

REGIONAL GROUP NEWS

Georgia Regional Hosts Wade Ford Show

The Georgia Regional Group played host to seventy-four Mustangs from all across Georgia and the Southeast at the Fourth Annual Wade Ford Mustang Round-Up.

With the local Mustang suppliers' wares on display, eighteen Mustangs in the Pony Corral, and the hot new '84 Mustangs in the showroom, the hundreds of visitors to the two day show were well entertained. The local High School Booster Club took care of the refreshments.

September 23 and 24 were unseasonably cold, but it didn't seem to lessen anyone's enthusiasm as they readied their Mustangs for Sunday's popular choice vote.

First, second, and third place trophies were awarded in each of the thirteen classes on Sunday afternoon. These trophies were furnished by Wade Ford, with a Best of Show trophy furnished by the Mustang Club of America.

This show is growing yearly, and will soon be one of the biggest and best in the Southeast.

Thanks to everyone for bringing their Mustangs out, and to all the visitors who came by to get a glimpse of what Mustanging is all about. And a special thanks to Wade Ford for their support. Eighteen years of service after the sale!



65 Coupe

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- 2nd — Ed Hunter
- 3rd — Jackie Mills

65 Convertible

- 1st — Tracy Harrell
- 2nd — Louise Hicks
- 3rd — David Hicks

65 Fastback

- 1st — Gary Goddard
- 2nd — Pierre McNeil
- 3rd — Glenn Bolton

66 Coupe

- 1st — Alan Hardy
- 2nd — Skip McCook
- 3rd — Earl Styles

66 Convertible

- 1st — Shirl Mills
- 2nd — Jane Singleton
- 3rd — Steve Trettin

66 Fastback

- 1st — Frankie Landers
- 2nd — Ed Hunter
- 3rd — Gary Hartter

67-68 Convertible

- 1st — Gary Hartter
- 2nd — Mary Parks
- 3rd — Frankie Landers

67-68 Coupe/Fastback

- 1st — Beverly Williams
- 2nd — Donald Chandler
- 3rd — Charles Willix

69-73 Convertible

- 1st — Larry Shirah

69-73 Coupe/Fastback

- 1st — Jimmy Hall
- 2nd — John Rodgers
- 3rd — Tracey Riley

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- 2nd — Robert Howard
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Best of Show

- Donald Holbrook

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Model City Mustang Club

Our Club has been very active in all the 1983 shows, and being recognized as having group coordination. Our last show was the 5th Annual Mustang Roundup, sponsored by the North Alabama Mustang Club at Point Mallard Park on August 28, 1983 in Decatur, Alabama.

On Sunday, September 25, the Model City Mustang Club had a picnic for club members and their families at Mount Cheaha. Fun was enjoyed by all, and we were blessed with beautiful weather and good food.

The Model City Mustang Club was formed August 30, 1982 and to date we now have 25 members, and are still growing.

We are now beginning to lay out our 1984 calendar of events, and it looks like we're going to have a busy 1984.

We really appreciate the support we get from Regional and all concerned. We all look forward to seeing our fellow Mustangers soon.

David M. Spellman
President

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

In place of its regular meeting, the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club held a rally on September 18 beginning at the Edgewater Mall and ending (finally) at the Western Sizzlin in Biloxi.

A great time was had by all and contrary to rumors, Chuck and I did not get a divorce over my navigational skills! We were proud to have members of the Trans-Am Club, the Corvette Club, and the Camaro Club join us in this rally.

Winning first place was the super-duo from our club, Mike Fitzpatrick and George McGee. I do not have the names of those who came in second and third, but will publish them in the next newsletter. Ray Parrish and family came in last, and I know will treasure their unique trophy.

A big thanks to Bill and Billy Sowell, Steve Burns and all others who set up this rally. You did a great job.

Laura Carter
Secretary

First Tennessee Regional Group

The September meeting was called to order by President Bill Henderson. We discussed our Christmas banquet. It was decided that we have our banquet at the Center Street Bonanza, with each member or guest paying for their own food. Jerry Smith has arranged a special discount on rib-eye steaks, and our dessert and drink will be free. The banquet date is Saturday, December 17 at 7 o'clock. All members planning to attend should contact either Ann Smith (615) 349-6238, or Penny Hood (615) 349-4994, and specify how many persons will be in their party.

The 1984 Grand National Show was discussed. The car committee (Gary Childress, Max Epps, R. B. Heck, and Don Wolfe) will travel to Carlisle, PA, to search for a car to be given away at the show. The Board of Directors have voted to secure a loan of \$4000 from the United Security Bank of Mount Carmel, in order to purchase a car if one is found.

Penny E. Hood
Secretary

First Pennsylvania Mustang Club

We MCA members up north have had one of the hottest summers on record. August was no exception as many car shows were brutally hot.

However, we had a bright spot on the day of our car show, when temperatures eased up a bit on that one day.

Coopersburg '83 was an antique and classic car show. We were host to 386 of the finest cars in the area. The cars came from the surrounding states of NJ, MD, NY and one from FL.

A very encouraging sign is that among the 138 Mustangs registered, a majority of the cars were new to the car show circuit. It is always nice to see people who love their Mustangs.

A road rally is planned for September and hopefully most people will drive their Mustangs and not get lost.

Congratulations to our two members who won at the Grand National, Natalie Gomez of Exton, PA in her 1973 convertible and Herb Brown of East Texas, PA in his 1965 convertible.

On Sept. 25th, instead of a regular meeting, First PA held its first road rally.

Twenty-two Mustang enthusiasts entered the rally in an attempt to reach the final secret destination.

The rally consisted of a list of 20 questions, list of directions and a panic envelope, just in case. The question that caused most of the confusion was, "How many people are dead in the Springfield Mennonite Cemetery?" Now we hear that some people were actually counting, but the correct answer was, "All." The directions were sometimes written backwards or scrambled, but all in all were easy to follow.

Everyone made it in one piece to our final destination of Tohickon Park and those that scored closest to the 200 possible points, won trophies.

Congratulations to Charlie & Marie Bond — 1st, Cliff & Barbara Zimmerman — 2nd and Greg and Kathy Mahan — 3rd. Everyone enjoyed their day in spite of any minor disagreements with their spouses.

We are lucky to have had a committee that worked under the leadership of our Program Director, Tony Kulikowski and gave the club an event that will be hashed over for some time.

Linda Bowes
Secretary



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First State Mustang Club of Delaware

On September 11, nine members of the First State Mustang Club of Delaware traveled to the Millville Airport for the South Jersey's Car Show and Swap Meet. We found the show enjoyable, even though it was the hottest Sunday in the whole year!

We would like to congratulate the South Jersey Regional Group on a very well done show. We also would like to thank Bob Gelsi from Gelsi's Mustang World for inviting our club back to his house for a terrific cookout. We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously.

We also would like to congratulate Bob on the 64½ convertible which he restored and won first place at the show.

Three Rivers Regional Group

In August our Club met with the Northeastern Ohio Region and Shelby Club of Pittsburgh for a picnic at Moriane State Park in Pennsylvania. Thirty-five Mustangs turned out for the event with over one hundred loyal Mustangers in attendance. Organized by our own Bill and Doris Keefe, it was a great event enjoyed by all. Unfortunately the rain that afternoon cut too short.

Donna Penkova
Secretary-Treasurer

Rio Grande Regional

Friday, September 2 dawned in Albuquerque in the midst of a heat wave with record high temperatures, but it also marked the beginning of the ninth month in the life of the Rio Grande Mustang Club and their first show — The Rio Grande Regional '83, "The Premier Mustang Show in the Southwest." Towards evening, as the 98° air began to cool, Karl Roepke and his committee had the hospitality room in the Classic Hotel operational and some of the first contingent of registrants and cars began to arrive. Carol Anderson, Susie Hanna, Janice Short, Jim Hanna and Wally Short were kept industriously busy at T-shirt sales, registration, raffle tickets and dispensing free iced beverages. Bob Kuning was checking the roster of volunteer on-site security guards for the show area operating out of the camper provided by Gary Spear.

Registration and sales continued through Saturday morning as the temperature again soared past 95°. Excitement and anticipation also mounted as Todd Little from the Green Country Mustang Club in Oklahoma trailered his '66 GT Coupe into the show area; also arriving were a superb '65 unrestored convertible belonging to Carl Heberling and a neat unrestored '72 owned by Mitsey Feeney. Frank and Corky Reynolds from the North Texas Mustang Club in Dallas honored us with their presence as did Frank and Barbara Smith of the San Antonio Mustang Club.

The Rio Grande Regional '83 was off and running. Fortunately, the humidity was a low 15 percent in contrast to the 99° heat as the judges took their post positions for their unenviable tasks. Mel Little was heard to comment that the macadam surface was hot enough to cook Huevos Rancheros as he scampered under the street class cars to inspect undercarriages. Judges in the street class used a 100 point system of modified MCA rules while the concours class was judged in full conformance to MCA rules. The Three Stooges handling the modified and the special interest classes also conformed to MCA rules. By evening all but the concours class cars were completed and the hospitality room was opened for Mustangers Roundup. It was not surprising to see so many Mustangers looking as though they had just finished a two-mile steeplechase run as the local news announced another record temperature for Albuquerque on a September 3rd. Not a paleface could be found in the crowd of sun-reddened faces.

On Sunday the concours class was finished and everyone settled down to socialize with one another and to prepare their People's Choice ballots. Under the guidance of Cindy Miller the T-shirt sales picked up with the junior members in the club doing the promotion; Liz Anderson, Greg Anderson, and Trae Wood. Quite often, however, Liz and Todd Little patronized the ice cream shop across the street. All through the day as well as Saturday, Vince Guillen provided a sound truck with nostalgic music of the early Mustang era. Just before the beginning of the banquet, some negotiations were finalized which would lead to the departure of a '66 GT fastback from Albuquerque to its new home in Oklahoma.

The moment arrived for the Awards Banquet as the contestants filed into the Wurlitzer Room for a buffet of Mexican cuisine. Master of Ceremonies, Jim Leffingwell, began the drawings for door prizes. It was soon noticed that some ironic nepotism was happening as Mel and Todd Little drew 3 wins in succession on their 3 tickets as did Jim Baxter by the same

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number and also in succession. Elmo Wood's grandson, Douglas Toya, won a Motorcraft oil change pack which might precipitate Elmo's getting around to dragging one of his 100 or so Mustangs out of the barn for this fine young lad. The raffle for a professional model 2-ton floor jack was won by Cindy Miller (Dad can sure use it anyway) and Mike Armijc won the complete paint job grand prize. Carol Anderson came up with a surprise gift for a club president who "has everything" — Autolite underwear shorts with a club patch!

The awards presentations were conducted with proper dignity by Karl Roepke and Jim Hanna making the Rio Grande Regional '83 history. The trophy provided to the Rio Grande Regional '83 by the Mustang Club of America was awarded to the best unrestored Mustang, and the North Texas Mustang Club awarded a set of Pony key blanks to the '65-'66 winners. Within minutes of concluding the award presentations, tasks for after-action reports were issued and plans for the Rio Grande Regional '84 were underway. The most successful accomplishment in this first show by the Rio Grande Mustang Club was its fine execution within a self-supporting budget. As an annual event the club is dedicated to successive improvement and to the potential of a bid for a National Show as early as 1985. The Rio Grande Mustang Club extends their sincere gratitude to all participants and encourages your future participation.

Bob Miller
President

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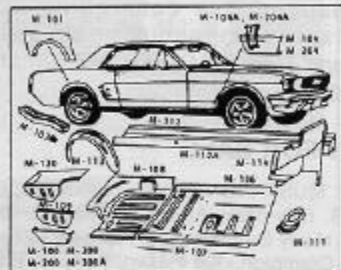


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