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I GAS TANK: MUSTANG RUNS 1457 LAPS, 48.5 MPG

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6/24/2010 **Bristol, Tenn.** — The 2011 Ford Mustang, which made history when it became the first car ever to deliver more than 30 mpg and 305 horsepower, has set a new record by running 1,457 laps at Bristol Motor Speedway while averaging 48.5 mpg.

The Mustang 1,000 Lap Challenge was designed to demonstrate that a stock production Mustang V-6 could run 1,000 laps and 533 miles on a single of tank of fuel. With the aid of fuel efficient driving techniques by Ford engineers, the Mustang far surpassed its goal of 1,000 laps.

“To see a Mustang post average fuel economy of 48.5 mpg while running at Bristol is impressive,” said Dave Pericak, Mustang chief engineer. “The new V-6 engine along with the advanced six-speed transmission in the car is a key element in delivering both fuel economy and performance for Mustang.”

Ford is committed to being a fuel economy leader in every segment it competes in and Mustang’s class-leading fuel economy along with other Ford fuel economy leaders like the Ford Fiesta, Fusion Hybrid and new Lincoln MKZ Hybrid, America’s most fuel efficient luxury sedan.

The Challenge team, which included NASCAR driver David Ragan and four Ford Mustang engineers, completed the challenge in 17 hours and 40 minutes, showing off the 2011 Mustang V-6’s class-leading fuel economy by averaging 48.5 mpg during the course of the 776.5 miles logged during the Challenge. That distance is more than the two complete NASCAR Sprint Cup races that take place on BMS every year.

Ragan pushed the Mustang past the 1,000-lap mark at 7:26 p.m., 12 hours and 26 minutes into the Challenge, but the car wasn’t close to being out of fuel. Mustang engineer Seong Park was behind the wheel when it finally came to a halt (on the backstretch) of the famed NASCAR track at 12:41 a.m. local time.

Other Mustang Challenge team drivers included Tom Barnes, Jonathan Mehl, Carl Ek, who along with Park each took one-hour driving stints during the event, which took place on the world’s fastest half-mile track.

“When we hit 1,000 laps we still had a quarter of a tank of gas left,” said Ragan, driver of the No. 6 UPS Ford Fusion for Roush Fenway Racing, and the man who drove the 2011 V-6 Mustang past the 1,000 lap mark. “The last driving stint before I passed 1,000 laps I was averaging 43.7 miles a gallon and that is unbelievable. These guys have run the distance of more than two Sprint Cup races at Bristol and they still have fuel left. Congratulations to everyone behind the Mustang and to everyone at Ford, because this 2011 Mustang V-6 is really something special.”

A team of Ford engineers prepared for the challenge by implementing fuel efficient driving tips including minimizing the use of air conditioning, steady and consistent driving, avoiding sudden stops/starts and keeping the RPMs low. The engine in the Mustang is powered by a lightweight, all-aluminum 3.7-liter dual-overhead-cam V-6 engine that uses advanced engineering to deliver its combination of power and economy. Twin independent variable camshaft timing adjusts the valve train in microseconds depending on driver inputs, further contributing to the engine’s overall efficiency. The Mustang used in the challenge is a stock production vehicle that can be purchased through a Ford dealer.

“This is beyond our wildest dreams,” said Barnes, the lead engineer for the Ford Mustang 1,000 Lap Challenge. “There have been a lot of people who have done a lot of things in preparing this 2011 Mustang V-6 to run the Mustang 1,000 Lap Challenge and have the success we have had today. It was great when we went past the 1,000 lap mark with David, but nobody could ever imagine that we still had five hours ahead of us. This is a fantastic feeling and it shows again what a great car the 2011 Mustang V-6 is.”

Reminders

July CLUB MEETING

Friday, July 9

Phil Long Ford, Denver
Tufts & Wadsworth

7:00 PM
BRING YOUR
MUSTANGS!

Red Rocks Photo Shoot

Sunday, July 18

7:00 AM
Red Rocks Park
Trading Post
Morrison, CO

Club Clash

Friday, July 30

Gates open at 3:30 PM

Eliminations begin at 7 PM

Bandimere Speedway
3051 South Rooney Rd
Morrison, CO

July's Message — from the President



"See you on Friday!"

Happy July DMC!

What a great month we had in June,.A great RMMR, Ford Fest and car shows. Thanks to everyone who helped with our June events and a special thanks to Joe Dietz for leading the RMMR to another successful year and to Terry and Dave for taking on leadership roles at the RMMR this year!!

THANK YOU GUYS!!! I also want to send a BIG thank you to Terry Palko who hosted us at Bandimere for Ford Fest. We had a great time!! Thanks for the hospitality Phil Long!! It has been a very busy month for me so I want to apologize to Tim and all of you for not getting everything to Tim on time this month. The next few months are going to be crazy as we ramp up for VVAF in September, we also have a nice group of people going to Sturgis over labor day for the Mustang rally. Let us know if you want to join us. Don't forget the next club clash is July 30th and we need you!!

See you at the meeting!!

Mike

Friday After Club

By Tim Steenson, DMC Newsletter Editor

After Friday's meeting, for dinner we'll be heading to Sonic, on Ken Caryl near C-470, weather permitting. Or, as a backup, we also have arrangements made at Perkins, 3244 S Wadsworth Blvd. (north of Wadsworth & Hampden).

Red Rocks Photo Shoot

By Tim Steenson, DMC Newsletter Editor

The photo shoot for our table top book, which got rained out in June has been rescheduled for July 18, at 7:00 AM. We'll meet at the Trading Post, and will scout out a good location for photos from there. Keep your finger crossed for no rain this time!

RMMR Recap

By Tim Steenson, DMC Newsletter Editor

The 22nd Annual Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup is now history. Thanks to everyone that helped at the event, and thanks to all that came and helped at our stuffing party at the Snowflower. Congratulations to the following DMC members that brought home trophies in the autocross event:

Jeff Jacobucci , 3rd place Unlimited Mens

Eric Castillo, 1st Place Early Stock Mens

Brett Grooms, 2nd Place Early Street Mod Mens

Allsion Grooms, 1st Place Early Street Mod Ladies

And congratulations to the following DMC members that won awards in the Show and Shine:

David Stahl 69-70 Mach I

Eric Castillo 71-73 Coupe/Fastback/Convertible

Terry Lewand 99-04 Cobra Mustang Coupe

Jack Hawkins 99-04 Cobra Mustang Convertible

Brett Grooms 64 1/2-70 Shelby Tribute

Steven Richardson 99-04 Modified

The event was well organized, as always, and everyone there had a great time. See you all next year, in beautiful Steamboat Springs!

Phil Long Ford Fest

By Tim Steenson, DMC Newsletter Editor

On Sunday, June 27, Phil Long sponsored their annual Phil Long Ford Fest at Bandimere Speedway, a car show and day full of drag racing. Several DMC members brought their Mustangs out to participate in the Phil Long display, and were treated to special seating in the Top Eliminator Club section of the stands, along with a buffet lunch, courtesy of Phil Long. Thanks go to Terry Palko for arranging our entry into the hospitality area. There were a lot of great looking Fords on display, including the 2011 Mustang GT, with that phenomenal 5.0 power plant

Congratulations to Mike Rhynard, Jr., for going all the way and winning the 5.0 Shootout. Mike had a great day, including a .004 light in the second round. Way to go Mike!

Membership Update

by Geri Durbin, DMC Membership Chair

Welcome New Members

Berj Ermoyan-2007 Mustang GT 4.6 V8 (black)

Eric Whitaker-2006 Mustang Pony 4.0 V6 (vista blue) (cold air intake, performance chip, misc. body & interior modifications)



Current 2010 Membership

81 paid members/families

Members/Guests present @ June Meeting-53

Hip-hop Superstar Nelly Gives Mustang His Vote



(picture from @Ford Connecting North America April 2010)

The 2011 Mustang 5.0-liter V-8 made its hip-hop debut this spring as part of the artwork on the album of Grammy-winning artist Nelly. The tricked-out album car (customized by DUB magazine) features gloss black paint with flat black racing stripes, custom 22- and 24-inch wheels, a billet grille with special headlights and a custom interior. Look for the album cover the next time you are in your favorite music store.



July BD's

- 7/3 Ron Fox
- 7/4 Bob Pierson
- 7/8 Nancy McCoy
- 7/9 David Stahl
- 7/11 Paul Quigley
- 7/19 Tim Thiessen

Belated June Birthday Wishes

- 6/9 Berj Ermoyan (new member)

\$300,000 Pace Car



(picture from @Ford Connecting North America February 2010)

An Arizona collector bid \$300,000 US dollars to buy the new 2011 Ford Mustang GT that was used as the official pace car for the Daytona 500 race held on February 14th. The Mustang marks the first time in 40 years a Ford paced NASCAR's biggest race.

The glass roofed 5-liter 'Stang was on the block at the annual Barrett-Jackson collector car auction on January 23rd. All of the proceeds over the car's MSRP went to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

**Five Mustangs In The Top 10
(NHRA Funny Car Division)**

The Ford Mustang and Shelby Mustang are well represented in professional drag racing in the NHRA Funny Car Division. Five cars are currently in the top 10 in the point's race. In order to compete for the championship a car must be in the top 10 at the conclusion of the Mac Tools U.S. Nationals which will be held in Indianapolis over Labor Day weekend. The points will be recalculated and the chase is on thru mid November when a champion will be crowned in Pomona at the Automobile Club of Southern California NHRA Finals, November 11th-14th. If things continue as they are now, it looks good that a Mustang or Shelby could end up champion, however a lot of things can happen in the world of drag racing between now and the end of the season. Follow the Mustang and Shelby funny cars at NHRA.com.

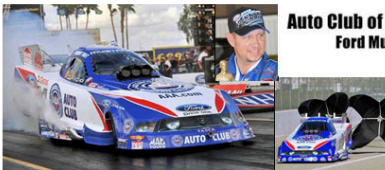
In the meantime, catch these chest pounding, 8000hp ground shaking funny cars in action at the Mile High Nationals at Bandimere Speedway in Morrison from July 23rd-25th. Qualifying sessions will be held on Friday the 23rd and Saturday the 24th, with eliminations on Sunday, July 25th. It is an experience you should have at least once in your lifetime and one you will never forget. Be sure to bring ear plugs!



**Castrol GTX High Mileage
Ford Mustang Funny Car**

John Force-currently 1st in points

John Force



**Auto Club of Southern California
Ford Mustang Funny Car**

Robert Hight-currently 2nd in points

Robert Hight



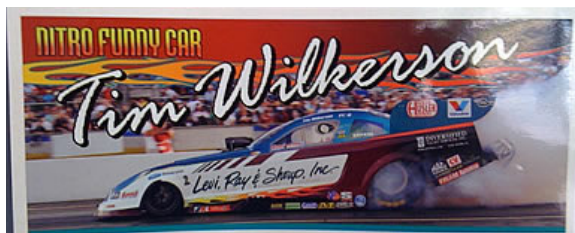
**Castrol GTX
Ford Mustang Funny Car**

Ashley Force-Hood-currently 5th in points

Ashley Force Hood



**Bob Tasca III/Motocraft-Quick Land Ford
Shelby-currently 6th in points**



**Tim Wilkerson/Levi, Ray & Shoup Shelby-
currently 7th in points**



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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— 2010 Events —

July 18 : Club Photo Shoot—Red Rocks Park

July 30 : Club Clash—Bandimere Speedway

Check out the DMC website for the complete calendar and event details for 2010!

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