



# The Pony Express

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*Next meeting:*

*September 8 2009*

*Sarasota Ford 7:00 P.M.*

## Next meeting is Tuesday 09/08/09

### RANDOM THOUGHTS

By Richard Bakan, President

A while back, a friend of mine gave me a box of old Hot Rod magazines from the mid 70s to the early 80s. I was looking at the February 1980 issue and there was a full page ad for Ford Trucks. They were touting toughness, aerodynamics, and gas mileage. The full size pickup got 19 mpg in the city and 29 mpg hwy. The Econoline did 18 mpg in the city and 26 mpg hwy. And remember the Ford Courier, it got 27 city and 37 mpg. WOW. I then went on Fords web site, The F-150 pickup now gets 15 city and 21 hwy. The E-150 van doesn't even show mileage, must be awful low. And the 2009 Ranger, 21 city and 26 hwy. Seems to me were going backwards. I thought with all the new advancements on todays trucks we would be getting better mileage then 30 years ago. so much for the cash for clunkers program.

### 18TH ANNUAL SUPER SUNDAY

By Deborah Bakan

It's time once again to focus our efforts toward the "Super Sunday" car show. This year marks our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual event and as you know from last year we are focusing more on the quality of the event rather than the quantity of cars. When Duke came up with the move to St. Armands Circle we had our share of nay-sayers, but the location coupled with the "Grand Raffle" took the show to a whole new level, one which was applauded within the Mustang enthusiasts circle and beyond.

The committee chairs, old and new, have had their initial meeting and duties have launched. New on the team, includes Karl Mohr as Head Judge and Joy and Ed Woodward have taken on the challenge of co-chairing the Trophy committee. Some chairs have shifted such as Ray Baker moving from Head Chef to Day-of Show Coordinator.

The Grand Raffle will occur once again including the Ritz Carlton and Town & Country Limousine Service. We also welcome a new raffle sponsor, DaRuma Japanese Steak House and Sushi Lounge., with more to come.

At this time our Show Chairman, Duke Clancy, is asking for members to please sign up now for day-of show volunteer positions as follows: Wine distribution, 50/50 and Raffle ticket sales, registration, parking, judging, garbage detail during and after show, and membership drive. Please contact Duke or sign up at the next club meeting 09/08/09.

### JUDGING CLASS ANNOUNCED

For those interested in learning the skills and protocol of judging a Mustang a class will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Sarasota Ford at 7:00 P.M. This class will be approximately 30 minutes and will be held prior to our regular meeting. This class will offer an excellent opportunity for those wishing to judge at our show in November.

For those not interested in this class, please be aware the regular meeting will be postponed by 30 minutes.

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**CONDOLENCES**

~With sincerest condolences and sympathy our thoughts and prayers go to Dave Bishop for the recent loss of his beloved wife, Joy, August 17, 2009. Joy was active as a teacher of English and Humanities and was a grant monitor for Manasoto ACR and MTI in Manatee County. Joy was a supporter of our charities and always made the time to volunteer during our fall Super Sunday event. She will be fondly missed.

~To Ray and Lola Baker we also extend prayers and condolences for the recent passing of Ray's Uncle Kenny Eden at the age 93, August 13, 2009. Many of you remember Uncle Kenny as the original owner of Ray's 1964 1/2. Even though Kenny has spent recent years in a care facility he always remembered that Mustang that Ray so lovingly cares for both as a tribute to Kenny and to the integrity of the car.

**CLUB GEAR**

Some of you have been asking for more club gear, hats and duffel bags in addition to shirts. Please be aware that the hats and duffel bags must be ordered in lots of six and to-date I do not have sufficient orders to meet the minimums.

I will be placing a second shirt order by mid-September. If you wish additional shirts, please let me know by September 8th.

Shirt, hat, and bag prices have gone up slightly due to shipping costs. (Our first order was hand carried by the sales rep.) Current prices are as follows:

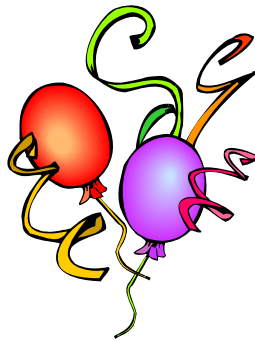
Hats (one size) \$10.50; Duffel bags (one size) \$11.95; Shirts, men's w/pockets \$16.90-\$18.25; men's without pockets \$15.50-\$21.00; Women's \$ 15.50-\$ 18.25. Prices vary by size)

Contact Deborah at rdbakan@verizon.net or 954-2089

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

If you owned a Mustang GTS, what year would it be?

1995 only. 1996 models were an option package and were not called GTS



- Pam Kalaczynski
- Ron Soto
- Judy Kauser
- Richard Bakan
- Grace Benjamin
- Don Cooper

What month and year did Mustang production begin?

March 9, 1964

**GOOEY CHOCOLATE COOKIES**

**RUDY'S  
RECIPE  
CORNER**



By Ruth Scofield

- 1 pkg cream cheese (8oz)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 pkg chocolate cake mix (18 1/4 oz)
- 1 egg

Beat cream cheese and butter until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. Add cake mix and mix well. (Dough will be sticky) Refrigerate for 2 hours.

Roll tbsp of dough into balls. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 350 for 9 - 11 min. or until tops are cracked.

Cool 2 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

**MUSTANGS AT THE MANSION:  
THE BILTMORE ESTATES, ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA  
SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Editors Note: This information is from the August issue of Mustang Times. Some members of MCWCF are planning to attend. Please notify the Club President, Richard Bakan if you are interested. Rooms become available this September for next years event.**

The 2010 National Show will be hosted by the Blue Ridge Mustang Club of Asheville at the Biltmore Estate on Labor Day Weekend 2010. Things you should know:

1) This is **NOT** a Grand National even though the show is being held on Labor Day weekend. The Grand National will be held in Bellevue, WA in July of 2010.

2) Yes, there **IS** a charge to be on the grounds of the Biltmore Estate in addition to the show registration fees. The cost for a three-day pass at the Biltmore is \$30 per person. The current cost for entry to the Biltmore is \$55 per person, per day with an expected increase for 2010 due to a new \$13 million dollar expansion, Antler Hill Village, which will be located next to the Biltmore Winery. At \$30 per person for a 3-day ticket, you save \$135 per person. The ticket is good for admission to the house, winery, gardens, Antler Hill Village, and all other locations on the Estate for all three days of our show. They are currently working with the Biltmore people to include a 4th day (Labor Day) for no additional charge. No promises, but they are trying.

3) Yes, it is 2.5 miles from where we plan to have classification/registration to the actual show site. After classification, you will be handed a packet, which will include Biltmore passes and information regarding: the rules and regulations of the Biltmore Estate; activities planned for the show; parking information; information on transportation to and from host hotels; transportation information for visiting downtown Asheville; and transportation on the Biltmore Estate. They want you to know exactly what is going on. Their goal is for you to enjoy the Estate as comfortably and safely as possible.

After receiving your packet, you will be greeted by Biltmore Representatives who will scan your tickets then direct you to the show site. And yes, it is about two miles. At the show site, your Mustang will be photographed, and then you will be directed to an area where goody bags and your MCA dash card will be distributed. You will then be directed to follow a golf cart to your designated paved parking space.

Trailer parking (on gravel) will be located less than 100 yards from the show site. You may unload your Mustang from the trailer at the show site and then park your trailer and truck. We highly suggest that those who are

trailer Mustangs to arrive as early as possible on the Friday morning of the show.

4) The show will **not** be held on the lawn in front of the house. The Estate will be open to the general public and not just us Mustangers; hundreds of people take pictures of the house and those people may not want to have 500 Mustangs in their photos.

5) Hotel rooms are **not** already sold out due to other events being held in Asheville that weekend. This club signed contracts with seven hotels, which are holding rooms for their National Show. These hotels will begin to accept reservations on Labor Day weekend 2009. Visit [brmcoa.org](http://brmcoa.org) for prices, locations, maps, and phone numbers. Make the effort to book your rooms this September if you so desire to stay at any of the host hotels. The main host hotel is the DoubleTree Inn, located two blocks from the Biltmore entrance.

They intend to provide bus transportation to and from the four host and co-host hotels located closest to the Biltmore. This transportation will be for those who wish to leave their Mustang at the show site overnight. There is 24-hour security on site-your vehicles will be safe and sound. Buses will run between the show site and hotels at the conclusion of show hours on Friday and Saturday and to the show site on Sunday morning. Once you're off the property at the end of the day, you will not be permitted onto the property (unless you're dining at one of their restaurants) until the following morning when the buses will run again.

During show hours, there will be transportation to the DoubleTree Inn where you will be able to pick up a trolley to take you to downtown Asheville or Biltmore Village for dining and shopping. At this writing there is a nominal charge for the trolley, but they are working on having that either reduced or become complimentary.

Depending on what agreements can be made, they aren't sure if their Friday and Saturday night festivities are at the Biltmore Estate or off site. Either way, transportation will be provided from the show site to the hotels (to give you time to freshen up) and then to the festivities.

They will have room for up to 380 Mustangs at the main show site. This site will be for judged Mustangs only!

Popular Vote Mustangs and Blue Ridge Mustang Club members' cars will be located at the winery, about two miles from the main show site.

We will provide transportation to and from the main show site to the winery giving everyone an opportunity to see the non-judged Mustangs.

Spectators will be directed to the Deerpark restaurant to park your vehicle. You will then be bussed to the show site Friday-Sunday. You will not be able to visit the house or the other locations, car show site only.

Those towing your Mustang with a motor home and wish to stay on the Biltmore property, note that we are in the process of trying to get that approved. Stay tuned.

Those with a season pass to the Biltmore; you will not have to pay the additional ticket prices for the Biltmore. They ask that you notify them when you send in your registration form.

Registration forms will be on our website and in *Mustang Times* either in December 2009 or January 2010. We are working on package deals for car registration, tickets, t-shirts, and Friday and Saturday night events.

Keep in mind, September 26-27, 2009, this club hosts one of the largest all-Mustang shows in the country. With more than 350 Mustangs attending, the priority is to get their regional event in order before they head into the more intricate details of the Nationals.

This information was provided to assist with your plans to attend the Mustangs at the Mansion National Show. Any club who has hosted a National Show fully understands it sometimes takes minor miracles to host a successful show. They're excited about hosting a National show at the Biltmore. They felt it best to dispel some of the rumors and to answer some of the many questions that have been asked at the National shows. Visit their website at [brmcoa.org](http://brmcoa.org) for more updates. As they get more details in line, their website will be updated.

If you have any questions, email Joe Grace: [mustangsatthemansion2001@gmail.com](mailto:mustangsatthemansion2001@gmail.com)



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**We're on the Web:**

**[Mustangclubofwestcentralflorida.org](http://Mustangclubofwestcentralflorida.org)**



The purpose of the Mustang Club of West Central Florida: Is to promote the preservation of the Mustang as a Classic American Automobile. The club sponsors tours, outings, technical sessions, fund raisers, and an annual car show.

Annual Dues are \$20.00.

The regular meetings of the Mustang Club of West Central Florida are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Sarasota Ford

## **SUMMER CRUISE IN'S**

### **First Saturday of the Month 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

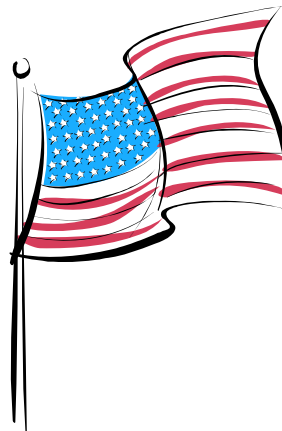
Hooters at the Sarasota Pavilion Mall, 6507 Tamiami Trail South, and featuring trophies, dash plaques, door prizes, trivia, and a participant food discount. For more info, contact Lance at (941) 371-1061.

### **Second Saturday of the Month 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Taco Bell, in the Beneva Village Shops, Beneva and Clark Roads. Trivia, free soft drinks for cruisers. For more info, contact Jimmy at (941) 923-5152 or Jack at (941) 926-4113.

### **Third Saturday of the Month**

Hosted by the Braden Street Cruisers, and held at Beef O'Brady's, 1795 Lakewood Branch Boulevard (in the Publix Shopping Center). 1988 or older cars, trucks, or under construction. Door prizes, trophies, 50/50 drawing, oldies music. For more info, call (941) 744-1155.



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