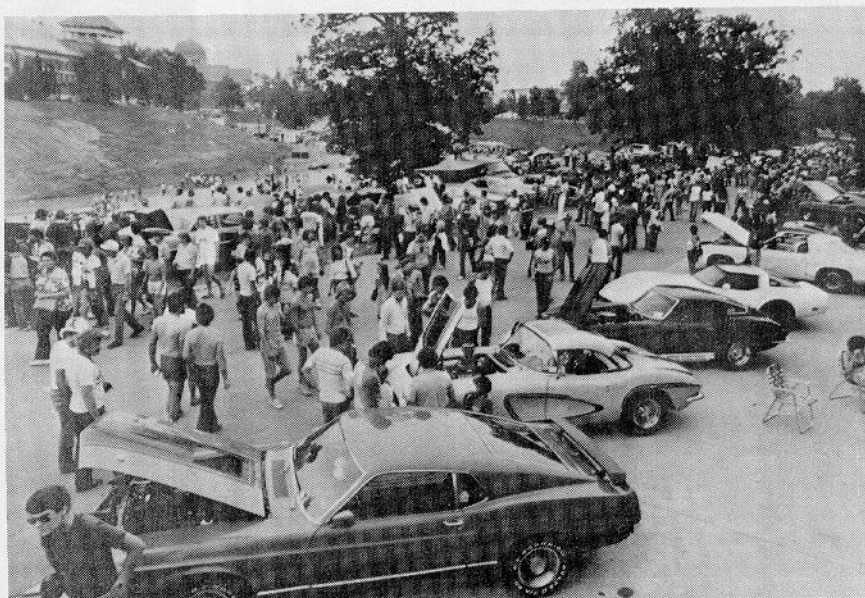


75,000 Attend Car Craft Event

Street machine history was rewritten June 25-27 in Springfield, Illinois, where nearly 75,000 automotive enthusiasts checked into the largest event of its kind in the world: CAR CRAFT Magazine's Sixth Annual Street Machine Nationals.

Five thousand 1949-and-newer vehicles were pre-entered from as far away as California. Rewards for lucky participants ranged from massive peer approval to \$56,000 in trophies, merchandise awards and give-away prizes, including a customized 1982 Camaro Z28 valued at \$22,000.

More than 100 sponsoring companies participated in the Illinois State Fairgrounds festivities. Various participant judging contests and luck-of-the-draw prize give-aways were sponsored.



Car Craft's 1982 Springfield Street Machine Nationals.

Action, Fun Spark Omaha Car Show

The Mustang Car Club of Omaha held its 3rd Annual Car Show in Blair, Nebraska, June 18-20, in conjunction with the Blair Farm-a-Rama. After two years of success with one day car shows, the Mustang Car Club of Omaha members decided to try their luck with a weekend extravaganza.

A first time treat for this part of the U.S. was the appearance of the Ford Motor Sports Caravan. The display included a McLaren Mustang, Rutherford's Indy car, a Mustang GT Enduro car, Glidden's EXP Pro 2 replica, and a Cosworth Capri. The display was on exhibition throughout the weekend and was a real crowd pleaser!

Saturday morning dawned sunny and warm, another unusual phenomenon for the midwest in 1982! More than 100 Mustang owners took advantage of the picture perfect weather and entered their cars in the judged show. This event took place at the Blair airport, providing a beautiful setting for the show. Each car was judged by a team of three judges comprised of members of the Mustang Car Club of Omaha, the Central Iowa Mustang Club, and the Mid-

Missouri Mustangers. Best of Show was awarded to Ken Pauley of Kansas City, Missouri for his beautiful 1970 Boss 302.

Saturday evening's banquet was followed by the awarding of numerous door prizes and trophies. Speakers of the evening were Bob Woodhouse of Woodhouse Ford who spoke about Ford in 1983 and Bob Ridder, General Manager of Motor Sports Journal, who spoke of motor sports in the Omaha area. Topping off the evening was the viewing of a full length feature film about a Mustang.

The weather again cooperated Sunday allowing everyone to enjoy the fun filled finale. Slalom racing was held at the Blair Plaza. Bob Woodhouse in his 1972 Pantera turned the fast time of the day despite the fact that he was operating the throttle by hand, having broken the throttle during his first run.

The Popular Vote car show included classes for all years and styles of Mustangs, Bosses, Shelys, Panteras, T Birds, Cougars, and special interest Fords of all types. Thanks to the Blair Arrows, the vendors utilized a large

airplane hanger as swap space. The show participants chose a 1968 Shelby GT 350 owned by Vince and Deb Jauron from Harlan, Iowa as Best Original. Chosen for Best of show was a 1969 Mach I owned by Larry and Dianne Everhart from Merville, Iowa. Other special awards were given to the Blair Chamber of Commerce and to the area Ford Clubs who participated and helped with the event.

Also available to the participants throughout the weekend were Blair Farm-a-Rama events including pancake breakfasts, Ultralight plane shows, helicopter rides, a street dance and a chance to show off their cars in a large parade. All styles and years of Mustangs were well represented in the parade.

More than 200 cars were entered in the weekend's festivities and more than 3,000 spectators viewed the cars. From every aspect, the Third Annual Mustang Car Club of Omaha Show was a success. Try not to miss next year's fourth annual meet that promises to be the biggest and best ever!

Debra Jauron