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**Official Newsletter  
Denver Mustang Club**

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## **Club Clash 2008 at Bandimere Speedway — May 9th!**

*By: Mike Rhynard Jr., DMC Public Relations Chair*

*This month, Club Clash racing begins at Bandimere Speedway. The Denver Mustang Club will again field a team of racers. Any Club members are welcome to race, or to just stop by and cheer on your fellow Mustang enthusiasts!*

*Club Clash runs from May to September. The first Club Clash takes place on **Friday, May 9**. The Denver Mustang Club letters are **ZI**. Gates open at 3:00 pm. The Club will meet just south of the concessions stands on the top pit area.*

*Session-style time trials start at 3:30 pm. Those entering the facility after 5:30 pm will be limited to one time trial and those entering the facility after 6:30 pm will receive no time trials. Eliminations start at approximately 7:00 pm. All racing ends at 12:00 AM with the finals. Trophies are awarded at each event to the winner, runner-up, semi-finalists, and ¼ finalists*

### **Club Clash 101**

*Club Clash is open to all street cars and bikes that run the ¼-mile in 10.50 seconds or slower. There are two classes of competition: TOP STREET (10.50 - 13.99 seconds) and HOT ROD (14.00 seconds and slower). Street-legal, DOT-approved tires and mufflers are required on all vehicles. No electronic or transmission brakes are allowed.*

*The cost to race is only \$35.00. Spectator admission is only \$12.00. All Club Clashes are held on Friday nights, on the following dates: May 9, May 30, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 5, and September 26*

### **Come join us!**

*Club Clash is in its 22nd year at Bandimere. It's a great time to have fun and meet car and racing enthusiasts from other clubs. For more information, contact Mike Rhynard Jr. at 303-588-8087 or at [Michael.Rhynard@Sun.com](mailto:Michael.Rhynard@Sun.com)*



*Bill Anderson Jr. puts the "pedal to the metal."  
Thanks to Geri Durbin for the picture!*

## **MAY CLUB MEETING**

**Friday, May 16**

*Phil Long Ford, Denver  
Tufts & Wadsworth  
2nd Floor Meeting Room*

**7 PM to 8 PM**

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## **2008 CLUB CLASH**

**Friday, May 9**

*Bandimere Speedway  
3051 South Rooney Road  
Morrison, CO 80465*

*C-470 and Morrison Rd..*

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## **2008 CLUB DUES ARE DUE!**

*(see inside for details)*



"I'm looking forward to seeing you and your fellow Club members at many of our events this summer!"

— Terry Lewand

## "Show and Shine" Time — from the President

With the last snow of Spring behind us (hopefully), our Club's focus is now on the many cruises, shows, swap meets and races ahead of us.

The month of May is typically one of the busiest months for car-oriented activities. 2008 is no different. Roadsters, hot rods, muscle cars, and exotics all come out of hibernation and into the sunlight, for daily and/or weekend travel and events.



First up this month is the annual Club Clash at Bandimere. Several members of the Denver Mustang Club will again represent us. There are two Club Clash dates in May: the 9th and 30th. Contact Mike Rhynard Jr. for more info at 303-588-8087.

On May 10th, a car show is scheduled at Columbine High School. Contact Jerry Jones at 720-581-8839 if you are interested in attending.

On May 17th, there are two events scheduled. The first is a show and shine at the Shelby American Collection in Boulder. The second event takes place at the Pepsi Center and is sponsored by Streamline. Stop by the Club meeting on Friday, May 16th to

learn more about both events.

The month winds up on May 30th with the start of the 3-day Good Guys Colorado Nationals in Loveland.

There are (of course) many other activities in between. Check out "The Latest Scoop" (available at many grocery stores) or the web for upcoming car-related activities and events in Colorado.

### Update

I am pleased to report that our Club VP, Bill Anderson, is recovering quite well! We can expect to see him at some of our Club events soon.

**See you at the May 16th Club meeting!**

## April Club Meeting Highlights

### President Update

Nothing new to report.

### VP Report

Possible activities coming up include drives to Cripple Creek; visits to the Mathews Collection or the Clive Cussler Museum.

### Secretary Report

Nothing new to report.

### Treasurer Report

Jeff shared current bank balance, list of expenses from last month and presented bills to be paid. Motion to pay bills approved by Club members.

### OCCC Update

Reminder of upcoming OCCC-sponsored events coming up this year.

- Cruzin Havana on 6/21
- Swap Meet on 8/23 (volunteers needed!)
- Colfax Ave. Cruise on 9/20

### Membership Update

Final reminder to Club members/families that have not yet paid 2008 dues need to do so.

We're capturing birthdays on

the membership list and will print them in the Club newsletter.

### Newsletter Update

Club members interested in having their Mustang profiled in an upcoming newsletter issue should send their pictures and descriptions to Tony Peccolo.

### RMMR Update

The Mountain Tour route will be the same as last year. Volunteers are needed to help staff the event.

RMMR sponsors include: Sill Terhar, NAPA, Colorado Mustang Specialists, Colorado Mustang Concepts, AER, Associated Photographics and the Boulder Buffs Club. DMC to donate items for door prizes this year.

A Colorado Mustangers member is creating a DVD of the show this year. No guarantee your car will be filmed. Cost estimate is \$20-25 per DVD if interested.

### WWAF Update

Planning is progressing on all fronts! Terry is still researching costs and options for purchasing orange cones as discussed at last

month's meeting.

The registration form for the show has been posted on the DMC web site.

### Public Relations Update

Racing T-shirts for the Club Clash are in production. Phil Long will contribute a portion of the funds needed to produce; shirts will carry Phil Long name.

### Old Business

Terry researching alternate eating establishments; try some locations around the area on cruises after Club meetings.

Looking to IT Chairperson to the Board.

### New Business

Car show at Shelby Museum on May 17.

Check out the back page of this newsletter (for highlights) and the Club website (for detailed list).

**Club members present: 55**



## What's In My "Stable" — Jeff Jacobucci's 2006 Hertz Shelby

On Wednesday April 12, 2006, Carroll Shelby rocked the automotive industry at the NY International Auto Show. He announced he would once again produce a Shelby Mustang which can be rented at Hertz.

Jeff has always been a Shelby fan. He read the news on that day and looked at all the pictures, drooling over the new gold-stripped black Mustang.

Jeff had an uncle who owned several Shelbys when he ran a restoration shop in Commerce City back in the early 80s. His cousin owned a '69 GT500, red with gold stripes. Some of Jeff's fondest memories were making a trip from his home in Collbran, CO to Denver and visiting his uncle's home. "If it was a Friday or Saturday night, my cousin would take out the GT500 and we would go cruise the Westminister Mall or Colfax. That was it," says Jeff. "I knew that someday I would get a chance to own a Shelby Mustang."

The afternoon of April 12, 2006, Jeff called Hertz at DIA, since it was announced they would be one of eight locations to get the new Shelby. They knew very little at that time, but got Jeff in touch with the Denver District Manager. "I told him that I absolutely must have one of these cars for the Mustang Roundup," says Jeff. "I kept in contact with him over the next couple of

weeks." Eventually, a reservation for a week-long rental was made.

Jeff took the Shelby rental (car #100) up to the Roundup, and has written an article about his adventure. Check out his article for "Car Domain" at:

[http://www.cardomain.com/features/hertz\\_shelby](http://www.cardomain.com/features/hertz_shelby)

After Jeff's week rental with the car, he knew he had to own one. After some research he learned that after about 16,000 to 18,000 rental miles, the cars would be sold only to Ford dealers, to be then distributed (sold) to the public. After about eight months, the Hertz Shelbys started to hit the dealers.

Jeff kept an eye on the web. The first Shelbys hit eBay and were selling from \$75,000-\$80,000. This was going to be way out of reach and with only 500 available in the world, he didn't think he'd even be able to get one. Interestingly, Brighton Ford bought three of the cars. Jeff stopped by and there it was, #100 (the same car he rented). Brighton paid \$58,000 at auction, and they wouldn't budge off of \$65,000. Ouch!!

A year passed and the prices started to go down, as Shelby introduced the "Shelby GT" model. It's basically the same car, with different colors and available to the public directly. Jeff kept his eyes open for the right deal.

February 2008 came around and Jeff finally pulled the trigger. "I found car #102 in Indiana for a price that was just within reach," says Jeff. "I flew out to Mount Vernon, Indiana and drove #102 home. I thought I would keep the car completely stock, but that didn't happen. I've added 20-inch Black Shelby Razor wheels, Shelby GT-H engine dress package, a SCT custom tune, and a few other odds and ends. This is a new friend that I hope lasts a lifetime!"

### 2006 Hertz Shelby Facts

- 500 cars — total build, all black with gold stripes
- All are automatics except four cars — specially built with 5-speed manual transmissions. One of the four is owned by Carroll Shelby; the other three by Hertz executives.
- 30 cars have uneven exhaust tips; Jeff's is one of these.
- The Shelby serial number on the dash changed from seven digits to six digits at car number 101. Under the hood, the number remained seven digits through the entire build of 500 cars. For example, car number 100 is 06H0100 on the dash, but Jeff's car number 102 is 06H102.



## Membership Update

By Geri Durbin, DMC Membership Chair



### Dues are (over) due

This is the final reminder to all DMC members that have not yet paid 2008 dues!

If your renewal has not been received by the May 16 Club meeting, your name will be removed from the membership list.

We encourage you to remain an active member and partake in all the exciting activities planned for the rest of the year. If you can't make the May meeting, drop a check in the mail to the Club P.O. Box address found on this newsletter as soon as you can.

### Club Member Birthdays

Colleen Mazzucca	5/15
Lary Coop	5/15
Gary Coop	5/15
Jeff Jacobucci	5/11
Allison Grooms	5/13
Linda Smith	5/15
Tony Peccolo	5/20
Jan Roth	5/24
Maureen Ravnik	5/26
Greg Geist	5/27
"Cobra" Bob Guy	5/29
Mitzi Katz	5/30
Joe Dietz	5/31
Penny Henry	5/31

### Current Membership

55 paid members/families.

### Welcome New Members!

#### Randy & Lynne Tortorelli

1965 Mustang Coupe  
Prairie Gold  
289 V8

#### Tom Jacobson

1968 Mustang  
Red and Black  
Ford Racing 302 V8

## Tack Shop

### FOR SALE

#### 1965 Mustang A/C Unit

- Original under dash unit
- New registers
- Both hoses
- VG to Excellent condition!!
- Photos on the DMC website (denvermustangclub.com)

Price: \$400

Contact Ken Roth at:  
kdroth41@comcast.net

## Cars, Parts, Tools — For Sale or Wanted

### PARTS

#### Eibach suspension kit for '94 to '04 Mustangs

- 4 shocks; pro-line springs
- Front/rear sway bars

List \$2,200; Sell for \$900

#### Set '04 Cobra Wheels

17x9-in wheels with BF Goodrich tires – P275/40 17. \$750

For the suspension kit or wheels,  
Contact Bill at 720-333-3578 or  
bill86bill@hotmail.com

### Got something to sell?

### Looking for a dream ride?

Submit your ads and requests to the Denver Mustang Club. All ads must be Mustang or car related.

Send your ad to Tony Peccolo at the e-mail address below. Ads will run in three issues, unless requested to continue. If an advertised item sells, please notify:

Tony Peccolo, Newsletter Editor at  
APeccolo@aol.com



## RMMR Autocross "Warm Up"

By Joe Dietz, DMC RMMR Chair

On Sunday, April 27, the RMMR Autocross "Warm-up" was held in Commerce City. Several members of the Club attended — putting their cars through their paces.

"Warm Up" it did, from the cool low 50s to a beautiful 65 degrees and a sunny day.

Pictures from the event can be seen on the web. Check out the following url:

<http://bloom.is-s.com/cpg/thumbnails.php?album=133>

Everyone had a wonderful time and the event was very well run. There were 63 entries in total. Several Club members were at the event:

Cobra Bob  
Ken Smith  
Steve Katz  
Dave Jorgenson  
Jeff Jacobucci

Bill Anderson Jr.  
Brett Grooms  
Tim Steenson  
Wes Thornton  
Joe Lewand  
Terry Lewand

Bill Anderson Jr. turned in the top "Mustang" Club time — 1:04.357

Joe Lewand turned in the top "non-Mustang" Club time — 58.101



## Odds and Ends in the World of Ford

Compiled by: Tony Peccolo, DMC Newsletter Editor

### Ford Quality Improves!

When it comes to initial vehicle quality, no automaker performs better than Ford according to the first quarter 2008 U.S. Global Quality Research System (GQRS) study conducted by RDA Group of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Ford's domestic brands improved 8 percent over last year - statistically equivalent to Honda and Toyota. The company earned best-in-class honors in interiors and electrical, which includes entertainment systems. Ford tied for best-in-class in paint and vehicle engineering, which includes such areas as ride, handling, and cabin quietness.

Bennie Fowler, Ford's group vice president of Global Quality, said, "We are extremely proud to be among the industry's quality leaders. But that's not why we're in the game. We want sole possession of first place, and we will keep working to earn it."

Source: Ford

### Auto Executive of the Year

Carroll Shelby Received the Automotive Executive of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award. When asked to name his favorite car of all time, Shelby replied, "The next one that we're building. We (Ford and Shelby Automob-

biles) have our plans. I think we'll get around to it and hopefully not in the too distant future."

When asked to speculate on the automotive industry's future, Shelby stated, "I have a lot of faith that we, in America, have what it takes. We have to think international[ly] and [I believe] that America is going to come back. The greatest time is now. Follow your passions and you'll be alright. Do what you want to do. It's an old story, but it's so true."

Source: Automotive News

### New Ford Diesel Engine

Ford Motor Co. will outfit a variety of pickups, vans and SUVs with a diesel engine the company is developing. Details about the 4.4-liter, turbocharged V-8 were leaked to the Internet after being revealed at a dealer show in Las Vegas.

Ford confirmed a new diesel would be installed in the F-150 pickup, Expeditions, and other models starting in 2010. Look for 9 percent more power than the 5.4-liter gasoline engine, and 15 percent more torque. The new diesel has about the same 0 to 60 mph acceleration but gets 20 percent better fuel economy.

Source: Automotive News.

### Ford Q1 Revenue

Ford posted net income of \$100 million on total revenue of \$43.5 billion. That's compared with a net loss of \$282 million on revenue of \$43.0 billion during the same period a year ago.

Ford stock closed up 11.7 percent the day of the announcement. Ford's total revenue in North America for the quarter was \$17.1 billion, down from \$18.5 billion a year ago.

Source: Automotive News.

### Ford Subsidy to Dealers

Ford Motor Co. is paying dealerships an extra half of a percentage point of each vehicle's wholesale price to be used for local advertising.

Dealers requested the subsidy, and Ford executives agreed after noticing that dealerships had cut back local advertising sharply. The cutbacks came as Ford's sales and market share dropped in recent years, hurting dealership profitability.

As a condition of receiving the extra money, dealerships must spend it on advertising that complies with Ford's standards. Those standards are meant primarily to prevent distressed messages that could damage the Ford brand.

Source: Automotive News.



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### Advertise Your Business!

If you are a DMC member and are interested in advertising your business in the newsletter free of charge, please send a short description and contact info to Tony Peccolo, DMC Newsletter Editor at [APeccolo@aol.com](mailto:APeccolo@aol.com)



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*Founded in 1965, the Denver Mustang Club is the oldest Mustang club in Colorado.*

*Club activities include car shows, swap meets, picnics, autocross events, drag racing, the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup and our own annual Wild West Auto Fest car show, featuring a large display of all types of vehicles — cars, trucks, and motorcycles.*

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## — Upcoming Events —

- May 9:** Club Clash 2008 begins @ Bandimere Speedway
- May 16:** May Club meeting moved to this date
- May 17:** Show & Shine @ Shelby American Collection
- May 30 - June 1:** Good Guys Colorado Nationals, Loveland, CO
- June 6:** June Club meeting moved to this date
- June 12 - 15:** Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup  
Steamboat Springs, CO
- June 21:** “Cruzin Havana” sponsored by the OCCC
- June 29:** Phil Long Ford Fest @ Bandimere Speedway
- July 20:** Red Lion Run, Maple Grove Park, Golden, CO
- August 29 - 31:** MCA Grand National, Park City, UT
- September 13:** DMC Wild West Auto Fest @ Clement Park
- September 20:** “Colfax Ave. Cruise” sponsored by the OCCC
- October 5:** DMC Fall Brunch @ Ship Rock Grille, Red Rocks
- November 14:** DMC Elections and Movie Night
- December 7:** DMC Christmas Party @ Red Rocks CC