



## President's Message

This will be the last club newsletter sent via the U.S. Postal Service. All future newsletters will be delivered via email as a PDF attachment. If your computer does not have PDF reader software, it can be downloaded for free from <http://www.adobe.com>. If you do not have a computer or internet access, you may request to continue receiving the paper version of the newsletter. Please call your request to Marci Stringert at 954-575-3939.

Our Christmas Party will be a BBQ at the President's house:

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

The food will be ready around 7 pm. Feel free to show up early or late. There will be a Chinese gift exchange so please bring a wrapped gift. Approximately \$15 is the gift limit. You may also bring a covered side dish or beverage if you desire, but it is NOT required. I've never run out of food at a party yet.

The following is an excerpt from Consumer Reports:

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has taken the first step toward what people on both sides of the issue expect to be the full approval of E15 gas, a gasoline mixture with up to 15 percent ethanol. But while the approval pertains only to cars in model years 2007 and later, and the existing mixture of 10 percent ethanol will still be available, the chance for E15 gas making it into engines of outdoor power equipment and other products remains a major concern."

This a major issue for those of us with older vehicles. They were not designed for alcohol and it does create problems. I know firsthand from recently cleaning and coating my fuel tank in my '68. Ethanol is more corrosive than gasoline and worse, it absorbs water like a sponge. Ethanol causes accelerated deterioration of rubber. Our cars have rubber in many places, including the fuel lines and in some carburetors. Water retention causes rust throughout the fuel system. Ethanol is being pushed by the big agribusinesses. I have personally written my congressman and senator about this issue and urge my fellow club members to do the same.

On a related note, I would like to make sure all our club members know that in the past few years, motor oil manufacturers have slowly been eliminating zinc from motor oil. Modern cars have rollers and do not need it. Consequently, most motor oil now lacks sufficient zinc to provide adequate lubrication for those of us with flat tappets. Most experts recommend using a zinc additive when you change your motor oil. I have been using ZDDPlus, which is available from National Parts Depot. Pep Boys also carries racing motor oil which is still high in zinc. However, it is only available in 20W-50, which may not be appropriate for your car. First lead, then alcohol, now zinc. It's becoming a challenge to keep our classics on the road!!!

Join us for our monthly meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm  
Maroone Ford - 1333 Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*December 4, 2010 – Abacoa Town Center Show.** Usually this show is restricted to 1973 and earlier cars, but a special exception has been made for our club to attend with later models! We will meet at the Lake Worth (West Palm Beach) Service plaza on the Florida Turnpike at 1:00 pm. We will be leaving the plaza at 1:15 pm. This is a large classic car show, event starts at 5:00 pm, with cars arriving as early as 1:00 pm. Live oldies band plays 7:00 – 10:00 pm. Over 400 of the finest cars cruise along Main Street at 8:30 pm. There are plenty of restaurants and lots of shopping

**\*December 11, 2010 – Christmas Party at Mark Patterson's home.** See front page for details.

**\*January 2, 2011 - 2nd Annual Benefit Classic Car Show, Plantation –Broward Mall.** 11 am - 4 pm. \$20 DOS. \$100 to best Club Participation. Trophies & Special Awards. Benefiting Plantation Kiwanis Club Children's Charities. If you are able to attend this show, please contact Mark Patterson at [mpatt@sprintmail.com](mailto:mpatt@sprintmail.com) or 954-779-3898. He will bring some small traffic cones to the show and attempt to save some spots so we can park together.

**\*January 5, 2011 – Monthly Club Meeting at Maroone Ford.** 7:00 Board Meeting, 7:30 – General Membership Meeting

**\*January 7 – 9, 2011 – Silver Springs All Ford & Mustang Round Up** – this is one GREAT show, held inside Silver Springs park! A block of rooms has been reserved at the Country Inn & Suites, Ocala – [www.countryinns.com/ocalafl](http://www.countryinns.com/ocalafl). Their phone number is 352-237-0715. Price is \$69 +tax per night. Suites available for an additional cost. Refer to Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club and Block Number 1116481 when reserving your room. The hotel offers an indoor heated pool, hot tub and serves a hot breakfast in the morning. There are numerous restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Hopefully this year it will not SNOW! National Parts Depot is sponsoring the show again this year. For more information, visit [www.nationalpartsdepot.com](http://www.nationalpartsdepot.com) The cruise to Cedar Key will leave National Parts Depot Friday, January 7 at 9:30 am.

Car Show days are Saturday January 7 and Sunday January 8. We will leave the hotel parking lot no later than 8:30 Saturday morning and cruise together to the show. Once you get through the check in point, pull through to the parking area. Do not stop on the drive way. We will park as a group inside the park.

The club will meet on Friday January 7 at the Lake Worth (West Palm Beach) Service plaza on the Florida Turnpike at 9:00 am. We will be leaving the plaza at 9:15 am. If you are going to be late or can not make the 9:00 meeting time, call John's cell phone at 954-608-5946. We will stop for lunch (any suggestions for a place?) then continue on to the hotel.

**\*Club targeted event.**

**We want to showcase your mustang!**

Tell us the story of your pony and how you got involved with the Ft Lauderdale Mustang Club. Please submit article and picture to [marcia.stringert@wfadvisors.com](mailto:marcia.stringert@wfadvisors.com)

**The Mustang Club is going Digital!!!!**

If you want to receive a paper copy of the newsletter instead of e-delivery, please call Marci Stringert at 954-575-3939. To update your e-mail address, please e-mail [web.admin@flmustangclub.com](mailto:web.admin@flmustangclub.com)

**We need your help to organize the FLMC Picnic and Scavenger Hunt! If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Mark Patterson or Marci Stringert. We are planning this event for February and need your ideas and input!**

