keep rodents out (just remember to remove it in the spring).

8. Don't forget to leave fire and theft insurance coverage on your vehicle.

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CAR FIX





Car of the Month - A Son's Promise

By : Paul Rauch

Since my son, Shawn, was very young, I've taken him to numerous car shows. I always gravitated toward the Cobras and rarely voted for anything else. When Shawn was about 5 or 6 years old, he made a promise to me that when he grew up and was rich, he was going to buy me a Cobra.

Shawn is now 21 (and far from rich!) and works as a mechanic at a Firestone in sunny Florida. This past July my cell phone rang and it was Shawn sounding beyond excited. One of the older mechanics that he worked with had come in to very hard times, to say the least. He was suffering from depression; had just been fired from his job at Firestone for backing a customer's car into a fellow employee's car, and had his truck repossessed the day before. He was desperate for money. Before he left Firestone, he pulled Shawn aside and said, "I'm going to lose my house if I don't get some money quickly. I need to sell my Cobra kit car. Do you know anybody who might want to buy it??" My phone rang within a split second of that conversation, I'm sure. Shawn had never seen the car, but he had heard this guy brag about it often. Though it was far from finished, everything he had purchased for it (engine, tires, wheels, etc.) was top of the line. I knew I wanted it.

Conveniently, I had just retired from Verizon, so I was able to drive down to Florida immediately. I met Shawn and we excitedly drove to see my new, beautiful Cobra. The owner came out to greet us. As he began to open the garage door, Shawn and I couldn't wipe the smiles off our faces. Then we saw it... The Cobra was barely visible under piles of junk, including a microwave. The crowning glory was a pair of underpants on the hood. Upon closer inspection, we saw that there was an infestation of mold everywhere. When we peeked in the window of the house (couldn't help ourselves), we saw that it was worse than any episode of the television show "Hoarders" could ever dream of being- and the mold wasn't just partial to the Cobra.

The price he quoted, however, made it very easy to overlook the mold, microwave and underpants... \$5,000. I quickly wrote him a check before he changed his mind. We hired a transport to bring it up to Buffalo. It was very thrilling to see the huge transport pull into our cul-de-sac with my new vehicle- or more accurately, vehicle parts. I scrubbed every inch of it and left the parts outside so the sun would hopefully kill the mold. I know I have a lot of work ahead of me, but it will all be worth it one day.

My son kept the promise he made to me when he was a little boy. Even though he didn't have the money to actually pay for the car, he was still responsible for allowing me to realize my dream of one day owning a Cobra.



WANT ADS/FOR SALE SECTION

This is a new section for our Newsletter and at this moment will be free of charge. Please provide a detailed description of your ride that you want to sell or are looking for and preferably a picture of the car for sale. Please email details to gitteup@verizon.net for review and posting.

Erik

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