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NEXT MEETING
June 9th
Ft. Snelling Club
6:30 PM



THE PONY EXPRESS

SPRING SHOW UPDATE

By the time you receive this newsletter all of the planning for our spring show will be done and it will be down to praying for nice weather for Sunday June 1st. As I type this, I have just finished entering the 170th pre-registered car for the show, that's right 170 and I received another 8 in the mail today. This is the highest number of cars ever pre-registered that I can remember. We have only been over a 100 a couple of times. The phone has rung off the hook since the adds came out. Shawn and Jeff, at the dealership, said last week that they do not ever remember this much excitement over the show. With that, we have made plans to open up some more of the service lot and they have planned for a larger tent than previously planned. If this is any indication of the turn out, we will be busting at the seams. I entered 70 new names that have never been to our show and the applications by mail have come in very strong. **Tracy Sokol has done a wonderful job creating the mailing list that we have today and with her help it made it very easy for me to understand and get the list done.** I would like to thank everybody for their help and look forward to their help the day of the show.

We will be meeting at Apple Valley Ford at 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 31. **Please take your time when moving cars so we can have another year with no damage.** It will go quick and it sounds as though we will have some additional lot help for Casey. As soon as we are done we will be cooking dinner and enjoying something cool to drink.

Sunday June 1st, I would like to see as many club members at the show ready to go by 7:30 am. I will have a list printed for what you signed up for and if you did not get on a list please see me and we can place you in a position that will not only be rewarding but helpful as well. THANKS in advance, I hope to see you all at the show.

Dan Mattila, Vice President and Show Chairman

July 13 show at Apple Ford of Shakopee.

Saturday the 12 of July, we plan to meet at Shakopee Ford at 3:00 pm to move cars. We will be planning refreshments afterwards. Sunday I would like some members to come early to man gates. This show is much easier to man and manage than other shows. I have planned it to be about the same as year's past. See the enclosed flyer for the details. If you have questions please call me with them. I will have a sign up sheet at the June and July meetings. Dan Mattila

It's time to pay your yearly dues

See instructions on next page

UPPER MIDWEST REGION, SHELBY AMERICAN AUTO CLUB

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CLUB DUES

Dues are \$26 for a one-year membership. New members pay \$ 2.00/month through June 30th then \$26 per year. All memberships expire every June 30th.

CLUB LOGO ITEMS

Club shirts \$18, Caps \$10
Snap Jackets: Winter \$70 Summer \$70
Zipper jackets add \$4

Call (952) 831-4264

Or, See Duane or John Paskett at the meetings

FOR DISCOUNTS ON PARTS

Apple Valley Ford -15% Off Motorsports
Ask for Chad at (952) 431-5900

MEMBER DATA CHANGES

Please send any directory changes to:
Tracy Sokol

WEBMASTERS

Ericke Rosquist
Troy Kruger

CLUB WEBSITE ADDRESS

WWW.MIDWESTSHELBYCLUB.COM

IMPORTANT DATES

CLUB ACTIVITY:

- June Meeting
- Spring Show
- Anoka River Run
- Summer Show

DATE:

June 9th
June 1st
June 14th
July 13th

LOCATION:

Ft. Snelling Club
Apple Valley Ford
Downtown Anoka
Shakopee Ford

It's time for all members to pay their yearly dues

**Statements will be mailed soon
Please wait to pay until you receive
your statement.
Mail payment to address on statement
NOT TO OUR PO BOX**

TOP 21

5th ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

SUNDAY JULY 13, 2008

9 AM to 3 PM

Gates open at 8:00 AM

Spectators Free

Everyone is
Welcome !!

Open to all cars and trucks.

All makes, models and years are welcome

Held at

**Apple Ford of
Shakopee**

(952) 445-2420



**Apple Ford
Shakopee**

1624 Weston Court, Shakopee, MN 55379

DIRECTIONS: From I-494, take US 169 south 9.5 miles to the Marshall Rd. exit. Turn left on Marshall Rd. (south) and then turn right at the first traffic light at the Holiday Gas Station. (Marshall is 3 miles south of Hwy 13.)

Show Car/truck entry is
only

\$5.00

Day-of-Show Entry!!!

No pre-registration needed

- Free cookout with beverages!!
- Spectators FREE!!
- Door Prizes!!
- 5th annual putting contest 
- Trivia questions with prizes
- Enter the annual Mustang charity raffle

Trophies will be awarded to the top 21 vote-getting cars
in the show. Best of Show Trophy also.

Voting by show car entrants only.

*This show is organized and managed by
The Upper Midwest Chapter of The Shelby American Automobile Club*

FOR SHOW INFORMATION CALL DAN MATTILA 763-784-8668 (DAYS)

Anoka Cruise Night Information

Be sure to plan to attend our first ever club night at the Anoka River Run on Saturday June 14th. The planning team has agreed to let us break a major rule to allow our members to bring their cars in exchange for being the host club of the night. That means that if you don't have a classic car older than 1977, you can bring your newer "future collectible" Ford. If you have an older car, please bring it instead of your newer car out of respect for the rest of the attendees. We will have our own reserved parking in the Durkin's lot, but you need to be there before 6:00 to park there, but plan to arrive at around 4:00-4:30. Any later model cars from our club who cannot fit in our reserved space will not be allowed in the cruise area.

We need some volunteers to help with some man power at the gates, to patrol the cruising area, and to help clean up at the end. They will need help as early as 4:00, and cleanup starts at 8:30. Please help volunteer so we can get invited back next year. They are also allowing us to sell raffle tickets and display our raffle car during this night.

If you need more information or have questions, you can see it all at www.saacforum.com. Be sure to find the link to our local club section and post away! See you on the 14th.

Rosemount Leprechaun Days

Hal and Shelley Seeberg are at it again! If you don't know what a "Seeberger" is, come find out at our 2nd annual family BBQ following the Car Show and cruise in Rosemount as part of Leprechaun days. Mark Saturday July 19th on your calendars and reserve the date – Bring your family. See Hal's personal invitation with details below or join us online at www.saacforum.com.

HI , THIS IS HAL SEEBERG. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET TO MEETINGS BUT ALWAYS GET SWAMPED. ANYHOW, MY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT IS HAVEING A LARGE CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY JULY 19TH. IT IS IN HONOR OF ROMEMOUNT'S LEPRECHAN DAYS AND IS AAA AUTO SALVAGE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY. WE WILL BE HAVEING TOURS OF ALL OF OUR FACILITIES INCLUDING AAA AUTO SALVAGE, BETTER BUMPER COMPANY WHICH RECONDITIONS URETHANE BUMPERS, PHILS BODY SHOP, U-PULL R PARTS AND A CAR CRUSHING DEMONSTRATION AS WELL AS KIDS PAINTING A CAR FOR OUR PARADE UNIT. I HAVE OPEN RULES ON THIS SHOW!!! DAKOTA COUNTY IS GIVING US FREE REIGN!! WE CAN HAVE BURNOUT SHOWS ON THE FRONTAGE ROAD OR WHATEVER THE CLUB MAY THINK OF. THEY ARE ALSO HAVING PRIZES AND PLAQUES AWARDED. CAR ENTRY FEE IS \$5 AND THAT MONEY IS GOING TO THE FIRE DEPTMENT TO BUY EQUIPMENT. WE ARE ALSO HAVEING THE FIRE AND RESCUE DOING AIR BAG SAFETY EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATIONS. IT WILL REALLY BIG A BIG DEAL. PLEASE GET THIS TO ALL THE CLUB MEMBERS. I WILL ALSO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE GUY FROM DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE ABOUT CRUISING HIS TRACK AGAIN LIKE LAST YEAR. WE ALSO HAVE A CRUISE ROUTE SCHEDULED THROUGH THE CITY OF ROSEMOUNT. THIS IS A WIDE OPEN TICKET FOR OUR CLUB TO DO WHAT WE WANT. WE CAN SELL MANY RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE NEW RAFFLE CAR AND MAYBE GET THAT OFF TO A GOOD START!! IF ANY ONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE HAVE THEM CALL HAL SEEBERG AT MY WORK PHONE AT AAA AUTO SALVAGE @ 1-800-238-6664 EXT 3040. THIS CAN BE A GREAT TIME FOR SOME HIGH POWER FORDS TO MAKE NOISE OR SMOKE TIRES LEGALLY!!! THANKS IN ADVANCE, HAL.

Buyers beware

It's no secret that N.O.S. (new-old-stock) parts are the most desirable — and most expensive — parts to restore your car with if you're after authentic factory-correct accuracy. Unfortunately, thieves know that too and are now scamming folks like us with misleading classified ads.

Their ads may state that they're selling N.O.S. parts, but in reality what they're really selling is nothing more than reproduction parts, but at a far higher price. Even if you call them to ask questions about the "N.O.S." parts that they're selling, they will respond with all the right answers concerning factory-correct markings and fabrication details. And if you ask them if the parts are still in their original manufacturers' boxes, they will tell you that the boxes were ruined — either ripped apart or water damaged — and are not available.

So, whatever you do, don't send any money for N.O.S. parts unless you are absolutely certain that the seller is legitimate and the parts are exactly what they are advertised to be. Get the seller's home address — not a P.O. Box — or better yet, go and inspect the parts in person if you can. It's a strange world out there today, and we all need to take precautions to protect ourselves.

- By Richard Lentinello

The Pit Stop

Racing Events 2008 season

5/12 BIR Performance Driving School, (BIR), birperformance.com, Gary Curtis 866-511-7606
(about \$270/day)

5/17-18 North Star BMW Performance Driving School, BIR \$350 + membership

5/23-26 VSCR vintage racing BIR plus lunchtime touring (Memorial Day weekend) used to be -\$20 per weekend (1 hour)--up to 100 mph on straight, Rich & Liz Stadhalter, 651-698-1981

5/30-6/1 Suburban Corvettes, Rick Ohland, Track & Drags, BIR, 651-452-3575

6/2 MVP Track Time, MVPTrackTime.com, Mark Pfeffer, The Autobahn (full 3.6 mi.), Joliet, IL, \$245;

6/2 BIR School (BIR)

6/6 Northwoods SAAC--Blackhawk

6/12-15 34th Mid-America Ford & Shelby Meet (Tream Shelby) Tulsa, OK,

6/14 Suburban Corvettes Driver School & Practice, BIR, \$160?

6/20-22 Nord Stern Porsche Club, BIR

6/21 Austin-Healey autocross & speed run, Amery, WI airport \$40

6/23 BIR School; 7/10 BIR; 7/21 BIR

7/14, 7/15 Nord Stern, Road America

8/15-17 Road America

8/18 MVP Track Time, The Autobahn, Joliet \$245

8/18 BIR; 8/29 BIR

8/__, __ & __ Northwoods Shelby, Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI nwshelbyclub.com (schedule not available yet) \$40 membership+about \$160/day

8/29 BIR; 8/30 BIR; 8/31 BIR; 9/8 BIR

9/13-14 MVP Track Time, Blackhawk Farms, Rockford, IL, \$310 (2 days)

9/15 Suburban Corvettes School & Practice, BIR.

9/26-28 Nord Stern BIR

9/27-28 Autobahn,Joliet, IL

10/10-10/12 BIR North Star BMW school \$350 + membership.

Non-Racing Official UMRSAAC Event Schedule

May 17: Annual Spring Cruise (details to follow)

June 1: Apple Valley Ford club sponsored show

June 7: Shop Tour / Dyno Day (tentative - stay tuned for details)

June 14: Anoka River Run - featured club night (details to follow)

July 13: Apple Ford club sponsored show

August 3: Muscle Car Classic - Mustang is featured car

August 9: Hastings Cruise - featured club night (tentative - details to follow)

September 21: Apple Valley Ford show sponsored by SVTOATC club

Look forward to other possible club events such as garage tours, dyno days, and fall cruise yet to be scheduled

Other Dates of Interest

May 4: Spring Extravaganza, St. Fair Grounds, Machinery Hill

June 12: Hot Rod Power Tour, Rochester, MN

June 20-22: Back to the 50s

July 25-27: Car Craft

Look forward to other dates of interest in future installments

Recurring Events

Downtown St. Paul (NEW) Saturdays: May 24, June 7, June 21, July 19, Aug 2 and Aug 16

Downtown Anoka: every Saturday night

Downtown Hastings: Every other Saturday starting May 31

North St. Paul: every Friday night

Free Car Show / Shop Tour – Vescio's Customizing & Restorations

Saturday June, 7th 10:00-2:00

We have been enthusiastically invited to attend Vescio's semi-annual open house and car show located in Rogers – just behind Ellingson's Museum. Come meet Bo Vescio and his crew, participate in a free car show, and enjoy some lunch. Vescio's has worked on some of the finest Fords, rods and customs in the area including a beautiful '56 Continental MKII, and the Medeussa '32 Ford (with help from Chip Foose).

More details about the shop and event can be found on their website:

www.vescioscustomizing.com

Monthly Meeting Minutes - May 5th, 2008

UMRSAAC monthly meeting minutes

May 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. by President Greg Fritz.

New Members/Guests: Randy Koop '08 Shelby GT500, Billy Pierson '02 Mustang GT & Paul Holland '95 Mustang GT

Committee Reports:

Non-Show Events Committee: May 17th will be spring cruise/show with the SVT Club: driving to Ten Voorde Ford in St. Cloud. Signup on Ten Voorde Ford website. Club will meet in Burnsville and Rogers to cruise up.

Raffle Car: Buick Show and Metropolitan Ford \$642 over the weekend and \$45783 YTD.

June Show: Dan passed out signup sheets for help with the show. Contact Dan at 763-784-8668 to help with the show. 80 cars pre-registered so far.

Old Business:

Club DVD's will be brought to Apple Valley Ford to be shown on their in-store TV's.

New Business:

Officers established guidelines for Club giving. Charity must have notoriety, donate high percentage to charity and recognize Club.

Dan LeVesque made a presentation for the Club apparel.

6/7 Hitech Motorsports is doing dyno pulls and ¼ mile runs

A member's '72 Mach1 won at GSTA Show

Upcoming Events:

5/10 Mid America Spring Auction (midamericaauctions.com)

5/17 Club cruise to St. Cloud

6/1 UMRSAAC Car Show & Swap Meet- Apple Valley Ford

6/6-8 All Ford Nationals- Carlisle, PA

6/12 The Hot Rod Power Tour is in Rochester, MN (Thursday)

6/14 Anoka River Run—we're the featured car club this night (be there between 4:30 and 5pm)

6/14 American Motorsports Bar & Grille car show in Cottage Grove

6/19-22 Mid-America SAAC Meet- Tulsa, OK

6/28 Becker Car Show if interested go to SAACforum.com to sign up.

7/13 UMRSAAC Shakopee Car Show

8/15-17 SAAC 33- Millville, NJ

\$58.00 was won by Dave Smith, in the 50/50 drawing

Secretary Scott Sokol

BUY – SELL – SWAP ADS

Send your ads or changes to Rolf Erickson jre280@comcast.net

For Sale: Driver's side door glass (clear) 1971-73 Mustang coupe/convertible - \$65.00
Haynes Repair Manual 1974-78 Mustang II - \$10.00
Tom Stark 763-497-7574 home, 612-750-8912 cell

FOR SALE: 2000 Superformance Cobra. Licensed by Carroll Shelby. 10,XXX miles. Tremec 5-speed, 351W stroked to 392, rated at 485 HP at the crank by Competition Motorsports of Ross, Ohio (engine builder). Leather, polished wheels. Superformance red with white stripes and powder-coated exhaust. Complete car is in fabulous condition. Everything operates as it should. \$38,500. Contact Dave Smith at 952-844-4081 (work) or 952-914-9260 (home). All maintenance/repair has been performed by Complete Automotive.

For Sale: New 2005 Mustang wheels, grey with chrome bolts, \$400.00 or best offer, Greg Fletcher, 651-484-6367

For Sale: "The Cobra-Ferrari Wars 1963-1965." 2nd edition. *SIGNED*. The true story of Carroll Shelby's war against Enzo Ferrari, and the cars and the men who made racing history. 372 pages and 85,000 words, based on interviews with 53 of the original participants, conducted over 18 years. Acclaimed by Ferrari and Cobra enthusiasts alike, this is the true story of the epic struggle that changed sports car racing forever. \$100 including domestic first-class priority shipping. (480)483-3537 www.thecobrafariwars.com

FOR SALE: *Various large electrical enclosures (Weather tight big cabinets).* Call for sizes and prices Dan LeVesque 651-768-9356

WANTED: I am looking for a restored 1969 Shelby GT500 4 speed car with black interior. \$2,000 finder fee paid. Private party person. Scott J. (262) 521-2480 Joersfamily@aol.com.

FOR SALE: *Pair/Two 351 Windsor 4bbl. Marine Engines.* Motors have not been run for >10 years. Holley/Motorcraft carb tags: D2 JL E C 6D28 Intake casting number: D5JE 9425-FA Pulleys are stamped C9 and D2. 850.00 pair or best offer. Mike Dobbins, La Crosse, WI. 54601 608.797.6333

FOR SALE: *1955 Thunderbird Hardtop/Convertible,* 312 engine, automatic, true spoke wheels. Cream with turquoise interior, Very solid car-appraised by Dan Mattila. \$35,000. Call Skip Torgerson, (763)862-5634

Send your ads or changes to Rolf Erickson jre280@comcast.net

FOR SALE: *1969 Ford Mustang Boss 429 Danbury Mint Classic Car Vehicle Replica, 1/24 scale.* Raven black, comes with title and certificate of authenticity. Brand new in box, \$125, perfect collector's gift! Contact Anthony at 612-822-0888/anthony.kaczor@peoplesco.com.

Wanted: *1966 Mustang original basic interior driver's seat in black.* No rips or tears. Bill Cochrane- 952-270-3766

FOR SALE: *'67 Mustang steering wheel, parchment (off white), NOS.* \$ 150 Paul Heskin 952-484-5236

Total Control develops coilover rear suspension for early Mustangs

Total Control Products now offers a coil-over setup for early Mustangs.

Interest in the original pony cars is as strong as ever today, though not necessarily as pure restorations. Many owners now want to improve the ride and handling of their '60s and '70s classics to bring them to a level of performance more in line with contemporary vehicles. One of the more antiquated aspects of all the original pony coupes was the rear leaf-spring suspension. Even in the '60s, the buggy-sprung approach was more about maintaining a simple, cost-effective platform for attaining cornering prowess. Total Control Products established itself by developing suspension upgrades for the early Mustang that don't require complete and permanent alteration of the original unit-body. The latest in this line of packages is the g-Bar Rear Suspension System, an arrangement that uses trailing arms and coilover shocks to eliminate the leaf springs and improve rear suspension geometry. The system, categorized by TCP as a "canted four-bar suspension," is engineered to mate to the Mustang at factory mounting points, and can be used with a factory rear-end housing. Weld-on tabs to attach the upper control links to the axle housing are part of the kit. The system also makes use of TCP's VariShock coilovers, which are fully adjustable and mated with VariSprings; there is also the option of using an Air Ride ShockWave air spring system.

The g-Bar System is available for 1965-'70 Mustangs and 1967-'70 Cougars, and there are several component options offered within the line. For more details, go to www.totalcontrolproducts.com.

- By Terry McGean



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