

Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club's 27th Annual All-Ford Show—Al Friedel Memorial Show

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The Streets of West Chester had never looked nicer than with the more than 250 Mustangs and Fords that were brought out to participate in Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club's show. The weather was nice for July. There were plenty of restaurants, shops, and even a movie theatre at the show site. The club also provided a D.J., Chinese Auction, and plenty of door prizes. The turnout was huge and the spectators helped to make the day more enjoyable for everyone.

On Saturday, Woody Sander's Ford supplied a new California Special to lead the Pony Trail ride as 45 Mustangs and Fords were driven on the scenic back roads of Ohio and Indiana to Metamora, Indiana. The weather couldn't have been nicer with overcast skies and temperatures in the low 80's. Metamora is an interesting time capsule, which still has an operating Canal Boat pulled by a horse on the banks of the canal, walking tours of historical sites, good restaurants, homemade candy and antiques. Thanks go to our Trail Masters, Fred Schlesiger, and Mike Dalton, for providing us with a highly interesting day.

Two 1964 1/2 Mustang convertibles owned by the late Al Friedel were on display along with some impressive trophies the white '64 1/2 had won. Al was an energetic club member who, through the years, held practically every office in the Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club. He held the position of Trustee when he left us last November. He was a Gold Card Judge in the Mustang Club of America in several categories. Al showed his 1964 1/2 in Concours Trailered and he restored a 1970 Shelby for MCA's Thoroughbred class. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the Mustang hobby will be missed.

Also on display was Staff Sgt. Matt Maupin's '97 Mustang. Matt has been MIA in the Iraq war since April 9, 2004. This was the first time the Mustang had been displayed and the club members were honored and humbled by its presence. Matt's mother Carolyn,



and brother Micah, were in attendance working to raise money for the Yellow Ribbon Support Center.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the club's show charity, had an interesting display promoting their upcoming golf benefit. Ford Asset was also present. Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club has given scholarships to deserving students in this program for many years. There is always the need for skilled technicians to repair Mustangs and Fords.

There were 34 classes, with trophies given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each judged class.

All in all, it was a fantastic weekend with beautiful weather, beautiful cars, and fantastic people.

