

Mustang Club of Las Vegas

"The First Annual Dam Car Show"



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Here in Las Vegas we try our best to showcase the car and the owners who baby them. You all know in Las Vegas it's all about the big show on the strip, the food, and the meeting and sharing of good times with others. Well the Mustang Club of Las Vegas is keeping up the standards of Las Vegas. MCLV hosted the first ever car show on Hoover Dam. We called it "The First Dam Car Show." This was an all-make and model show. The club did this in grand tradition. On June 14, 2008, MCLV went to Hoover Dam and set up this historic show. This was no easy task. Since the events of 9/11, the United States has tightened security on its monuments and major facilities. Hoover Dam is just one of those facilities. The Dam supplies Southern California and Arizona with irrigation water for the crops in the fields and power to Los Angeles valley. You turn out that light and all will come to a stop in Southern California. Knowing this, asking for permission to have a car show was a little daunting. MCLV club member Eddie Wildes took on the task and did what everybody thought was impossible. Eddie got us the Dam. Thank you Eddie and Homeland Security!

At 5:30 a.m. on the morning of June 14, club members took the dam by storm. Right behind them were participants from seven other states attending the show. This was first come/first served parking. There were 120 parking spaces available, of which 80 spaces were covered. Why the rush? Well, the temperature that morning at 7:00 a.m. was hovering at 90 degrees and at peak show time the temperature soared to 110 degrees. If you didn't get a spot in the shade, well you know. MCLV provided drinks of all types (non-alcoholic) and they fed every show entrant there with their guests. Many local businesses and corporate sponsors provided a constant flow of raffle prizes. A local Ford dealership, Ford Country, provided a static display of its line up. Meguiar's provided the goody bags. The Chamber of Commerce of Boulder City, Nevada, provided the reduced tickets to go down into the dam on a tour for the participants and their families. All participants received a commemorative plaque in the true fashion of the historic dam. There were two other plaques given out. One was the Mayor's choice, given by Larry Hogan to Ryan Schenkel for his 1968 Mustang coupe. The second plaque was from the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce. CEO Jill Lagan presented Bob Lara the Chamber's choice for his 2002 Roush Mustang Stage 2.

The Mustang Club of Las Vegas presented the Hoover Dam Museum a plaque that will be on display in the museum, stop by and check it out. Two others went to the Mayor's office and the Chamber of Commerce of Boulder City Nevada. MCLV is not done; we are in the planning stages to do this again next year. The show will be called, "Another Dam Car Show." It will of course be bigger and better. We invite all of you to come out to the show. Next year's show will be earlier in the season as it will not be as hot. You can keep track of our shows and events by logging on to www.mustangsoflv.org or by calling our hotline at 702.614.3878 with your questions. On behalf of MCLV, and as Chairman of the show, I would like to publicly thank all the show volunteers and staff for a job well done.



June 14th, Flag Day! Also the date of the "First Dam Car Show."



Ryan Schenkel receiving the Mayor's plaque from Larry Hogan.



Bob Lara receiving the Chamber of Commerce plaque from Jill Lagan.