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Denver Mustang Club**

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Ford Offers Glass Roof for 2009 Mustang

By Tony Peccolo, DMC Newsletter Editor

The Mustang gets a brand new outlook with a glass roof option for 2009.

This option comes in response to many drivers' increasing desire for natural light in their cars, especially as commutes get longer. It is a convenient alternative to those looking for the feeling of a convertible with the climate-control and structural integrity of a traditional coupe.

The Mustang roof is made of a specially-formulated glass that blocks infrared rays, which protects the car's occupants and the upholstery. The glass helps to reduce vehicle cool-down time by about 50 percent. Finally, the roof incorporates a retractable blind that may be used to block the sun completely and provide privacy.

The glass roof is available as an option on both the V-6 Mustang and Mustang GT. Glass roof models started showing up on dealer lots earlier this summer. The glass roof model joins the Mustang Bullitt and Shelby GT500KR, adding variety to the Mustang stable just in time for the Ford Mustang's 45-year anniversary.



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Ford also celebrates Mustang's 45th Anniversary in 2009 with a commemorative badge on each front fender, just before the door.

Long America's favorite "tanning machine", the fun-to-drive Ford Mustang convertible (and glass roof model) will continue to lead the Pony Car segment for many years to come.

2010 Mustang "Reveal" Event on November 18th

This special "simulcast" event is being held in Denver on November 18th, at 7:30 pm at the Colorado Mills United Artists Stadium 16, 14500 W. Colfax Ave. in Lakewood. Attendance is by on-line pre-registration ONLY, and is limited to the first 300 who register.

To register, go to: <https://www.2010MustangReveal.com>

Join other Mustang enthusiasts for this event. Drive your Ponies (weather permitting) as there will be special parking available.

NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING

**POTLUCK,
"MOVIE NIGHT"
AND
ELECTIONS**

Friday, November 14

**DON'T FORGET
IT'S AT
GOVERNOR'S RANCH**

9050 W. Prentice Ave.
Littleton, CO 80123

6:30 PM to 9 PM

**Club will provide main
course and drinks.**

**Members, please bring
a side dish or dessert
as noted below:**

Early ('64-'73): Dessert

Late ('74+): Side Dish

Directions to Governor's
Ranch from Wadsworth:

- Turn off Wadsworth onto Belleview, heading West
- Turn left onto S. Field St.
- Turn right onto W. Prentice Ave.



“Nominations are still being accepted for 2009 DMC Board positions!”

— Terry Lewand

Stand Up and Be Counted! — from the President

It's Election Time!

For those of you unable to attend the October meeting, nominations for 2009 Club officers were taken. Further nominations will be entertained at the November meeting prior to the formal election.

I would like to encourage anyone interested in running to approach any of the current officers, express your interest, and ask any questions regarding positional responsibilities. The nomination process is informal and the goal is to ensure all interested have an opportunity to participate in the process.

The Denver Mustang Club's four-plus decades of existence are a tribute to all of the members—both current and past—who have graciously volunteered their time and energy as officers. I urge you to join the ranks of those who have served in this time-honored tradition.

Next Meeting

Remember our next meeting will be at the Governor's Ranch Clubhouse on Friday November 14th at 6:30pm.

It is the annual "DMC Meeting Movie Night" and Club Elections. Early model cars ('64 to '73) bring a dessert

and late model cars bring a side dish. The Club will provide sandwiches, chicken, and beverages.

Directions

The clubhouse is easy to find, located south of Belleview between Wadsworth and Kipling.

From Belleview turn south onto S. Field St...from S. Field St. turn west onto W. Prentice Avenue.

Governor's Ranch Clubhouse
9050 W Prentice Ave
Littleton, CO 80123
(303) 979-4822

DMC Board of Directors Candidates for 2009

Candidates for Elections

This month, the normal Club meeting highlights give way to a list of members who have been nominated for office for 2009.

Nominations offered at the October Club meeting and submitted via e-mail are noted below. Additional nominations will be accepted prior to the election.

Elections will take place during the November Club meeting at Governor's Ranch.

Nominations by Office

President

Mike Rhynard Jr.

Vice President

Bill Anderson Jr.
Gary Coop

Secretary

Wes Thornton
Ken Roth

Treasurer

Jeff Jacobucci

Newsletter

Tim Steenson

OCCC Representative

No candidates offered

Membership

Gerri Durbin

WWAF

Ken Smith
Jerry Jones
Mike Rhynard Jr.

RMMR Representative

Joe Dietz

Public Relations

Sam Mazzucca

Board of Trustees

Jerry Penberthy
Ernie Sotolongo



What's In The "Stable" — Cobra Bob's 1999 Convertible!

This great ride is owned by our very own Bob Guy.

1999 was a very good year for the Ford Motor Company. Profits hit a record \$7.2 billion as the stock market and new-vehicle demand kept going strong in an unprecedented boom economy.

"Ford" remained America's #1-selling nameplate, owning five of the country's top-10 favorites including the full-size F-Series pickup.

The 1999 Mustang benefited from "New Edge Design" — a geometric approach with crisp lines and deliberately jarring graphic elements set against rounded forms. The makeover was just in time for Mustang's 35th anniversary in 1999.

A retro, chrome "corral" surrounds the galloping pony badge in the new honeycomb grille, which was thoughtfully designed for easy cleaning. An index finger fits perfectly into

each grille recess, making it simple to remove the grit sure to collect there.

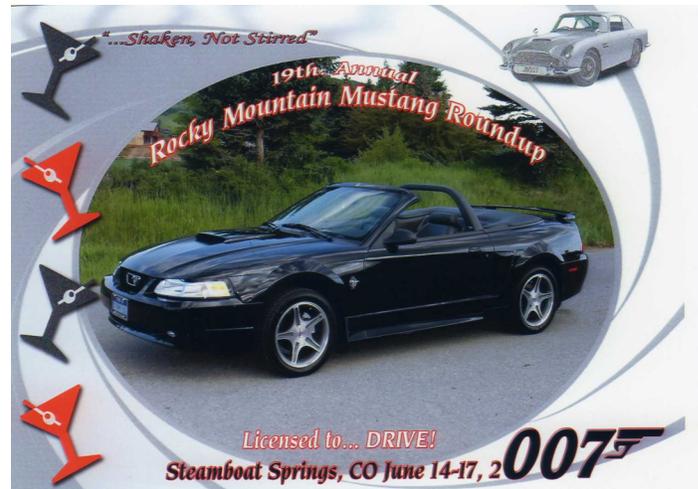
A hood scoop lends an aggressive look to the car, as does the C-scoop on each side aft of the doors. A strong character line connects the front fender to the C-scoop, and when approaching the Mustang from the side and reaching to open the door, a strong whiff of 1965 rises off the car.

Bob's car is # 321 of 4,623 Limited Edition 35th Anniversary Mustangs. It is the first black convertible produced in 1999.

The car has won repeated awards at local and national shows:

- 2 for 2 in Phoenix
- 1 for 1 in Dallas
- 1 for 1 in Kansas
- 6 for 7 at the RMMR Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup

VROOM!



Terlingua Texas and Our Shelby Mustang GT Road Trip

By Jeff Jacobucci, DMC Treasurer

In late September, Shelby Automobiles celebrated the rebirth of the famous Terlingua Racing Team with the first annual "Shelby Bullrun Challenge" in West Texas.

The event included driving events and parties for Shelby enthusiasts. Carrie and I had the good fortune to attend as a result of winning a photo contest in honor of the event.

The first day included a sheriff-led 85-mile run from Terlingua to Alpine, TX. When I saw a GMC 4x4 sheriff truck at the beginning of the line of 100+ Shelby Mustangs, I thought it was going to be a slow parade-type run. Well, the sheriff never went below 125 mph (with lights and sirens) on the windy mountain

type road. I was near the back of the line, and had a few 145+ mph runs. How many times can you say that you were chasing a cop at over 125 mph?

Saturday included the 380-mile "Bullrun" event. I thought that this would be a slower event, but there were many high-speed runs. You won't believe how much damaging road debris gets kicked up while running at high speeds!

The "Bullrun" was exciting, except for an accident which occurred right in front of us. It put one driver in the hospital, and totaled his Shelby beyond recognition. My firefighter training was tested, and the driver will be OK. But is a reminder of how dangerous high-speed driving can be.



Our Shelby Hertz GT dressed and ready to go!

Membership Update

By Geri Durbin, DMC Membership Chair



Pony Tales!

Have you ever sat back and wondered what Mustangs we (as a Club) drive?

As keeper of the Club data, I am sharing the list of Mustangs our members own, drive, polish, race, show, and are absolutely passionate about.

The 1990s brought two major design changes for the Mustang.

1990-1993 Mustangs remained relatively similar to previous years, as the end of another generation of Mustangs (Fox bodies) was near.

1993 was the final year for this generation, but was highlighted by the release of the Cobra and Cobra R. Small exterior changes were noted, but the big focus in '93 was a higher level of performance.

The next generation of 'Stangs were produced from 1994-1998 and were completely redesigned — both interior and exterior. 1999 ushered in the 35th anniversary of the Mustang and a sharp-edged design took over from the very round 94-98 era.

Mustang sales remained strong in the '90's and continued to outpace other Detroit (and international) muscle cars.

Club Cars

The Denver Mustang Club has a strong showing and variety of '90s Mustangs. We have 23 Mustangs in all, manufactured during the 1990s including:

- (1) 1990 LX 7Up
- (1) 1991 LX 5.0 Convertible
- (4) 1993 3 Cobras
 - 1 LX Convertible Limited Edition
- (6) 1994 1 Coupe V-6
 - 1 GT
 - 1 GT modified 306
 - 1 Pace Car replica
 - 1 Cobra
 - 1 Cobra Pace Car
- (3) 1995 1 GT
 - 1 Cobra
 - 1 Cobra Convertible
- (1) 1996 Cobra
- (1) 1997 GT
- (1) 1998 Coupe
- (5) 1999 1 Convertible
 - 2 GT Coupes
 - 1 GT Convertible
 - 1 GT Convertible 35th Anniversary Limited Edition.

December will showcase the next century of Mustangs — the 2000s!

November Birthdays

11/4 Tom Jacobson
11/7 Peggy Durbin
11/21 Ken Smith

Current Membership

75 paid members/families

New/Returning Members

Jim & Tammy Cospers
1999 Red GT

Ron & Ann Fox
1994 White GT
1994 White Stock V-6

Troy & Dennette Grote
1997 Green GT

Robert & Sharon Thiessen
1965 Green 289 Coupe

Tim Thiessen
1964½ Red 260 Coupe
1999 Black Cobra Convertible

October Club Meeting

39 (29 members, 10 guests) in attendance.

Tech Talk: Taking Care of Your Convertible Top

By Joe Lewand (JoeLewand@aol.com)

A good convertible top cleaner and protectant will increase the beauty as well as increase the life of your convertible top. Whether your convertible top is a vinyl or fabric, it will benefit from regular maintenance. You can achieve proper top care in just a few steps.

Convertible top cleaners are usually designed for both vinyl and fabric. Personally, I use RaggTopp.

RaggTopp makes a first-step product designed to remove dirt and grease build up as well as stop mildew growth. For a second step product, RaggTopp makes a product for vinyl or fabric. The second step product is a protectant and will provide UV protection and it repels grease, dirt, and oil.

Fabric Top Cleaning

Fabric tops repel water, but all good things must come to an end.

Fabric tops are chemically treated during manufacturing to repel water and contamination, but these chemicals disappear over time. How long the factory repellent will last is dependent on usage and the environment, so it's best to keep an eye on your top.

Washing will show a decrease of water repellence.

You'll want to watch for signs of water puddles or wet spots where water has penetrated the fabric. It's time to treat your top if you see this.

Select a cleaner designed for fabric convertible tops. Spray the top with the cleaner and agitate with a moderately stiff brush until clean. Rinse.

Once the top is dry, use a protectant that will restore your fabric tops ability to repel water. Never over saturate a top when using a protectant. Lots of light coats are best.

Vinyl Top Cleaning

Cleaning your vinyl top is as simple as washing your car.

Use a car shampoo and agitate with a brush then rinse off with the rest of your car. If your top is particularly dirty you can use a cleaner to remove grease and dirt.

Spray the top to remove loose dirt. Spray with cleaner and work the product into the top. Rinse off well.

After you're done cleaning, use a vinyl protectant to preserve the color and texture of your top.

Clear Vinyl Windows

Windows on convertible tops often age faster than the rest of the convertible top. The clear vinyl usually yellows,

cracks, and scratches.

If your top is new, treat the window with Diamondite Plasti-Care. This product is a cleaner and protectant that keeps the vinyl from cracking and will keep it clear. Applying Plasti-Care from the day you buy your convertible is a great way to keep windows clean and clear.



If you already have damaged windows, Wolfgang Plastik Lens Glaze will remove contamination, decrease the yellowing and will lessen the appearance of scratches. Seal the plastic with Wolfgang Plastik Surface Sealant for long lasting UV protection.

Your top will last longer if you protect it from the beginning. There is little to be done to reverse damage once it's already occurred.

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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 each September, featuring a large display of all types of vehicles — cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

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— Upcoming 2008 Events —

November 14: Club Meeting @ Governor's Ranch, Littleton
DMC Elections and Potluck "Movie Night"

December 7: DMC Christmas Party @ Red Rocks CC

Check out the DMC website for complete
calendar and event details!