



MUSTANGS OF MEMPHIS 27TH ANNUAL SHOW



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On October 4, 2008, The Mustangs of Memphis regional MCA club hosted their 27th annual charity car show. Aided by Chamber-of-Commerce weather, this year's 110-registered participants was the largest group in recent memory. In addition to the registered cars, our club members displayed 27 of their Mustangs for total of 137 vehicles on the show field. Our show always has a good representation of new and old Mustangs with an interesting variety of other Ford-powered vehicles thrown in to spice up the mix. This year's event was no exception with everything from bone-stock, concours-level restorations, to highly modified, fire-breathing street machines from as far away as Florida and Texas.

Every Mustang and Shelby generation was represented. Rounding out the field were some wonderful specimens of Henry's old iron including a couple of Model A's, several really nice Fairlanes and T'birds, a '50 Ford wagon, and several Ford-powered street rods and trucks. If strolling this year's show site didn't get your heart pounding and blood pumping, you're probably in the wrong hobby!

In addition to the beautiful Mustangs on display, there were event T-shirts and sweatshirts available, games and door prizes, as well as several hobby-related vendors to shop with. This year, we added a Matchbox® car race and Mustang coloring contest for young enthusiasts in attendance. Thanks to our sponsors and show participants, we were able to donate \$4,000 dollars to The Baddour Center, this year's Mustangs of Memphis selected charity.

Several years ago we changed our show's awards format from a class-based 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy scheme to the Gold, Silver, Bronze judging format inspired by the MCA. The feedback from show participants regarding this change has been quite positive. Each car is now judged on its own merit, independent of the number of other cars that may register in their class. We also do not enter any club members' cars to be judged in our show. We have all been to shows where the host club takes home all the awards leaving those that came out to support your event feeling a bit slighted.

For many years, our show has been held on the first Saturday in October. We have settled in at our current site of the Wolfchase Galleria Mall, just east of Memphis. The mall has easy access, just off Interstate 40 at exit 16. There are numerous hotels, stores, and restaurants in the immediate vicinity not to mention the convenience of having a large mall within walking distance of the show site.

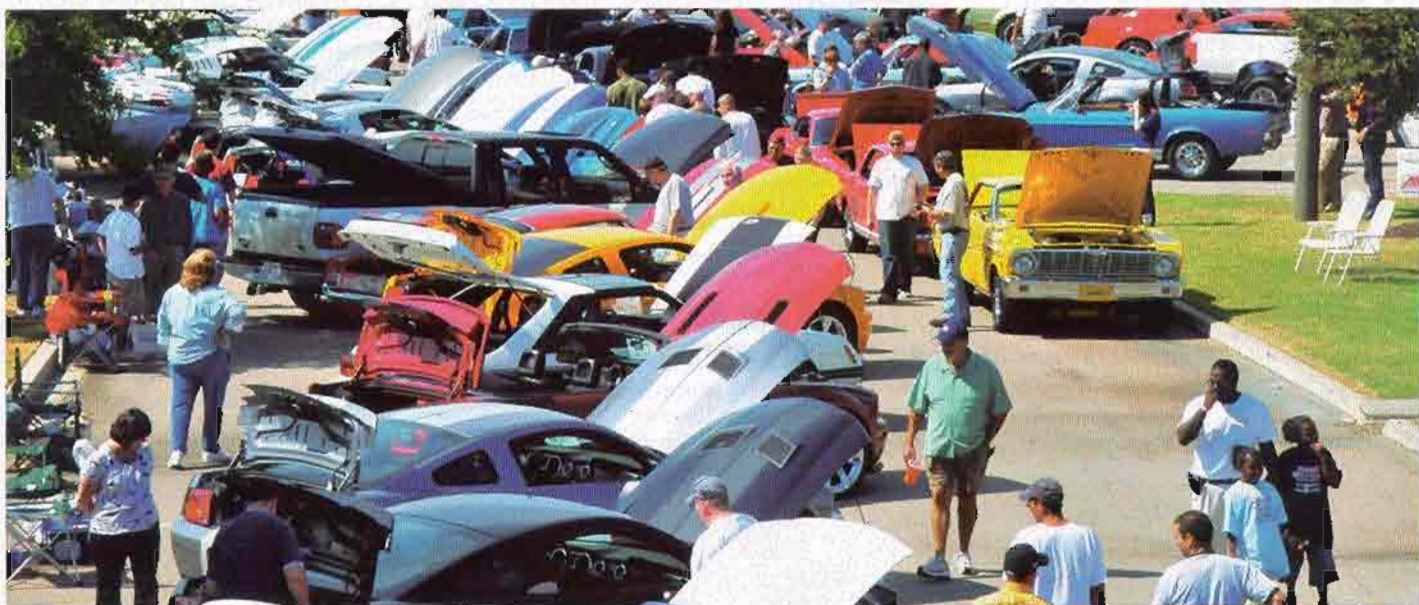
The Memphis area has quite a bit to offer as an entertainment destination as well. With historic Beale Street and the National Civil Rights Museum in the downtown area, Elvis' Graceland mansion, the Tunica, MS, casinos located a short drive to the south, and the best barbecue ribs in the world, there is plenty to do and enjoy while you are here!

If you have the first Saturday in October open, mark your calendar—come join us for the 28th Annual Mustangs of Memphis show on October 3, 2009.





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MUSTANG CLUB OF INDIANAPOLIS 29TH ANNUAL MUSTANG AND ALL-FORD SHOW



By Trish Zipoff and Dave Woodman
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The members of the Mustang Club of Indianapolis always looks forward to hosting our annual Mustang and All-Ford show, but this year was going to be special. We changed our venue to O'Reilly Raceway Park, which is the home of the US Nationals and offered more for the participants to enjoy while showing their cars. Our action-packed weekend started with a Welcome Bash at the American Legion Hall. One of the Indiana State Troopers provided a police escort to our next destination: Good Timin' Hot Rods. The owner of this establishment hosts several open car shows through out the year where all cars can be celebrated. He graciously agreed to host a private cruise-in for our show participants. While there, we gave away many door prizes and all enjoyed music, and fellowship. To top the evening off with a loud bang we had our own impressive fireworks display sponsored by Glendale Automotive, Patriotic Fireworks, and the AppleTree restaurant.

The main show day, Saturday, was busy from the start. We had a 50/50, door prizes, and a grocery guess to keep our guests busy when not tending their cars. Those who wanted to race on the famous drag strip had the opportunity for at least six passes. The price was that they would have to race back to the show field and work to get the rubber off of their cars in order to be judged.



We had a great variety of Mustangs and Ford cars including, but not limited to, a thoroughbred 1970 Boss 302, two Cobra Rs, a silver Daytona Coupe kit car, and a black, all-original 1985 Mustang LX coupe. During the evening dinner we enjoyed listening to our guest speaker Scott Hoag of Mustang Racing Technology (MRT), former head of Team Mustang. We heard fun stories about test drives, a little bit about how Ford gets things done, and about Scott's current projects at MRT.

On the second day of the show, all participants were surprised with the opportunity to take laps around the oval track at Raceway Park behind a pace car that allowed each driver to test their track worthiness. Fortunately there were no spin-offs, only pure thrills! After this we settled down to the award ceremony. This year's trophies were really cool. Recipients were awarded an miniature gas can that is operational (i.e. you could fill it up with your favorite beverage).



Our club believes in always giving back to the community. We chose Riley Hospital for Children as our charity recipient for this event because of the great deeds they do for children all over the world. The hospital provides care to all children with no regard to their ability to pay, race, religion, or nationality. The hospital is funded only with public funds. Through that day and the weekend we had a special guest from Riley Hospital—Riley Child, Nicholas Long. One of our members, Dave Woodman, had his car chosen for an award at an earlier car show by Nicholas. Nicholas has since become quite special to Dave and the members of our club. We even created a special award entitled "Nick's Pick." Nicholas has had an uphill battle with his condition. He has gone through more than 30 surgeries. Our club really wanted to make sure that Nick had a great time and enjoyed this show as much as any genuine Mustang enthusiast. According to Dave, Nicholas had a good time and wants to come back for more next year!

Nicholas Long showed us that a thoroughbred's heartbeat is louder than his hoofbeat.

