



# THE HORSES RUN WILD IN TEXAS!



By Todd Quick • Wild Horse Mustang Club

There's nothing quite like springtime in Texas. The weather is mild, and the skies are blue. Science says blue skies are a reflection off the oceans, but in Texas during the spring it is a reflection off the bluebonnets covering the rolling hillsides across the land. It is in this pastoral setting that the Wild Horse Mustang Club made their first ride of the year to Chappell Hill, TX, to take in the annual Bluebonnet Festival. Chappell Hill is located between Houston and Austin, off Hwy 290, and holds a large arts/crafts festival that is a popular destination.

The WHMC has made this a club event for many years now. Through cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, special parking is reserved just off the downtown area in front of

the history museum for use as our Pony Corral. This year was no different, as several club members formed a caravan for the couple hour ride from Lumberton, TX, through the countryside to take in the breathtaking scenery along the way. There were plenty of opportunities to stop and take in the scenic vistas lining the route.

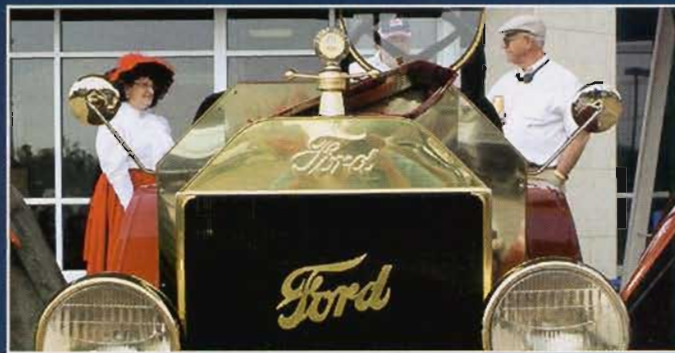
By late morning, the group arrived and made their entrance around the festival to the corral area. Once everyone was parked and had the cars arranged for display it was game-on for the ladies to make a patrol through the plethora of arts and crafts vendors staged around this picturesque Texas town. In Chappell Hill, everyone gets in on the act from the Fire Department to the Boy Scouts. Even Kinky Friedman has been known to

stroll the streets there. In addition to the wares for sale, there are plenty of good eats to be had and even some ice-cold beverages. Up and down the closed off downtown there are musicians playing to entertain the crowd and one can hear many different styles of music as you walk the grounds.

Fortunately for some, the Mustang designers crafted a small trunk area, so there is a limit to the souvenirs that can come home. One way around that though is to load up the chase truck that usually accompanies the group in case there are any mechanical issues along the way. Once again this year the ride was successful in that there were bluebonnets aplenty and everyone had a great time meandering their way to and from in Mustangs from all generations.



▲ (L-R) Ron Roth, club President; John Clor, Ford Performance Group communications manager; Todd Quick, Regional Director.



▲ Pat and George Hardy with their 1915 Model T Speedster.





# SUPER SUNDAY—MUSTANG CLUB OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

By Dave Bishop  
 Photos courtesy of Dale Ann Clancy Photography

November 22, 2009, was a perfect, clear Florida day in Sarasota with temperatures reaching roughly 70 degrees. It was a beautiful day for the Mustang Club of West Central Florida's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Sunday Mustang and Ford Show. This year's show was the second in a spectacular location—Sarasota's St. Armand's Circle. The Circle provided a great showcase for 130 Mustangs and other special Ford vehicles. Just a few steps away from Gulf of Mexico beaches and coupled with upscale shopping and wonderful restaurants, St. Armand's Circle is one of the top tourist destinations in the state. 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 the Mustang that drew crowds of Mustang lovers, including international visitors, who were there to enjoy a pleasant day.

Each registrant received a goody bag and commemorative specially labeled bottle of wine. The show draws cars largely from the Tampa Bay area.

At the judges' meeting Show Chair, Duke Clancy reviewed a streamlined judging system. Groups of four judges each teamed to complete duties in record time. Show cars were parked in 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. The 2009 and 2010 Mustangs were selected by peer vote.

Several door prizes were awarded, and one lucky winner took home \$455 in cash as the 50/50 winner! The big excitement was a drawing for a "Weekend in Sarasota." The club sold several hundred \$10 tickets for a grand prize that included a two-night stay at the local Ritz Carlton; a limo ride compliments of Town and

Country Limousines to dinner at Da Ru Ma, a local gourmet Asian restaurant; and lunch at the Columbia Restaurant, a St. Armand's favorite and one of Tampa Bay's great traditions. The prize package also included two tickets to neighboring Mote Marine Institute, one of the top marine research institutes in the country.

These fundraising efforts, which were arranged by Show Chair Duke Clancy, allows the Mustang Club of West Central Florida to make donations of about \$7,000 to two of our local favorite charities—TideWell Hospice and Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Awards presentations at 3pm also held special surprises. 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*, and *Mustang Magazine* all selected "Editor's Choice" awards. Two major sponsors of our show, Sarasota Ford and St. Armand's Merchants Association, each selected a car. And Sarasota mayor, Richard Clapp, was on hand to present a "Mayor's Choice" trophy. The club also awarded the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Jerry Overholt Founders Trophy in honor of Jerry, a beloved charter member who passed away in 2006.

Our club wishes to express our appreciation to major show sponsors—National Parts Depot, Todd Johnson Homes, and Sarasota Ford who also hosts the club's monthly meetings.

Another huge "Thank You" goes out to Show Chair, Duke Clancy, and his wife, Michel. They worked tirelessly all year to create the best Super Sunday yet!

Make plans to attend our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Sunday on November 21. Look for registration forms, fun changes, and raffle information for this year's show on our website, [www.MustangClubofWestCentralFlorida.org](http://www.MustangClubofWestCentralFlorida.org).

Due to space limitations at this charming site, we can only accept 120 entries by pre-registration only, which must be received before before November 15, 2010.





# NORTHERN MUSTANG CORRAL 2010 CAR SHOW BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS



By Roger Sanzenbacher

**W**ell, what can be said? The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Northern Mustang Corral car show was certainly a success in terms of weather and turn out! There were pretty near one million cars that showed up for the show. Hmm, that sounds too high. Let's see, subtract for tax, tip, transportation, carry the three, divide by seven, take the square root ... we had 300 cars in total, and that was about 25 more than we had last year. Each year we have a larger attendance, maybe one of these years it might level off. Time will tell.

The weather was great as usual, not a hint of rain. It was slightly warmer than last year, but certainly comfortable at 85 degrees. Picturesque Perry Farm Park in Bourbonnais, IL, makes even the hottest days cooler with the grass and the trees. The weather is certainly a factor regarding the number of cars that show up. We have been lucky in that respect, with only one rainy day in the past 20 years. Even then we had over 100 cars show up, which is certainly a testament to our show.

With regards to vendors, we unfortunately did not have JD, that's the guy with the Ford licensed merchandise tractor-trailer. It's not that he didn't want to come, he sent Belinda a message asking if he could attend our show again. Duh, yeah! During the week preceding our show he was at the famous air show in Oshkosh, WI, so by his standards he was in the area. But it was not to be.

He contacted Belinda Saturday afternoon saying he was hemmed in by three planes and they weren't moving until Sunday. Also he said something about Bill and Edsel Ford would like to meet him. Oh, well. However we did have other nice vendors. The Good Humor guy was there. Yeah! A photographer was on hand and the Angel Fancy company was there printing up car show shirts. And let's not forget the pork chop sandwich vendor, always a big hit!

We also had a place called Petals & Twigs—a craft boutique that contributes all their profits to Trinity Services which benefits individuals with mental and physical disabilities. Also noteworthy is Petals and Twigs is run by Jan Nemeth, wife of one of our newest members, Ernie Nemeth. Jan and Ernie had some delicious fudge on hand and they were telling people that the fudge had no calories, wink, wink. Speaking of worthwhile actions, this year we donated \$500 to the South Suburban Hospital Women's Health Center for Breast Cancer. Over the years, we have donated more than \$9,000 to various local charities and we plan to continue to make this gesture even in lean times.

Since our show has been growing each year we find it necessary to continuously tweak our operation. This year we made three enhancements that were probably long overdue: 1) bright orange vests for our parkers, 2) class-numbered parking signs with our logo—very sharp, and 3) collecting money at the same area that we classify and tech the incoming cars.

Late this year or early next year, we will discuss some ways to tweak how we run the 2011 show. Some suggestions have already surfaced.

Five paragraphs and I haven't said anything about the cars, so let's get on with it! Our featured car this year was the 1969-'71 Boss Mustang. Bob Perkins was kind enough to let us use a picture of three of his Boss Mustangs for the front of our car show flyer. Thanks Bob! We had three Boss Mustangs show up. We've had more featured cars before (12 Mustang IIs) and less (1 pace car). But what was interesting this year was that all three were the same—1970 302 Boss Mustangs in yellow. It looked like triplets!

A few years ago we decided to have two Best of Show awards, one for a Mustang and one for a Ford-powered vehicle. There are always several nice cars in this category. This year's winners were: Mike Einsele for Best of Show -Mustang for his 1969 Mach I 428 code R, and the Best of Show-Ford went to John Palanchar for his 1968 Ford Torino GT. Lastly, the President's Choice award went to Blair Haddle for his 1966 Mustang Coupe. It was a great day for the cars from the '60s!

Ninety-six other trophies were awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Class Winner. It's always nice to receive a trophy, but it looked like all the participants were enjoying themselves whether or not they received any hardware. So many cars and people to talk to, just look at all the variations, and so many ideas that came forth. We continue to notice a trend in the various classes. We did have a decent turn out for the 1<sup>st</sup> generation Mustangs, but the growing classes and larger numbers were in the "late" models from the New Edge to '05-'09, and in the modified classes. Oddly (maybe not) there weren't any 2010 models. We did have a 2011 that came to the show, and the owner was proud as punch.

Our fabulous volunteers, as usual, did an excellent job. Thanks go to all, you know who you are. But our biggest thank you, as always, goes to our car show participants for without them there we be no show!

So until next year, happy trails to you.