

Drive It To Dearborn 1981

"Drive it to Dearborn 1981" was a fantastic Mustang Round-up held Saturday, July 25, 1981, sponsored by the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan. The Mustang show was presented in conjunction with the Ford-Mercury Restorers Club's All Ford Car Show, "Dearborn '81" held Sunday, July 26th, and a huge flea market held both Saturday and Sunday at Ford Field in Dearborn. This is, without question, one of the largest and best annual Ford car shows and flea markets in this part of the country.

By late Friday afternoon, activity picked up in the flea market area. While vendors attempted to set up for the next day's business, early arrivals tried to find those choice bargains. There was brisk "horse" trading going on right up until nightfall.

Saturday was a perfect Michigan summer day for a throughbred horse show. With 149 Mustangs registered, 142 spirited Mustangs of every year and description were corralled into one location, where car show participant judging took place.

A Restored 1965 Mustang Convertible for \$57777?

Just complete the following statement in 25 words or less, "I want a '65 Mustang Convertible because" The winner will be announced on January 2, 1982 and the contest closes December 20, 1981. We will accept no more than 1,500 entries and no less than 700. If less than 700, we will refund all entries. Entries will be judged on skill and originality by an independent company. The winner will be responsible for transporting the car. Send \$5 entry fee with your name, address, phone number, and completed statement to: Exact Marketing, Inc., P. O. Box 6909, Marietta, Georgia 30065. Void where prohibited! For a description of the car call (404) 971-4884.

Show winners were:

1965-66 coupe and fastback

- 1st — Joe Errante, Dearborn, Michigan
- 2nd — George Schumaker, Dearborn, Michigan

1965-66 convertible

- 1st — Jerry Jablonski, W. Bloomfield, Michigan
- 2nd — John D. Hill, Plymouth, Michigan

1967-68 coupe and fastback

- 1st — Joe St. Pierre, Westland, Michigan
- 2nd — Patt Sue Szyslowski, Grand Rapids, Michigan

1967-68 convertible

- 1st — Ernie Ozanich, Northville, Ohio
- 2nd — Thomas S. Stevens, Dearborn, Michigan

1969-70 coupe and fastback

- 1st — Gary Zukoff, Southfield, Michigan
- 2nd — Walt Beati, Southfield, Michigan

1969-70 convertible

- 1st — Terry Webb, Westland, Michigan
- 2nd — Carron Meldrum, Detroit, Michigan

1971-73 coupes and fastback

- 1st — Brent M. Dix, Dearborn, Michigan
- 2nd — Phil Jacobs, Berkley, Michigan

1971-73 convertible

- 1st — Bruce Baustert, Dearborn, Michigan
- 2nd — Ron Wahl, Grosse Ile, Michigan

Bosses

- 1st — Mark Cican, Howell, Michigan
- 2nd — Ted George, Rochester, Michigan

1965-66 Shelby

- 1st — Lee Swonder, Dearborn, Michigan
- 2nd — Gregg Burgy, Kent, Ohio

1967-68 Shelby

- 1st — Gary Brudna, Garden City, Michigan
- 2nd — Lowell D. Moyer, Bellevue, Ohio

1969-70 Shelby

- 1st — Ken Mack, Ypsilanti, Michigan
- 2nd — Joe St. Pierre, Westland, Michigan

Besides 142 Mustangs of the 1964½ through 1973 vintage, there was also a large display area for special interest

Fords such as a 1977 King Cobra, a Pantera, and a Mustang race car, courtesy of the Ford Motor Company Motorsports stable. There were also three Mustang pedal cars (ponies) on display, one restored to 100 point condition.

Once again on Saturday, the flea market activity was very brisk. Mustang parts were plentiful, new or used. You could find just about anything you needed from a new model T hub cap to used Boss 302 parts.

Sunday really started late Saturday night in the form of rain. Not only did it rain, it poured just like at Hershey, Pennsylvania! By 9 o'clock Sunday morning, when the rain finally stopped for awhile, the flea market roads were well-chewed lanes of mud. Needless to say business was down considerably, but everyone made the best of it.

The Sunday All Ford Car Show started on schedule in spite of occasional showers throughout the day. The car show field was in super condition (no mud) considering all the rain we had, with only a few minor parking revisions due to standing water.

There were classes for every type Ford powered vehicle, Model Ts, Model As, 1932 thru 1948 V-8s, Fords of the fifties, sixties, and seventies, which also included classes for Mustangs and Shelbys. There were even classes for commercial vehicles and street rods. The only requirement being that all vehicles must be Ford powered.

Mustangs and Shelbys were eligible to enter both the Saturday and Sunday shows.

In spite of the rain on Sunday, a great Ford weekend was had by nearly everyone, especially if one owned a Mustang.

Now we are looking forward to next year and "Drive it to Dearborn 1982."

Don Gillespie, president
Jim Gillespie, show chairman