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2010 GT-500

By Tim Steenson, DMC Newsletter Editor

Just as the January edition of the newsletter was put to bed, Ford released information and photos of the 2010 GT-500. So, a little late, here's a quick overview:

As with the Mustang GT, the GT-500 will see a performance bump for 2010, with 540 horsepower and 510 foot-pounds of torque, the most power ever in a Ford SVT-tuned Mustang. Fuel efficiency is also expected to increase, by 2 miles per gallon.

The open-element air induction system will feature a conical air filter to reduce restriction. GT-500 aficionados will notice that the Cobra badge on the grill has switched sides, to allow for maximum cold air flow to the air filter.

Transmission enhancements include an upgraded twin-disc clutch, and ratio changes for 5th and 6th gear. Final drive ratio has changed from 3.31 to 3.55, with an optional 3.73 gear available.

Coupes will feature new 19 inch wheels, with Goodyear F1 Supercar tires, while the convertible models will get 18 inch wheels. Both models will have enhanced springs and dampers for improved handling. New for 2010 is AdvanceTrac, Ford's stability control system. The system can be placed in Sport mode for track driving, or turned off.

The interior has been upgraded using higher quality materials and genuine aluminum throughout. Several unique features will differentiate the GT-500 from the Mustang GT and base model Mustang, including cobra logos throughout and a unique shift knob which combines a racing-stripe theme with the traditional H pattern.

The 2010 GT-500 will be in dealer showrooms in the spring



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Reminders

FEBRUARY CLUB MEETING

Friday, February 13

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

7 PM to 8 PM

BRING YOUR
MUSTANGS!

TRI-STATE SWAP MEET

Saturday, February 7

8 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, February 8

8 AM to 3 PM

National Western Stock Show
Complex
I-70 & Humboldt St
Denver, CO

February's Message — from the President



"Thank you for all that you do to make this such a great club. "

— Mike Rhynard Jr.

WOW is it really February???? It is unbelievable how fast the time goes by, and you all know what that means only 3 months until the 2009 race season. I want to start this month out with a huge thank you to your 2008 DMC board who did such a great job last year! I also want to thank our guest speaker last month Craig for his time and Bill Anderson for setting that up. We hope everyone liked it as much as we did. We're planning on a few other speakers over the year to go over various car topics.

We have our DMC race shirt art work ready to go, and it came out great! This year should be a great year for DMC events but we need some volunteer leaders to take them on. Please consider running one of our great events this year, if you're interested please contact Bill Jr. We'll also be celebrating 45 years of the Mustang and the 30 year anniversary of the Fox body Mustang this year and we're planning a special Mustang tribute car show at Phil Long in July. We hope you all can make it.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you reading this letter; thank you for all that you do to make this such a great club. You all are the life blood of this great organization! I am looking forward to seeing all of you this month!!

DMC Member Honored

Submitted By Ron Fox, DMC Member

Denver Mustang Club Member Troy Grote was honored by the Denver Police Department in a ceremony held in January.

From the Rocky Mountain News:

"I was just doing my job that day," said Toby Grote, a tow truck driver honored for warning a police officer about an armed man. "I wasn't expecting to see a guy with a knife.

"Natural instincts kicked in when I saw the officer. I just did what was right."

Grote said he had stopped to assist a motorist who was reportedly stalled on Interstate 25 on March 30, when he realized the man was suicidal.

"I looked down and saw a butcher knife between his legs," Grote said. "He slit his wrists."

Grote called Denver police. And when the officer arrived, he ran to warn her.

"Mr. Grote is to be commended for his courage and composure under this unusual and unexpected high-risk circumstance," Lt. Ron Thomas said at the ceremony.

Thanks, Craig!

Thank you to Craig Capraro, our guest speaker at the January meeting. Craig discussed performance modifications, and the importance of looking at the big picture when making such modifications. Knowing what you plan to do with your car, and carefully considering each modification, can prevent your having to go "back to the drawing board" when you find out that your newest update conflicts with one you have made before, or necessitates further upgrades.

Craig has done work for several club members, and has demonstrated great attention to detail and integrity. He is a certified Senior Master Technician with 20+ years of Ford experience and product knowledge.

If you need some help with your next project, consider giving Craig a call. He may be reached at 303-507-1864, or via e-mail at 2ton@afordtech.com

January Meeting Highlights

By Wes Thornton, DMC Secretary

President Update

Welcomed all to the New Year. Mike recognized the out going members of last years board with plaques, and wrote up a personal note for each board member.

VP Report

Surveys for the Christmas party were looked at. Drive ins, cruises, and Sonic tours were the most popular. Golden super cruise date planned.

Secretary Report

No Update.

Treasurer Report

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

OCCC Update

OCCC voted to raise membership from \$3.00 per club member to \$4.00. Apr 11th –Miss Wheelchair Colorado car show(\$20 per car) at the Westminster senior center. Apr 18th –high end restoration shop in Castle Rock will be available to tour.

Membership Update

Present were 40 members and 1 guest, Craig Capraro. 75 paid memberships at the end of 2008. The double sided membership cards were presented to the club.

Newsletter Update

Newsletter was sent both e-mail and snail mail. Looking for new content for the newsletter.

RMMR Update

Art work for 2009 RMMR is being finished. Sending out solicit letters for funds. There will be a need for volunteers to work the pony tour on Thursday. The new theme will be blackjack 21.

WWAF Update

Sept 19th is the set date for the show.

Public Relations Update

Plans for revamping the dealer display for the club.

Old Business

Race t-shirts not done yet, news to follow soon. Looking into ideas for improving attendance for the OCCC swap meet. Looking into replacement for Leo as OCCC lobbyist.

New Business

No new business



Tech Corner

By Tim Steenson, DMC Newsletter Editor

Flat Tappet Cams and Today's Motor Oils

The past few years, there have been increasing numbers of cam failures in motors using flat tappet cams. After much speculation and investigation, the reason behind most of these failures is believed to be a reduced level of zinc dialkyl dithio phosphate (ZDDP), which is a combination of zinc and phosphorous, in modern motor oils.

The zinc in ZDDP bonds with the metal of a camshaft, so that when wear does occur, it is the zinc which wears away, rather than the lobe of the camshaft. But zinc fouls oxygen sensors and can affect catalytic converter efficiency.

Since motors built in the last 10 years use roller lifters or overhead cam followers, ZDDP is not as critical for them. The automobile manufacturers and oil companies, to meet stringent federal standards and eliminate emissions systems warranty problems, agreed on new oil specifications which call for reduced levels of ZDDP.

This leaves owners of classic muscle cars, or any car with a high-performance flat tappet camshaft vulnerable to premature camshaft failure unless steps are taken to increase the levels of zinc and phosphorous in their oil.

There are a few options available. Of course, going to a roller cam would eliminate the problem, but would be rather costly. One solution is to use diesel truck oil. The brands most mentioned for this application are Shell Rotella T and Chevron Delo 400. These oils contain 1200-1210 ppm (parts per million) of zinc, and are reasonably priced.

Another option is to use racing oil, such as Penzoil Racing oil or Quaker State Q-Racing oil. These are more expensive than diesel oil, but contain more zinc and phosphorous. Or, consider using an additive, such as ZDDPlus, Comp Cams No. 159 Cam-shaft Break-in Oil Additive, or Lucas Engine Break-in Oil Additive TB Zinc-Plus.

So, if you have a flat tappet camshaft and you haven't been taking any of the above precautions, how do you know if it's too late? Crank the motor with the valve covers removed, and watch your rockers. If you see one or two not moving, or barely moving, you've likely got lobe damage.

Message From Your Editor

If you're receiving this in your mailbox, I need your e-mail address! Also, please feel free to send any pictures, stories, or suggestions for improvements to me at tjsteenson@comcast.net. Thanks!



Membership Update

By Geri Durbin, DMC Membership Chair

GREAT TURNOUT

The mild January weather aided with a great turnout at our first member meeting of 2009. Forty folks showed up to ring in a new year in the DMC. The evening ended with 2009 membership at 24 paid member/families. Fabulous! Your annual membership dues are due, remaining the same for 2009, \$23.00 for renewals and \$28.00 for new members. Dues can be paid at membership meetings, or if unable to make a meeting simply mail to the P.O. Box listed on this newsletter.

Come and check out what is happening at the February meeting on 2/13, and enjoy a Valentine treat!

TIME TO VERIFY YOUR INFO

Each year the DMC attempts to make sure we have your most current info on file to guarantee you receive your newsletter and any other important info. It only needs to be done once a year. Be prepared over the next several meetings to take a look at your data and make any necessary updates or fill in missing info. Lary Coop will be helping with this process this year, so after checking in, stop and verify with Lary. If at any time during the year you make any address, phone or e-mail changes, please let the DMC know ASAP. Help us keep you in the loop. Thanks!

WHERE DO DMC MEMBERS COME FROM?

Despite the fact that we are the Denver Mustang Club, members actually reside all over the metro area, in Colorado Springs and even out of state. Members living in Littleton come out on top, followed by Aurora, Parker and then Arvada and Denver in a tie. Check out the graph below to see the breakdown of where our 2008 membership resided.

Members Present at the January Meeting

41 members and guests in attendance

February BD's

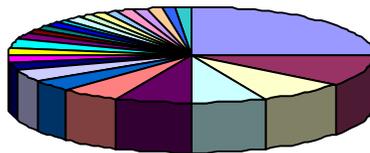
- 2/10 Steve Katz
- 2/13 Sharon Thiessen
- 2/14 Terry Lewand
- 2/21 Vicki Gerbino
- 2/27 Marilyn Fingerlin
- 2/27 Pam Peccolo

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Membership

24 paid members/families

Where DMC Members Reside



Littleton-19	Aurora-8	Parker-6	Arvada-5
Denver-5	Highlands Ranch-4	Centennial-3	Lakewood-3
Brighton-2	Castle Rock-2	Conifer-2	Thornton-2
Watkins-2	Boulder-1	Broomfield-1	Colo Springs-1
Commerce City-1	Englewood-1	Farmington (NM)-1	Golden-1
Lone Tree-1	Monument-1	Northglenn-1	Reno (NV)-1
Westminster-1	Arizona-1		



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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— 2009 Events —

February 7 & 8 Tri-State Swap Meet @ National Western Stock Show Complex

February 13: DMC Club Meeting @ Phil Long Ford

March 4: Bandimere Racer Expo @ Holiday Inn Denver West

Check out the DMC website for the complete calendar and event details for 2009!

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