

# Mustang Club Of Tampa



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### \*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\*

**June 27th, Bill Currie Ford**  
**7:00 Business Meeting**

#### CMT Members

At the May general membership meeting, elections were held and you will see those elected positions at the top of the newsletter. Congrats to those who are helping to shape the future of the club. Also, remember, just because your name is not up there, you can still volunteer ideas to help make the club better for all of us.

Look for a couple of new features to appear in the newsletter and website in the upcoming months – I am sure you will enjoy the changes.

### Club Logo

We are currently looking for new club logo design suggestions. If you have any ideas, submit them to [Jeff@mustangcluboftampa.com](mailto:Jeff@mustangcluboftampa.com) . the following 2 have been suggested already:



Let us know what you think!

### 3 Tips for Shooting your Horse

Before you go out and grab your 9mm, sit back and read on as I am not talking about *that* kind of shooting. Many of enjoy looking at nice pictures of our cars, but it seems so many of them don't always turn out like we would like. Hopefully, with these tips, you can take some better pictures. For our purposes, we will be discussing outdoor photography as I will assume if you have a studio large enough for a car, you already know these three tips.

Tip 1 – LIGHTING. Though the most obvious tip, it is also the most important. A photograph is nothing more than a capturing of light, and choosing the right light can make the difference between a good and a poor photograph. Many photography books will talk about the 'sweet light'. This is the light that is available just after sunrise and just before sunset. These are the times of day that the light is not as harsh and the light is more evenly distributed.

By all means, try to avoid taking pictures of your car when the sun is directly above – especially if you have a yellow car. If you are facing the driver's side of the car your lighting source (like the upcoming sun) should be placed on your right side. If you are photographing the passenger side of the car your source of light should be on your left. If you are photographing the cars profile, the light should be behind the photographer. In any of the cases, it is also suggested to use your flash – even in daylight. Remember, the camera only sees detail in light and does not see the details in shadows.

Tip 2 – COMPOSITION. So you are up bright an early, have cleaned the car, and are ready to click. What is the next step? Composing your shot and taking some extra time can really help your shot. Probably the most popular picture of a car is what is known as '¾ Front'. This is where you generally see the front and one side of the car. Generally, you should have the car fill the complete frame of the picture. The more space you have, the more possibility you have of losing the subject. Also take a minute to see what else is in the picture. Will that pretty tree in the background look like it is growing out of the back of the car? Will your buddies, who are there to help and watch, show up as a reflection in the quarter panel?

Tip 3 – CLEAN IT UP. Finally... CLEAN YOUR CAR!! Bits of dust and dirt have a way of finding their way into your picture. Usually, at the wrong times. Make sure your paint, and especially the windows, are clean. Though many like to use tire shine products, try to make the tires look an even dark black, but don't make them shiny. A tip I have learned is to use shoe polish. If you are shooting the picture on asphalt, it is also good to wet the ground down. This will cool off some of the 'hot spots' that can be created and have more evenly distributed light.

By following these basic tips, you may not have the next cover for Mustang Monthly, but you will be on your way to taking better photographs. And better yet, you can share your photos on the club website at [www.MustangClubofTampa.com](http://www.MustangClubofTampa.com).

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## **MUSTANG PERFORMANCE FOR RENT: FORD, SHELBY, HERTZ TEAM UP ON SPECIAL SHELBY GT-H**

NEW YORK, Wed., April 12, 2006 – In a throwback to the famed Shelby GT350H “Rent-A-Racer” program from the 1960s, Ford Motor Company, Shelby Automobiles and The Hertz Corporation are partnering to produce a special run of performance-modified Ford Mustang GTs – designated Shelby GT-H, for “Hertz” – that will be available for rent later this spring exclusively through Hertz. Approximately 500 units will be available through the Hertz Fun Collection at select airport locations in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii and Nevada.



Forty years ago, Carroll Shelby and The Hertz Corporation came up with an ingenious plan to help get a batch of high-performance, special-edition Shelby Mustangs into the hands of rental customers who also happened to be car enthusiasts. Ford supplied the new Mustangs with V-8 engines and mostly automatic transmissions, Shelby added extra performance and style, and Hertz gave the public access to the kind of unique driving experience that one would normally only find on a racetrack. Today, the story of the Shelby/Hertz “Rent-A-Racer” is legendary and surviving Shelby GT350H Mustangs are among the most sought-after collector cars in the world. To connect the magical past of the original Shelby GT350H with the modern capabilities of the new Ford Mustang, Shelby, Ford and Hertz have again teamed up, and – together with the Ford Racing Performance Group – have given the 2006 Ford Shelby GT-H a very classic, muscular look as well as some true performance credentials.



“Like the original Hertz cars, the Ford Shelby GT-H will be fun to drive,” said Carroll Shelby, CEO of Shelby Automobiles, Inc. “We started with a terrific Mustang and modified it with some Ford go-fast parts and gave it a distinct look for Shelby-style driving. Whoever gets the opportunity to rent one of these unique cars will get an experience of a lifetime.”

### **Hertz Fun Collection**

Further enhancing its position as a leader at U.S. airports in the leisure car rental market, Hertz launched its Fun Collection in January 2006. Featuring vehicles tailor-made for travelers seeking exciting driving experiences, the Fun Collection adds more entertainment to the driving experience as each car comes equipped with SIRIUS Satellite Radio.



The 2006 Ford Shelby GT-H Mustang will be available at select airport locations that feature the Hertz Fun Collection including Phoenix, Arizona; Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and San Francisco, California; Denver, Colorado; Fort Lauderdale, Miami, Orlando, Tampa and West Palm Beach, Florida; Maui and Honolulu, Hawaii, and Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition, the car will be available in Boston, Massachusetts.

With the addition of the Ford Shelby GT-H Mustang into the Fun Collection, Hertz now offers 36 models that can be specifically reserved, ranging from mid-size to luxury cars, convertibles to SUVs and is the only nationwide car rental company able to allow customers to reserve the specific make and model vehicles at the time of reservation. More than 8,000 Fun Collection vehicles are available at 18 major airport locations in the United States.

“With 2006 marking the 40th anniversary of the Shelby GT350H joining the Hertz fleet, we’re thrilled to be bringing legendary Mustang driving excitement back to our rental customers,” said Walt Seaman, staff vice president, Worldwide Fleet, Maintenance, and Car Sales Operations for The Hertz Corporation. “The Shelby GT-H is a fun, powerful Mustang to drive, and will be a special part of the Hertz Fun Collection. As all cars in the collection are reserved by exact make and model, customers can rest assured that when they reserve a Shelby GT-H Mustang to drive, they will receive the Shelby GT-H Mustang upon arrival.”

#### **Extra “Show”**

Like its predecessor, the 2006 Ford Shelby GT-H will be instantly recognizable – thanks to several eye-catching styling enhancements that are so much a part of the Shelby Mustang heritage. First and foremost, each Shelby GT-H will wear Black exterior paint set off with Gold racing stripes, a hallmark of Hertz’s vehicle history dating all the way back to the 1920s.

While it’s true that the Shelby GT350H was eventually made available in other color combinations, the Black-and-Gold combo is often referred to as “Hertz colors” by most Mustang aficionados. Shelby’s traditional “Le Mans” dual overbody racing stripes are combined with a set of rocker stripes that include special “Shelby GT-H” nomenclature. Each car will also wear a Hertz Edition emblem on the front fenders, and feature Hertz Shelby GT-H sill plates and a numbered dash badge with Carroll Shelby’s signature inside the cockpit.

To give a hint of the Mustang GT 4.6-liter 3V V-8 engine’s added capability, the Ford Shelby GT-H is fitted with a custom Shelby Performance hood with pins, and a brushed aluminum grille with running horse emblem. A unique front fascia with integrated lower grille, as well as a set of body side scoops – reminiscent of classic Shelby Mustangs is incorporated for a distinct look. To further catch the enthusiast’s eye, the Mustang GT brakes are dressed up with painted calipers, which can be seen through the GT-H’s 17-inch aluminum wheels wearing P235/55ZR17 performance rubber.

#### **Added “Go”**

Ford Racing Performance Group is supplying its popular Power Pack (FR1) to add a genuine 25-horsepower Ford performance kick to the 300-horse Mustang GT 4.6L V-8/Five-speed automatic transmission powertrain and an increase of 10 lb.-ft. of torque. The package includes Ford Racing’s 90mm Cold Air kit, the Muffler Kit, a new X-pipe similar to the one used on the new Ford Shelby GT500 Mustang, a performance calibration and a cat-back performance exhaust for that throaty sound that will make this car unmistakably a Shelby Mustang GT-H.



“Any Mustang that traces its roots to a Shelby GT350H has to boast increased performance and handling over its factory stock configuration,” said Cisco Codina, group vice president, Ford North America Marketing, Sales and Service. “Ford Racing’s involvement with niche performance Mustang builds like this Hertz project is a natural for us as well as for Hertz and Shelby.”

To put that extra horsepower to the ground, the Ford Shelby GT-H also comes with the Ford Racing Handling Pack (FR3) installed, including special-tuned dampers inspired from the FR500C, lowering springs, sway bars and a strut tower brace – plus a Ford Racing 3.55:1 ratio rear axle assembly for extra off-the-line acceleration.

Ford Racing will be working hand-in-hand with engineers and technicians at Shelby Automobile’s assembly facility in Las Vegas during the build-out of the GT-H for delivery to Hertz. With total production expected to number only around 500 units exclusively destined for Hertz rental fleets across the country, this special-edition Ford Shelby GT-H is sure to give Hertz customers a truly exclusive driving experience like only Shelby and the Ford Mustang can deliver.

“This GT-H project has been terrific,” said Amy Boylan, president, Shelby Automobiles Inc. “My team here at Shelby Automobiles is very excited with what we have put together with Ford, and Hertz – a pony that not only has a special look, but can really run, too. Those who get to rent a GT-H in the coming months will have the opportunity to enjoy a car that looks, accelerates, handles and sounds the way a high-performance Shelby-ized Ford Mustang should. It will prove lots of fun for Hertz customers looking for some real driving excitement.”

The Hertz Fun Collection features convertibles including the Ford Mustang, Mazda Miata, Toyota Solara, PT Cruiser and Chrysler Sebring; coupes/roadsters including Ford Mustang (hard-top), PT Cruiser, Chevy HHR and Nissan 350Z; and SUVs such as the Ford Escape XLT Sport, Jeep Wrangler, Nissan Murano and Hummer H3. For Shelby GT-H or other Hertz Fun Collection reservations, or to see which vehicles are available at participating Hertz locations visit [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com). The Hertz Fun Collection may also be reserved through travel agents or by calling the Hertz toll-free at 1-800-654-3131.



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### Upcoming CMT Events

**(Tentative) Saturday June ? - CMT Lunch at Quaker Steak & Lube**

Watch future newsletters for details

**If someone asks about the club don't forget to refer them to our  
web site: [www.MustangClubofTampa.com](http://www.MustangClubofTampa.com)**

All club members are also welcome to free email addresses and free hosting of your personal website  
– ask Jeff Deaton for more details.

### Keep Your Email Address Updated

If you received this newsletter as a hard copy in the mail and you have email, then we do not have your current email address. We regularly communicate important club information and news by email when time does not allow inclusion in the newsletter. We would also like to email this newsletter as it is less work and allows the use of color images and photos. To update your address send an email to [mytang66@yahoo.com](mailto:mytang66@yahoo.com) and as always please reference the club so it will not be discarded as junk email.

## **MCA 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

Second only to the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mustang this upcoming event promises to be a great one. If you have not registered or made hotel reservations I would suggest at least get the hotel reserved. For more info go to any recent edition of Mustang Times or the MCA web site, [mustang.org](http://mustang.org). I would be interested in finding out who from MCT will be going. Would like to explore caravan possibilities and also make sure we get everyone there together for a group picture. I attended the 25<sup>th</sup> MCA Celebration held at the Atlanta Dragway. It was a great show although attendance was down substantially being only a couple of weeks after 9/11.

**For Sale & Wanted:** Please submit new ads you would like listed to [newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com](mailto:newsletter@mustangcluboftampa.com) .

### **WANTED:**

65-66 Fastback parts. Mark Lasota has a new project car and says he needs most everything. If you have parts to sell give him a call or email. (813) 340-3727, or [Mark@ETBPENSIONS.COM](mailto:Mark@ETBPENSIONS.COM)

### **For Sale:**

1991 Mustang Convertible, XL 5.0L, V-8, Oxford White exterior white power top, glass rear window and Titanium cloth/vinyl interior. 5-speed manual overdrive transmission. AM/FM radio and cassette player. Good condition, repair records available, original owner, garaged most of the past 15 yrs, 140,000 miles, \$5100 OBO, 813-732-4878

## **MEETING PARKING**

Our meeting host, Bill Currie Ford is extremely busy and as a service to it's customers is now carrying more stock than ever. As a result parking is limited and when we hold a meeting we need to park in the lot behind the showroom. Please do not park in front of the showroom. Let's leave that space for their customers.

Have a suggestion or article you would like published in the newsletter?  
Send it to [info@mustangcluboftampa.com](mailto:info@mustangcluboftampa.com)

