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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **FORD UNLEASHES 2010 SHELBY GT500 MUSTANGS IN OSHKOSH FOR “WINGS VS. WHEELS” CHALLENGE AGAINST WORLD’S BEST PILOTS**

*Ford brings one-of-a-kind high speed action to the runways of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Thursday to showcase the new 2010 Mustang*

DEARBORN, Mich., July 31, 2009 – Thursday at 3 p.m. at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wis., Ford Motor Company offered thousands of aviation enthusiasts attending the Experimental Aviation Association’s (EAA) AirVenture Oshkosh the exclusive opportunity to witness a one-of-a-kind racing exhibition. The Mustangs Unleashed “Wings vs. Wheels” contest pitted two Shelby GT500 Mustangs against two high-performance aerobatic aircraft on runways 18 and 36 on the EAA AirVenture grounds. The contest pitted two of the most powerful production Mustangs ever built against aerobatic planes that are among the best and most modern roaming the skies.

From a standing start, the cars and planes accelerated approximately 7,000 feet to the end of their respective runways and back to midfield. The cars exceeded 150 mph by the time they reached the finish line. The planes flew at more than 200 mph as they attempted to run down the 2010 Mustangs. The event was part of Ford’s celebration of the launch of the new 2010 Mustang and of the start of its second decade as exclusive automotive sponsor of EAA AirVenture.

### **The Cars**

Racing on Runway 18/36 were two 2010 Shelby GT500 Mustangs in beautiful Kona Blue with white stripes. The vehicles are the most powerful factory built Mustangs ever assembled, capable of

producing 540 horsepower and rated at 510 feet-pounds of torque. The limited production models feature all new interior and exterior design.

“The power, performance and sheer style of these vehicles and all the new 2010 Mustangs is truly astounding,” said Kevin Keling, corporate events manager, Ford Motor Company. “We are very happy to be able to display the raw power and performance handling capabilities of the Mustang to the great fans at AirVenture..”

Behind the wheel of the first 2010 Shelby GT 500 Mustang was 2005 and 2007 D1GP USA Drift Car Series Champion Vaughn Gittin Jr. He is driver of the Falken Tire Ford Racing Mustang and currently stands fourth in the 2009 Formula Drift series standings. Driving the second vehicle was 2006 Formula Pro-Am National Champion and fellow Formal Drift Professional Drifting Series competitor Doug Van Den Brink.

This exhibition is an example of how Mustang inspires people around the world to unleash their inner Mustang. Check out how others unleashed their inner Mustang and more information on the 2010 Ford Mustang is available at <http://www.the2010mustang.com>.

### **The Planes**

Opposing the Mustangs above Runway 36 were the Red Bull Edge 540 flown by race pilot Kirby Chambliss and a Castrol Aviator Extra 330SC piloted by fellow racer Michael Goulian. Chambliss' Edge 540 produces 320 horsepower from a 540 cubic-inch Lycoming AEIO 540 engine, while Goulian's 330SC is powered by a 340 horsepower Lycoming AEIO 580.

Flying since age 13, Chambliss is a five-time U.S. National Aerobatic Championships title holder and became the country's first air carrier pilot at age 24. Goulian began flying at age 14 and later became the youngest pilot to earn the title of National Advanced Aerobatic Champion.

### **More Mustangs**

Other events centering around the Mustang during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh include Thursday evening's auction of the one-of-a-kind aviation-themed and P-51 Mustang-inspired Ford Mustang AV-X10 "Dearborn Doll" to benefit the EAA Young Eagles organization, opportunities to view P-

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51 Mustangs in flight, the chance to win a charity raffle for a Mustang GT convertible, the Mustang Stampede car show Friday and Saturday and the Mustang Corral Mechanical Bronco-Riding Expo throughout the week outside the Ford Hangar.

### **About EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**

The annual meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), EAA AirVenture features more than 2,500 show aircraft, including homebuilts, antiques, classics, warbirds, ultralights and rotorcraft, and is expected to attract more than 500,000 aviation enthusiasts. During the week, more than 500 forums are conducted by aviation leaders and NASA researchers, along with FAA personnel, aircraft designers and a host of others. EAA AirVenture is a 24-hour event. For more information, please visit [www.AirVenture.org](http://www.AirVenture.org).

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