

The 8th Annual Rocket City Mustang Car Show and Swap Meet

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For the past few years the Rocket City Mustang Club (Huntsville, Alabama) has drawn more and more Fords to its shows. People have speculated that the success might be due to the ideal location that Huntsville occupies; sitting right at the top of its state, the show often pulls in large clubs from Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina.

David Allen, president of the Rocket City group, attributes the club's show success to a hard-working bunch of co-ordinators and cooperation from local sponsors.

At this year's show Fred Beaver, Mark Davis, Patrick Stapler, Mike Greene, Charles Goodman, Cindy Allen, Ron and Carol Barrett, Doug and Karen Wright, and Joe Marcelites all deserve credit for the tasks they performed to keep the all-day

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event running smoothly. Sponsors donated services and door prizes in support of the show, including Chief's Auto Parts, Auto Shack, R&R Speed Shop, Super Shop, Ted Towry Auto Sales, and Allen Printing.

For the spectators and participants, however, the hard work behind the scenes is often overlooked. Your Average Joe goes to a show like this oblivious to the late nights spent painting signs, the hours of telephone calls to line up door prizes, and the early morning dash to rope off the show site before everyone gets into town. Average Joe goes to a show like this to see cars — and lots of 'em.

For 1988, Rocket City managed to rope

in 134 ponies and other Fords. There were Mustangs, Cougars, 4x4 trucks, Shelbys — even a Sunbeam Tiger and a Cobra 289 — all Ford-powered and shined to perfection.

A model car contest was held while the judging was going on. To keep the competition fair, two classes were designated; adult and junior.

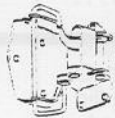
When the judging results were tallied, there were 84 trophies to be distributed among the 27 classes so that process took a while. After the awards, participants were invited to bring their various Fords back again next year to the 9th Annual Rocket City show. Always ambitious, the club hopes to exceed this year's great turnout.



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The Cherokee Regional Mustang Club's 8th Annual Show

by Teresa T. Vickery

A cool slightly overcast morning greeted Mustang enthusiasts in Calhoun, Georgia, on June 4th. This weather made the last minute tasks of the members of the Cherokee Regional Mustang Club much easier to complete as they awaited the arrival of ponies and owners for their 8th annual show and swap meet. One entire end of a local shopping center parking lot had been roped off for the event. The trophies to be given away were placed on a table close to the registration area as if to thoroughly inspect their cars before the judging started. Anticipating the heat of the afternoon, a soft drink stand was in place and ready to quench the thirst of those in attendance.

By the time the judges began their rounds, 45 excellent examples of Ford and Mustang history were in place. Representatives of most Mustang bodystyles (both stock and modified) could be viewed along with a big block Galaxie 500, a couple of

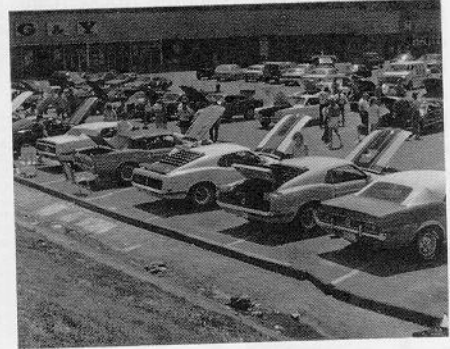
Cougar convertibles, and other special interest autos. The Bosses and Shelys, as always, grabbed a good portion of the attention of spectators.

Calhoun must be a car collector's paradise — numerous antiques, and muscle cars of the '60's and '70's were seen cruising the parking lot. While many of the spectators were enjoying the Mustangs, the participants were busy enjoying the spectator's cars!

By mid-afternoon the judges had completed the process of scrutinizing the many entries. With anticipation at a high, the large and very nice trophies were awarded for first, second, and third place in each class.

Congratulations to all participants and to the Cherokee Regional Mustang Club for a job well done. This was indeed a great way to enjoy a Saturday afternoon in north Georgia.

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