



Pony Prints

A Publication of the Panhandle Ponies Tallahassee Mustang Club

December 2011

December Meeting and Party Location

Please note that for the next meeting and Holiday Party on 10 December, the Panhandle Ponies will be meeting at the Woody and Kathy Lewis' Estate, which is located at 515 Old Magnolia Road in Wakulla County on the St. Marks River, on Saturday 10 December 2010 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. The Club is supplying the ham and the turkey and Woody and Kathy are coordinating the other covered dishes. Please call them at 850-421-0462 or email at justdoitkathy@gmail.com

The 2000 Pound Ground Wire

By Don Schmidt

Your Mustang electrical grounding circuit is the chassis. The whole car body forms the electrical ground circuit return to the battery. Pretty impressive huh.

When the restorer paints his car he puts a beautiful finish on everything he can. That -- can cause electrical problems. Paint is a pretty good insulator and can degrade the electrical system performance.

Manufacturers attach ground wires to the chassis with bolts, star washers and various other fasteners to complete the system. Star washers are often used because they cut through paint and promote electrical continuity. This is OK for low amperage continuity, BUT, in reality what is needed is a connection that will promote substantial current flow with minimal voltage drop.

When restoring the ground side of your electrical system it is advisable to remove the paint to bare metal around the fastener attachment point. Next treat the bare metal with grease or oil (NOT DIELECTRIC GREASE) before bolting the terminal to the chassis. Do not use star washers, you want nice flat terminal to chassis metal contact. This method will give the connection maximum area for current transmission and minimum voltage drop across the terminal. To prevent corrosion you can cover the surface of the connector with your dielectric grease to keep moisture from the assembly if desired.

Happy Holidays

**Panhandle Ponies Tallahassee Mustang Club
Meeting Minutes of 9 November 2011**

Called to Order at: 7:23 pm by President Shirley Shields.

Members and Guests present: 14 Club Members were present at the Seminole Wind Restaurant on Monroe in Tallahassee Florida.

Any changes to the October Minutes: No.

Treasurers Report: Corby reported \$542.51 in savings and \$898.13 in checking.

Report on Past Car Shows and Events:

Nick reported that we made 473.42 at the Show n Shine event. The club voted to donate \$470 to Big Bend Hospice

Upcoming Shows and Events:

1. Roar & Soar @ Fantasy of Flight, Polk City, FL, 12-13 November
2. Moultrie Swap Meet, Moultrie, GA, 18, 19 & 20 Nov
3. Turkey Run, Daytona Beach, FL, 23-27 Nov
4. NDP 18th Annual For & Mustang Roundup, Ocala, 7-8 January
5. Mustangs & Mustangs, Polk City, FL, 31 March

Tech Talk: We had an open group discussion about the water leak in Bern's Mustang and the different quality levels of gaskets.

Old Business:

1. Update on the holiday party – Will be on December 10 at 1 pm. The club will provide the turkey and ham. A modified “potluck” after that. Please call Woody or Kathy at 850-421-0462 to coordinate the potluck.

New Business:

Nominations for 2012 Officers

President – Shirley Shields

Vice President – Linda Carter

Secretary – Robin

Treasurer – Corby

Newsletter Editor – Nick Brown

Webmaster -

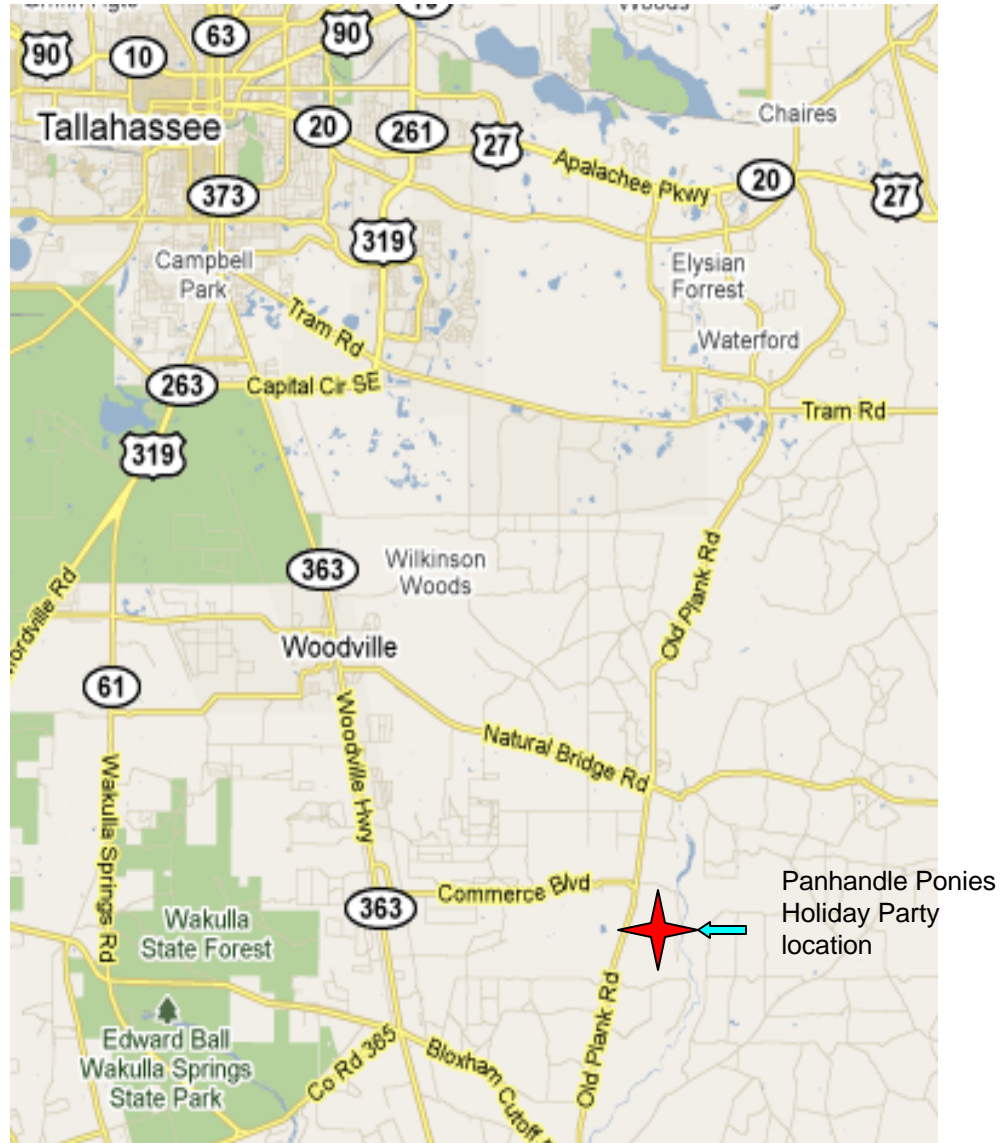
50/50 Drawing: Robin won the 50-50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Mustangs at the Meeting: 7 Mustangs were present in the Seminole Wind parking lot.

Respectfully submitted by Woody Lewis

Panhandle Ponies Holiday Party location and directions



We are located at 515 Old Magnolia Road, Crawfordville, FL. However, we are nowhere near Crawfordville! We are 3 miles from Natural Bridge, and 9 miles from Woodville. From Woodville, take Natural Bridge Road 6 miles to the stop sign at Old Plank Road. Then south (right) on Old Plank for 1 ½ miles. Then left on Old Magnolia 1 ½ miles until you see the Falcon. Down the driveway and park on the grass by the river. FYI – Old Plank Road, WW Kelley Road, Chaires Crossroad, Roberts Road, Crump Road, Bradfordville Road, and Bannerman Road are ALL the same road! You will be on paved road all the way to our driveway. 421-0462 for help.

Nomination of Candidates

As you know, the time is here to choose officers for 2012. Nominations for officers were solicited at the November meeting.

So far the nominees for officers are:

For President:

Shirley Shields

(Additional) _____

For Vice President:

Linda Carter

(Additional) _____

For Secretary:

Robin

(Additional) _____

For Treasurer:

Peter Grasel

(Additional) _____

For Editor

Nick Brown

Additional) _____

For Webmaster:

(Additional) _____

Please give serious consideration to spending a little time to help your fellow club members.

After all, this is YOUR club. Nominations will close just before the election at the December meeting/party.

Voting Procedures

We will have ballots for the elections at the 10 December Meeting/Party. If you will not be at the Meeting/Party and want to vote, you may cut out the list a candidates on this page and mail it to the club Post Office Box with your choices to arrive by Saturday.

Or you may email or telephone Nick [(c7zf@nettally.com) (850) 877-9548] or Linda [(kennyandlindacarter@yahoo.com) (850) 556-9881] with your choices.

Party & Meeting

This year the Panhandle Ponies Holiday Party will be held at the Woody and Kathy Lewis' Riverside Estate, which is located at 515 Old Magnolia Road in Wakulla County on the St. Marks River, on Saturday 10 December 2011 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Please see the attached map and directions.

The Club will provide the ham and the turkey. The club members are asked to bring a covered dish. We will need vegetables, desserts and such.

Woody is coordinating the dishes this year. Call him at 850-421-0462 evenings or send him an email at wwlewis49@gmail.com.

For those who wish to participate, once again we will have the gift Pollyanna with a maximum value of \$20.00.

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Web Site of the Month

The next Moultrie Swap Meet
is approaching fast
on 3, 4 & 5 February 2011.

Check out the home page:

[http:// www.moultreswapmeet.com](http://www.moultreswapmeet.com)

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Saturday
10 December 2011 at
Woody and Kathy Lewis' Riverside Estate
515 Old Magnolia Road, Crawfordville, FL
in conjunction with the December Meeting.

The club is providing the ham and turkey.
Please sign up for a covered dish.
Call Woody at 850-421-0462 or
justdoitkathy@gmail.com.

Next Cruise-In

Our next cruise-in will be on
Saturday 10 December 2011 at the
Whataburger on Thomasville Road
5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Members' Birthdays for December:

Let's all join in a round of applause
for our members who have gained
another year of experience:

Peter Grasel

Tommy Shields

Greg Taylor

Zach Taylor

Richard Todd



*Many happy returns to our
birthday people!*

About the Newsletter

Members are strongly encouraged to prepare contributions to the Newsletter, which may be articles, reports on car shows, photographs, letters-to-the-editor and other interesting information.

As always, the opinions expressed in such contributions are the responsibility of the author and may not represent those of the Pony Prints or the Panhandle Ponies.

Contributions may be edited for spelling, grammar, syntax, content, brevity *et cetera*.

Contributions to the January 2012 Newsletter are
due to the Editor by 30 December 2011.

Coming Events

10 Dec December Meeting and Holiday Party

Business meeting and elections held at the Holiday Party at the Lewis' riverside estate.

10 Dec Cruise-In

Join the Fords of Florida, and the Classic Chevy Club for the monthly cruise-in at the Whataburger on Thomasville Road from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

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7-8 January 2012 Ocala, FL

18th Annual Ford & Mustang Roundup
18th annual Ford and Mustang Roundup at Silver Springs, hosted by National Parts Depot and co-sponsored by Mustang Monthly and Modified Mustangs & Fords magazines. Free registration to first 1,000 pre-registered cars by January 1, which includes two passes to Silver Springs. People's Choice judging, Pony Trails cruise from NPD headquarters to Cedar Key on Friday, January 6. Info: Derek Putnam, 352/861-8701 (ext. 4207), dputnam@npdlink.com.

11 Jan January Meeting

Business meeting held at 7:30 pm at Tallahassee.

14 Jan Cruise-In

Join the Fords of Florida, and the Classic Chevy Club for the monthly cruise-in at the Whataburger on Thomasville Road from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

3, 4 & 5 Feb Moultrie, GA

Annual Spring Automotive Swap Meet and Car Corral at Spence Field in Moultrie, GA. Cars, trucks, parts, tools, literature, collectables, exotic food and much more! Admission: \$10.00. 20 acres of free parking. 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For information call Jerry Kelly at 229-896-1555.

8 Feb February Meeting

Business meeting held at 7:30 pm at Tallahassee.

11 Feb Cruise-In

Join the Fords of Florida, and the Classic Chevy Club for the monthly cruise-in at the Whataburger on Thomasville Road from 5:00 to 8:00pm.

18 February Orlando, FL

25th annual Mustang and Ford Roundup hosted by the Mid-Florida Mustang Club at Waterford Lakes Town Center, 413 North Alafaya Trail. Mustang Club of America modified judging for pre-registered Mustangs and Ford-powered Fords up to and including '09 models. Popular vote for '10-'12 models. Info: www.midfloridamustangclub.com

1-4 March Bradenton, FL

18th Annual Nitto Tire NMRA Spring Break Shootout presented by Steeda at Bradenton Motorsports Park. All-Ford drag racing, manufacturer's midway, and car show. Info: 714/444-2426; www.nmradigital.com.

8 Mar March Meeting

Business meeting held at 7:30 pm at Tallahassee.

23-25 March Pensacola, FL

Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club National Show Gulf Coast Mustang National, a Mustang Club of America national show hosted by the Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club at the Pensacola Interstate Fairgrounds. Friday registration and Meet and Greet, Saturday show with judging from 12-5 PM, Sunday judging from 8 Am to noon with awards at 2:00 PM. Info: event chairman Nick Kirby 251/978-2012, nlkirby@gulftel.com; www.gulfcoastmustangclub.org

31 March Polk City, FL

Mustangs and Mustangs

15th annual Mustangs and Mustangs - Legends Having Fun show hosted by Imperial Mustangs of Polk County at Fantasy of Flight, exit 44 off I-4 between Lakeland and Orlando. All Mustangs and Fords invited. Modified judging format. Several P-51 fighter planes will also be on display. Info: Pat Rego at 863/665-2322 (days) or 863/838-6817 (evenings), pats7up@aol.com.

11 Apr April Meeting

Business meeting held at 7:30 pm at Tallahassee.

12-15 April Commerce, GA

Nitto Tire NMRA/NMCA All-Star Nationals at Atlanta Dragway. All-Ford drag racing, manufacturer's midway, and car show. Info: 714/444-2426; www.nmradigital.com.

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Sonic Cruize-in
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Panhandle Ponies Holiday Party & Meeting Chevys, Fords and Mustangs at Whataburger
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30 Contributions to Newsletter due.	31 Streetrodders at Whataburger

January 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Sonic Cruize- in & NPD show Silver Springs
8 NPD show Silver Springs	9	10	11 Panhandle Ponies Meeting	12	13	14 Chevys, Fords and Mustangs at Whataburger
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Contributions to Newsletter due.	28 Streetrodders at Whataburger
29	30	31				

About the Club

The Panhandle Ponies Tallahassee Mustang Club of Tallahassee Florida has served enthusiasts in the North Florida and the South Georgia areas since July 1990. The only requirement for membership is an interest in the Ford Mustang automobile. Ownership is NOT required.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the Pony Prints by sending your articles, pictures and advertisements to Panhandle Ponies, Attn: Editor, P. O. Box 38312, Tallahassee FL 32315-8312, or electronically to: c7zf@nettally.com.

Annual Family Membership Dues: \$15.00.

<http://www.tallahasseemustang.com>

Those wishing to receive this newsletter electronically may request delivery by email by sending a note to the Editor at c7zf@nettally.com.

Officers & Contacts:

Shirley Shields – *President* 850-668-4159
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Check Meeting Location! See inside for details to the Party.