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Tri-State Mustang/Ford Club's 29th annual show was a great success. There were in excess of 150 cars registered for the show. The cars were classified and assigned to one of 30 classes. Judging was done utilizing a slightly revised MCA regional judging form. Our trophies were rather unusual this year and were well received. Trophies were adorned with pictures of some of the club member's cars-they looked great! Trophies were awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cars in each class.

Mother Nature was good to us this year, providing us with a beautiful day of sunshine accompanied by a cool breeze. We were fortunate that the show wasn't held the day before, as it had rained the entire day. That was unfortunate for our annual "Pony Trail," which is traditionally held the day before our show. In spite of the rain, we departed from our show site, and traveled through quite a rain storm on our journey to Rabbit Hash, Kentucky. Even through the not-so-great weather, everyone seemed to enjoy a brief shopping spree at the Rabbit Hash General Store. Unfortunately, the Mayor of Rabbit Hash, a Border Collie named Lucy Lou, didn't make it out this year. She may not have wanted to come out of her



dog house on such a rainy day. Leaving Rabbit Hash, we ventured on to the Big Bone Lick State Park through still more heavy rain. Following a brief tour of the museum and gift shop, the rain slowed and allowed us a brief respite to enjoy the picnic area. Bill Hindman handled the grilling and one of sponsors supplied the food. Despite the lousy weather, a good time was had by all.

This show definitely displayed the love that our club members, as well as people from out of our area, have for the Mustang and the Ford brand in generalboth old and new. It was great fun for families to see all the outstanding cars. listen to the oldies music, and swap stories with the other Ford enthusiasts.

Many club members pitched in to help with this event, with a good number of volunteers working in areas from parking to presenting the awards. A hearty thanks to all those who helped make this a highly successful show. The door prizes were outstanding and plentiful, enabling a high percentage of participants to take something home with them.









Several members of the Mach 1 Registry were in attendance, which resulted in some fierce head-to-head competition. A tie for first place occurred between two of the contingency, and first place trophies were given to each of them. Congratulations to all who received trophies!

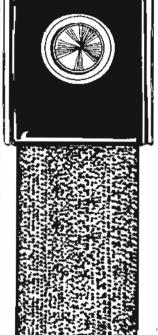
We are trying to encourage the young folks to get involved in the Mustang hobby. There was one little guy that brought his battery-powered, replica late-model Mustang out and was cleaning and polishing his pride and joy much of the day. He was quite proud of it. He took it out for a spin or two around the parking lot. We can be sure that this little guy is going to give us some stiff competition in the years to come.

The Yellow Ribbon Support Center was our charity of choice again this year. We were first introduced to the Yellow Ribbon Support Center back when Matt Maupin was the only U.S. serviceman listed as missing in action. Matt was a lifelong resident of the Greater Cincinnati area and his fate was unknown for quite some time. Although not a member of our club, Matt did own a late model Mustang, which his father has kept. Matt's father, Keith Maupin, was in attendance at our show.

Plans are already underway for our milestone "30th" annual show. Come on out and join us. We guarantee you'll experience a fun-filled day!

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