



Mustang Alley was located on Nine Mile Road in Ferndale.

Woodward Dream Cruise 2007

MCA PARTICIPATES IN FERNDALÉ'S MUSTANG ALLEY

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The third weekend in August is a busy time on Woodward Avenue from Ferndale to Pontiac, Michigan. Thousands of cars and spectators crowd the busy six-lane, divided roadway. To describe the vehicles one can see there is impossible. Everything on wheels, and I do mean everything, participates

in cruising on Woodward Avenue to bring back the memories reminiscent of the Muscle Car days of the 1960s.

Begun by Nelson House of Ferndale, Michigan, as a way to raise money for a soccer field for the youth in his town, I doubt anyone expected it to turn into the mega-event the Woodward Dream Cruise is today.

The Mustang Club of America had a booth set up on Nine Mile Road in Ferndale as part of Ferndale's Mustang Alley. We were in great company as the Shelby Automobiles display was adjacent. Additionally, Clara Genis brought her MCA apparel and merchandise to sell. And, several Mid-Michigan club members helped sell MCA memberships at the booth throughout the day. Steven McCarley, MCA's Vice President and head cheerleader came along to help with the promotion.

It's not unusual to see people lined along the side of the street on Saturday. However, even though I have attended the Dream Cruise in the past, I was shocked to see people set up in the median on lawn chairs watching the cruisers on Thursday and Friday. From what I understand, the cruising and various accompanying events

begin on Monday or Tuesday prior to the Dream Cruise.

Shain Park in Birmingham, MI, was host to Ford Motor Company and Saleen Autosport among other displays. However, unless you could literally fly, it was difficult at best to maneuver from Ferndale to Birmingham in any timely fashion.

The Yellow Mustang Registry had a good presence, as did the owners of an official Woodward Dream Cruise Mustang made by Ford Motor Company several years ago.

The Roush Owners Club was out in force, the Mid-Michigan Mustang Club occupied an entire parking lot themselves, and as you'll see in the accompanying photos, Mustangs were aplenty.

If you ever get the chance to go to this event, take it. Although many people look forward to going every year, it's at least a once-in-a-lifetime trip.

One word of caution, if you cruise Woodward Avenue, don't fall victim to the taunting signs along the road reading, "Burnout." Burnouts are frowned upon in general, but in the city of Royal Oak, doing a burnout will

give you lasting memories in the form of a ticket and steep fine! Besides, with people sitting in such close proximity to the street, a burnout can turn into a nightmare. OK, enough of the "mothering" lecture. You get the idea!

Hopefully, the MCA will be in attendance at Mustang Alley again next year—hopefully many of you will be able to join us. It was a blast! **MT**



Two horse power.



Just look...something for everyone!



Rough Owners prominently displayed their Mustangs.



The east end of Mustang Alley.



Shelby's SuperSnake: What a ride!



The front yard of the Ferndale Police Station was full of Mustang fans.



The Mustang Club of Mid Michigan members filled a parking lot on Mustang Alley.



Ford built "Woodward Ave Dream Cruise" Mustangs a few years ago. Several were on display in Mustang Alley.



Full Throttle Kustom's entry into the Transcontinental Fireball Run Rally.



The S197 Shelby Owners were set up with Shelby Automobiles. They were quite busy all day.

Here are some outstanding Mustangs and Ford vehicles that we saw at the Dream Cruise on Saturday:





From the "You thought I was kidding" files are photos of "vehicles" were also cruising Woodward. No captions because there are no words.

