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*Coming together is a beginning;  
 keeping together is a process;  
 working together is success.  
 - Henry Ford*

## President's Message

Wow where did the summer go!? As I write this the leaves have fallen off many trees and the car show season is all but over with just the Majestics Swap Meet left to take in. On the club's behalf I'm going to attend the SAAAC annual meeting at the same time and pay our Club dues and insurance for 2009. In some ways our club had a very successful year in 2008. Revenues were up due to charging all participants to attend our shows including members. We also opened all shows up to non-Ford vehicles and the results were very positive with increased car counts. This was a major break from the past and our club's focus but it was needed it seems because we could not continue to host shows with the same ten club cars that always show up. Where the other twenty five members are I'm not sure but it does not spread the workload evenly and leaves some feeling overwhelmed, myself included. The Club will need to in 2009 look to see where the future lies and if the Ford only focus the club has had since 1993 has ceased to be relevant.

I had a great time traveling to many shows throughout the province and appreciate the efforts that anyone who put on a show exhibited as it was a nice break from the hosting duties. I'm looking forward to 2009 with a trip to the Mustang 45th Anniversary Show in Alabama being the highlight.

Our two next meeting dates are going to change somewhat from the 2nd Tuesday format. Due to the federal election we are going to move the next meeting to the following day Wednesday the 15th of October and due to the holiday in November we'll move it to the 12th of November. We are back at Capital Ford till next summer and look forward to seeing you there.

- Darren Beasley

## Upcoming Events

**Club Meeting – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7 p.m.**

– Capital Ford Lincoln, Pasqua Street

**Club Meeting – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12,**

**7 p.m.** – Capital Ford Lincoln, Pasqua Street

**ALL SASK EVENTS:** [www.autoevents.ca](http://www.autoevents.ca)

## Minutes, August 12, 2008

### New Business

- Meeting at Ray Miller's house
- 16 members in attendance
- Further discussion of the new location of the Canadian Tire shows at the east location as we had 38 cars registered missing 9-10 members. WHY so many? What can be done to make the September show better?
- Discussed-upcoming Rona show. We need everyone out.
- Discussed cruise night show Collectors Club are responsible for the August show. We will be responsible for the September show. Are we going to continue these?
- Website updates discussed. Murray still needs member pictures.
- All bills minus insurance is paid.
- We are going to end the year with over \$1,200 in our account. Are we going to give any of it to charity?

## Minutes, September 9, 2008 Club Meeting

### New Business

- Meeting at Mike Keil's house
- Darren chaired
- 15 member & cars in attendance
- Further discussion of the east Canadian Tire shows and what is it going to take to get more members out. Open shows and charging all participants continue to improve our car count and increase our revenues.
- Rona was a good turnout at 40 but seems to have peaked. What can be done to increase it?
- We are responsible for the September show. A **MANDATE BY THE CLUB WAS GIVEN TO DARREN TO SEVER THE RELATIONSHIP AFTER THIS SHOW AND WE WILL NOT BE CO-HOSTING CRUISE NIGHT SHOWS IN '09 WITH THE COLLECTORS CLUB.** They will be notified and can continue them on their own if so desired.

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- A&W is doing cruise nights every two weeks at the Arcola location. Can we lend some support?
- If we end the year with a little extra cash are we going to donate the \$\$ ??
- Thanks Mike for the bonfire

**Ford Leads Automakers With Most Top Safety Picks**

From www.theautochannel.com

DEARBORN, Mich., Sept. 25, 2008 Ford Motor Company has earned more “Top Safety Pick” ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) than any other automaker with a total of 16 to date.

Ford surpassed its closest rival Honda this week when four of its 2009 models — Ford Flex, Ford Fusion, Lincoln MKS and Mercury Milan — achieved “Top Safety Pick” ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS).

The Flex, Ford’s all-new head-turning crossover, the new Lincoln MKS full-size flagship sedan and the Fusion and Milan midsize sedans build on the company’s safety leadership. Ford also has more 5-star government crash test ratings than any other automaker.

“Leading the industry in ‘Top Safety Picks’ is great news, because IIHS tests are some of the most demanding conducted outside of our own laboratories, and customers are increasingly relying on them when choosing a new vehicle,” said Susan Cischke, Ford’s group vice president of Sustainability, Environment and Safety Engineering.

To earn IIHS’s “Top Safety Pick,” vehicles must earn the top “good” ratings in the institute’s high-speed front and side crash tests, and a rear crash test simulation that evaluates seat and head restraints. An added requirement since 2007 is that vehicles also must offer electronic stability control.

Flex, MKS, Fusion and Milan excelled in each of the institute’s crash tests, and AdvanceTrac(R) electronic stability control is available for each vehicle. The safety system uses sensors to detect and measure yaw, or side-to-side skidding conditions, by monitoring the vehicle’s speed, throttle position and steering wheel angle. When AdvanceTrac(R)

senses wheel slip, engine torque is reduced and braking is applied where needed to help the driver keep the car tracking on its intended path. IIHS has stated that “AdvanceTrac significantly reduces crash risk by helping drivers maintain control of their vehicles during emergency maneuvers.”

IIHS said “Top Safety Pick” vehicles are “at the head of the class for safety,” and recognizing them as such “helps consumers distinguish the best overall choices without having to sort through multiple test results.”

**Structural Strength Is a Safety Fundamental**

Flex, MKS, Fusion and Milan get some of their core strength from the use of lightweight aluminum-coated boron steel — one of the strongest weld-able materials — in the body structure. The use of high-strength steel in the B-pillars is only part of their robust safety profile. Ford engineers also located the side door intrusion beams to help manage and absorb energy during side impact crashes.

“Flex and MKS are built on a platform that has a tremendous safety heritage — one that it shares with the 2009 Ford Taurus, rated America’s safest full-size car,” said Steve Kozak, Ford’s chief engineer for safety systems. “And Fusion and Milan prove that a high level of safety can come in a midsize package.”

In addition to electronic stability control and anti-lock brakes, standard safety features on Flex, MKS, Fusion and Milan include:

- Six Standard Air Bags and Ford’s Personal Safety System(R): Safety features include six air bags (dual-stage driver and front-passenger air bags, thorax side air bags for front-seat occupants and side-impact air curtains), safety belt pretensioners, seat weight-sensing system for the front passenger seat and crash-severity sensing.
- Ford’s BeltMinder(R), a safety belt reminder technology for the driver and front passenger that takes over after the initial safety belt reminder stops chiming.
- LATCH: The Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children system provides convenient mounting points for compatible child seats.
- Tire Pressure Monitoring System: This system warns a driver if one or more tires are underinflated. An active pressure sensor with a radio transmitter is mounted in-

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## Buy & Sell

### Cars for Sale

#### 1966 MUSTANG COUPE

- Tahoe Turquoise
- California car
- Original rust free
- Original body panels - fenders, quarter panels, floors, trunk
- Original dash pad, headliner
- Upgraded stereo system
- New seats, carpet, door panels, kick panels etc.
- New suspension including springs, control arms, 1" sway bar
- Rebuilt power steering, pump, ram, control valve
- New brakes, upgraded front brakes
- Rebuilt transmission and differential (posi) 3.55 gears
- Rebuilt 302 engine with Edlebrock cam, intake, carb, roller rockers, hypereutectic pistons, roller timing chain, balanced, hypo exhaust manifolds, dual exhaust. Have original engine and differential in storage.

This car has many more upgrades and is very well detailed. Absolutely nothing needs to be done to the car.

It has won numerous awards, including:

- First place, International Mustang Meet – Regina 1996
- A number of First and Second Place at Majestics Car Show
- Peoples Choice Award at local car show

Have appraisal for car.

Contact: Tom Wood 584-0834

1993 Grande Cherokee 4 DR, red, 194,000 km; p.s., p.b., command start, anti-theft, buckets w/console, cruise, tilt, am/fm/cd custom stereo, power door locks, hidden hitch, 4.0 litre 6-cylinder automatic w/overdrive, Select Trac 4x4, 5000 km on rebuilt motor, good condition, \$4,500 firm.

1997 Ford Explorer, 4x4, 4.0 litre, V6, automatic w/overdrive, p.s., p.b., p.w., p.door locks, rear heater, cruise, a/c, tilt steering, am/fm/cd factory stereo system, buckets w/console, command start, good condition, \$4,500.

Contact Mike Keil at 537-0675

65 Ford Galaxie 500 Ragtop: 352 auto, blue/blue//white top, owned for 20 years, drive anywhere, real good shape: \$14,000

65 Ford Galaxie 500 Ragtop: parts/fixer, very good body, new windshield, all parts there, needs reassembling, power train combinations available, would make a great solid ragtop: \$1200

66 Meteor Ragtop: running, driving, decent body, all parts, 390 auto, good brakes, maroon/tan interior: \$3500

65 Ford XL Ragtop: 352 4V, American car, running, driving, real good shape, dk. green/tan interior: \$6500

64 Ford Galaxie 500 ragtop: running, driving, 390 4V, bench seat, white, lots of potential: \$4500

64 Ford XL Ragtop: shell only, was a factory 4 speed HP 390 car, Pagoda Green, restorable: \$1000

65 Meteor Ragtop: had buckets and consol, pw windows- fixable parts car with 2 other 65 Meteors, a 65 wagon and a 65 4-dr sedan: fixable project: \$1500 for all 3

65 XL 2 door: white/green interior, very good body, possible power train if needed for additional funds, front disc conversion: \$1500

65 XL 2 door: white, decent blue interior, good 390 auto, drivable: \$1500

2- 65 2 door Galaxie 500: one running driving 352 auto, other seized 390 4V, both decent fixer bodies: \$1000 each

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65 Ford 4 door Custom 500: very good car-67000 original miles- 3rd owner- Galaxie 500 chrome exterior dress-up, 352, 3speed standard, good interior, very, very solid, licensed and driven regularly, cool cruiser needing little work- \$3000

67 Mercury 1/2 ton: Good drivable shape, 390 4 speed (truck), power steering and brakes, body work started, was red and white with chrome custom, not too rusty, good endgate, real potential- -\$1600

66 Ford 1/2 ton: My original farm truck, 352 3speed, 90000 original miles, dark green custom, very little rust, good daily driver used as fuel truck- \$2000

66 Mercury 4 dr breezeway yellow. 390 auto. real decent driver shape, back window works, ready to cruise with some small fixes- \$1500

64 Meteor 4 dr hardtop real unique car, 352 auto, runs drives nice, some rust but not bad, comes with 64 breezeway parts car (no motor or tranny), black with red- \$2000

85 Ford Wagon my original family car, 300,000 kms, runs like new, daily driver, 351 auto with all toys, red + woodgrain- drive it home- \$600

91 Mercury Marquis my other family car, white, dk red velour interior, real nice driver, 400,000 kms, runs and drives nice but needs a sensor check to be correct- \$500

54 Meteor 4 door old garage survivor, flathead, 3speed, runs and drives very well, some rust but minimal, real decent original drive -\$6500

86 Ford S/C Shortbox 302 injected O/D tranny auto, 110,000 kms, no winter use, matching topper, Jade green and tan, perfect interior, always inside, good tires, Ford spoked rims, air, tilt, cruise, no pw., incredible survivor- \$10000

2-Chevy Shortboxes One a 86 305, 4speed Siverado, daily driver, fleetside, ready to go- \$4500; Other- 78, 350, 3 speed on the floor, stepside, runs and

drive good- \$2500

64 Pontiac Parisienne: black station wagon: 350, 2 speed, original 327 available, good blue interior, presently licensed and weekly driven, very good car but nota Ford- -\$2500

All prices negotiable and subject to offers

Many more Fords of various years and parts.

Phone:

1-306-587-7674 (cell)

1-306-587-2910- Home

All cars located around Swift Current, Saskatchewan

1959 Monarch Septre, 4 DR HT; 430 cu. in.; black; repainted.

1959 Monarch Montcalm, 4 DR Sedan; 383 cu. in.; tax; original paint.

1959 Mercury Richelieu; 4 DR Sedan; 383 cu. in.; black; repainted.

The above three vehicles have been in storage about 20 years. They were started in 2004.

Parts car: Mercury 4 DR sedan, body only.

Parts car: Monarch 4 DR sedan, complete with motor blown.

For further information on the above and for viewing, please call John at 306-692-2919 in Moose Jaw.

**Parts Wanted:**

LOWRIDER fibreglass Truck box cover to fit 93 and up Ford Ranger truck (regular cab)

Call Fred 545-4128

Parts or a parts car for 1967 Ford Galaxie or Galaxie XL. Phone Doug at 545-8027

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### **Parts For Sale:**

- Roof from Ford Retractable (no rust on top; rust on tray, typical of all retracts).
- Inside door panels for retractable or 2-door; geranium colour.
- Seat covers from '59 Ford; good condition.
- One roll black vinyl for 50's Ford.
- Radio for '55 or '56 Ford (have not tried connecting).
- Radio for '57 - '59 Ford; signal search, push button (have not tried connecting).
- Trunk liner for '59 retractable.
- '59 car jack.
- Soft cloth car cover for '50's and '60's cars.
- Various '59 stainless side trim.
- Manuals for '58 and '59 Ford (body parts, collision parts, motor repair, shop technical notes for '59 Ford).

E-mail at [Ranitid@hotmail.com](mailto:Ranitid@hotmail.com) or phone 789-6488.

Sun visor for a 1949 ford car \$30.00

Call Tim 584-0782

Engine stand for sale

\$40.00 or best offer

Call Neil Morrison 789-4341

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**For a list of 2008 Saskatchewan Car Shows, go to:**

[www.autoevents.ca](http://www.autoevents.ca)

### **Club Assets Available to Members**

Note: there is no guarantee that this list is completely up-to-date.

- Engine lift plate and hoist - Wayne
- Coil Spring Compressor - Murray
- Checkered Flooring - Adrien
- Rope Lights - Fred
- Magnet Signs - Fred
- 4x8 signs - Tim
- Fence and lighted platforms - Gerry
- Megaphone - Darren
- Engine leveler - Wayne
- Shirts, hats & stickers - Darren

### **The Gas and the Bees**

There was a crowd of bees flying around one day. These bees were most peculiar. They were powered by gasoline, rather than the allergenic goodies that bees usually eat. As the crowd flew along, periodically a bee or two would start to sputter; it would fly down to a gas station, drink up the gas spilled in fueling a car, and then fly up and rejoin the crowd.

One bee began to sputter a little, but flew right by an open gas station. As he passed the second station, he coughing badly, but still he flew on. Finally, as he was on his last fumes, he dove down to a station and gassed up.

When he rejoined the crowd, his neighbor challenged him: "Look, you passed right by an open station when you started to get low. You passed another station when you were perilously low. And finally, you ran out of gas just in time to glide into that last station. Are you crazy?"

He replied, "Well, it's like this. The first station was a Gulf station. I really don't like Gulf at all. The second station was a Texaco station. That's even worse. But the third station was an Esso station. Let me tell you, Esso is my brand of gasoline. You know what they say don't you? ...

There's an Esso Bee in every crowd!"



side each tire. A receiver in the vehicle monitors each transmitter, and if tire pressure is not within specific limits, it will activate a visual warning light.

Other key safety features on select models include:

- Adaptive Collapsible Steering Column — In an impact, the column will collapse, dependent on the weight and belted status of the driver.
- Safety Canopy(R) — Ford’s exclusive side impact protection system features side curtain air bags that help protect front and rear outboard passengers in both roll-overs and side impact crashes.

“Safety is a top purchase consideration, second only to fuel efficiency, so the top safety ratings and competitive fuel economy of Flex, MKS, Fusion and Milan are a winning combination,” said Michael Crowley, North America car and crossover marketing manager, Ford Motor Company.

**Even More Technology Works in Customers’ Favor**

The new SIRIUS(R) Travel Link(TM) feature, praised for helping motorists find the cheapest gas, also can help route them around congested, potentially dangerous conditions using the vehicle’s navigation system with real-time traffic information, available in select markets.

SYNC(R), Ford’s hands-free connectivity system for Bluetooth-enabled phones and digital music players, helps drivers keep their eyes on the road and hands on the wheel to reduce distractions.

**Flash of Genius Film Reveals Dirty History of Intermittent Wiper**

From Autblog.com

Considering that automakers today are racing to develop complex electric drive and alternative fuel technologies, it’s amazing to realize that the biggest technological hurdle to overcome back in 1967 was getting wiper blades to operate intermittently. As it turns out, the history of how the intermittent wiper came to be is actually a dark tale in automotive history. Invented by college professor Robert Kearns in the late ‘60s, the technology was shopped around to every major automaker and Ford was the first to adopt it. Except the house that Henry built screwed Kearns out of

not only the money he was due, but also the credit for developing what automakers themselves couldn’t. That story has now been turned into a major motion picture called *Flash of Genius* that stars Greg Kinnear, Lauren Graham (the mom from *Gilmore Girls*), Dermot Mulroney and Alan Alda. We wouldn’t have thought a movie about windshield wipers would be very interesting, but the preview after the jump has us hooked. It’s slated to open in theaters on October 17th courtesy of Universal.

**How Ford Will Save Mercury**

From Autblog.com

When Alan Mulally came to the Ford Motor Company two years ago he finally forced the company to face reality. It wasn’t going to go anywhere, he told his executive team, unless it put all its resources into resuscitating the Ford brand on a global basis.

So Jaguar and Land Rover were given the heave-ho, and Volvo was put “under review.” The decision was made to let Mercury slowly die, and Lincoln’s turn-around was put on the back burner until the Ford brand revived.

But as the company formulated its turn-around plan, it slowly dawned on everyone involved that there was a real opportunity to save Mercury. They figured out a way to give the brand a unique line-up of vehicles without breaking the bank. So in April of this year they took their ideas to Mulally, and after extensive studies they got the go-ahead in June to save it.

**Women Drivers**

I tell you, women drivers are a hazard to traffic. Driving to work this morning, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a red Mustang doing 85 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner!

I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane.

It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver in my coffee, and it spilled all over my cell phone!

## It's Over

Written by Webmaster – Shelby American Automobile Club,  
August 08 2008

The Shelby American Automobile Club has reached an agreement with Carroll Shelby and his companies to end the legal battles and return to the normal life of having fun and enjoying the people and the cars of our hobby.

Today, August 8, 2008, an agreement was signed, putting behind us the turmoil and uncertainty that accompanied this legal conflict. We are now and forever the Shelby American Automobile Club.

This is the result of some very hard work by people from both organizations. Rick and Ken, as well as efforts by Dave Mathews, Ron Richards and Dave Winkler at SAAC... and Amy Boylan and Carroll Shelby at CSL and Shelby Autos.

... all worked through the negotiations that settled any and all disagreements and put us all on the same page... where we can all get back to enjoying the cars and the history of Shelby American.

Much more detail to follow over the next few weeks, but, now more than ever: ..... don't miss the celebration at SAAC-33...

We'll be there...Team Shelby will be there... this is what it's all about.

## NEXT CLUB MEETINGS

Please make an effort to attend the next club meeting as there will be discussion of matters that may have a major impact on next year's car show schedule.

Due to the timing of the federal election, the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 15** at Capital Ford, Pasqua Street North. Meeting time is 7 p.m.

The following meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 12** also at Capital Ford at 7 p.m.

## Ford CVPI Extended Through 2011

From Blue Oval News — Written by Tony Gratson

Production at the St. Thomas (Ontario, Canada) Assembly Plant (STAP) has been extended one year to 2011. This means that the Crown Vic Police Interceptor will be produced at least through the 2011 model year, including 2009, 2010 and 2011 models. Production on the 2009 model CVPIs started in late July.

Last year, the STAP went to a single shift, five days a week, with continuous operations and is producing Lincoln Town Cars in addition to CVPIs and Mercury Grand Marquis sedans. There is plenty of production at STAP to meet the demands for CVPIs. Our order-to-delivery timing is running about 90 days from dealer order submission to delivery by the company to the dealership.

This also is an exciting time for the Ford Police Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB members are invaluable in providing Ford Motor Co. recommendations for improving current police vehicles and assisting with our future police car plans. The law enforcement industry is very important to Ford Motor Co., and we are committed to supplying police vehicles to this industry.

We continue to make improvements to the CVPI, and for the 2009 model year, there are several items. New standard equipment includes power-adjustable pedals and side combo (head / thorax) airbags. Power-adjustable pedals allow drivers to adjust the pedals for their use. As a reminder, the side combo airbags are located in the seat and do not interfere with rear partitions when deployed. The CVPI 4.6L engine is E85 Flexible Fuel capable and now certified for 50 states. The CVPI is the only police car built on a frame and 75-mph rear crash tested.

Also, the 2009 CVPI will have a revised braking system, which will result in shorter stopping distances to an average of almost 10 feet. The friction material does not change. Two other improvements include disabling the confirmation flash with the courtesy lamp (option code 478), and making the deck lid release button operational on the key fob with remote keyless entry (option code 14C).

We will also be turning Vehicle Special Order Options (VSO) into Regular Production Options (RPO), which will make these options easier to order and schedule for production. These options and their new RPO codes are optional chrome grille; rear door locks and handles disabled; spotlight prep with street appearance package.