

## GREATER PITTSBURGH MUSTANG CLUB



By Ed Saitz

**T**he Greater Pittsburgh Mustang Club (GPMC) entered seven members' cars for judging at the MCA Grand National Show at the Regency Furniture (baseball) Stadium in Waldorf, MD. GPMC hit a grand slam and a triple at this event—seven "runs" in all. First place awards were received by three members; second place by three, and third place by one. In addition, GPMC received its fifth (in a row) MCA President's Award. We are thrilled with the awards won by our club at this event. A picture of the seven cars and their owners is shown above.



The GPMC was established in 1976 and currently has more than 70 members. We held our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual All Ford-Powered car show this past June. This event attracted over 110 vehicles from the tri-state area. Each year, we select a charity to receive some of the profits. This year we are providing funds to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America to help fund scholarships to send children to Camp Oasis. This summer camp is a co-ed residential program that's mission is to enrich the lives of children with Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis by providing a safe and supportive camp community. One camper wrote: "Camp Oasis means so much. Everyone is the same and everyone has to take medicine. When someone says they know what you are going through, they really do. Even



though everyone is taking medicine and stuff, camp in a way lets us forget about our disease."

Over the past 13 years, we have contributed more than \$16,000 to various charities, including American Heart Association, American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society, Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, Center for Organ Recovery and Education, and a few others.

Additional club activities include a summer picnic, a Fall Foliage caravan through western Pennsylvania, and a Holiday Party in December. We also sponsor car cruises at the local Kings Family Restaurant during the summer. Every four years, we host a three-day Can-Am get together, which includes

other Mustang clubs from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Canada. Activities include car cruises, banquets, and trips to local attractions. This year, the group took a tour on the Gateway Clipper which cruised on the Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio Rivers.

In July, the club sponsors a membership booth at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix that is held at Schenley Park. We also park cars for the many participants who arrive. To the best of our knowledge, this is the only Vintage Grand Prix that is run on local streets. Proceeds from this event benefit the Autism Society of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley School.

Addition information about our club can be found at: [www.gpmc.org](http://www.gpmc.org).



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