

312 Cars Join The Fun At Indy Speedway

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Signs posted along interstate highways in Indiana proudly proclaim: "Hoosier Hospitality Is No Accident."

And the Mustang Club of Indianapolis is proof positive that the phrase is more than a slogan — it's a fact.

The Indianapolis club played host to more than 300 Mustangs June 22-23 in an event that combined the excitement of competition with the thrill of a couple of laps around the world famous Indy 500 track.

Bob Coulston, president of the Indianapolis club, and his army of well-schooled volunteers were prepared for a "good" turnout for this regional show, but what they got was a record 312 entries — nine more cars than the club's previous best show.

Though the huge turnout was admittedly a surprise to the local club members, they were undaunted and handled the waves of show entries with calm professionalism.

Tech inspection for the show began at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Saturday morning, June 22, and it was evident from the large number of early arrivals that the MCA regional group was in for a busy day.

Fleets of Mustangs, Bosses, Shelbys and special interest Ford cars lined up bumper-to-bumper, went through tech inspection, and were parked in designated spots throughout the morning.

Rows of cars were arranged neatly under the bleachers at the Speedway, and the shade provided by the grandstands was welcomed by both participants and spectators alike.



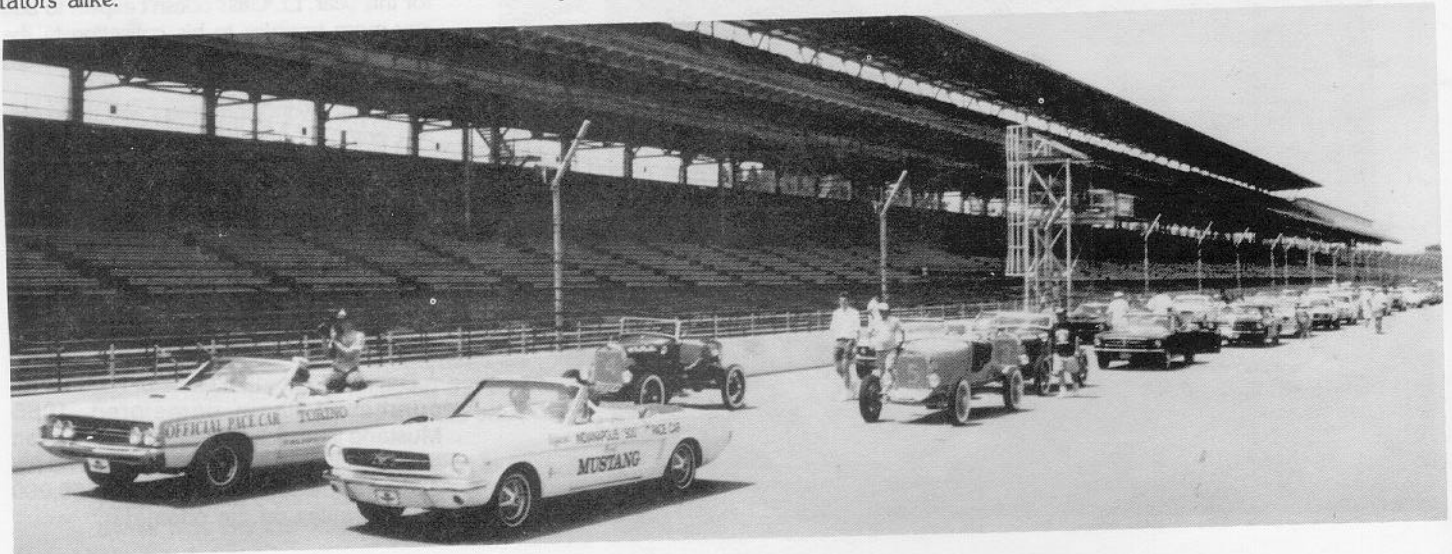
And there were spectators aplenty!

A large parking lot designated for curious classic car connoisseurs filled quickly Saturday morning and stayed full throughout the day.

A sizeable contingent of vendors was also on hand to offer everything from quarter panels to tee-shirts, and a crowded Pony corral provided the perfect place for even the most experienced "horse trader" to test his skills.

Given a spot of honor at the show was a 1964½ Mustang Pace Car (one of the original Festival cars provided by Ford for the Indy 500) belonging to Ken Schmidt of the Indianapolis Club. Several 1979 Pace Car replicas were also on hand for the show.

The Mustang Club of Indianapolis drew a record crowd of 312 entries to its regional show held June 22-23 at the world famous Indy Speedway. The collection of classic Mustangs, Bosses, Shelbys, SVOs and Saleens was arranged under the grandstands at the track, providing participants and spectators with shade from the humid weather. Below, a 1964½ Indianapolis Pace Car — one of the original Festival cars made by Ford — and a Torino Pace Car get ready to lead the first flight of 60 Mustang owners on a paced run of the track. The Indianapolis Regional Group will host an MCA National Show in 1992.





A judges' meeting was held shortly after 10 a.m. Saturday and the evaluation of the huge field of entries began. Judging teams went to work at 11 a.m., even though late arriving competitors still continued to tech-in until noon.

Despite the unexpectedly large field of competitors, the corps of judges worked quickly and efficiently to insure that all score sheets would be completed and tallied in time for the Saturday night banquet.

The humid, hazy day was punctuated with rain clouds late Saturday afternoon, but the worst storms passed to the north of the speedway without dampening the spirits of participants and spectators.

Saturday evening a throng gathered at the Speedway Inn for the presentation of the trophies.

With the drama of the award presentations gone, many of the participants might have been expected to pack up and head for home Sunday morning, but the best was yet to come.

Most of the cars remained on display Sunday morning, but it was shortly after one o'clock when the fun began.

Participants lined up in flights of 60 cars for two paced laps around the famous brickyard. The first lap was led by Schmidt's 1964½ pace car, a Torino pace car and three 1928-30 Indy-style racers (and a veteran security man whose job it was to see that Shelby drivers didn't succumb to the temptation to gun for a new speedway record!).

The rare opportunity to circumvent the track where A.J. Foyt won the Indy 500 in 1964 when the first Mustang served as the pace car for the event was an enjoyable and fitting end to a great weekend in Indianapolis. And those who participated now know what those signs on the Indiana interstates really mean.



Indianapolis Show Results

Concours

1964 1/2-65 Open: First, Al Friedel, Cincinnati, OH; Second, Mark Brockman, Cedar Falls, IW; Third, Jack Snover, Markle, IN.

1964 1/2-65 Closed: First, Scott Bosismenu, Billwelle, IL; Second, Howard Wentz, Weene-mack, IN; Third, Fred Barkley, Frankfort, KY.

1966 Closed: First, Richard Slacter, Clear-water, FL; Second, Andre Lacy, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Brad Sanders, Morgantown, IN.

1966 Closed: First, Buck Rains, Newcastle, IN; Second, Jerry Cosler, Indianapolis, IN; Se- cond, Freeman Fritsche, Perey, IL.

1967-68 Open: First, Floyd Scranton, Decatur, IL; Second, John Hill, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Mike Baker, North Salem, IN.

1967-68 Closed: First, Doris Miller, Reister- town, MO; Second, Jim Alderson, Carlinsville, IL.

1969-70 Open: First, Bruce Weiss, Melbourne, FL; Second, Stuart Akers, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Leon Hamblin, Noblesville, IN.

1969-70 Closed: First, Bruce Weiss, Melbourne, FL; Second, Chuck Nash, Ft. Wayne, IN; Third, Rick Anderson, Deforest, WI.

1971-73 Open: First, Ray Ferrell, Boothwyn, PA; Second, James Brott, Union City, MI.

1971-73 Closed: First (tie), Christi Coulston, Indianapolis, IN and Terri Bohnsack, Waterloo, IW; Second, Fred Street, Frankford, IN.

Shelby: First, Bruce Weiss, Melbourne, FL; Second, Jack Farr, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Jerald Mitchell, Indianapolis, IN.



Boss: First, Bernie Doty, Strasburg, IL; Se- cond, Tom Podemski, South Bend, IN; Third, Ray Cooper, Indianapolis, IN.

STREET DRIVEN

1964 1/2-65 Open: First, Bill Fleming, Taylorsville, Second (tie) Russell Garringer, Alexandria, IN and Gig Miller, Rickland, IN; Third, Terry Lewkoski, Carmel, IN.

1964 1/2-65 Closed: First, Bruce Miller, La Porte, IN; Second, Jim and Rita Merrick, Greenwood, IN; Third, Leroy Lasiter, Green- wood, IN.

1966 Open: First, Ed Collins, Cincinnati, OH; Second, Kurt Schlesselman, Marion, IN; Third, Ken Curtis, Fishers, IN.

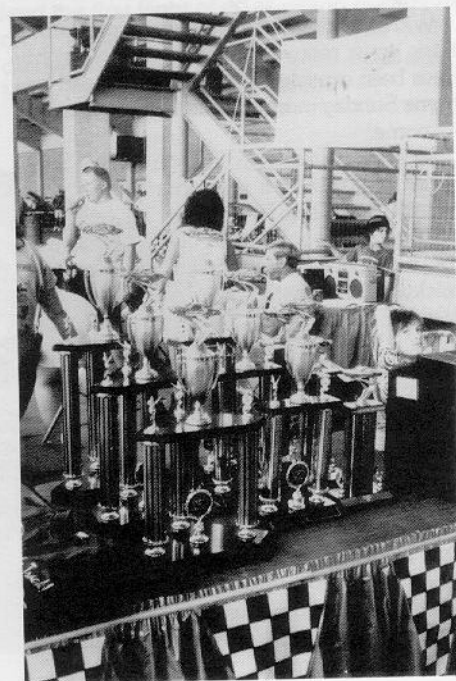
1966 Closed: First, Rick Lage, Overland Park, KS; Second, Merrell Miller, Indianapolis, IN; Third, John Ayre, Indianapolis, IN.

1967-68 Open: First, Betty Keep, Kendallville, IN; Second, Jeff Pontius, Greentown, IN; Third, Alan Muchmore, Marion, IN.

1967-68 Closed: First, Bob Stone, Belleville, IL; Second, Brad Bostick, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Charlie Myers, Fairfield, OH.

1969-70 Open: First, Jason Erfling, Herman, MO; Second, Robert Rilos, N. Liberty, IN; Third, John Baltes, New Haven, IN.

1969-70 Closed: First, Mike Staub, Belleville, IL; Second, Bob Schutt, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Tom Kratt, Indianapolis, IN.



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1971-73 Open: First, Vince Springer, Kokomo, IN; Second, Paul Houseman, Niles, MI; Third, Dave Phillips, Chicago, IL.

1971-73 Closed: First, Ron Deck, Danville, IL; Second, Lawrence Kindsvatter, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Mike Montague, Perryville, IN.

Shelby: First, Jerry Sullivan, Indianapolis, IN; Second, Robert Fields, Pewaukee, WI; Third, Jane Coulston, Indianapolis, IN.

Modified: First, Gary Cassidy, Plainfield, IN; Second, Rick Duncan, Wauseon, OH; Third, Tom Sherman, Gillespie, IL.

PARTICIPANT CHOICE

1974-78: First, Richard Hartley, Mooresville, IN, 1976 Cobra II; Dave Bohart, Indianapolis, IN, Ghia; Third, Bob Mathis, Indianapolis, IN, Ghia.

1979-86: First, Steve Nelson, Pontiac, IL, 1979 Pace Car; Second, Jim Horn, Greenfield, IN, SVO; Third, Todd Barnard, 1985½ SVO.

1987-91 Closed: First, Hank Walker; Second, Rick Johnson, Indianapolis, IN; Third, Philip Cornwell, Alexandria, IN.

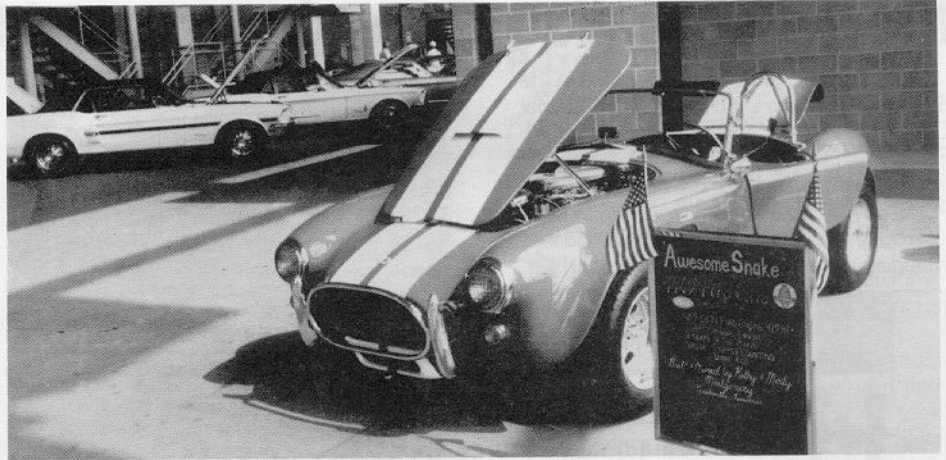
1983-91 Open: First, Bruce Weiss, Melbourne, FL, 1990 Saleen; Second, Fred Mathews, 1990 convertible; Third, John Rowland, Connersville, IN, 1989 convertible.

Special Interest: First, Charlie Kinder, Indianapolis, IN, 1956 T-Bird; Second, George Montgomery, Joelton, IN, 1965 AC Cobra; Third, Maxine Kinder, Indianapolis, IN, 1957 T-Bird.

BEST OF SHOW: Bruce Weiss, Melbourne, FL, 1969 convertible.

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More Than 100 Cars Compete In St. Petersburg

More than 100 show cars competed in the Suncoast Mustang Club's fourth Invitational Car Show held recently in St. Petersburg, FL.

The event was held on the pier in St. Petersburg.

Trophy winners in the show car classes included: John and Helen Watjen and Or-

rie Engle, first place in the 1966 open class; Bruce and Karen Weiss, first place in the 1969-70 open and 1965-66 Shelby classes; Pat and Kathy Reaves, first place in 1971-73 open; Debora Flanagan, first place in the 1979-87 closed competition and Finley and Susan Johnson, first place in the 1983-91 open class.

Second place winners from the Suncoast Club included John and Denise Moody, Debbie Gray, and Ed and Ruby Welcher.

Winning third place trophies were Mike Fryer, Juan and Vicki Mursuli, and Richard Tonry.

John Joiner with a 1989 McLaren and J.R. Castle with a 1990 McLaren tied for first in the late model special interest class.

Tim Dube won first place in the late model modified class and Jim Pflieger placed first in the Cougar class.

Trophy winners in the street driven classes included Joseph and June Brend, Bill Dellert, Norman and Marilyn Terry, R. Olsen and Jerry and Chris Jensen, all with first place trophies.

Second place winners in the street driven class included Bill Jordan and Ralph and Jill Rowe.

Third place trophies went to Dave Casner and Bill Sadler.

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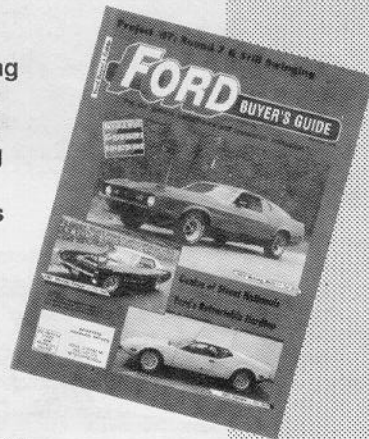
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First Pennsylvania Members Win Trophies

Several members of the First Pennsylvania Regional Group Mustang Club have won trophies at area shows in recent weeks.

Scott Whitson took first place and Carl Schueller won second place at the Willow Grove Lions Club Show.

Schuller won a first place trophy and Dale Bowes took second place in the Franklin Mills Car Show.

Cliff Zimmerman won a first place trophy in the Macugie Car Show.

Several First Pennsylvania club members won first place trophies at the Chester County Car Show. They were Bill and Carol Kish, Natalie Gomez, Dave and Brenda Zimmerman and Rick and Cheryl Andrews.

Maryland Mustangers Compete In SAAC Show

Numerous members of the Mustang Club of Maryland participated in the SAAC Club of Maryland's show at Discount Tire Express in Joppatown, MD last month.

Maryland club members winning trophies included:

Joe Olszewski, first, Bob Coffiel, second, and Richard Hunter, third in the 1965-73 coupe/convertible class;

Chris Culdill, second, in the 1974-91 fastback class;

Brian Swerigen, first, and Doug Denton, second, in the 1974-91 Mustang coupe class.

Long Island Club Holds Annual Show

The Classic Mustang Club — Long Island Region MCA held its annual show at Northport Ford June 2.

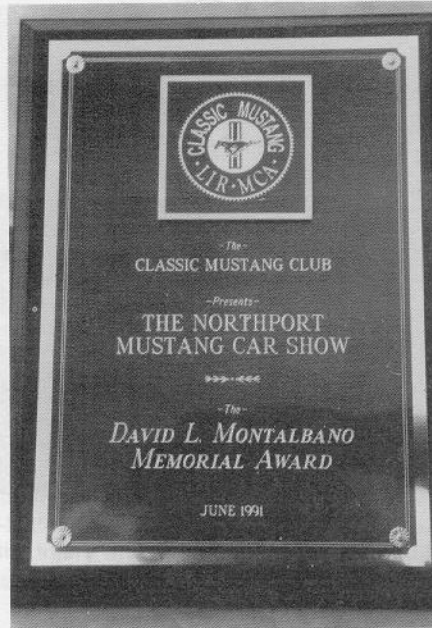
The Best of Show trophy went to Mark Rubeo for his 1970 Mach I.

A memorial award, chosen by popular vote, went to Bill Anziani, whose 1967 Shelby has won many National and Grand National trophies. The award was presented by club president Trudy Kent-Montalbano and was named in honor of her late husband, David, who passed away earlier this year.

There were 14 classes including all years of Mustangs. Trophy plaques were done in Ford blue.

Perry Las Kamp headed the judging panel, Paul D'Allesio was in charge of field arrangements and Poney Stanford handled the gate and treasury.

The next major event being planned by the Classic Mustang Club is a deluxe bus trip to several auto museums in the Pennsylvania Dutch area.



Vintage Mustangs Win Prizes At Several Shows

Members of the Vintage Mustang Club of Kansas City won trophies at several shows held in the Kansas City area recently.

Brian Pitts received the "Best Interior/Exterior" trophy in the College Division at the Johnson County Community Car Show in May.

Tom Anderson's 11th annual Mustang Roundup saw several VMC club members claim trophies.

Gary Sailors won the top prize for most outstanding coupe. Mike Keeler won first place in the coupe class. Jamie Silvers took second place in the Shelby class. Mike Miano won first place and Russ Briney second place in the fastback class. Ed Pinkleman won the top trophy in the convertible class and Jerry and Faye Schloman won the "Best of Show" trophy.

In the Olathe All Ford Show held in June, Mike Miano was first, Ed Pinkleman second and Jeff Taylor third in the 1964½-70 restored class.



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Tri-State Club's Show Attracts 260 Automobiles

By AL FRIEDEL
National Director
Tri-State Mustang Club

A clear, sunny and hot Sunday June 9 brought out 260 cars to the Tri-State Mustang Club's summer show at the Ford Transmission plant in Sharonville, a northern suburb of Cincinnati.

Of the 260 cars, 155 were Mustangs, 90 were Fords and 15 were new 1991 display cars.

The vast 500-car employee parking lot was an ideal spot for a big show, the tall "Ford" sign was visible for a long way and, along with a special cold-air balloon, made finding the show site simple.

Exhibits, such as a cut-away transmission, food and registration tents were centered and minimized walking. An estimated 3,000 spectators came to see the classic Ford products.

A highlight of the show was the raffle of a red 1965 Mustang pedal car, donated by Ford. The income from the fund raising event was matched by the club and the proceeds donated to the Shriners' Burns Institute in Cincinnati.

The Cincinnati Sales Office of Ford Motor Company was the major sponsor of the event, our 11th annual.

The welcoming party on Saturday night at the nearby Holiday Inn was a great chance for club members to meet and get to know our out of town guests, which included Ricky Simmons and Bill Dillard of the MCA Board of Directors.

Winners of the custom-designed 9x12" walnut plaques included the following Mustang owners:



CONCOURS

1964-65 Closed: First, Fred Barkley; Second, Phillip Oblinger.

1964-66 Open: First, Al Friedel; Second, Jim Fannin; Third, John Skavlem.

1967-68 Closed: First, Mike Lewis.

1969-70 Closed: First, Dan and Debbie Behr; Second, Mike and Sue Berardi; Third, Jeff Grey.

1971-73 Open: First, Bob Pohl.

1965-71 Shelby/Boss: First, Ron Kaeser; Second, Jerry Sullivan.

1964-73 Unrestored: First, John Skavlem; Second, Tony Fithen; third, David Gass.

STREET DRIVEN

1964-66 Closed: First, Gary Reeves; Se-

cond (tie) Marvin Savner and Shane Gammel and Scott Kelley; Third, Robert and Doris Britton.

1964-66 Open: First, John Davis; Second, Bob and Betty Scrivner; Third, Ken and Charlene Vigue.

1967-68 Closed: First, Mike Durkin; Second, Jim and Lou Kerr; Third, Skip Miller.

1967-68 Open: First, Betty and Winn Keep; Second, Joe Mercurio; Third (tie) Eddie Evans, Tony Proffitt.

1969-70 Closed: First, John Eversole; Second, Bob and Carole Schutt; Third, Todd Steinbrink.

1971-73 Closed: First, Fred Street; Second, R. Schweniger.

1971-73 Open: First, Carl Eckhart.

1965-71 Shelby/Boss: First, Lee Patrick; Second (tie) Jerry Joyner and Ben Walter; Third, Jim Faline.

1964-73 Modified: First, Bill Dixon; Second, Wesley Tilton; Third, Len Bolin.

1974-1991 Modified: First, Steve Abner; Second, Bruce Gould III; Third (tie) Jim Reynolds and Troy Nunamaker.

1974-76 Mustang/Capri: First, Mike Buchanan; Second (tie) Ken Boehm, Larry Heimes and Jim Muzak; Third, Thomas Rapala.

1987-91 Mustang/Capri: First, Daniel Mastrullo; Second, Rick Ortlepp; Third, Marvin Hersh.

Special Interest: First, Paul Faessler, 1965 Cobra; Second, Chip Radel, 1974 Detomaso Pantera; Third, Sandy Perkins, 1969 Talladega.

