



As we look back at the events over the summer it's hard to believe the Mustang Club of Ohio has accomplished so much in such short time. Our members have given valuable time and effort for many events and charities; 2007 has been full of fun and fellowship.

Our year began with being awarded our 1st National Show by the MCA. The "Buckeye Mustang National 2008" will be held June 20-22, 2008. The registration form will be printed in the January 2008 issue of Mustang Times or is available by visiting our website: www.mustangclubofohio.com. Our national show is to benefit the Arthritis Foundation of Central Ohio, Canine Companions for Independence, and Nationwide Children's Hospital (TWIGS). In February we held our annual winter potluck/memorabilia collection show with more than 50 members in attendance. This is always an event to remember. There is nothing better than sharing home-cooked food, and enjoying each other's personal memorabilia collections.

March was our annual open house at KAR Auto Group. We also participated in The Columbus International Auto Show with 11 MCO members' Mustangs on

display. Mustang was the feature marque. Then there was the St. Patrick's Day Parade; not even 20 degree temperatures could keep six Mustangs out of the parade.

Every year the MCO participates in the "Grandview Memorial Day Parade." This year was no different with 18 Mustangs coming out for the event.

In June we held our 2nd annual Poker Run/Ice Cream Social to benefit "Canine Companions for Independence."

Our club kept busy through the summer. As July began to heat up, the MCO received a couple of outstanding awards: MCA's "President's Award" for 2006 and The Gladden House "Community Service Award" for our support every year to help make food baskets for area folks in need. We also supported the 25th Anniversary Arthritis Auto Show where we had 140 Mustangs in attendance out of the nearly 1,200 various makes and models.

August once again proved to be a busy month with our annual MCA

Regional Krieger Ford ALL Mustang Show. We also participated in Dyno Tunes first All Mustang Car Show, which was a fun day for everybody.

During September our MCO members invaded Rickenbacker International Airport in Columbus, Ohio, to help support The Final Roundup for "The Gathering of Mustangs & Legends." Rickenbacker Airport, formally an Army Military base, was the perfect setting for this fun event.

It was truly an honor for our members to volunteer and support this special occasion. Columbus has never witnessed or hosted such a prestigious celebration with so many WW II heroes. Some of the Tuskegee Airmen, along with many other WW II pilots, were in attendance. It actually gave you goose bumps, if you

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had a pulse at all, just to see the fine ladies and gentlemen who have helped make our freedom possible. And yes, most or all of them were accessible to the public. The P-51 Mustangs, F-15, F-16, and the latest super fighter F-22 Raptor stole the show with its various maneuvers. There were the USAF Thunderbirds, B-17 Bomber, and even a flyover by the B-2 Spirit Bomber!

October was time for a little R&R with our Club Picnic and MCO Mini Meet at the Sunbury Country Cruise-In where we had 40 Mustangs in attendance.

November's activities included an Open House at Signature Auto Classics home of Boss Cars and the All Ford Swap Meet hosted by the United Ford Owners—whom we also support.

In December, our members will again work a day making holiday food baskets for Gladden Community Center. These food baskets are distributed to the depressed Franklinton area, on the near west side of Columbus, OH.

Throughout 2007, many of the MCO members traveled to National MCA Shows around the country as well as the Grand National in Augusta, GA.

As fun and exciting as 2007 has been, we continue to work to make 2008 better. It seems as if spring was just a couple months ago and now it is already fall with old man winter knocking on the door for us Ohioans in the Buckeye State!

The Mustang Club of Ohio was formed in November 1974, becoming a MCA Regional Club in 1976. We are over 300 members strong, up from almost 100 members just five years ago.

We strive to change with the times and welcome all Mustang enthusiasts—those with an interest in the classic Mustangs as well as the current models. A few members don't own a Mustang but still enjoy the club. We strive for great fellowship, family oriented activities, and most of all having fun and enjoying the Mustang heritage we have helped build to be an icon.

We hope you'll join us in June 2008 for our first National Show—the Buckeye Nationals. We promise you'll have a good time!

