



MUSTANG CLUB OF TAMPA



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On Saturday, October 24, 2009, the Mustang Club of Tampa (MCT) hosted its 28th annual Mustang, Shelby, and Ford Roundup. The event was held at the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) and was sponsored by Bill Currie Ford-Lincoln-Mercury and the Museum of Science and Industry.

There were 240 participants registered. Vehicles in attendance ranged from 1964 1/2 through 2010 models. We had cars ranging from concours restorations through wildly modified. Club president, Mark Morley, displayed his totally original 1966 convertible, while member Rusty Gillis had his 1969 factory race car at the event. Rusty has owned this car since 1970. Another member, Ralph Watson, showed his Concours Restored '66 coupe that he bought new in 1966. Other cars included 13 Shelby's and 11 SVT Cobras. A nice selection of vendors was also on hand.

Weather was great, with temperatures in the mid 80s and sunny skies. This was a nice improvement over the previous year, when we had rain early in the day.

Each registrant received two tickets to MOSI. These were used by many participants throughout the day, including kids, grandkids, and folks just wanting to get out of the heat.

Thanks to the 40-plus Mustang Club of Tampa members that worked the show, as well brought their cars out. Some of these vehicles are only seen at this show. Once again, this event was well organized and well run. The large number of pre-registered vehicles makes day-of-show registration a breeze. Our club was involved in three shows within three weeks, with the MOSI show being in the middle. We are truly grateful to all members for their help at each of these three events.

A portion of the show proceeds was donated to MOSI's "Kids in Charge" educational programs. The Mustang Club of Tampa has purchased a hands-on display for this portion of the museum.

We also made a donation to the "Mason Dixon Christmas Wish Fund." Mason Dixon is a local radio personality. He has an annual Christmas project to provide financial assistance to needy families over the holidays. The Mustang Club of Tampa hosted a large show (400-plus cars) for this project the week after the MOSI show.

Thanks again to Bill Currie Ford-Lincoln-Mercury and the Museum of Science and Industry for making this event possible.





CAPITOL CITY FORD & MUSTANG CLUB



By Mary Jean Wesche

In the summer of 2009, I spent an enjoyable weekend in Weeping Water, Nebraska, at the home of Marty and Tari Rupp. On Sunday, Marty and Tari had an “impromptu” Capitol City Ford & Mustang Club show.

Based in nearby Lincoln, club members came to the Rupp’s home for an afternoon of fellowship, good barbecue, and Mustang talk.

Holding true to my belief that Mustang people will find any excuse to have a “show,” and to drive their Mustangs, several members came out, bringing some of the most beautiful Mustangs I’ve ever seen.

While you can’t say this was a “regular” Mustang show—no judging, no trophies, no tech—just fun, it was nonetheless, one of the most fun weekends I’ve spent with some of the most wonderful Mustang people I’ve met.

We had a good afternoon talking cars, figuring out how to park them on the side lawn of the Rupp household, and tak-

ing pictures of everything Mustang. We even attempted to take photos from the upstairs windows, and thought about climbing on the roof—we were just not brave enough.

The members that gathered asked many questions about the MCA, about Board of Director’s meetings, about hosting a National Show (which I think would be a fantastic idea), about membership options and benefits, and about *Mustang Times*. I would have loved to be in Nebraska when Capitol City hosted their Regional Show, but that was just not to be.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank Marty and Tari, Marty’s parents, the Rupp children, and the members of the Capitol City Ford & Mustang Club for their awesome hospitality.

We did manage several photo shoots that day, so look for their Mustangs to be featured in upcoming issues.

Send images and a brief write up of your event, and you will also be featured in *Mustang Times*. Just be patient, as you can tell, from photo shoot to print does take time.





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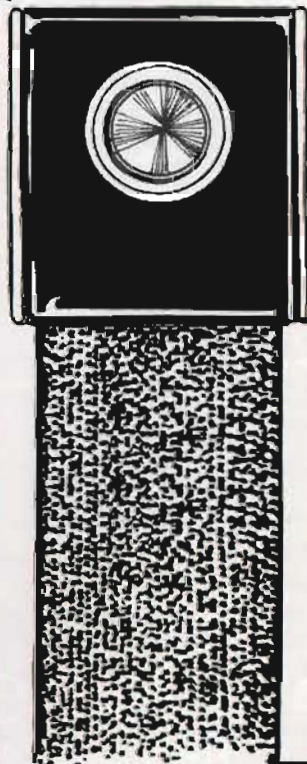
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