



CENTRAL ILLINOIS MUSTANGERS

By Chuck Brenner

The Central Illinois Mustangers recently held our 32nd Annual Mustang and All Ford Show at Crossroads Ford in Springfield, Illinois. We hosted a great hospitality party on Saturday evening, August 21, at the Northfield Inn Party Room. We enjoyed plenty of great food, shoptalk, fun, jokes, and Mustang camaraderie throughout the night. Registration for the show opened Sunday morning August 22nd promptly at 8am and the cars began flowing in. It was a beautiful, sunny day with zero chance of rain. By 11am we had 115 cars registered and parked with judging sheets ready to go. Numbers were down a little this year due to a nearby Ford Motorsports dealer holding a show the same day. Hopefully we can rectify that for next year. Mustangs of all vintages were entered into our show, from 1964 1/2 to 2011—including a 2010 SuperSnake, 1968 Shelby GT500KR, and a jumbo Ford F650 pickup.

Tim Wilkerson, well known, top-rated Funny Car driver and Central Illinois Mustang, was in attendance for the entire show, signing anything and everything for spectators. We also had the prototype for the first "production" electric car that can get 100-plus MPG.

At 3pm, the Awards ceremony began. The Hard Luck award was presented to a young lady whose father called her quite early on Sunday morning and asked her to bring one of his Fords to the show. Apparently, this was after she enjoyed a VERY hard night of partying!

The Club Participation award went to a newly chartered MCA club, the Mustang Club of Saint Louis. Their members brought 10 cars to the show!

The Long Distance award went to Jack and Grace Bosic who came all the way from Shawnee, Kansas.

It was a great day that everyone seemed to enjoy. The Central Illinois Mustangers wish to thank all of the attendees for making the show a success.

See you all next year!

