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MCOMM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

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The MCOMM Annual Christmas Party changed locations this year (Four Occasions Hall in Millington), but fun was still had by all in attendance...Thanks to all that attended... see you next year!!



President's Corner

A Jolly Merry Christmas to you all! And, speaking of Christmas, I need to acknowledge members **Lon and Sandy Hetchler for putting together an excellent and memorable 2011 MCMM Christmas Party.** This was a member appreciation event, with no cost to members. Several members were presented with awards (see below) and the 2012 Board of Directors were announced (see below). We had a great time, with delicious food, fun gift exchange, and lots of fun socializing. When it came to the gift exchange, there were, as always, many car-related or holiday-related presents, but the influence of the Fall Color Tour's winery visits were clear. The gift of choice was clearly quite a variety of Michigan wines, with lots of re-gifting (trading) going on.

Members enjoyed the attendance of several youngsters (who were WELL behaved, I might add), but, it should be added, we were disappointed that the youngest member at seven weeks, Sophia Porterfield, was conspicuous by her absence, though Midea and Brett did bring along lots of pictures! Still, it's just not the same.

A highlight of the Christmas Party was the presenting of our "Years of Service" award to Bill and Ada Hoard. It was a fitting recognition for their time in the club and their

outstanding support of club events over the years. A second highlight was an award of recognition to Stan Bentley for his years of leadership, being a founding member of the club, and, well, just being an all around great guy. Bill and Ada, and Stan each received a well deserved round of applause along with a presentation plaque to remember the event with.

As we close the year, I always like to reflect back on what the club has achieved. We had strong membership support



at our fall show, went on fun events and attended other shows as a group, and made strides in our non-profit status. We added a new membership brochure, took part in promotional events like parades, created improvements to the club's web site, and tried some new things. We've added new members that are already involved, and, yes, we've lost a few great members, like Gregg Glaviano, and others that have moved away. We supported a worthy charity this year, in the Children's Diabetes Research Fund, and helped with

judging at the MOCSEM Memories Show in Dearborn. We also enjoy the Ford Mustang, '64 through 2012, both old and new, restored, unrestored and modified, fast, faster, burn-out fastest, and not so fast. And on that point, we can also be thankful to FoMoCo, who has kept our marque at the top of its game. No matter what the competition has thrown at our beloved 'Stang, it stays ahead in so many areas. And Ford, has been a strong supporter of the Mustang Club of America and clubs (like ours) in general.

So, in closing, I wish a blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

Recipe

Pumpkin Ginger Cupcakes

2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 (3.4 ounce) package instant butterscotch pudding mix
 2 teaspoons baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/3 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger
 1 cup butter, room temperature
 1 cup white sugar
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 4 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 24 muffin cups, or line with paper muffin liners. Whisk together the flour, pudding mix, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, ground ginger, allspice, cloves, and crystallized ginger in a bowl; set aside.

Beat the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until light and fluffy. The mixture should be noticeably lighter in color. Add the room-temperature eggs one at a time, allowing each egg to blend into the butter mixture before adding the next. Beat in the vanilla and pumpkin puree with the last egg. Stir in the flour mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Pour the batter into the prepared muffin cups.

Bake in the preheated oven until golden and the tops spring back when lightly pressed, about 20 minutes.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Tom Welsh

4 Wayne Stroebel

6 Al Wesolowski

11 Randy Hetzner

17 Leslie Haver

19 Carol Zedaker

30 Janice Field



Tips & Tricks by Stan Bentley

This article is the first in a series of articles by MCMM Member Stan Bentley. Thanks Stan for your contribution!

We Americans have always been fascinated with the automobile, even from day one. The first car that I can remember was the one my folks had. It was a 1937 Ford, I can't remember if it was two doors or four. As I recall it had a large hump for the trunk and a small front. Seems the battery was always dead so my father parked it on the incline that led up to the barn doors. He then could let it start rolling down the hill, pop the clutch and it would usually start.



Most people in the MCMM do not remember the Second World War; I suspect that most were born after 1950. The period after the war was still very hard for most people. Things were still rationed and the car companies had not been able to get revamped into the production of cars. Things that were rationed included gas, oil, sugar, flour, and tires. There were the green stamps and the gold stamps that you collected and pasted into a book. After the book was full, you could use it to help pay for things you needed.

In 1947, my parents decided that they could afford to buy a new car. They went to the Ford dealer to order a new car but there were none on the lot to choose from. Today when we go buy a car dealer there may be hundreds to choose from, if they do not have what you want they get on the computer and find one even if it is a hundred miles away. Then they

will even go and get it for you. Not so in 1947. The car had to be ordered with no time frame as to when it would get to the dealer. We were very fortunate we did have a telephone even living way out in rural America. By the time the call came that our new car was there it was 1948. We were all very excited and I can remember going to pick it up. When we got to the dealer there was only one new car there and it was not a Ford. It was nice new black 1948 Mercury. The only options were a heater and an AM radio. My parents had the choice of taking it or waiting for the ordered Ford. Needless to say

we rode home in the new Mercury and it served us well.

I know that all of you have early memories of your cars. There have been many changes over the years and there will be many more. I can't imagine an electric Mustang!

I would like to thank all that came to the Christmas party, it was a fun time.

Thank you Brett for allowing me to write in the newsletter.

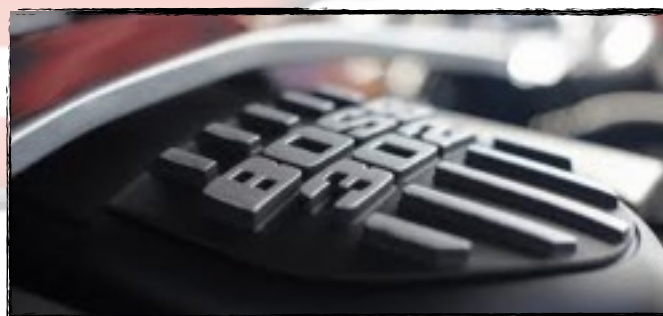


CAR AND DRIVER'S 2012 '10 BEST' CARS

2012 FORD MUSTANG GT / BOSS 302

The Ford Mustang has been named one of Car and Driver's best rated vehicles for the 2012 production year, it has been suggested that the Mustang engineers have managed to create a new standard for every car makers. The Boss 302 with a starting price of \$41,105 bodes 7500-rpm, 444-hp, 5.0-liter V-8, speeding to 60 mph in four seconds flat, break the quarter-mile in 12.4 seconds at 117 mph, stop from 70 in 155 feet, and hold the road at 0.95 g. The magazine's leading complaints are that the steering wheel lacks a telescoping feature and that steering feedback is ambiguous. Car and Driver does believe that if \$40,000 is too much for you to spend on a toy, the Mustang GT doesn't disappoint. It's short 32 horses and lacks the track-ready suspension of the Boss, but it's an astounding instrument in its own right.

Resource: Car and Driver; Hearst Communications, Inc. (2011). 2012 10Best Cars. Retrieved December 6, 2011, from <http://www.caranddriver.com/features/2012-10best-cars-feature-2012-ford-mustang-gt-boss-302-page-6>.



Did you know...?

Even though most people say that the first Mustang to roll off the assembly line was a White Convertible, Lee Iacocca says that the first Mustang was a hardtop.

CLASSIFIEDS

If you have something that you want to sell or there is something you are looking for, please [e-mail me](#) or let me know at the next meeting!

Business Card advertisements cost \$25 per year and start during the month of the first ad.

For Sale: 1968 Mustang Convertible. Red and ready! Asking \$30,000. Contact Judy VanSickle at judyvansickle@att.net for additional information and photos.

For Sale: 2011 Mustang Convertible, LOW LOW MILEAGE, MCA Package (billet grille with tri-Pony badge), six speed auto, SIRIUS, call (989) 791-5020 for details.

For Sale: 1990 Convertible LX 5.0, Stock, 28,000 miles. E-mail Cornal Ridgell at Ridgellmdm@sbcglobal.net.

For Sale: 1968 302 C.I. engine, runs, \$500. 1972 six cylinder 200 C.I. engine with transmission, \$100. Call Stan at (810) 688-3909.

WANTED: '64 1/2 to '67 Mustang Convertible. Must be V8, manual transmission preferred (automatic considered). Will spend up to \$50,000 for the right car. Finders fee paid for any lead that results in a purchase. Please contact Dan Brooks at (517) 304-6306 or sales@duvoy.com.



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