



## SEPTEMBER IN THE PARK 2009 DERBY CITY MUSTANG CLUB



*Dedicated to Frank Burnett*

By Joe Schreiner

Every September, the Derby City Mustang Club hosts their annual September in the Park weekend show. In 2009, it was dubbed Monster Bash, and that was also the theme for our Bash/Saturday evening event. The 2009 September in the Park was dedicated to Frank Burnett.

Trail Boss Ed Hovan planned and organized the event's Pony Trail. His objective was to offer a driving experience for participants. At 10am on Friday morning, we gathered at General Butler State Park to cruise the back roads around Carrollton to Bluegrass Motorsports Park for laps on the track. Although the track was still under some construction, and in spite of some unavailable creature comforts, attendees were offered a one-hour experience on the track. Some individuals actually put their cars to the test. The track was freshly paved and the road course layout challenged even the most experienced driver.

After several laps, Ed led the group to the Elk Creek Winery for a tour of the winery and a barbeque lunch. Over lunch we discussed how much fun the open track experience provided.

After a relaxing lunch and some good fellowship, our caravan of Mustangs headed back to General Butler Park to rest up and clean our cars for Saturday's Show.

With bright sunshine and moderate temperatures, the 2009 show was a smashing hit. On display were Mustangs, Cobras, as well as Focus and Vintage Fords. Participants ranged in age from 16 to 80, all proud to display their cars.

The fun wasn't limited to the adults. Children enjoyed train rides, miniature golf, and snow cones. The adults played a Corn Hole Tournament, and participated in a Scavenger Hunt and a Silent Auction. Our club prides itself on keeping a family theme at our show, which is the reason many families circle the show date on their calendar and plan to return each year for a fun-packed weekend.

The banquet was planned by Charlie and Marilyn Cheney. They pulled out all the stops to present one of the best banquets we've held. With assistance from Caulfield's Novelty, their decorations helped provide a frightening atmosphere to party in, however not overly frightening because everyone in attendance had fun.

The food was good and plentiful, and the dinner was topped off with a Monster cake for dessert. The DJ played great music and entertained us with his Elvis impersonation that swept some of the women off their feet.



As you can see, this is truly a family event, and all who joined us had a great evening. We're anxious to find out how Charlie and Marilyn will top the 2009 event.

The theme for 2010 is "The Groovy '70s." Everyone is encouraged to attend the Saturday evening bash in 1970s attire. Awards will be given out for the best costume!

If you missed the 2009 show, we invite you to join us the weekend of September 10 - 12, 2010, for Derby City Mustang Club's September in the Park at General Butler State Park.

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