



BLUE OVAL TRACKS

The First State Mustang and Ford Club Monthly Newsletter

“Join us for the ride...”

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GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting of the First State Mustang & Ford Club will be held on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00 pm, at Damon's Restaurant on Rte. 13 next to the New Castle Airport.

The E-board meeting will take place immediately after the General Meeting.

TOPICS OF THE MONTH

Feature Car Selection
Sheridan Show
Summer Events

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Dave Eastburn

*Spring has sprung,
The grass has razz-
I wonder where the birdies is?!*

Start your engines people! The days are getting warmer and longer and our first cruise is two weeks away. While we never thought winter would end, and we would be cruising in snowfields, its finally here. Saturday, April 10th is our first cruise at Pike Creek Shopping Center, and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there, with a few helpers coming out a little early, like 3:00. Ruby Tuesday's is very excited and looking forward to a great summer with us. Let's have a fun and safe year! Before you know it, May 16th will be here and we will be at our first Sheridan Show of the year. Remember, feature car voting will be done at the April meeting, so please bring your pictures and best speaking voice to talk up your car and why you think it should be selected. Always interesting to see what vehicles will be nominated. We recently revised the show classes (see listing in newsletter) and we feel we have a good group to work with for now. We'll discuss them at the meeting and take any suggestions or ideas you might have still. Remember, classes are never set in stone and can be changed from time to time to fit the needs of our shows as attendance changes. However, we realize we can never please

everyone all the time. We're doing our best!

The March 20th open house at Alderman Machine Shop was cancelled but owner Paul Alderman says he will reschedule at a later date, possibly sometime in the summer. Stay tuned. Carl Nathans from Delco Cruisers will be speaking at our May meeting about the club participating in a patriotic event in West Chester, Pa., in the summer. Remember, the club will be involved with Sunny Side Farms all Ford & Mustang show in July, flyers will be on the table at next meeting. We had over 25 members last year, let's make a good showing this year also. The March-April 2010 issue of "Cruising" magazine did a nice job of bringing to people's attention that our cruise has been moved to the 2nd Saturday of each month; however, as noted in the monthly events listing, we are *not* giving out trophies. We'll have this resolved by next issue. But thanks to Larry & Shawna for doing so much for our club and all the others out there. The magazine is a great place to get info on ALL Tri-State events, shows, cruises, etc. I encourage you to subscribe to the magazine and support them. The web address is www.cruisingmagazine.net for info.

This should be a very good year for Ford; besides announcing big profits in the face of a lousy economy, they have the new Mustang 5.0 for 2011 about to hit dealers lots in April. As we saw at the Philadelphia Auto Show, it's a beautiful car and should fly off the lots. Besides the GT giving 412 HP, there is an impressive 6 cylinder giving 300 HP. Nice to see muscle actually coming back to "muscle cars." While there is nothing like a new car, especially a new Mustang for us Ford & Mustang fans, it's important to remember that the present Mustang would not be here if it hadn't been for ole' 64 1/2, way back when, as well as the '74 thru '78 Mustangs, which often get beaten on pretty bad. (I believe you will actually start to see many more of these models in the coming years at shows) Anyway, there has been a lot of talk of how Ford Carlisle has been pandering to the newer Mustangs on the show field these past few years, pushing out the older models. While it seems to be true, we have to remember that as younger drivers can afford these vehicles, they jump into our hobby.

This is a good thing; the older guys, or "purist" for Lack of a better word, feel threatened by this. But it's all good, everything comes around in cycles and I believe that even the younger guys will appreciate the classics as they grow older. It's up to events like Carlisle to keep the balance there for *everyone*. For now, it's still the best show going of its size. I hope a lot of you can make it there this June. Anyway, come on out to the next meeting and help us pick a feature car, grab some dinner and hang out with fellow members, and maybe order a shirt from VP Rob Campbell, he's getting nervous! See you at the meeting...

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Kathy Eastburn

Welcome New Members:

Don Ginnelli

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VP'S CORNER

By Rob Campbell

The car season is finally upon us!! April 10th is our first cruise of the season! I hope we see everyone out there. We could also use everyone's help before hand setting up the cones and ropes and help breaking down everything afterwards! We usually get there around 3 to start roping everything off. The more people we get to help the faster it gets done and everyone can start enjoying the cars that come out ☺

To everyone that ordered jackets and shirts in February I will have them at the April Meeting. To everyone that ordered in March I unfortunately will not have yours yet. We have to order at least 12 at a time and need at least 5 more members order to make the 12. If anyone is interested please call me on my cell at 530-7601 or see me at the meeting or cruise! Thank you!!

See everyone at the meeting on April 6th and the cruise on April 10th!

Events

APRIL 10, 2010 ☐ - FIRST CRUISE IN OF THE SEASON!! - ☐ RUBY TUESDAYS - ☐ PIKE CREEK, DELAWARE ☐ 4PM - 9PM - ☐ MUSIC BY DJ BOB BURKE

MAY 16, 2010 ☐ - SPRING CAR SHOW ☐ - SHERIDAN FORD ON KIRKWOOD HIGHWAY ☐ WILMINGTON, DE ☐ 9AM - 3PM - ☐ 17 CLASSES WITH TROPHIES TO TOP 3 IN EACH CLASS. ☐ DASH PLAQUES TO FIRST 75 CARS! ☐ MUSIC BY DJ BOB BURKE

