



Getting Started

By Pete Schmidt

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Southwest Metro Mustang Club's newsletter – SWMMC Monthly. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide information club members need to be aware of as well as Mustang and automotive related articles and news. Over time I hope to profile all of our club members highlighting their Mustang story and featuring their cars. A section where members can list car related items wanted or for sale will also be included.

Ultimately the content and success will depend on club members contributing information and providing feedback for improving the newsletter.

Enjoy our first edition and let me know what you think.

50th Anniversary Mustang Car Show

The SWMMC club's first event for the 2014 car season will be a car show at Apple Ford Shakopee celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ford Mustang. The show will be held on Saturday April 12, 2014 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The first Mustang was launched on April 17, 1964. There have been five generations of the car to date. The Fall of 2014 will see the launch of the sixth generation with the release of the 2015 Mustang.

The car show will be open to all makes and models, with trophies going to the top 12 cars as voted by show participants. Registration will be day of the show and cost \$7. Goodie bags will be given to car show participants.

A line up of cars chronicling the 50 years Mustangs will be on display as well. Refreshments will be available from a Shakopee Boy Scout Troop.

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New Members January – March 2014

Welcome the following new SWMMC members

Eddie & Beth Bolton – St. Paul, MN

Jim & Betty Hennen – Norwood, MN

Todd & Julie Jacobs – Shakopee, MN

Mike & Julie O'Shaughnessey – Burnsville, MN

Donald Skwerers – Hastings, MN

Cathy Wirta – Chaska, MN

A display of Mustang memorabilia will be set-up and the dealership show room will be dedicated to the Mustang. A silent auction with American Muscle and Turtles gift cards as well car cleaning kits and Mustang items will be held.

We will need volunteers to move cars and staff various positions during the car show. Please let Pete Schmidt know if you can help.



Apple Ford Shakopee Sponsors

50th Anniversary Show

1624 Weston Court, Shakopee, MN

Shelby American

By Pete Schmidt

A visit to Shelby American in Las Vegas, NV is a must stop for any car enthusiast. The museum contains a great mixture of Shelbys: Cobras of various vintages including the original CSX2000 shown in New York in 1962, a Dodge Horizon GLHS, a Dodge Daytona, Ford Raptors, and of course many Mustangs from a 1965 coupe to a 2012 Shelby 1000. The free guided tour provides a lot of interesting background on both Carroll Shelby and the winding path he travelled in making his automotive visions come to life as well as lots of fun car facts (the 350 in "GT350" doesn't refer to motor size or hp – it was a convenient number used when naming the car model). The tour includes a quick trip through the manufacturing floor where Cobras are built today and other vehicles are transformed into Shelbys. Many opportunities to buy Mustang apparel and memorabilia are available. Shelby American is located 1.5 miles South of Mandalay Bay and 0.5 miles West of Las Vegas Boulevard.

Shelby American, a division of Carroll Shelby International, Inc. (CSBI.PK), is the premier performance car company in the United States. Committed to delivering cars and products that provide an unparalleled driving experience, the company has been at the forefront of automotive innovation since it was established in 1962. The company was founded by Carroll Shelby, one of America's greatest race car drivers. He dominated sports car racing success in the mid-1950s, twice being named Sports Illustrated's "Driver of the Year." His crowning achievement as a driver came

"Whether you think you can or you think you can't – you are right."

– Henry Ford



Shelby American Museum car display

in 1959, when he won the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Carroll Shelby was approached by Ford more than 40 years ago and asked to make the 1965 Mustang a performance racer. Ford had seen the success Shelby had made of the Cobra, and hoped he could breathe some performance into the new Mustang. If anyone could do it, Ford felt Shelby was the man. Shelby and his company, Shelby American, accepted the job and began work on the very first Shelby Mustang in August of 1964. On January 27th, 1965, the first Shelby Mustang, a 1965 Shelby GT350 in Wimbledon White, made its public debut. Three years later, Shelby released what many consider the "Ultimate Shelby Mustang." The original 1968 Shelby GT500-KR (King of the Road), produced 360 hp courtesy of a 428 cubic-inch Cobra-Jet V8 engine. The car was



Shelby American Shop Floor

Shelby American continued

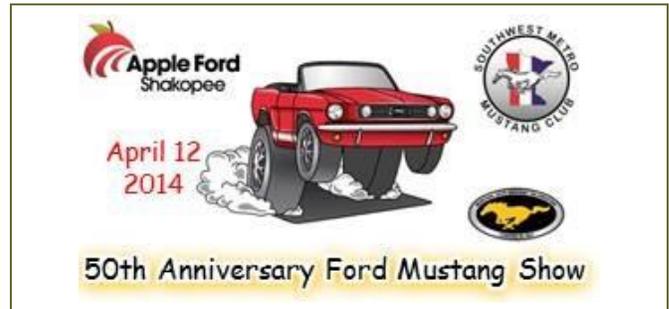
also available as a convertible. Shelby continued to produce Shelby Mustangs every model year until 1970. In the summer of 1969 Shelby terminated his partnership due to differences with Ford.

Ford Motor Company asked Carroll Shelby In 1996, Shelby American, which was named Shelby Automobiles for a few years, opened a manufacturing facility at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. From this new state-of-the-art facility, the company began to build continuation Cobra 427 S/C, Cobra 289 FIA and street Cobra component vehicles. While still true to their heritage, these genuine Cobras incorporate subtle updates to make it even more enjoyable to own than those and his team to consult on the Ford GT in 2004. Two years later, Shelby and Ford formed a new relationship to once again build high performance vehicles. That program accelerated in 2005 when Carroll reenergized the company with a new series of high performance vehicles built in cooperation with Ford Motor Company. Working with the Ford Racing, Ford SVT and the Ford new car branding team, the relationship resulted in a string of cars that returned Shelby vehicles to the top of enthusiast wish lists worldwide.

2015 Ford Mustang at the Minneapolis Auto Show

By Pete Schmidt

The 41st Minneapolis Auto Show was held at the Minneapolis Convention Center March 7 -15, 2014. The star of the show was the soon to be released 2015 Ford Mustang. Attendees were kept more than an arms length away from the car, but were certainly close enough to see what's new and what's the same. Without a doubt it is a bold statement and move for the Pony car. SWMMC members have posted pictures to our facebook page and photo site. A few pictures are included here as opposed to a thousand words.



50th Anniversary Mustang Car Show Dash Plaque



Member Profile: Pete Schmidt

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My Mustang journey began late Spring 1979. I was the recipient of a red 1967 coupe as my first car. It was mostly red, with rust covering that which wasn't red. The first order of business was putting in floor pans as the road was visible from all four seats. After a while I bought a second '67 coupe to harvest a black interior, nearly rust free doors and a truck lid. The second stang was robin's egg blue, so I had a two-tone car. Both rear quarter panels were replaced with new metal and primed leaving me with a three-tone car. Another year passed before the straight 6-cylinder motor was replaced with a brand new straight 6. Late in 1981 the car was finally re-painted candy apple red.

I sold the mustang in the Spring of 1983 and bought something bigger and more reliable for commuting to college. Once college was behind me I tried a Mazda RX7 as a sports car, but it never was quite what I had with the stang. Then life and kids caught up with me and the sporty car was gone.

The release of the retro 2005 Mustang re-ignited my passion for a pony car. In the Fall of 2010 we could afford a used car and purchased a legend lime green 2005 GT. I wasn't looking for a green car, but the color has since grown on me. As often happens with mustang owners, I caught the modification bug. I started with floor mats, mufflers and a short antenna, but the CAI and tune with 4.10 gears was enough to push me toward wanting more performance. Since then a Vortech V3 supercharger has been added yielding 454 RWHP and 390 ftlb torque. After market sway bars, panhard bar, rear upper & lower control arms, lowering springs, tokico shocks, short throw shifter and GT500 front brakes have been added to make the pony handle a little better. No further modifications are planned - for now. FSBWU = Force Be With You



Swap, Buy, Sell

New Granatelli weld-in sub frame connectors
2005-2009, \$80, Pete Schmidt

Stock front & rear sway bars, front & rear
shocks/springs take off from 2005 GT, 50K
miles, contact Pete Schmidt

Parting Shot



"If I would have asked people what they wanted, I would have made faster horses." – Henry Ford

Calendar (more details on web site)

- April 5 Cars & Coffee – 1st of the year
Chanhassen, MN
- April 12 50th Anniversary Mustang Car Show
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN
- April 16-20 50th Anniversary Mustang Celebration
Las Vegas, NV & Charlotte, NC
- April 19 SWMMC cruise to Kings Bar and Grill
Meiseville, MN
- April 30 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN
- May 3 Cars & Coffee
Chanhassen, MN
- May 18 SWMMC cruise to Buzzies on the Bay
Isle, MN
- May 25 Pony Run - TBD
New Prague, MN
- May 28 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN
- June 1 Apple Valley Ford Mustang Show
Apple Valley Ford, Apple Valley, MN
- June 7 Cars & Coffee
Chanhassen, MN
- June 15 SWMMC cruise to Twin Ports Mustang Show
Superior, WI
- June 20-22 Back to the 50's Car Show
MN Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN
- June 25 SWMMC monthly meeting @ 6:30pm
Apple Ford Shakopee, Shakopee, MN

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***NEXT Club Meeting
APRIL 30, 2014***

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