

Mustang Club of West Central Florida



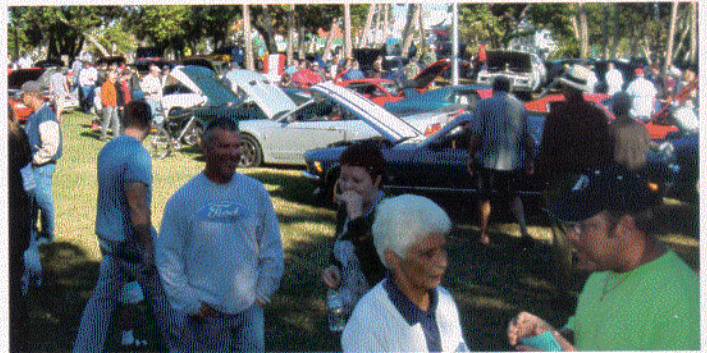
Sunday, November 16, 2008, in Sarasota, Florida was a perfect and clear day. Temperatures would reach a high of about 70 degrees which was perfect for The Mustang Club of West Central Florida's 17th Annual Super Sunday Mustang and Ford Show. Fortunately, the tradition continued as each Super Sunday through the years has been blessed with beautiful weather. This year's show was held in a new and spectacular location. Sarasota's St. Armand's Circle provided a great showcase for 152 Mustangs and other special Ford vehicles. St. Armand's Circle is just steps away from the Gulf of Mexico and some beautiful beaches. The scenery coupled with upscale shopping and wonderful restaurants make this a top tourist destination. The shaded grassy circle in the center of a large traffic "roundabout" has been the home to many concours automotive events in the past. This time it was Mustangs turn to draw crowds. And, not just Mustang lovers but many others were there to enjoy a pleasant day.



Registration began at 8:00 am. Space limited the show to pre-registered cars only. Each registrant received a goody bag and commemorative labeled bottle of wine. At the 10:00 am judges' meeting Show Chair, Duke Clancy, reviewed a streamlined system of judging. Groups of four judges each teamed up to complete duties in record time. Show cars were parked in the order of arrival, and judging teams worked assigned areas of the show with one judging sheet modified to accommodate all classes (Concours, Occasional Driven, Daily Driven, and Modified in Mustang and non-Mustang classes). Each judge was assigned a part of each car with points for each car totaled by one member of the team. First-, second-, and third-place trophies were awarded in each class with 2008 and 2009 Mustangs' awards selected by popular vote by show entrants.

Activities included door prizes and a 50-50 drawing. This year, the 50/50 winner took home \$455 in cash! But the big excitement was a drawing for a "Weekend in Sarasota." The club sold 500 - \$10 tickets over the past three months. The grand prize was a \$1,000 value that included a two-night stay at the local Ritz Carlton; a limo ride, compliments of Town and Country Limousines, to dinner at Fleming's, a local gourmet restaurant; a lunch at the Columbia Restaurant, a St. Armand's favorite and one of Tampa Bay's great traditions; plus a \$100 gift certificate to Carmen's Shoes on St. Armand's Circle. A second drawing was for a limited edition collector bronze frog donated by Tilden Ross jewelers. These fund-raising efforts allow the Mustang Club of West Central Florida to make record donations of about \$8,000 to two of our local favorite charities—TideWell Hospice and Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Awards presentation was held at 3:00 pm. In addition to awards in each judging class, special awards were given to exceptional cars selected by honored guests and sponsors. *Mustang Times* and *Mustang Monthly* both selected "Editor's Choice" awards. Donald Farr made selections for both as he



filled in for his friend, Mary Jean Wesche. Sarasota's mayor, Lou Ann Palmer, gave a "Mayor's Choice" trophy. And two major sponsors of our show, Sarasota Ford and St. Armand's Merchants Association, each chose a winner for their sponsor awards. The club also continued a recent tradition—awarding The Jerry Overholt Founders Trophy, honoring a charter member who passed away in 2006. The Robert Bacon Trophy was awarded in honor of another Mustang enthusiast who passed away this year. However the highlight of the awards was a special one time John Najjar Award. Mr. Najjar, now a 90-year-old retiree and Sarasota resident, was an important part of the original design team at Ford for the Mustang. He attended to select his personal favorite. Mona Edwards, the owner of a beautiful '66 convertible, was thrilled to receive an autographed mounted model of an early Mustang complete with a photo of Mr. Najjar completing the autograph.

The club wishes to express our gratitude to our major show sponsors: National Parts Depot, DG Ace Hardware, Todd Johnson Homes, and Sarasota Ford (who also hosts the club's monthly meetings).

We'd also like to express our sincere thanks to Show Chair, Duke Clancy, and his wife, Michele, who worked tirelessly all year to create the best Super Sunday yet!

Plans are already in place for the 18th annual Super Sunday in November 2009. Look for exact dates and the latest in surprises and raffle information for next year's show on our club's website, www.MustangClubofWestCentralFlorida.org.