



THE 1986 RIO GRANDE GRAND NATIONAL

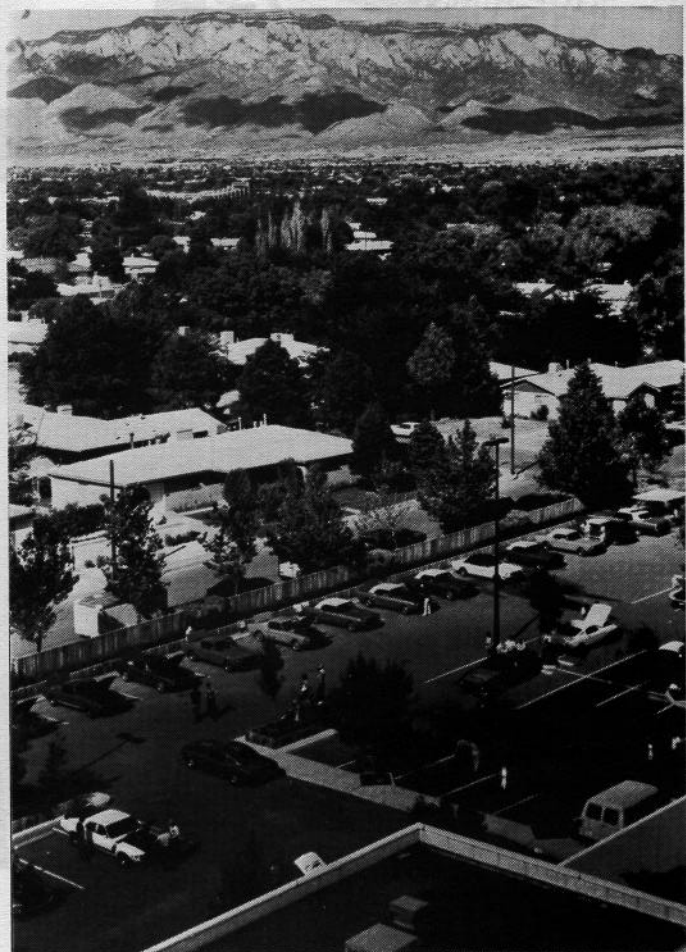
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One of the last national shows of the 1986 season was held under the beautiful blue skies of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Scenic mountains were the perfect backdrop for 106 gleaming Mustangs. This show was tailored for the 1964^{1/2}-66 model enthusiast with approximately 50 of these beauties awaiting the judges inspection.

Participants from Indiana, Illinois, Texas, California, Colorado (a very enthusiastic group of folks), Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, New Mexico, Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Wisconsin, and Iowa were welcomed to the show area by beautifully painted signs and an eager group from the Rio Grande Mustang Club.

Saturday was the main show day with a few added attractions for the participants and spectators. Several vendors were present including Mustang Parts of Oklahoma, The Mustang Clotheshorse, and Clemco. A variety of music was enjoyed by everyone as was the hamburgers and hotdogs available from an outdoor grill set up by the hotel. A 1966 convertible restored by Montana Mustangs was on display. Raffle tickets were available on this car for the "First Annual





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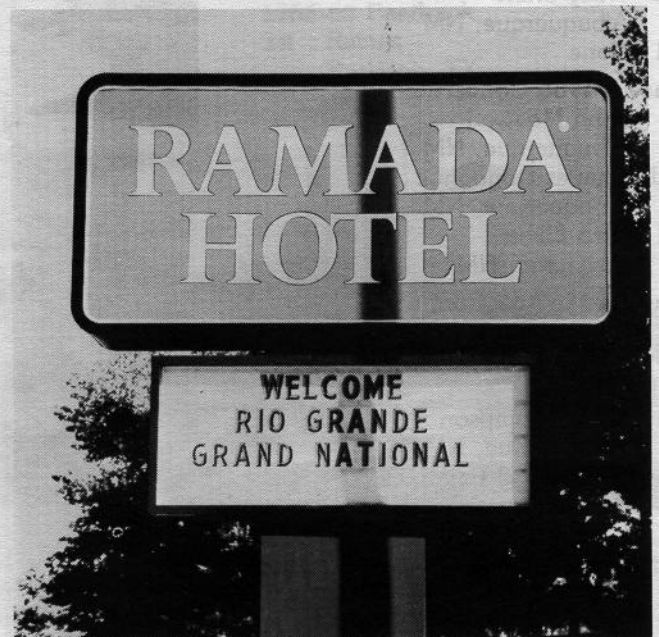
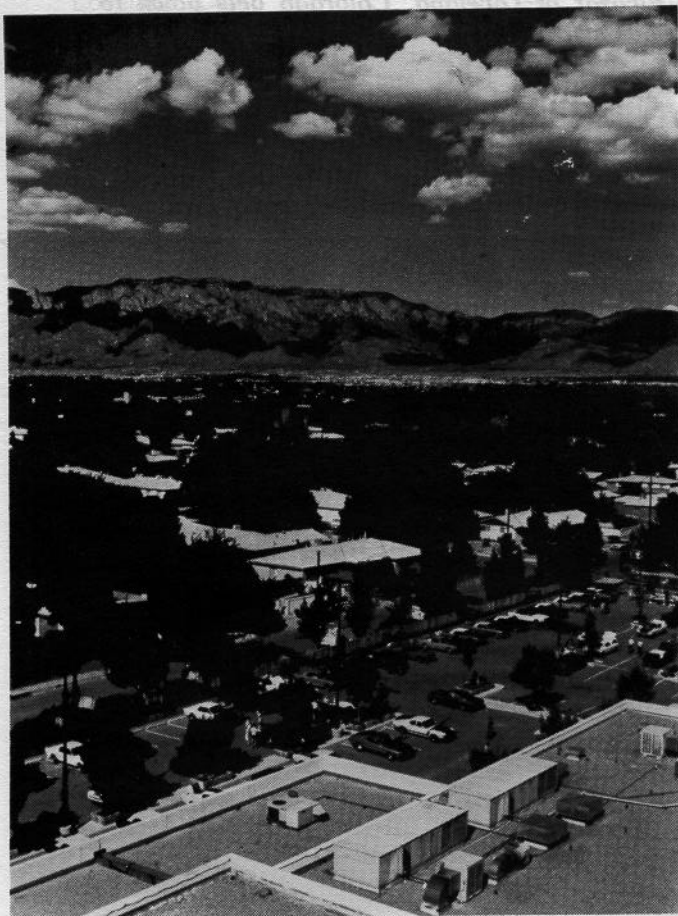
As usual, the judges were faced with a tough job. One of the hardest classes to judge was Street Driven. The Rio Grande group took the four required street driven classes and broke them down into a total of ten classes. The street driven cars from the New Mexico area are remarkable. No rusted wheel wells here!

After a long, pleasantly warm day in the sun everyone was treated to a cocktail party and a little relaxation.

For a change of pace, the awards banquet was held at Noon on Sunday. With the holiday on Monday this gave everyone plenty of travel time.

Two surprise features of the banquet were special guest, race car driver, Bobby Unser, Jr. and a slide presentation of the winning cars. Several well deserved awards were given to hardworking members of the host group in addition to the long awaited judging results.

Soon another show came to an end with friends saying goodbye but promising to get together at the 1987 shows. The Rio Grande Mustang Club deserves a hearty "congratulations" on a job well done.



The Rio Grande Grand National Winners List

JUNIOR DIVISION

Class A 1964½-65 Coupe

- 1st Neal Stockton
Lakewood, CO
- 2nd Harry Burke
San Antonio, TX
- 3rd None

Class B 1965 Fastback

- 1st Bill Whitman
Arkoma, OK
- 1st Terry & Sudi Jones
Grove, OK
- 2nd Bob Miller
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd Bill Kincaid
Oklahoma City, OK

Class C 1964½-1965 Convertible

- 1st Bryan Coffman
Tulsa, OK
- 2nd Walt & Pat Jones
N. Little Rock, AR
- 3rd Carl & Virginia Henderson
Sapulpa, OK

Class D 1966 Coupe

- 1st Frank McMullan
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class E 1966 Fastback

- 1st Melvin Little
Tulsa, OK
- 2nd Wally Short
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd None

Class F 1966 Convertible

- 1st John Moawad
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd Charles Donoghue
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd Olen Elliott
Lovington, NM

Class G 1967-68 Coupe

- 1st Raymond Smith
San Antonio, TX
- 2nd None
- 3rd Brian Thompson
Albuquerque, NM

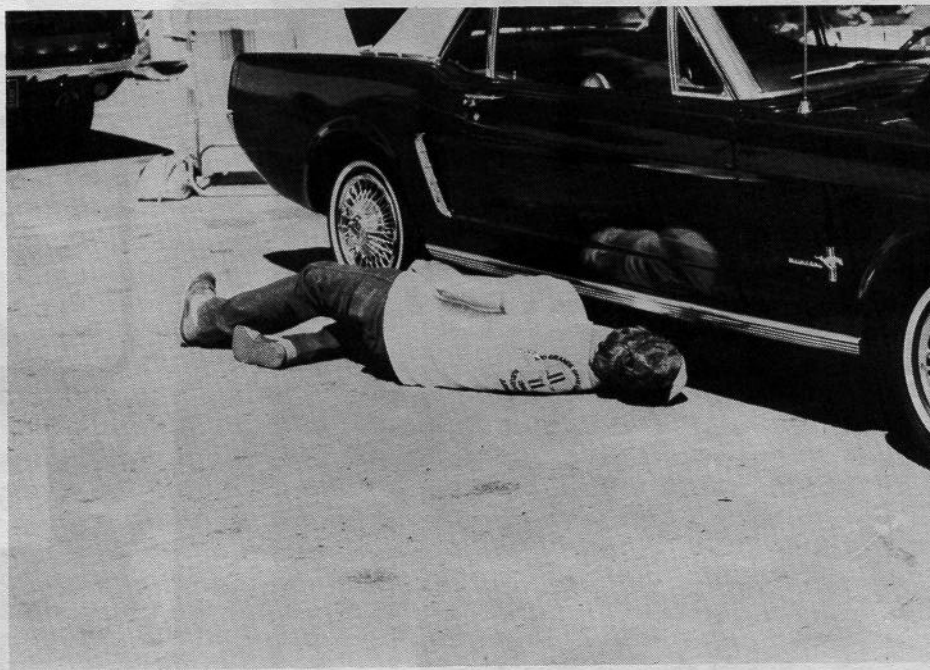
Class H 1967-68 Fastback

- 1st David Finner
Chatsworth, CA
- 2nd Howard Craig
Raeford, NC
- 3rd None



Andrew Alcazar of Loveland, Colorado gets down to some serious work.

Who could ask for more fun — judging undercarriages.





Class I 1967-68 Convertible

- 1st Leonard Weber
Lakewood, CO
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class L 1969-70 Fastback

- 1st Andrew Alcazar
Loveland, CO
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class O 1971-73 Fastback

- 1st Dave Sargent
Alburnett, IA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class P 1971-73 Convertible

- 1st Bob McNeal
Pensacola, FL
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class Q 1965-66 Shelby

- 1st Donn Childress
Englewood, CO
- 2nd Mark Roberson
Mesa, AZ
- 3rd None

Class R 1967-70 Shelby

- 1st Tom Hawthorne
Amarillo, TX
- 2nd Tony Sica
North Ridge, CA
- 3rd Patrick Bicknell
Albuquerque, NM

Class S Boss

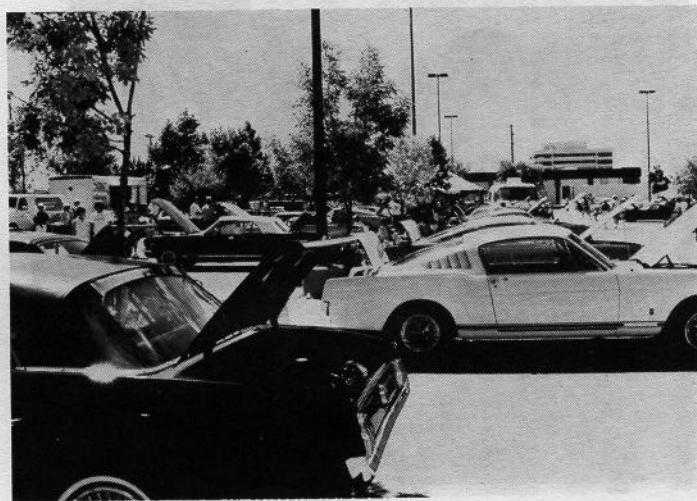
- 1st Tom & Betty Pirkel
Watertown, WI
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

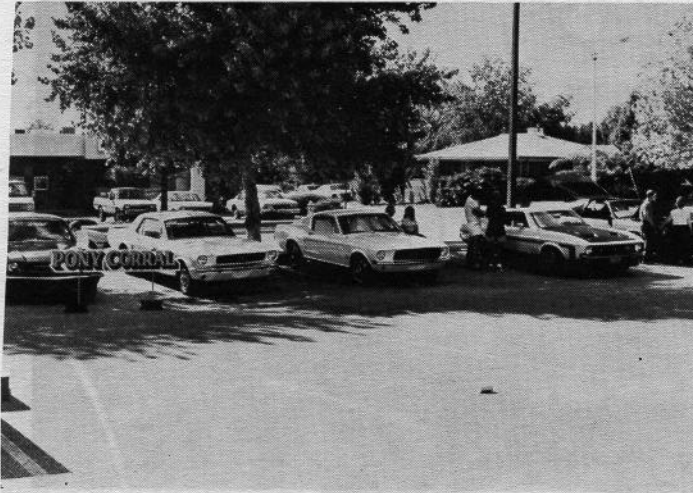
**Class SDA-C Street Driven
1964 1/2-66 Convertible**

- 1st Sandy Fowler
El Dorado, IL
- 1st Jack Dayhoff
Boulder, CO
- 2nd Frank Schluterman
Subiaco, AR
- 2nd Jim Thrash
Cedarcrest, NM
- 2nd Ronald Heyes
Longmost, CO
- 3rd Bob Conner
El Paso, TX
- 3rd Jim Thomas
El Dorado, IL

**Class SDA-F Street Driven
1965-66 Fastback**

- 1st Raines
Burluson, TX





- 1st Mike Loeppke
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd Ray Wood
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd J. V. Robinson
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd Max Newsom
Albuquerque, NM

**Class SDA-H Street Driven
1964^{1/2}-66 Coupe**

- 1st Ken Upchurch
Los Lunas, NM
- 2nd Murray
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd Bobby Smith
Aurora, CO
- 2nd W. Dale Slaughter
Beaumont, TX
- 3rd Leon Cooley
Denver, CO

**Class SDB-C Street Driven
1967-68 Convertible**

- 1st Johnny Holaday
Cortez, CO
- 1st David Mordecai
Henrietta, OK
- 2nd Gaye Lampe
Lubbock, TX
- 3rd James Watson
Ponco City, OK

**Class SDB-F Street Driven
1967-68 Fastback**

- 1st Robert Kuning
Albuquerque, NM
- 1st Robert Teets
Arvada, CO
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

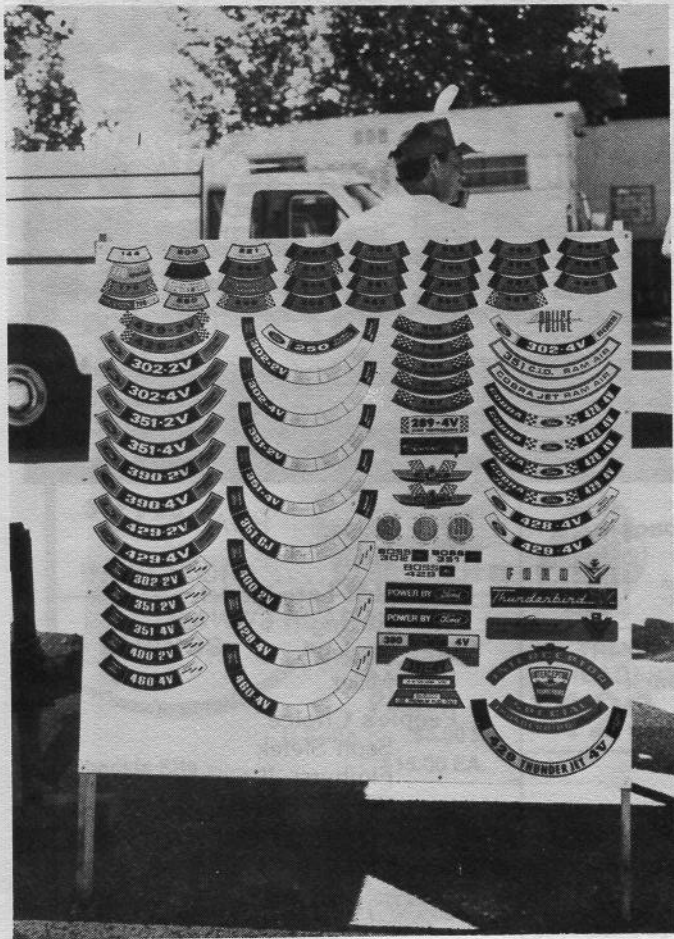
**Class SDB-H Street Driven
1967-68 Coupe**

- 1st Robert Teets
Arvada, CO
- 2nd Wellman
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd Charles Donoghue
Albuquerque, NM

**Class SDC-C Street Driven
1969-70 Closed**

- 1st Ray Myer
Beaver, OK
- 2nd Gary Spear
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd Mark Wellman
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd Gollins
Albuquerque, NM





Class SDD-O Street Driven

1971-73 Open

- 1st Luther Horning
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class SDD-C Street Driven

1971-73 Closed

- 1st Glenda Hutcherson
Amarillo, TX
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class JMS Junior Modified Street

- 1st Frank Kolk
Houston, TX
- 2nd Bud Bevard
Denver, CO
- 3rd Todd Gonzales
Clayton, NM

**Class JMC Junior Modified
Conservative**

- 1st Larry Linton
Broken Arrow, OK

- 2nd Fleming
Lubbock, TX
- 3rd Gary Spear
Albuquerque, NM

Class JMR Junior Modified Radical

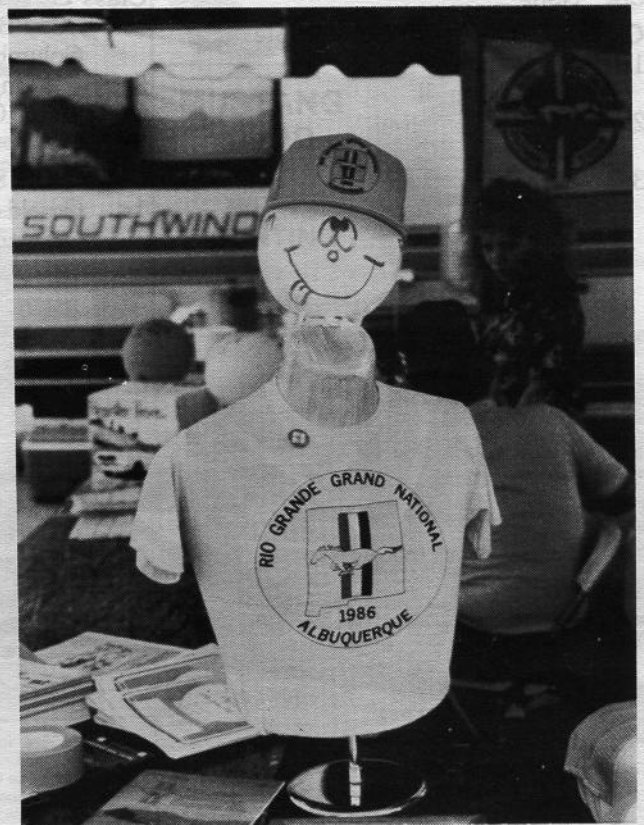
- 1st Mark Williams
Albuquerque, NM
- 2nd Hall
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd None

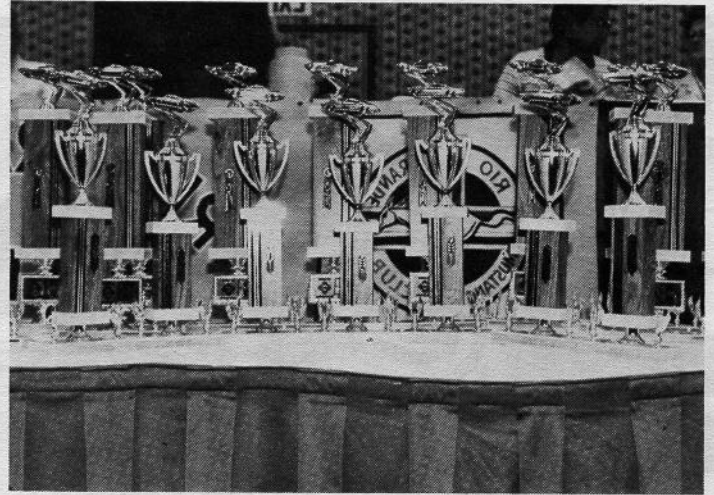
Class URA 1964¹/₂-68 Unrestored

- 1st Jack Watzke
El Paso, TX
- 2nd Miller
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd None

Class URB 1969-73 Unrestored

- 1st Gene Bell as shown by
Ed Meyer
Huntingburg, IN
- 2nd James Gore
Tijeras, NM
- 2nd Donoghue
Albuquerque, NM
- 3rd None





Class TH Thoroughbred

- 1st Scott Stefek
Elmhurst, IL
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

SENIOR DIVISION

Class AA 1964½-66 Coupe

- 1st Ray Boismenu
Bellville, IL
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class CC 1964½-66 Convertible

- 1st Jim Watters
Wood River, IL
- 2nd Charles Hampton
Anderson, SC
- 3rd None

Class HH 1969-70 Fastback

- 1st Charles Young
Memphis, TN
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class KK 1971-73 Fastback

- 1st Bob Coulston
Indianapolis, IN
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class LL 1971-73 Convertible

- 1st Betty Black
Columbus, IN
- 2nd Sharon Slack
Tulsa, OK
- 3rd None

Class SUR Senior Unrestored

- 1st Gerald Baker
Garland, TX

- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class LM Late Model

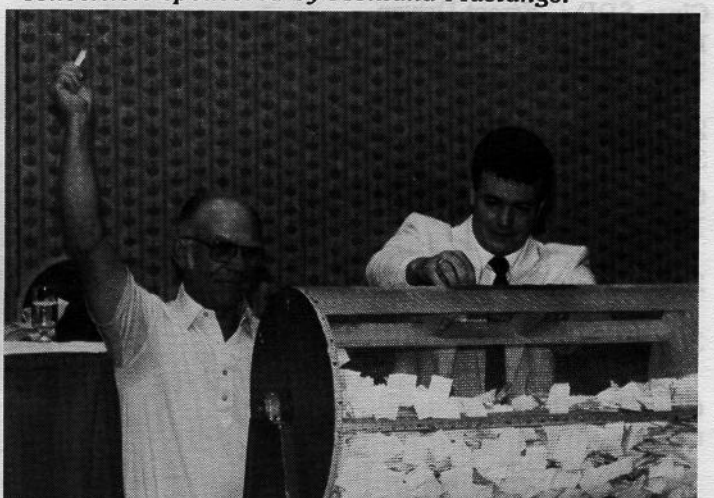
- 1st Kuning
- 2nd Rosley
- 3rd Miller

People's Choice

- Scott Stefek
Elmhurst, IL

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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Bobby Unser, Jr. drawing the winning ticket for the 1966 convertible sponsored by Montana Mustangs.