

North Central Mustang Club hosts "Fords at the Mall"



August 9-10, 1997, saw the first of what will undoubtedly become an annual event at Lycoming Mall, outside of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The North Central Mustang Club hosted an all Ford-powered weekend consisting of an SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) autocross, Saturday night pig roast, and Sunday car show.

The autocross, which was a new experience for this club, was a success. A total of 32 cars participated, seven of which were SVT Cobra Mustangs. In addition, there were two original 289 Cobras, and two Shelybs along with a general mix of early and late model Mustangs burning up the mall parking lot! The best time of the day was posted by an original 1963 Competition 289 Cobra, followed by a 1993 Cobra Mustang.

Saturday night played host to a pig roast held in a local picnic grove. Mustang and Ford video tapes were shown for entertainment; however, this group found "bench racing" to be the key topic. A large number of enthusiasts drove their cars to the picnic

adding even more spice to this mid-summer's night. One thing is certain - as the night grew longer the autocross times got better.

Sunday was a beautiful day with temperatures in the mid 80s - a perfect day for a show. By the time registration closed, 160 Ford-powered vehicles were in the show area. Participants were treated to over 100 door prizes, a show dash plaque, and a goody bag full of trinkets. Over 100 first, second, and third place trophies were presented to winners in 36 classes. Best of Show went to Andy and Vickie Bickhart's beautiful Calypso Coral 1970 Boss 302. A total of \$500 of the show proceeds was donated to Mustang Museum, Inc., thus assuring our club's name on the Wall of Founding Club Sponsors in the museum.

The Bill Elliott Museum of the North is located on the mall grounds, housed within a brand new McDonald's restaurant. The facility contains three of Bill's Winston Cup cars, as well as many unique memorabilia items including his Winston Cup trophy. The Museum, one of our show sponsors, certainly adds a nice touch to the event.

The weekend was an unqualified success, paving the way for this year's show which will be held on August 8-9. The format will basically be the same - Saturday autocross, Saturday night picnic, Sunday car show. The number of classes has been expanded to 42 as we are anticipating between 250 and 300 cars. If you would like additional information on the 1998 show, contact Tom Shreiner at (717) 584-5547 or Rod Dieffenbacher at (717) 435-0807.



Submitted by Thomas A. Shreiner for the North Central Mustang Club.

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The 13th Annual Summer Round-Up hosted by the Mustang Car Club of New England was held at Morande Ford of Berlin, Connecticut. This was a new location for the event which proved to be quite successful. In addition to sponsoring the event, Morande Ford also provided food and music.

A total of 145 cars and trucks was on hand for the July 1997 show. One member experienced problems with his late model Mustang, but persistence prevailed as the pony was towed to the dealership.

The beautiful day brought out a large contingency of early model Mustangs, in contrast with our usually large showing of late model examples.

Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing helped round out the day's activities.

Submitted by Brad Matthews and Vincent Letourneau for the Mustang Car Club of New England.

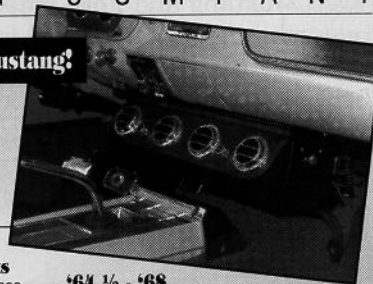
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