



EPA OK's Added Ethanol in Car Fuel

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Nearly two thirds of drivers could have more corn-based ethanol in their fuel tanks under a new Environmental Agency Decision. The agency said that 15 percent ethanol blended with gasoline is safe for cars and light duty trucks manufactured between 2001 and 2006, expanding an October decision that the higher blend is safe for cars built since 2007. The maximum gasoline blend has been 10 percent ethanol.

The fuel is popular in farm country because most ethanol comes from corn and other grains. It faces strong opposition, however, from the auto industry, environmentalists, cattle ranchers, food companies and a broad coalition of other groups. Those groups say that using corn to make ethanol makes animal feed more expensive, raises prices at the grocery store and tears up the land. There have already been several lawsuits filed against the EPA – including one filed by automakers, boat manufacturers and outdoor power equipment manufacturers. – since the agency decided to allow the higher blends for newer cars in October.

Critics said the change could be frustrating for drivers of older cars who will have to figure out which service station pump to use. And they argue that many retailers will opt not to sell the higher blend because of the expense of adding new pumps and signs.

“It seems like the corn growers and the ethanol industries are the only real winners here”, said Craig Cox of the Environmental Working Group, an advocacy group that opposes use of the fuel.

FLMC President's Message: In a time of huge federal debt and deficits, the corn growers and ethanol industry are receiving massive tax credits which they are using to poison the gasoline supply for our collector cars. I have yet to find any literature supporting the environmental friendliness of ethanol, so it seems they are the only ones benefitting. I urge everyone to write their congressmen and senators and ask them to reduce or eliminate the tax subsidy for ethanol.



Club members on the Safari ride at Silver Springs, January 2011

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No Drips Allowed By Ralph Wethli



Trials and Tribulations of a Do-It-Your Self Mechanic:

My 66 Mustang developed a very small drip from the power steering pump. It may have dripped less than ½ cup in a year. I am intolerant of malfunctions and the stain on the garage floor irritated me. The pump and its reservoir are integral, on Fords P.S pump, sealed together with an “O” Ring. It was the source of the drip. I bought a pump seal kit which included the offending “O” Ring. To replace it required removing the pump from the car. No big deal, say’s I. A pressure hose, a return hose, its drive belt and 4 mounting bolts, easy enough. But once all above was removed, the pump is loose but will not come past the A/C compressor, which is mounted above the pump. Much study and trials convinced me that the A/C compressor had to be removed. This usually results in the loss of the Freon charge. To Ford’s credit they had, in those years, a service port whereby you can isolate the main A/C system and lose only the charge in the compressor and this was my course of action. After removing all mounting hardware, the compressor with its mount, is attached to the engine on one inch studs. Meaning that the assembly must be pulled forward one inch to clear the studs for removal.

I pulled forward, but before it could clear the one inch studs, the compressor contacted the radiator fan. So now the fan has to be removed. To remove the fan its shroud has to be removed, to remove the shroud the upper radiator hose must be removed! This is starting to take the edge off my day! And all this for One Little Drip! I’m beginning to question, which of us is The Bigger Drip?

Once removed to the bench the pump “O” ring replacement was simple. Good time to clean and paint. Every thing reassembled in reverse order all went well and no more “DRIPS”.

In industry they always think in terms of “Cost Affective”. I pretty well fractured that rule. There was the price of the seal kit, nearly a quart of power steering fluid and of course the evacuation and recharge of the A/C compressor. The total amount would have paid for about 20 years of power steering fluid, at the current “Rip” rate. I’ll just call it the price of Victory or “The Agony” and “The Ecstasy”.

**Mark your Calendars!!!!
Matanzas Getaway Weekend
June 17, 18, 19, 2011**

See events listing on last page for complete details.
Fun filled weekend for your entire family!!!

FLMC HOSTING CHARITY BENEFIT OPEN CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

October 22, 2011

We have scheduled our next big club show on October 22, 2011 at Maroone Ford. This show should be bigger and better than ever as it is our second "open" car. We welcome all years and all variants of anything that rolls. Vendors are welcome as well!! We wanna see it all!!

Once again, all net profits from the show will benefit the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center in Fort Lauderdale. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

- To download the flyer, click [here](#)**
- To download the paper Pre-Registration form, click [here](#)**
- To Pre-Register and pay on-line, click [here](#)**
- To visit the show's web page, click [here](#)**

Our show on October 2, 2010 raided \$6,000.00 (including a \$3,000.00 matching gift from AutoNation) for this worthy charity. Some of the thank you notes from the children are posted on the "[October 2010 Show](#)" page.

We are seeking donation of items for 100 goodie bags as well as for our silent auction and Chinese auction. Please bring any donations to monthly meetings and the Mustang Fillies will take care of the rest. We use the donated items to make gift baskets, restaurant outings, etc. Items that make good donations:

Restaurant Gift Certificates

Wine

Hotel Stays

Liquor

Gourmet Food Items

Beauty Products

Beer

Car Care Products

We area also seeking a face painter that can volunteer their time at the show. Last year's face painter charged \$200. Funds that could be donated directly to the CDTC!

Embroidered Golf Shirts!

The club will be ordering golf style shirts, with black and white checkered flag collars and cuffs. The shirts will be in white, with the club logo embroidered on the back, and a smaller club logo embroidered on the front. Your name can also be embroidered on the front of the shirt! All of this for only \$20! If you wish to order, please contact Marci at 954-575-3939. Payment must be received prior to the order being placed.



A great time was had by all at the tour of Jack Miller's Mustang Barn in Jupiter on March 26, 2011! Everyone met on time and caravanned to the museum for a tour. Lunch at Miller's Ale House followed. We got prime seating on the outside patio. Many laughs were enjoyed along with story telling, good food and cold beverages!

UPCOMING EVENTS

***April 30, 2011** – Sugar Festival in Clewiston. This is a great open show, craft fair, kiddie rides, entertainment, food booths, sugar cane pressing demonstrations, vendors of all types and a car show! This is a great place to bring the kids, there is so much to do and see! visit www.clewiston.org for complete festival information. Go to www.biglakecruisersclub.com to print pre-registration for the Rod Run, \$20 pre-registration, \$25 day of show. The club will meet at Sawgrass Recreation Park (2 miles north of I-75 on US 27) at 9:00 am (leaving parking lot at 9:15 am) for the 45 minute cruise to Clewiston. The club will stop at Roland Martin Marina Tiki Bar before heading home.

April 30, 2011 - Cooper City Founder's Day Car Show. 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Brian Piccolo Park 9501 Sheridan Street, Cooper City, Open Show. Registration \$15. Sponsored by Fort Lauderdale AACA. Concert at 6:00 pm, Fireworks at 9:00 pm. Contact: Alan MacEachern 954-425-0907. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

May 1, 2011 - Open Car & Truck Show, "Palm Springs Cruisin in the Park". Palm Springs North Elementary School. 17615 NW 82nd Ave, Miami, FL 10 - 4 pm. Top 50 Awards, 5 Best of Show, dash plaques for first 100 vehicles. Food Court & Vendors. Bounce House, Pony & Train Rides. \$15. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

May 4, 2011 - Monthly meeting at Maroone Ford of Fort Lauderdale. Board of Directors at 7:00 pm followed by main club meeting at 7:30 pm.

May 14, 2011 - Oceans Eleven Night Cruise. 5 pm - 8 pm. Hollywood Beach. Directions: East on Sheridan Street to A1A, south 4 blocks to Scott Street, east to Ocean Drive. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

May 15, 2011 - Seminole Hard Rock Classic Car Show. Hollywood. Free Open Show. Top 50 Awards. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

May 21, 2011 - Open Car Show, Pompano Ford Lincoln, 2741 N Federal Hwy, Pompano Beach, FL 33064. 10 - 2 pm. Top 10 Awards plus Best of Show. Food-Music-Prizes. \$15 pre-register.

May 20-22, 2011 - MCA National Show, Jacksonville. Hosted by the Jacksonville Mustang Club. Click [here](#) for more information.

May 29, 2011 - Seminole Casino Hollywood Memorial Weekend Car & Truck Show. 10-4 pm. Top 50 Awards, 5 Best of Show. Free. Dash Plaques for first 100 vehicles. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

June 1, 2011 - Monthly meeting at Maroone Ford of Fort Lauderdale. Board of Directors at 7:00 pm followed by main club meeting at 7:30 pm.

***June 17, 18, 19 2011** Matanzas annual get-a-away weekend! Our annual fun filled, family event! Pontoon boating and BBQ on Saturday. This year we will stay at The Harbour House. **This is Matanza's sister all suite property. We are being offered 25% of published rates.** Rates range from \$189 (less 25%) for a two bedroom/two bath condo to \$129 (less 25%) for a studio room (per night). Check their website for room types and descriptions. You must call in your own reservation to 866-998-9250. Tell them you are with the Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club for the discounted rate. There is swimming pool, hot tub and indoor parking. Since they are affiliated with Matanzas Inn, we are able to use their dock for our boating adventure. www.harbourhouseattheinn.com.

***Club targeted event.**