



# FROM THE CORRAL



## The Monthly Newsletter of the Northern Mustang Corral MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 2011

### After-Christmas Presents for the “Car Guy (or Girl)”

Since Christmas is past and you look at the “loot” that jolly old gent left you - there may be a feeling of emptiness and wondering what happened to the list you made out for Santa. A tie, pair of boxer shorts and a Warren Buffet book on “How to Save for your Retirement?” That's it? What happened to all the Mustang and car stuff that I had on the list, Santa? Well, to help our members out of the Post-Christmas Mustang/Car Deprivation funk, here are a few suggestions for the after-Christmas gift-giving.



#### 1. Mustang or Shelby pool table.

First of all, the two extremely attractive models are NOT included! However the Mustang body is made of fiberglass that was molded from a real Mustang (body is shortened) and is available in several colors. Table has real chrome bumpers with working lights and the pool top is a 4' X 8' slate material. Cost is \$9,994.00 from a place called “Car Guy Garage.”

#### 2. LED Turn Signal indicating mirrors.

Now this is something that really would be an excellent safety item – a modified version of the 1965/66 remote mirror that has an LED arrow (just like the newer car turn signals) to indicate that you are making a right or left turn.

Of all of the new safety items that have come out in recent years, this may be one of the best. You are passing a car and he wants to change lanes – since the 1965/66 Mustangs didn't have side marker lights, you can't see anything until the car starts to occupy your lane. With these LED indicators you indicate your intentions giving passing cars in your blind spot a chance to give you a wide berth.

The mirrors are kind of pricy at \$299.00 for both right and left sides but if it saves only one accident, it's priceless. In the ad it claims that both mirrors are the remote style but, remember, the original 1965/66 had only the left side to be remote. Wonder if you install these in a concours driven show car, will there be a deduction? Available at the Mustang Project @ 800/631-0507.



## **NORTHERN MUSTANG CORRAL**



### **2011 Officers**

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### **3. “Tank Top” fuel tank protector panel.**

Offered by local Mustang Restorations located in East Dundee, IL the steel top reinforces the “Achilles Heel” of the early Mustangs – the exposed top of the fuel tank in the trunk. Especially vulnerable are the coupes in a rear end collision, if the collision is violent enough, the fuel tank ruptures sending gasoline into the passenger compartment. The convertibles and fastbacks are not as vulnerable as the coupes but it may be a good idea to install nevertheless. Cost is a reasonable \$149.00 and is easily installed. Again, I wonder if the MCA gives concourse vehicles a pass but it is a safety item.



### **4. The Mustang Coo Coo clock.**

Well, maybe we are slipping into the “silly” trinket sections but wouldn't this be an attractive and impressive addition to any home decor? Well, maybe you better check with your spouse before you hang it in the living room! The clock is 22” tall and 4” deep with a revolving, sculptured Mustang above the clock that will rev up every hour and the picture of three Mustangs beneath the clock face. The actual swinging pendulum has the original Ford Mustang logo. Requiring two “D” and one “AA” batteries the clock is offered for a reasonable \$179.95 and available from the “Bradford Exchange”



### **5. Battery Tender Plus**

The old Trickle Chargers did keep the battery charged but sometime way too much by never turning the charge off. The newer ones automatically switches output voltage to a “float” level that just maintains a minor charge until the battery's charge lowers. The indicator lights display the condition of the battery charging rate. Available at Battery Tender @ 877/456-7901.



**PRESIDENT'S NOTES**  
**By President Terry Hebert**

After (Holy Cow, has it been THAT long?) years of being the President of the Northern Mustang Corral club I've decided to step aside to let someone else lead the group. I've really enjoyed every minute being involved with this group and appreciate the confidence you members have had in my leadership.

I am especially proud of the way our Annual Ford and Mustang show has grown. We really hit a home run by moving the site to the Perry Farm location. I've never heard a complaint about the site – not one.

I would like to take credit for the excellent weather we've had but that was a bit beyond the President's office but we have had a LOT of good luck with the conditions, haven't we?

Also I couldn't leave without thanking the involvement of all of your members. You have made my job so much easier and I couldn't have done this job without you.

Good luck to our new President Roger – I know he will do a great job and thanks again to everyone.

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**SECRETARY'S NOTES**  
**By Secretary John Garner**

December minutes

The December club meeting/Christmas party began at 6PM at Aureillios Pizza.

Members who brought gifts for exchange placed them by the Christmas tree.

Dinner was paid for by the club and consisted of several types of pizza and a salad and soft drinks.

After dinner, the new Board of Directors met and nominated club officers.

Nominations were: Roger Sanzenbacher for President, Jeff Henderson and Cliff Moore for Vice-President, Donna Hamende for Treasurer and John Garner for Secretary.

Jeff Henderson declined the nomination.

A vote by the attending Board of Directors was held and the following were elected to office.

Roger Sanzenbacher – President

Cliff Moore – Vice-President

Donna Hamende – Treasurer

John Garner – Secretary

Bill Cheffer and Dave Piontkowski also agreed to stay on as Regional MCA liaison and Show Director.

After the election, a suggestion was made by Jeff Henderson to create a 2011 calendar of club events so that members could better plan to join in club activities. The Board agreed to bring in ideas for discussion at the January meeting of the club. The general membership is also invited to give ideas on what they would like to do. The Board agreed to get together a half hour before the meeting to go over activity ideas.

Dave Piontkowski stated that we are still awaiting confirmation and a check from Currie Ford in Frankfort to become a major sponsor of our car show. John Garner informed us that new information for our show flyer has been sent to the developer. Belinda said that she had pictures of the show given to her from Terry Kauthe and would give them to John so pictures could be selected for the show flyer.

After the Board meeting, the election results were announced to the members at the party. Exchange gifts were then passed around. Cake was provided by Chlovena Hebert. I

The party ended when Aurelio's closed the place! .

**A FEW CHRISTMAS ADS FROM YEARS PAST**



Caption reads: "Merry Christmas Grandma We came in our new Plymouth!"



Hertz featuring a mid-1960's Corvette



The always classy Cadillac ad from 1955.

On the back page we have the 16" 1967 motorized Ford Mustang fastback model from December of 1966. The car is in Brittany Blue and it ran forward and backward with adjustable front wheels. The model came fully assembled (Thank God!) with a "customizing" kit of GT stripes, racing stripes, personalized initials, rear view mirror and radio antenna. The cost of the model was \$5.95 and available from your local Ford dealer.

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**HOSS TRADING**

**For Sale:**

**1971 Mustang Mach I with 351 Cleveland V-8 – four barrel carburetor, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes and air conditioning. Competition drivetrain.**

**Vehicle is partially disassembled and has lots of rust. Asking \$2,000.00.**

**For more information, call Rich @ 815/937-9355.**

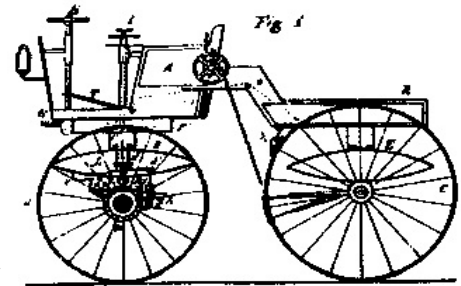
## CLUB CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

Jan. 1: By 1967 the Sunset Strip had become a haven for the counter-culture crowd (let's just call them "Hippies") and the police shuttered a club called "Pandora's Box" which caused riots to ensue. Sonny and Cher were scheduled to be in the Rose Bowl Parade but because they defended the rioters they were barred from the event (1967). The group "Buffalo Springfield" wrote a song inspired by the riots called "For What It's Worth." I don't remember the title but I know the lyrics. Here's the first stanza: There's something happening here/What it is ain't exactly clear/There's a man with a gun over there/Telling me I got to beware. Song has been selected as number 63 of the "500 Greatest Songs of All Time" by Rolling Stone.

Jan. 5: Monthly Meeting of the Northern Mustang Corral at 7:00 p. m. at the Bourbonnais Public Library

Jan. 6: Ray Raguse has a Birthday.

Jan. 9: (1911) The United States court of appeals found that the Ford Motor Company did not infringe on the Seldon patent signaling the end of the Association of Licensed American Manufacturers (ALAM) that banded together to collect royalties from American automobile manufacturers. In 1876, Seldon visited the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition where one of the displays was an internal combustion engine. While that engine was huge and heavy, Seldon began to work on a lighter design with an enclosed crankshaft that would power a four-wheeled carriage. After submitting only a drawing (Seldon never had a working model) he filed for a patent on the invention that was granted in 1895. Seldon negotiated with manufacturers demanding a .75% royalty on each vehicle produced. Henry Ford, along with a few other manufacturers, contested the suit in 1903 and a judge found in favor of Seldon ruling that the patent covered any vehicle propelled by gasoline vapor. Ford appealed and won in 1911.



Jan. 10: The word "Thunderbird" was trademarked by the Ford Motor Company (1956).

Jan. 12: Terry and Chlovena celebrate their Anniversary.

Jan. 15: Belinda Moore celebrates her Birthday.

Jan. 17: Irma Cheffer celebrates her Birthday.

Jan. 17: Tammy Garner lights another candle on her Birthday cake.

Jan. 17: The first Volkswagen Beetle was imported into the United States (1948).

Jan. 21: Kup Kupcikevicius has a Birthday.

Jan. 23: A William Stephens received a patent for an "Automobile Horn" that was a multiple pipe horn powered by the engine's exhaust playing chords like a church organ.

Jan. 27: "(Sittin' on) the Dock of the Bay" by Otis Redding was released on this day in 1968. This came six months after Redding was killed in an airplane crash. The recording would be his only Number One song.

Jan. 28: At the request of a fan, Ted Nugent autographed a fan's arm with a Bowie knife (1978).

Jan. 28: The Ford Motor Company announced that it had bought Sweden's Volvo AB for (Gasp!) \$6.45 Billion dollars. On August 10, 2010 Ford got rid of Volvo by selling it to the Chinese company "Zhejiang Geely Holding Company" for \$1.5 Billion.

Jan. 30: Mary Hoffman has a Birthday.



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