



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, December 1st at 7:00 pm, at Damon's Restaurant on Rte. 13 next to the New Castle Airport.

The December E-board meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm at Damons.

TOPICS OF THE MONTH

Toy Run Cruise
Elections

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Dave Eastburn

Well, as I sit here writing this, turkey day is less than a week away and our show & cruise season has ended. What a year! Ruby Tuesday of Pike Creek welcomed us back to their lot, and our cruises took off. Manager Mike Kiernan has made me promise we will come back, and there will be lots of positive changes in store next year. I'm already looking forward to another cruise season, with possibly some theme night cruises and a live band too. One change in store is that we will be moving the cruise back to the second Saturday of the month; this will be helpful for such events as Ford Carlisle and other area events scheduled around that weekend. The other change is that due to the success of the toy run cruise, we will make this a permanent event, and I'm very glad for that. Sheridan Ford also continues to impress me not only with their generosity towards making our spring & fall shows so great, but also at how many of the people there truly enjoy the shows and the club itself. We really can't thank them enough for all they have done for us these past two years already, and as Ford continues to be a strong sales leader - and survivor - in its industry, we look forward to many more years with Sheridan. Next year is right around the corner, we just have to get past that little old speed bump called...winter!

Our November 7th toy run at Pike Creek was a nice success, and the weather cooperated with us enough to make it a very comfortable day. While we only pulled in 50 cars, we collected well over 100 toys, with some people donating multiple items. Their donations were so appreciated by A.I. duPont hospital for children, who have now asked us if we would consider making this a yearly event for them...their asking was all it took, as far as I'm concerned. While many club members were in attendance this day, I have to throw a special thanks to those who went above and beyond, not only from setting up the ropes & cones but to helping to collect the toys. Kathy, Vic Janvier, Larry Side, Bill Ross, Rob Campbell, John Anderson, Don Bovee, Jeniene Barker - and if I missed anyone, thank you and please forgive me. Thanks to Dave Halliday for stepping up and providing music for the day, as regular DJ Bob Burke was out sick. Thanks to Ruby Tuesday for providing free coffee, hot chocolate and cookies all day. Next year, we'll make it bigger and better!

Officer nominations were taken at the November meeting, and final elections will be held at the December meeting. Please make an effort to be there and help out with these decisions. Dave Birchmire, national director; Dave Alford, newsletter & membership; Kathy Eastburn, treasurer & secretary; Rob Campbell, vice president; and myself, president. I have really enjoyed being president these past two years, and hopefully have made some changes for the better. While some of you may not have agreed with certain decisions, ultimately it was up to me to make them, but I have always tried to keep it a "club" decision when I could. My aim, first and foremost, is to keep the club a fun one, where anyone, young or old, male or female, can join us and feel a part of it in every way. I feel we are in the right direction, and I challenge anyone to throw ideas at me no matter what they are. Some of them will stick, and that's a good thing.

I have always felt that you get out of this club what you put into it, and this year has really shown that. I consider many of you my good friends now, and that alone was worth it to me to be here. Should I be elected president again for 2010, I'll keep things going in this direction! I have a list of ideas to work on, and I know some things have fallen by the side of the road, but we will get to them soon, promise. (club jackets, shirts, club member picture, etc) Rob Campbell, who has turned our web site into something we can really be proud of now, has been a great help this past year, and I'm really going to lean on him big time! So I'm throwing my vote out there right now for him: "Rob Campbell for vice president!"

I want to thank you ALL for being members of this club, and hope you will continue to do so. I really enjoy seeing you all at meetings, and hanging out at the cruises and shows. It was a great year, and lets end it in the best way possible. I encourage everyone to come out to the December meeting at Damon's (Tuesday, December 1st) and enjoy a good holiday dinner and evening with all their fellow club members. If there are some you don't know so well, get to know them, you'll be glad you did. It might be too cold to bring out our favorite Ford's, but that shouldn't stop us. I look forward to seeing you all there, and before you know it, the holidays will be over, and I can say again..."see you at the meeting!"

Dave Eastburn

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Kathy Eastburn

CRUISE & SHOW SCHEDULE 2009

Welcome New Members:

Connie & David Jones

December E-Board Meeting:

The December E-board meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm at Damons. All officers are asked to attend as we will discuss many different changes for the club for 2010. (please jot down your ideas and bring them!) Also, club members who wish to participate are invited to do so. If you CANNOT attend, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you all there!

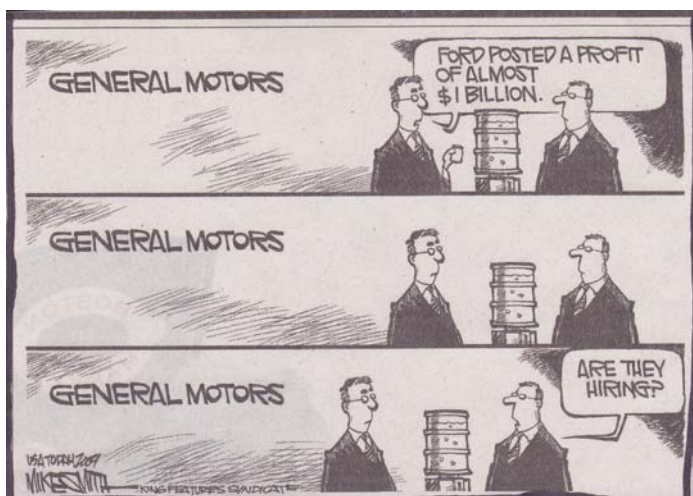
Club Dues

It's time once again to pay your Club dues. The dues are \$20.00 per year.

You can pay your dues at the meeting, or mail a check to the address below. If you send a check, please make it payable to **The First State Mustang and Ford Club.**

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Merry Christmas!



Photos from the Toys for Tots Cruise November 7, 2009

