

Regional Events

Six Clubs Host Silver Spring All- Ford Show



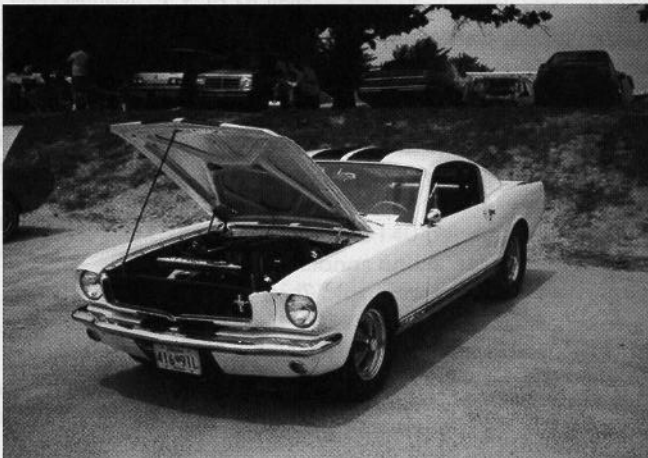
Six Ford and Mustang clubs joined forces to host the second annual All-Ford Show at Crystal Ford in Silver Spring, Maryland, on June 27, 1998. The show was a first for the dealer and everyone was pleased with the 50% increase in registration over the previous year from a different location. The clubs participating were the National Capital Region Mustang Club, Chesapeake Bay Mustang Club, Mid-Maryland Ford Club, Mustang Club of Maryland, SAAC Group Maryland, and the Mustang Club of Western Maryland.

A total of 110 Mustangs and Fords from Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania competed in 33 classes while ten vehicles were registered as display only. Included among Mustangs of all models were an authentic 427 Cobra, two Panteras, and a very rare 1970 Torino Twister Cobra.

Most entrants went home with a plaque as the popular vote classes were evenly divided. A cleanliness-and-condition judged class was an option for all Fords and the top ten received an award for their prized classics.

Plans are underway to make next year's show a must event for any Ford and Mustang enthusiast in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Submitted by Rex Turner for the National Capital Region Mustang Club.





Muscle Mustangs ... Then and Now

The Rio Grande Mustang Club held its annual regional Mustang show at the Crowne Plaza Pyramid Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on May 24, 1998. The Club welcomed participants at an informal reception Saturday night, with snacks and drinks served in the hospitality suite.

The show opened Sunday morning to a typical cool, clear New Mexico morning. Under the guidance of show director Isaac Gallegos, registration, parking assignments, and technical inspection ran smoothly and efficiently. This allowed time for visits with participants and spectators. New friendships were made, and out of town acquaintances were renewed.

When registration was complete, 81 Ford vehicles were entered in 37 classes. All participants received a dash plaque and a goody bag containing a variety of interesting toys and treasures.

Under mild temperatures with a bit of wind late in the day, judging began on time and went like clockwork, with many expressing appreciation for the temperate weather. Judges and their assistants soon retired to parts unknown to tally the results.

This year saw the largest number of vendors to date. In addition to items offered by RGMC, vendors' goods included new and used parts, pins, and professional photography of participants' cars with beautiful trophy-quality display frames and mountings.

Social hour began at 5 p.m. Saturday with live bluegrass music provided by a local group call the Adobe Brothers. Their entertainment includes great music and a roster of amusing stage names: Toby Adobe, Nairobi Adobe, Obi-wan-Adobe, and the follicle-challenged brother known as Moby Adobe. This was their second year to entertain at our show, which is testament to their musical talent.

Socializing was followed by a delicious banquet with over 100 door prizes being awarded during the

meal. Club president Ramona Gallegos announced the show winners, and trophies were distributed by First Vice President Richard Flowers. This year's trophies were designed and assembled by RGMC members. Special awards were presented for the best sob story to John Prokop of Tucson, Arizona, who endured a blow-out of a rare-sized trailer tire in rural southern New Mexico; best license plate to Jim Oliver of Albuquerque for KOOLBRZ; congeniality to Hutch Hutcherson of Amarillo, Texas; and longest distance to Sam Epperson of Thermopolis, Wyoming. The Rich Ford Sponsor's Award for best of show was difficult to judge due to the many beautiful automobiles entered. Finally chosen was a gorgeous 1969 GT 350 Shelby entered by Jim Pierce of Albuquerque.

Club members bid farewell to traveling show participants the following morning providing coffee and doughnuts to all who came by.

Many positive comments were received from participants, vendors, and spectators regarding our 1998 show. Rio Grande Mustang Club is proud of the effort and the hundreds of hours that its members put forth to produce a successful show. We expect an even larger turnout for our 1999 show. For information on the next show write to Wally or Janice Short, Rio Grande Mustang Club, 12825 Cedar Brooke, Ave., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

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