

Rocket City Club Ends Busy Summer

By F.L. BEAVER
For The Mustang Times

The summer of '88 was a busy one even for the normally busy Rocket City Mustang Club. With a cruise in July, a car show (our second of the year) in August and our annual picnic in September, there was never a dull moment.

On July 16th the club organized a cruise to Unique Motorcars, a Cobra replica manufacturer, in nearby Gadsden, Ala. Unique Motorcars is the oldest such manufacturer in the United States with an excellent reputation and the public is always welcome to visit their showroom and factory.

Everyone in our convoy made the 1½ hour trip without incident. We were met in the showroom full of Cobra goodies by the owner, Maurice Weaver. After some brief introductions, Maurice took us back to the manufacturing plant. Here we saw cars in all phases of construction and it was evident from the high level of workmanship involved that Maurice and his employees take great pride in their work.

Their Cobra replicas begin with a ladder-type frame constructed of box steel to which is attached a MGB front suspension and an E-type Jaguar independent rear suspension. The MGB suspension is modular and has proven to be very durable. The Jaguar rear suspension is also very durable and has inboard disc brakes. While the frame is set up for a small block Ford, mounting brackets for other engines such as the 428 can be obtained.

Equally impressive was the way the bodies are crafted. They are fully hand laminated fiberglass with no body seams. This method produces high quality bodies which have a uniform thickness, are flexible, and will not crack from stress.

Anyone who wanted a demo ride was taken for a spin in a black and gold 351 Cleveland-equipped car. As you might imagine, the combination of a powerful motor in a lightweight car makes for some real eye-opening (not to mention neck-straining) performance. One brief spin will set your mind to scheming on how you can make one of these cars your own.

Elizabeth Beaver won a "Cobra" t-shirt for coming the closest to guessing the mileage to Gadsden. Incredibly, her guess of 72.4 miles was only 3 tenths of a mile off the actual mileage of 72.7

After a luncheon at a nearby Shoney's Restaurant, the convoy returned home safely from a most enjoyable outing.

Unique Motorcar's prices start at \$7,495 for a very complete basic kit to which can be added many different options. The company offers cars in all stages of completion from the basic kit to turn key vehicles. If you would like more information, contact Maurice in care of Unique Motorcars, 230 E. Broad Street, Gadsden, Ala. 35903. The phone number is (205) 546-3708.

On August 20th the club held its Third Annual Ford Summer Cruise at the A&W Drive-In in Huntsville, Ala. This event is always popular with the general public. Spectators come in droves to savor the parking lot full of Ford iron ranging from Model A's to wild street machines. The generous folks at A&W provided everything the club asked for, including several nice trophies, door prizes, a super sound system for playing oldies, and free root beer for everyone. In addition, organized games and Ford trivia contests kept things rolling.

Everyone who had a car on display was a winner in our eyes, but the judges — Mark Davis, Mike Greene and Patrick Stapler — had the hard task of picking the best of the best.

STOCK CLASS

First — Ray Bryan (1970 Boss 302)
Second — Alan Widgren (1965 Mustang Coupe)
Tom Holley (1966 Mustang GT Convertible)

MODIFIED CLASS

First — Daryl McMeans (1965 Mustang Coupe)
Second — Freddie Wright (1934 Ford Coupe)
Third — Wayne Reed (1934 Ford Coupe)

BEST OF SHOW

L.R. Duckwall (1931 Model A)

BEST PAINT

Perry & Mary Lewis (1955 Ford Victoria)

BEST ENGINE

Ray Bryan (1970 Boss 302)

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Trey Pullins (1957 Ford Retractable Hardtop)

Trey's baby blue and white retractable is a real crowd-pleaser and has captured the People's Choice award for two years running.

On September 11th the club held its annual picnic. After congregating at a central point, everyone convoyed to the pavillion at Ditto Landing, a harbor and recreation area on the Tennessee River. Anyone who has attended a Southern-style picnic will know that there is always enough food on hand to feed a small army and this picnic was no exception.

This area is a popular cruising spot for Sunday afternoon drivers and many people came by to admire the impressive row of Mustangs lined up in the parking lot. No less than three Corvettes drove slowly by, and although the drivers peered straight ahead and pretended not to notice us, you could tell they were giving us the once-over. One admirer came by in a GT convertible so new it still had clear plastic protecting the rear seat and was without a license plate. The driver and his son got out to chat and *viola!*, five minutes later the Rocket City Mustang Club had a new member.

Instituted this year was a Best of Show award (aka "The Best Mustang At the Picnic Plaque") to encourage people to have their ponies looking their best. Doug and Karen Wright won it with their immaculate white 1966 convertible. Next year, Doug and Karen may well win the award again with their equally awesome candyapple red 1969 Mach I CJ.

Another summer has gone by but the fun we had will provide us with plenty of pleasant memories until next year. A heap of thanks from everyone in the club goes out to David "Big Dave" Allen, who was the primary organizer for all three events, and to all those who assisted him in making this summer's happenings at the Rocket City Mustang Club a huge success.

Vintage Club Show Attracts 82 Cars

By **STACIE LaRIVIERE**
For The Mustang Times

The 11th Annual Vintage Mustang Owners Association Car Show was held Saturday, July 30, at the Hyatt in Palo Alto, CA. Eighty-two cars came from all over the West Coast including Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada.

The one day show started off with typical San Francisco Bay Area weather — low clouds and fog in the morning that burned off around 10 a.m. for a clear and breezy day of 84 degrees.

Show day went by very quickly. The judging started on time at 11 a.m. and was finished by 5 p.m. All participants, judges and show committee members then enjoyed a pool-side cocktail party. A huge banquet was presented in the ballroom of the Hyatt, followed by the awards presentation.

For our premiere raffle prize, Ford Motor Corporation generously offered the use of a new Probe for one week. This was won by Dave Damer. Joe and Jeanie Coppola travelled 900 miles from Seattle (from another show) with their 1973 Sports Roof to win our long distance award. The Vintage Mustang Owners Association looks forward to the 12th Annual Car Show and invites all 1988 participants back again next year!

1988 VMOA Car Show Results

Best of Show

Don Oehrlein — 1967 T5 Fastback

Class SDA, Street Driven 1964½-65, All Models

First — Quentin Bacon, 1965 Fastback

Second — Ken Yaiko, 1964½ Convertible

Third — Bob Kirkland, 1965 Fastback

Fourth — Robert & Marilyn Sutton, 1965 Fastback

Class SDA, Street Driven, 1966, All Models

First — Rod Lyda, 1966 Coupe

Second — Steve Ughe, 1966 Fastback

Third — G.P. Dyer, 1966 Coupe

Fourth — Ken Yaiko, 1966 Convertible

Class SDB, Street Driven, 1967-68, All Models

First — Steve & Carol Smith, 1968 Fastback

Second — Gary & Jeannette Mayer, 1967 Fastback

Third — Jerry Gibino, 1968 Coupe

Fourth — Richard Mulcahy, 1967 Convertible

Class SDC&D (Comb.) St. Driven, 69-73, All

First — Donald Dick, 1969 Fastback

Second — Don & Jim Aiello, 1970 Fastback

Third — David Peterson, 1969 Fastback

Fourth — Patti James, 1970 Coupe

Class AS-FS (Comb.), Restored 1964½-66, All

First — Joseph Greggans, 1966 Convertible

Second — Michael Ciaffredo, 1966 Convertible

Third — Robert Mosher, 1965 Convertible



Class GS-PS (Comb.), Restored 1967-73, All

First — Bill & Lynne Collins, 1970 Mach I

Second — Leslie Woody, 1968 Coupe

Third — Louise Gibino, 1968 Coupe

Class QS&RS (Comb.), Shelby 1965-70, All

First — Skip MacDouglass, 1965 GT 350

Second — Jim & Sherri Atkinson, 1968 GT 500 KR Fastback

Third — Maryann & Tony Sica, 1967 GT 500 Fastback

Class MA, Modified, 1964½-68, All Models

First — Emil Muhlebach Jr., 1967 Fastback

Second — Roy Brunswick, 1965 Coupe

Third — Don Rudd, 1965 Coupe

Class MA, Modified, 1969-73, All Models

First — Satoshi Doi, 1969 Fastback

Second — Paul Wotel, 1973 Fastback

People's Choice

Dennis McSweeney, 1965 GT Convertible

Honorary Judges Award

Pat Alameda, 1967 GT 500 Shelby

Preservation Award

(For previous Best of Show winners who maintain at least 400 points on their car).

Dave Finner, 1968 Fastback



Mississippi Club Holds Ninth Show

By **LINDA UREN**
For **The Mustang Times**

The Ninth Annual Mustang Show in Biloxi was a success. We combined with the 1st Annual AutoRama and had a great time. The show got underway about 9 a.m. Friday, July 22. We had 10 or more cars waiting and ready to come in when we arrived and we stayed busy registering and parking cars all day long.

And, of course, we could not put on a show in the "Sunny" Gulf Coast without our usual rain cloud and downpour. The showers came even though we hadn't had rain in days! All we could do is hope for better weather for day two.

The second day of the show brought even more entries and we were busy registering and parking them most of the morning. They filled the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center. We had some great media coverage from the local television and radio stations. Then the doors opened to the public and scores of visitors came to enjoy all the beautiful cars and trucks of all makes and models.

Everyone, young and old, enjoyed the show and appreciated the good quality of cars in the show. There were approximately 55 Mustangs in the show (more than any of the other clubs had) and we appreciated all the people who entered their cars in the show, especially the Mustangs.

Thanks to all the people who helped us judge these beautiful Mustangs.

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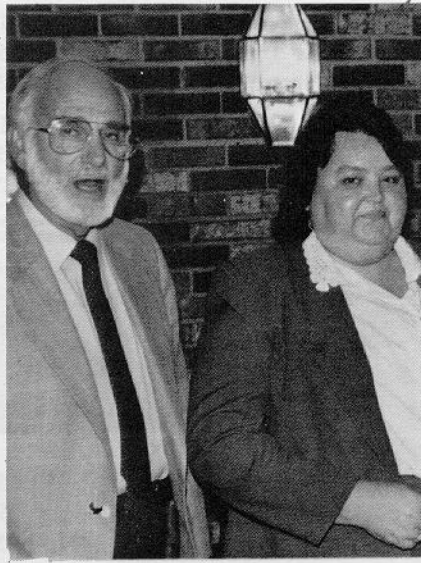
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MCA Greenville Event Benefits Meals On Wheels

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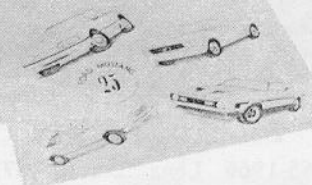
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