



THE 1986 SOUTHEASTERN NATIONAL

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Greenville, South Carolina and the Foothills Mustang Club served as hosts for the first National show of 1986. Although the show is now history it will not soon be forgotten. Not only was this the first National show of the year but also the first chance to test the new judging rules for the Street Driven and Thoroughbred classes and a chance to view some of the new Mustangs.

Over three-fourths of the Palmetto Sheraton parking area was reserved for 113 of the finest Mustangs. The weather was extremely warm (90 plus) so luckily the vendors were placed on the grassy area surrounding the show site as were the cars for sale in the pony corral.

A steady stream of Mustangs were teched in during the day Friday. A quick

check of license plates revealed Mustangs from South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Virginia, North Carolina and several others. Among the vendors attending the show were JJ's Mustang Parts, Ron's Mustang Parts, Salter's Classic Autos, Harris Auto Parts, A & A Mustang Parts, Mustang Masters, and Norton's Auto Restoration.

After a long, hot day Friday, participants were treated to a poolside hot dog roast with all the trimmings compliments of the Foothills Mustang Club. Judging from the long line surrounding the pool area, everyone enjoyed the feast.

Bright and early Saturday morning

registration was once again open and tech-in was completed. By mid-morning all cars were in place and what a sight to see! An excellent sampling of Mustangs were present including California Specials, a T-5 in the show area (Glen Helton's retired Grande) and one in the pony corral, Shelby's, Bosses, and coupes, convertibles, and fastbacks from 1964½ to 1973. The modified Mustangs certainly were a test for the imagination. How do they come up with these ideas? Also present were a 1983 highway patrol coupe, a 1985 GT convertible, and a 1986 GT hatchback.

The highway patrol Mustang was certainly something out of the ordinary. The car was originally ordered by the U.S. Customs Department but was

later refused. New MCA member Buzz Gunter of Greenville, South Carolina purchased the car from the original dealership. Some of the unusual features of this car include a 140 m.p.h. speedometer, 2 inch rollbar, spotlight, police scanner, hopper bars with four rear shocks, 5-speed transmission, and 5.0 HO engine.

Registration and tech-in.

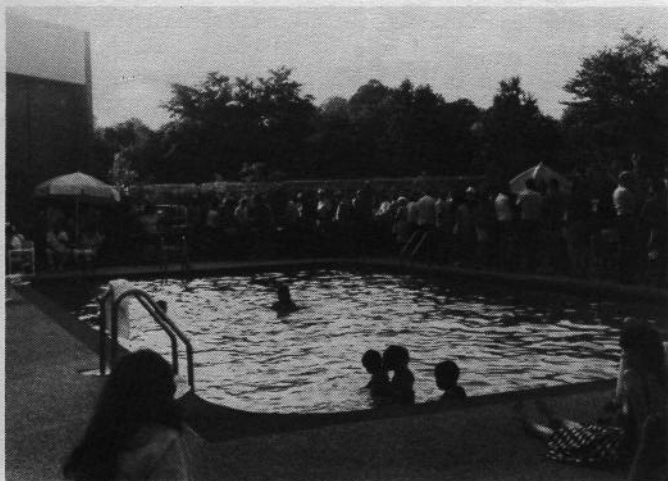


1983 highway patrol car owned by Buzz Gunter.



MCA's first late model class.

The Friday night poolside hot dog roast.



At 5:30 p.m. Saturday the raffle car drawing was held. The lucky winner of the Baby blue 1966 coupe was Martha Gaddy of Fairburn, Georgia. (Not only did she win the raffle car, but her husband's car placed first in its class, and she also won a door prize!) Proceeds from the drawing will be donated to Meals on Wheels.

By 7:30 p.m. the judging had been completed, the scores were tallied and the results were ready. After enjoying a cash bar, everyone "chowed down" on a wonderful buffet featuring roast beef, chicken, salads, various vegetables, and a great variety of desserts.

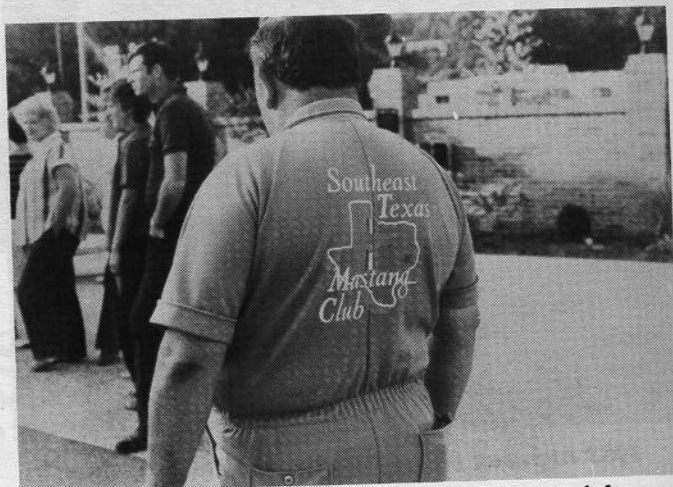
Charles Hampton introduced the Foothills Mustang Club members who all worked hard to make the show a success and he also introduced the visiting MCA officers and directors. (One note of warning — beware what you tell Charles Hampton. He'll repeat it to everyone; just ask our National Head Judge, Jim Osborn!) The moment of truth arrived as trophies were presented to class winners. (With all the beautiful cars present, everyone was a winner.) Numerous door prizes were given away during the presentation including hats, oil, oil filters, gift certificates, cleaning accessories and much more.

Sunday morning was time for packing and goodbyes. As is the case with National shows, the parking lot cleared early and everyone started on the long trip home. The Foothills Mustang Club can now enjoy a well earned rest.

(Ed. Note — There is a definite curse to being a certified judge and having knowledge of the "behind the scenes" aspect of judging. My editorial duties were reluctantly swapped for judging duties; not only judging cars but also serving as an assistant to Jim Osborn. My photographer suffered the same fate. There is more to handling judging at a National show than most groups anticipate. I hope to be able to provide you with better coverage of the remaining National shows.) **MT**

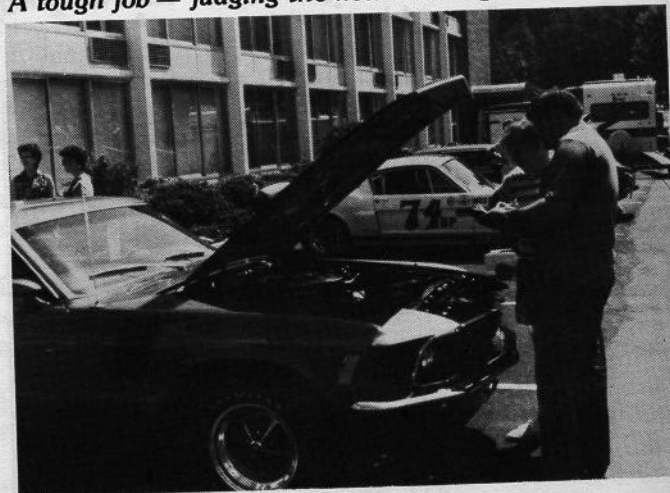


JJ's Mustang Parts, one of many vendors attending the show.



Guess in which regional club Bill Caywood has a membership.

A tough job — judging the new Thoroughbred class.



**1986 SOUTHEASTERN
NATIONAL WINNERS LIST**

Junior Division

Class A 1964½-65 Coupe

- 1st Kelly White
N. Wilkesboro, NC
- 2nd Tony Gambrell
Ninety Six, SC
- 3rd William Steve Smith
Elizabethon, TN

Class B 1965 Fastback

- 1st Charles Davis
Palm Harbor, FL
- 2nd David Norton
Hendersonville, TN
- 3rd None

Class C 1964½-65 Convertible

- 1st Walt Jones
N. Little Rock, AR
- 2nd John Brewer
Conyers, GA
- 3rd Robert Mason
Spartanburg, SC

Class D 1966 Coupe

- 1st James Riley
Raeford, NC
- 2nd Hugh Elrod
Easley, SC
- 3rd None

Class E 1966 Fastback

- 1st Heyward Mims
Ladson, SC
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class F 1966 Convertible

- 1st Tommy Gilstrap
Greenville, SC
- 2nd H. H. Thrasher
Pickens, SC
- 2nd Mark Linenburg
Evansville, IN
- 3rd Hugh Elrod
Easley, SC

Class G 1967-68 Coupe

- 1st Edward McCrimmon
Doraville, GA
- 2nd Joe Antrican
Powell, TN
- 3rd None

Class H 1967-68 Fastback

- 1st Mike Bacon
Kingsport, TN
- 2nd Howard Craig
Raeford, NC
- 3rd Mark Brown
Hendersonville, NC

Class I 1967-68 Convertible

- 1st Bill Cox
Gastonia, NC
- 1st Charles Hall
Summerville, SC
- 2nd None
- 3rd Harry Cartier
Hilton Head, SC

Class L 1969-70 Fastback

- 1st Wesley Pepper
White House, TN
- 2nd Barry Elledge
Hamptonville, NC

- 2nd Dennis Francis
Danville, VA
- 3rd Dewey Gunter
Pelion, SC

Class M 1969-70 Convertible

- 1st John Rogers
Redan, GA
- 2nd Mark Brown
Hendersonville, NC
- 3rd None

Class O 1971-73 Fastback

- 1st Robert Coulston
Indianapolis, IN
- 2nd Mike Sanders
Nashville, TN
- 3rd Billy Vaughn
Powell, TN

Class Q 1965-66 Shelby

- 1st Harold Walker
Cave Springs, GA
- 2nd Bobby Disher
Greensboro, NC
- 2nd Don Buck
New Orleans, LA
- 3rd None

Class R 1967-70 Shelby

- 1st Vic Klassen
Port St. Lucie, FL
- 1st Gary Garrison
Jupiter, FL
- 2nd Lee Mathias
Kennesaw, GA
- 3rd None

Two fine examples of Senior Division cars — Jackie Meade's 1972 Mach I and Jim Slack's 1973 convertible.



Lee Mathias' racing Shelby.



Class S Boss

- 1st Clyde Helton
Middletown, OH
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Street Driven A 1965-66**Open & Closed**

- 1st John Blackston
Greenville, SC
- 2nd Walter Scott
Greenville, SC
- 2nd Pete Waldrop
Greenville, SC
- 2nd Bill Caywood
Silsbee, TX
- 3rd Robert Sherrell
Duluth, GA
- 3rd Bobby Dodd
Danville, VA

Street Driven B 1967-68**Open & Closed**

- 1st Max Dilley
Urbana, IL
- 2nd Don Perry
Kennesaw, GA
- 3rd Sanford Duggan
Piedmont, SC

Street Driven C 1969-70**Open & Closed**

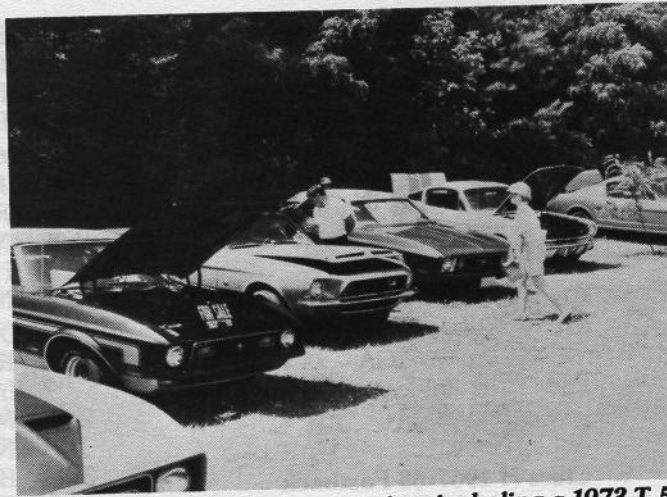
- 1st Paul Owens
Greenville, SC
- 2nd Carl Lockaby
Greenville, SC
- 3rd None

Street Driven D 1971-73**Open & Closed**

- 1st Mel Gaffney
Evansville, IN
- 2nd Keith Mills
Morrow, GA
- 3rd None

Late Models

- 1st Jim Engle
Farmington, MI
- 2nd Patrick Welch
Greenville, SC
- 3rd Cecil Gunter
Greenville, SC

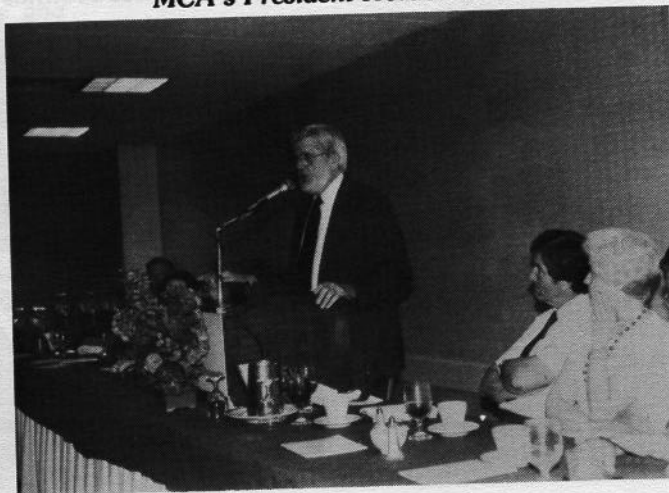


The pony corral held a few surprises including a 1973 T-5 and a Cobra replica.



Did everyone remember to buy an event shirt?

MCA's President Horace Wood.

**Junior Modified Street**

- 1st Sherry Burton
Marietta, GA
- 2nd Dwayne Aulenbach
Byrdsboro, PA
- 3rd Bill Whitley
Jackson, MS

Junior Modified Conservative

- 1st Martin Mills
Gaston, NC
- 2nd John Ragland
Ravenel, SC
- 3rd Ivan Kotlai
Stone Mountain, GA

Unrestored A 1964½-68

- 1st Farrel Buis
Cincinnati, OH
- 2nd Danny Williams
Powder Springs, GA
- 3rd Harold Walker
Cave Springs, GA

Unrestored B 1969-73

- 1st Shane Bryant
Taylors, SC
- 2nd Shane Bryant
Taylors, SC
- 3rd None

Thoroughbred

- 1st Gary McKee
Atlanta, GA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Race Car

- 1st Lee Mathias
Kennesaw, GA

Senior Division**Class AA 1964½-66 Coupe**

- 1st Cecil Gaddy
Fairburn, GA
- 2nd Freeman Fritsche
Percy, IL
- 3rd James Matthews
Rosebud, AR

Class BB 1965-66 Fastback

- 1st Tom Gattis
Conyers, GA
- 2nd Jim Lamb
Fayetteville, GA
- 3rd None

Class CC 1964½-66 Convertible

- 1st Charles Hampton
Anderson, SC
- 2nd Don Phillips
Murfreesboro, NC
- 3rd Dick Slacter
Clearwater, FL

Class DD 1967-68 Coupe

- 1st Sherman Bliss
Clearwater, FL
- 2nd Larry Morgan
Jamestown, NC
- 3rd None

Class EE 1967-68 Fastback

- 1st Bob Persons
Fayetteville, NC
- 2nd Bob Wilhelm
St. Petersburg, FL
- 3rd None

Class FF 1967-68 Convertible

- 1st David Zimmerman
Peapac, NJ
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class GG 1969-70 Coupe

- 1st Robert Estes
Talbott, TN
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class HH 1969-70 Fastback

- 1st James Howard
Snellville, GA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class II 1969-70 Convertible

- 1st Betty Wheeler
Conley, GA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class KK 1971-73 Fastback

- 1st William Meade
Honaker, VA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Class LL 1971-73 Convertible

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

Class MM Shelby

- 1st Jack Staples
West Point, GA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Senior Modified Street

- 1st Ed Hunter
Powder Springs, GA
- 2nd Barry Hobgood
Calhoun, GA
- 3rd None

Senior Modified Conservative

- 1st Russell Gill
Fairfax, VA
- 2nd None
- 3rd None

Senior Unrestored

- 1st Gerald Baker
Garland, TX
- 2nd Kay Shields
Hermitage, TN
- 3rd None

Retired

- Glen Helton
Morristown, TN

Congratulations!!!



Charles Hampton proved to be quite a story teller.



MCA's first Thoroughbred class winner, Atlanta radio personality Gary McKee. (That's Sanford Duggan on the left presenting the trophy.)

