

# Vintage Mustangers Find Silver Lining

By JACK SELL  
For The Mustang Times

Sunday, Aug. 28, was a gorgeous day in Kansas City for a Mustang Show.

So was Friday, Aug. 26.

Unfortunately, our show was held on Saturday, Aug. 27.

After three years of skirting Kansas City's fickle Fall weather, it finally happened to us. The R-word. There was a record-breaking drought going on out here, but it rains — just one day. And not even all day. Just precisely during the hours of our show.

The first drops fell shortly after 11, and the evil stuff persisted until 10 minutes until 4. This was the year our luck ran out. Mother Nature had us square in her sights.

What do you do when it rains on your show? You start out by huddling under shelter, expecting it to blow over at any moment — until you finally accept the awful truth. You scramble to change plans, improvise, make do, as 9-10 months of planning and preparation go down the storm drain. You imagine everyone around you silently vowing never to return to this dreadful place. And you cuss a lot.

But this is a good-news-bad-news story. The good news is that, in spite of the rotten weather, we had our biggest turnout ever: 110 cars in competition, with 45 of those in our new judged Concours Division. There we saw the finest collection of Mustangs we've ever assembled, several of them national show winners attending for the first time. The Pony Corral drew 12 more cars for sale, and 16 vendors filled our Swap Meet space to overflowing.

The response was nothing short of amazing, under the circumstances. Rain was in the forecast, and the Saturday morning sky threatened to bear that out at any moment. Still, they arrived. Not a single pre-registered car failed to show up. Even a surprising number of spectators ignored the drizzle to browse the lot all afternoon.

All of which is a tribute to the many Vintage Mustang Club members who help to make our show such a popular event each year. Once again, more than 40 of our members pitched in, in one way or another — this year under particularly trying circumstances.



**Rain Was Order The Day For Vintage Show**

The real heroes of the day, though, were our judges. This was our very first judged show. As if that weren't enough of a challenge, we found ourselves with at least 30 percent more cars to judge than we had expected, and ... rain!

Judging a show is demanding enough, even for a seasoned judge under ideal conditions. Our fledgling judges must have thought they had walked into an episode of "Mission: Impossible." But the job got done, and with excellent results. (Although not a second too soon. The last judging sheet came in for scoring just as the salads were being served in the banquet hall!) Without question, Darrell Silvers and his crew of judges and assistants earned the respect of everyone present this year.

The rain wasn't the only evidence of Murphy's Law. At 11 a.m., 150 people and the Kansas City Marching Cobras, a very colorful drum corps and drill team of some national renown, burst in on us for a separate function at the hotel. That gave us an unscheduled added attraction, but a truly massive traffic problem to deal with. The management at the Holiday Inn in suburban Olathe, Kansas, will no doubt remember that weekend for as long as we will.

In spite of the obstacles, all ended well and the show was a huge success. The big winners were Howard and Alan Eide, in from Sioux Falls, SD, whose sparkling 1966 cope captured the Best of Show trophy. The Participants' Choice nod went to Steve Bowe, from Medicine Lodge, KS, and his flawless 1968 Shelby. This year's Guest Club was the Mid-America Chapter of the Falcon Club of America, with Jim and Diane Hatcher, of Overland Park, KS, claiming the top honors in a field of seven perfectly gorgeous Falcons. Quality, in fact, was the hallmark of the show in general. Our biggest regret of all was that the cars couldn't be fully appreciated, battered against the weather and beaded with water all day.

But nothing melted, spirits remained high and everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend. The judges are over their colds by now, and we're already talking about next year. Maybe we fooled Mother Nature after all!

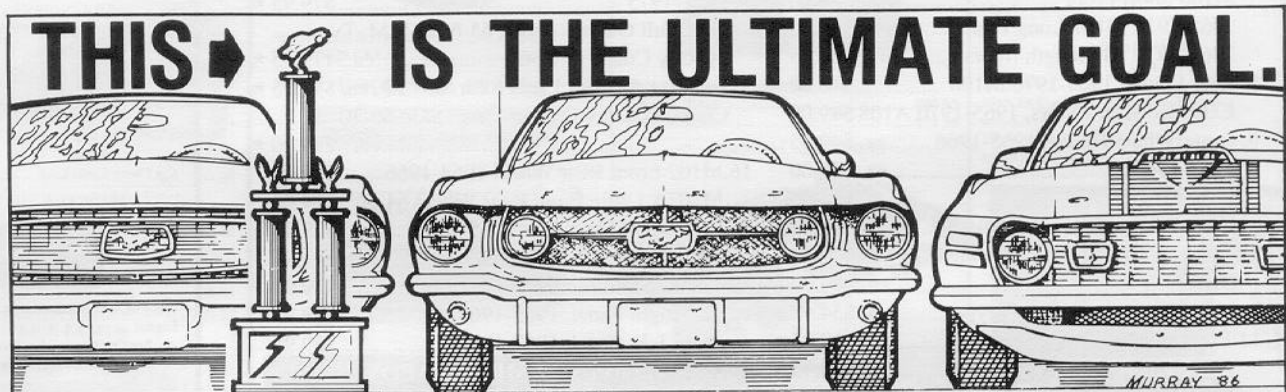


**Vintage Show Onlookers Find Some Shelter**

# First Place Vintage Show Winners

- ✓ Best of Show: Howard & Alan Eide, Sioux Falls, SD, 1966 Coupe.
- ✓ Participant's Choice: Steve Bowe, Medicine Lodge, KS, 1968 Shelby GT-500 KR.
- ✓ Concours 1964½-65 Convertible: First Place — Carl Henderson, Sapulpa, OK, 1965 Convertible.
- ✓ Concours 1964½-65 Coupe: First Place — Ray Boismenu, Belleville, IL, 1965 Coupe.
- ✓ 1966 Convertible: First Place — Warren Moulton, Blue Springs, MO, 1966 Convertible.
- ✓ 1966 Coupe: First Place — Steve Bryant, Overland Park, KS, 1966 Sunroof Coupe.
- ✓ 1965-68 Fastback: First Place — Don & Lee Bell, Broken Arrow, OK, 1965 GT Fastback.
- ✓ 1968-69 Convertible/Coupe: First Place — Steve & Sherry Boresow, Overland Park, KS, 1968 California Special.
- ✓ 1969-73 All: First Place — Gary Chase, McLouth, KS, 1969 Sportsroof.
- ✓ 1969-71 Boss: First Place — Russell Briney, Kansas City, MO, 1970 Boss 302.
- ✓ 1969-1973 Mach I: First Place — David & Evelyn Ford, Overland Park, KS, 1970 Mach I.

- ✓ 1965-70 Shelby: First Place — Ed & Loretto Mills, Oak Grove, MO, 1965 Shelby.
- ✓ Unrestored 1964½-73 All: First Place — Erma Smith, Independence, MO, 1965 GT Coupe.
- ✓ Street Driven 1964½-1966 Open: First Place — Bert Meufeld, Hutchinson, KS, 1966 Convertible.
- ✓ Street Driven 1964½-1966 Closed: First Place — Brian Neufeld, Hutchinson, KS, 1966 GT Fastback.
- ✓ Street Driven 1967-68 All: First Place — Bob Hammond, Oak Grove, MO, 1967 Convertible.
- ✓ Street Driven 1969-70 All: First Place — Chet Dirks, Hutchinson, KS, 1969 GT Convertible.
- ✓ Street Driven 1971-73 All: First Place — Jim Chancellor, Hutchinson, KS, 1971 Mach I.
- ✓ Modified 1964½-1973 All: First Place — Roger Grace, Overland Park, KS, 1967 Fastback.
- ✓ Late Model 1974-Current All: First Place — Mark Gann, Grandview, MO, 1986 SVO.
- ✓ Special Interest: First Place — Jim & Diane Hatcher, Overland Park, KS, 1965 Spring.
- ✓ Long Distance/Hard Luck Award: Tom Hawthorne, Amarillo, TX.
- ✓ Pioneer Award: Grant Martin, Shawnee, KS.



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# Not Even A Hurricane Can Spoil Green Country's Mustang Show

The ninth annual Green Country Classic Mustang Club Show and Swap Meet officially opened on a cloudy Saturday morning, Sept. 17th.

Ponys from Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, South Dakota, Texas and Oklahoma were polished and primped in the parking lot of the Sharaton-Kensington Hotel in Tulsa.

The fun began Friday evening with a free hospitality gathering where finger goods and desserts were plentiful and a good time was the rule. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made. Many a wild story was told, usually about humorous happenings from previous show trips. Everyone finally, reluctantly, turned in for that last bit of rest before the long day ahead.

Saturday morning came with the remnants of Hurricane Gilbert looming near. We had a good turnout with 111 cars from eight states. Along with all the beautiful Mustangs were some Cougars and other Special Interest Fords, including an early Comet convertible, a Cobra and even a '31 Model "A" Tudor Sedan. A clue to the caliber of the non-Oklahoma cars was the fact that trophies went home to every state represented.

A popular spot in the show was the large group of "one of a kind" Ponys that showed up in the Modified class. Included in these were Larry Linton's fantastic "Black Gold" 1964½ coupe from Broken Arrow, OK, and from Texas, Alan Bunch's beautiful 1967 coupe with its "missing" outside door handles and its zillion watt stereo system, and Harold Odahlen's unforgettable orange flared fendered 1970 Fastback.

Speaking of Harold Odahlen and his fastback, people "remembered" to vote for his car, enough to make it the People's Choice. Other major awards went to Carl and Lynn Henderson from Tulsa for Best of Show for a 1965 Convertible. Street Driven Best of Show went to James Watson of Ponca City, OK, for his 1967 Convertible. Longest Distance Trophy was given to Wally and Janice Short, one of three entries from Albuquerque, NM. Congratulations to all award winners and many thanks to all who helped and participated.

Our plans are in full swing for our giant 25th Anniversary Grand National next year, so mark your calendar for Sept. 1-3, 1989 and we will see you there.

Oh yes, I left Hurricane Gilbert hanging. He got here, and we had a light rain all afternoon, which made some of the judging pretty rough (those soggy judging sheets are hard to handle). But next year will be indoors again, so get your Pony ready and help us make the 1989 show the biggest the Mustang World has ever seen.

## 1988 Green Country Show 1st Place Trophy Winners

Boss: Mark Williams, Owasso, OK., 1970 Fastback.  
AS: Don & Lee Bell, Broken Arrow, OK., 1965 Fastback.  
CS: Melvin Little, Sapulpa, OK., 1965 Convertible.  
KS: Carlos Walters, Pryor, OK., 1969 Fastback.  
NS: Richard Waddle, Rogers, AR., 1972 Fastback.  
AT: Bill & Iva Caywood, Sillsbee, TX., 1965 Coupe.  
BT: Bill Neal, Houston, TX., 1965 Fastback.  
CT: Max Williams, Coffeyville, KS., 1964½ Fastback.

DT: Davy Gurley, Perryton, TX., 1966 Coupe.  
ET: Melvin Little, Sapulpa, OK., 1966 Fastback.  
FT: Warren Mout, Albuquerque, NM., 1966 Convertible.  
IT: David Mordecai, Henryetta, OK., 1967 Convertible.  
PT: George Kinnison, Albuquerque, NM., 1973 Convertible.  
LM: Brad Sherrill, Sand Springs, OK., 1986 Hatchback.  
MA: Larry Linton, Broken Arrow, OK., 1964 Coupe.  
MB: Larry Smith, Fort Smith, AR., 1968 Coupe.  
QT: Byron Behring, Enid, OK., 1968 Convertible.  
SI: Rick Glover, Tulsa, OK., 1931 Ford.  
SDAA: David Black, Bixby, OK., 1966 Coupe.  
SDAB: Nate & Lisa Long, Sand Springs, OK., 1966 Convertible.  
SDBA: Grant Turnwald, Tulsa, OK., 1967 Coupe.  
SDBB: Robert J. Lantz, Tulsa, OK., 1967 Convertible.  
SDCA: Darrell Denard, Fayetteville, AR., 1970 Fastback.  
SDDA: Lori A. Morris, Ripley, OK., 1971 Fastback.  
Sddb: Charles Locke, Tulsa, OK., 1973 Convertible.  
QST: Curt Wheatley, Tulsa, OK., 1966 Fastback.  
URA: Howard J. Eide, Sioux Falls, SD, 1966 Coupe.

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# Lynchburg Club Holds 4th Annual Show

## By Dwight Bennett For The Mustang Times

The Lynchburg Area Mustang Club held its Fourth Annual Mustang and Special Interest Ford Show Saturday, Oct. 15.

After months of preparation, the show turned out to be a great success.

It was held on under beautiful Fall skies with the trees bedecked in their dazzling autumn colors and the temperature reached 75 degrees by mid-day.

With more than 95 Mustangs and special interest Fords participating, the club was well pleased with the turnout.

Participants and visitors were treated to free hot dogs and soft drinks. The classes of cars ranged from 1964½ Coupes to Shelby's and Boss Mustangs.

Members of the Lynchburg Area Mustang Club would like to express our thanks to Amherst Motors for the use of their facilities and to all other sponsors who helped with the show.

The work of our club members made the event a tremendous success.

First place winners included:

### 1964-65 Class:

Joe & Susie Sipes, Coupe; Richard Porter, Convertible; Kevin Kelly, Fastback.

### 1966 Class:

Gary Harris, Coupe; Robert Snyder, Convertible; Fred & Beth Gray, Fastback.

### 1967-68 Class:

Larry Morgan, Coupe; Sonny Coble, Convertible; Brian Tomlinson, Fastback.

### 1969-70 Class:

R.D. Drinkard, Coupe; Steven Dye, Fastback; Convertibles: No Entries.

### 1971-73 Class:

Floyd Wallace, Convertible; Dennis Moran, Fastback; Convertibles: No Entries.

### Street Driven:

James Williams, All Styles, 1964-66; Roy Morcom, Unrestored, All Years.

### People's Choice:

Kevin Holt, 1979-88, All Styles.

### SVO/Saleen:

Wayne Cook, First Place.

### Modified:

Joe Mustaca, First Place.

### Special Interest:

Ron Spriggle, First Place.

### Best of Show:

Joe & Susie Sipes.

### Best Paint:

Robert Snyder, First Place.

### Longest Distance:

Joe & Susie Sipes, First Place.

### Hard Luck Story:

Tom Fincannon, First Place.

### Smallest Car:

Chad Dalton, First Place.

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# '89 Test Drive Spices Up Michiana Show

By **NANCY MERRICK**  
For The Mustang Times

The 1988 Michiana Mustangs Show and Shine, which concluded the Tent Sale at Bremen Ford Aug. 27, was a real success.

We had the most comfortable weather of the season — temperatures in the low- to mid-70s, plenty of cloud cover to shield us from the sun, and a dozen Mustangs in varying degrees of restoration. Our display lasted from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quite a few interested people stopped to look at the cars and cast their vote for the People's Choice Trophy.

After cleaning and polishing each other's Ponies, we ambled over to the Scarlet Red 1989 GT parked in front of the dealership. The salesman, who had come out to take some pictures of our group for their bulletin board, got the keys and opened it up for us. Being the smart Mustanger that I am, I took advantage of the opportunity to climb into the cockpit. I drooled over all the gauges and eyed that 5-speed stick near my right hand. The salesman casually suggested, "Start her up." I shot a look of accepted temptation at the club members outside the car and turned the key. The 351 Cleveland rumbled to life with little encouragement. Despite the crowd gathered around the engine compartment, I was receptive to the idea of a test drive right then. Common sense took hold of me and I removed the key before I lost control.

We enjoyed the coffee and donuts provided by the folks at Bremen Ford and stood chatting with one another as the morning passed. Several of us made a trip down to the Tent Sale to see if we could find anything interesting. As I walked back, I saw Carl Kindig pull onto the street with an excited smile and roar away in the 1989 GT. When he returned I asked how it was, and from the enthusiastic reply as well as the grin on his face, I decided I didn't want to miss anything that could be that much fun.

After Carl was approved as our chaperone, I settled into the driver's seat. Dan Bernth and Myra Barber fitted themselves into the back seat and Carl took his place as co-pilot. After killing the four-wheeled beast once before we left the lot, I pulled out behind a truck, with a very tepid driver. When at last we found a straight, smooth back road I "got it on" as the guys suggested. In no time the speedometer shot up to 80 miles an hour. Aside from the rapidly moving scenery outside, I couldn't feel the speed.

Dan was the next test driver. Luckily he spotted the state trooper as he pulled onto the street and restrained himself until we turned off the main highway. This was his first test drive of a modern Mustang GT. Now he knows why I have been talking them up since I drove that '87. From the reflection of his smile in the rearview mirror as he rocketed down the road, I'd say he's hooked. "If it wasn't for the price, and the plates, and the insurance (and don't forget the speeding tickets), I'd have one." Maybe Dan and I should pool our money, we could probably afford the speedometer and one seat.

I must admit, it's even more "thrilling" riding in the back seat of a power car with an eager, playful driver. The lack of control tends to heighten one's awareness of speed ... and the possible consequences of it. All of us were buckled up for safety.

When we returned to the dealership and put our feet back on the ground, we followed Tim Martin (owner of Bremen Ford) to the back of the service lot and got a close-up view of an unmarked white Mustang LX Coupe used by the Indiana State Police. Talk about Plain Jane! The only visible evidence that this is more than a boring economy car is the "5.0" on the front fenders. The special options for power and handling are hidden in the hardware and all police

equipment is inside the car. There was even a private Indiana license plate.

During our five-hour show, we gained three members and awarded Tim Martin an honorary membership. Tim presented our club with enough "Bremen Ford" caps for the driver of each car on display as a souvenir of our participation. We also discussed the possibility of holding the 1989 Michiana Mustangs All-Mustang Show in combination with their end-of-the-year Tent Sale.

About 1 p.m. we tallied the votes for the People's Choice Award which was presented in Marie Cobb for her 1969 Playboy Pink Convertible.

It was a great turnout of our members, we met some new friends and found a location for our car show next year.

All in all, a profitable day!



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