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# "HOOTBEATS"

The newsletter of the CSRA Mustang and Ford Club



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Next Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2022  
Club Christmas Party

Location: Westside Baptist Church  
261 Flowing Wells Rd. Martinez, GA  
30907



# From the President

*Tom Petrak*

Greetings Everyone,

I am happy to report that the final donation of \$5000.00 was presented to Columbia County Community Connections on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia County Commissioners meeting. The presentation went well, and we got a chance to formally thank the commissioners for their support. We are planning to have the executive director from Columbia County Community Connections at our January meeting to talk to us about all of the wonderful work they do.

Once again, we will be participating in the Martinez-Evans Christmas Parade on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The parade starts at 3:30. The parade begins and ends at the Evans Towne Center. We will meet at 1:30 in the parking lot in front of Dollar Tree near the Evans Walmart. Once everyone has arrived, we will travel over to Evans Towne Center as a group to get in our place in line. Remember you have to decorate your car.

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Westside Baptist Church on Flowing Wells Road. See the attached flyer. If you have not already signed up for the Christmas party, please contact Sarah Braswell to let her know how many are coming and what you plan to bring.

Just a reminder that it's time for 2023 dues. The membership voted to raise dues to \$20 for MCA members and \$35.00 for non-MCA members.

The last thing I want to mention is the 2023 club calendar. It's not done yet. We hope to get this out to everyone as soon as we can so that you can mark your calendars.

That's all for now. Have a wonderful holiday season.

Tom



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# Annual Christmas Party

December 5th

6:30 PM

Westside Baptist Church

261 Flowing Wells Rd

*Club will supply main dish and drinks.*

*Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

***Bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots.***

Sign up for the party will be at the November club meeting.

If you cannot attend the November meeting, contact Sarah Braswell @ 706-339-8038 for the number

in your party and what you plan to bring. Please



# From the Vice President

*Don Blackstock*

## SNOW ❄️

Thought that might get your attention. The way this year has flown by, anything is possible. Our Grand National show was just a few weeks ago.

Fast forward. Christmas parade this Sunday (December 4) and Monday (December 5) we will be relaxing at our meeting/dinner.

Hope to see everyone!

Don B



# New Members

WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stan and Denise Bartles





## NATIONAL SHOWS AND EVENTS

Please check the CSRA Mustang and Ford Club website at [www.csramc.org](http://www.csramc.org) to see an updated list of all upcoming events. Check out the CSRA Mustang and Ford Club Facebook page as well.

**The venue for the Mustang 60th Anniversary will be Barber Motorsports Park, Birmingham, AL, in April 2024. Details to come as they become available.**





# Mustang News and Notes

## **The SEMA Mid-Engine Mustang Looks Wild On Its First Full Road Test**

The mid-engine Mustang that began as an Instagram rendering and turned into a real-life SEMA show car just had its first full road test. In the film below, the team dials in a few bits and pieces before taking it out onto slick streets to see how it handles the real world.

Before setting off, the team rebuilds the shift plate, improves the steering feedback, and re-engineers the exhaust. They work on the exhaust specifically to quiet the car down a little bit and to keep heat away from the shifter linkage which had been overheated by the previous design.

Despite efforts to muffle the car further, Chris Steinbacher, the man behind B is for Build, says that it's still really loud inside the car: "We did a decent amount of sound deadening but it's still really, really loud." That noise is the only downside of the powertrain in this test though. The car drove well overall.

In other good news, the Mustang doesn't scrape despite looking as though it's mere millimeters from the road surface. Steinbacher is clearly excited about that as he gleefully declares that the car made it over a bump without scraping during the drive. There's still some fine-tuning to complete. As you can see in the video below, the Mustang tends to dart around the road a little bit. Steinbacher says that's because the team hasn't actually completed an alignment on the car yet. After its extensive history as a movie prop that was wrecked and then even more extensive customization for this project, we can see why an alignment is necessary.

On top of that, the team needs to add a rear three-quarter window and dial in the passenger-side wing mirror. To put it lightly, the driver can't see what's happening outside of the passenger side of the car. During the drive, the problem was so bad that it required Steinbacher to use hand signals with his camera crew to confirm when there was space to move across lanes.

Those adjustments and changes are coming in the near future. After that, the crew plans to compete in the mid-engine Mustang at autocross and maybe other venues too.

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