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It's been fun reminiscing about the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mustang Celebration. It's also been difficult to believe that it's already over.

Over the course of the weekend, Ford Motor Company was well represented. Beginning with the huge display of Mustangs and other Ford vehicles, to the visit from President and CEO, Alan Mulally, their support was evident. Ford's Division, Ford Racing, was also well represented. Director Brian Wolfe, and Performance Parts Manager Jamie Allison were at the show talking to participants. In addition to this was a first-ever Mustang Garage. That area was busy all weekend as talented Ford technicians installed numerous parts on participants vehicles.

The Saturday evening banquet, An Evening with Ford, was held at the host hotel and was a sell out. Event Chairman, Steve Prewitt introduced the evening's host, Rick Lawless who kept us all entertained.

The evening speakers began with Jim Owens, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Shelby Automobiles. Jim showed some action videos featuring Carroll Shelby and gave an overview of Shelby Automobiles.

Brian Wolfe, Director of Ford Racing, was the Keynote Speaker. He gave attendees the information about all the latest happenings at Ford Racing and talked about their various programs.

The Ford portion of the evening concluded with Rick Titus, spokesperson for Ford Motor Company. His quick-witted comments could qualify him as a stand-up comedian. After a few stories, Rick introduced racers Tommy Kendall and Scott Pruitt. The three held a panel discussion and shared Mustang racing stories. After the evening events were over, Pruitt and Kendall signed auto-

graphs in the lobby of the hotel.

A floor show was provided by the members of the CSRA Mustang Club from Augusta, Georgia. They event had some attendees get out of their chairs and dance.

All in all, the food was good, the company was great, the speakers were fascinating, and the entertainment was enjoyable. It was all good!

Sunday's weather was a little threatening, which might have put a damper on spectators. However, the severe weather that befell Birmingham held out until the event was officially closed. Rain missed the venue all day long.

A church service on Sunday morning was sponsored by Motorsports Ministries. There was even an inflatable church where the nondenominational service was held.

Mustang Racing Technology President, Scott Hoag, orchestrated a Late Model exhibition race which was held at noon on Sunday.

One of the home run hits of the weekend was the presence of Vaughn Gittin Jr. and his drifting Ford Racing Faulken Mustang. He put on an awesome show during open track days and delighted all who were fortunate to watch him drift around the road course.

The Mustang Challenge Series race was another spectacular event. Ted Anthony Jr. scored his second win. Andrew Caddell, series leader, finished second, with a local racer, Joe Lee Middlebrooks finishing third. Lynda Randall, Mustang Series Director said, "All race weekends are good, but this one, as part of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, was something special."

One especially interesting story came from Doug Kilien of DSK Auto Products in Nebraska. Doug had his innovative Roller Hoop body rotation system on display. His nephew sent him a "Flat Stanley" which Doug brought to the show. Flat Stanley probably covered as much of the show area as most participants. Doug does not have children

of his own, and was not aware of Flat Stanley's popularity. He took photos of Flat Stanley everywhere, including with Scott Pruitt and Tommy Kendall (who also autographed Flat Stanley). I'm sure Doug would have enjoyed himself without his flat companion, however it's the little things like that, the people and the human side of this hobby, that help spark the interest of new comer and helps keep the interest alive and well in the seasoned enthusiast.

Participants and spectators had one last chance to visit the vendor area, securing parts and souvenirs from the Anniversary weekend. And all too soon, it was time to begin packing up and heading out. New friendships were made, and old friendships were renewed. Deals were made, there was lots of walking, talking, laughing, racing, cleaning cars, showing cars, some judging, tech was done on track participants, the pros took to the track on Saturday and Sunday. All in all, there were smiles and sighs all around.

Chairperson of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Steve Prewitt, deserves the best of kudos for producing a huge event in a relatively short amount of time. No one really knows all the work he put into this event other than Steve and his wife, Beverly. We all owe Steve and his group of volunteers a huge debt of thanks for a job exceedingly well done.

Thus, another anniversary event hits the record books. We all enjoyed our time at the 45<sup>th</sup> Mustang Anniversary Celebration, and the events surrounding the weekend. We will remember it fondly for years to come!

To those who attended, see you again soon. To those were not able to join us this time, we hope to see you at the 50<sup>th</sup>! Stay tuned—much discussion is ongoing as to the location, and many rumors are circulating. As of press time all that is ongoing is discussion! No decision has been made. However, as soon as a final decision is made, the date and place will be announced! **MT**





*This Shelby's owner bought it from Hertz and parked it after a few years of driving it. He realizes it's more valuable in its current condition than if he washed it!*



*DSK Auto Products and Auto Kraft Body & Paint owner Doug Kilien developed this Roller Hoop body rotation system. Look for more on this in an upcoming issue.*



*It was good to see Kenny Brown in the Paddock area and back in action.*



*The Johnny Player Special Roush Trans-Am Mustang was on display.*



*These adorable 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bears are sold to benefit Juvenile Diabetes. Check page 45 for more information.*



*Also on display was the Mac Tools, Stroh's Light Trans-Am Merkkur piloted by Scott Pruitt and the All Sport Trans-Am Mustang piloted by Tommy Kendall.*



*Doug Kilien (L) had Tommy Kendall (R) and Scott Pruitt sign Flat Stanley for Doug's nephew, as Paul Brown laughs in the background.*



*Steve Saleen was as popular as ever. There was quite a line to get his autograph and view his Mustangs, including the rendering of his 2010 SMS Mustang.*





One last look at Vaughn Gittin Jr. drifting his Falken Mustang around Barber Motorsports Park.



The Ford Racing Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup cars took to the track on Saturday and Sunday.



Jim Owens from Shelby Automobiles spoke at the Saturday evening banquet and showed action videos of Carroll Shelby.



The MCA Booth had a last-day rush for merchandise. Kristie, MCA's office manager was a busy gal all weekend.



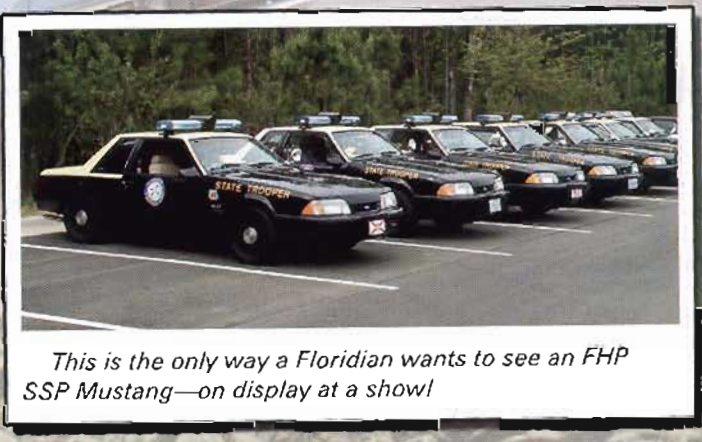
Brian Wolfe Director of Ford Racing also spoke at the Evening With Ford. His informative talk gave information about current happenings within Ford Racing.



Talented Ford Technicians worked on participants cars in the Mustang Garage in the Ford display. Many took advantage of their knowledge and expertise.



Motorsports Ministries held a non-denominational service on Sunday morning in this charming inflatable chapel.

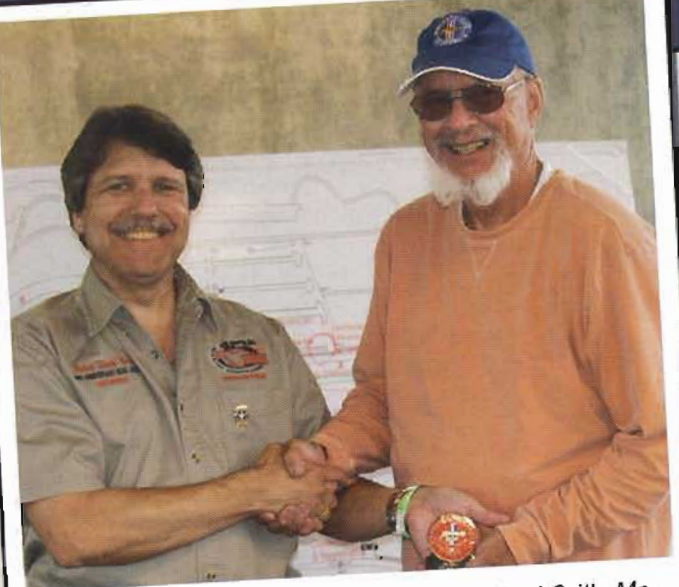


This is the only way a Floridian wants to see an FHP SSP Mustang—on display at a show!





*"Shorty" Brown awarded Jim Buehler his Red Grille Medallion.*



*"Shorty" Brown awarded Jim Esson his Red Grille Medallion.*



*"Shorty" Brown awarded Carl Hubbard his Blue Grille Medallion..*



*Ford had attendees sign these hoods. Currently, they are in the Barber Museum, although no one really knows if they are on display or not.*



*A pair of Indianapolis 500 Pace Cars, 1984 and a 1994. Quite a sight!*



*Wasn't it nice of Ford to give the MCA judges an opportunity to document the undercarriage of the 2010?*