

CENTRAL VIRGINIA MUSTANG CLUB

by Tina Fritz

The weather for the First Annual Spring Rally, Sunday, May 12, was interestingly bright and sunny until 11:00. Clouds started rolling in with a few drops of rain on and off throughout the afternoon. The turnout was a bit light with 10 cars off the starting line. The course was 102 miles in length. The running time was 3 hours with 110 gimmick questions and 60 directional instructions. We started out at Southside Plaza, traveled the scenic Virginia countryside and ended at Azalea Mall's Godfather's Pizza. Ask any participant, everyone had a good time. The results were compiled by computer and the results are as follows:

"THE WINNERS" were Pat and Judy Clayton; Second place to Bill and William Jarvis; and Third place to Mike Gentzel and Linda Cunningham.

We had a great time at the picnic on Sunday, June 30th. The Overhill Lake location was old but usable with a really great looking swimming pool. The weather was a little overcast and we had a few sprinkles, but not enough to dampen the good time. Chef Kenny (Fisher) turned out hamburgers for his family as did Chef Kent (Calaham). The judges are still out on who is the horseshoe pitching champion of the whole world. At last count, fifteen Mustangs (and one Oldsmobile) turned out in a variety of colors and model years. The last participants were seen going over-the-hill some time after 8:30. Everyone enjoyed this first social club event. A second picnic is in the works.



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EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL GROUP

by James Southerland

The Eastern North Carolina Regional Group, MCA held its 5th Annual Pony Roundup and Parts Corral on June 7-8, 1985 at the Raleigh Marriott Hotel. Club President Richard Pittman was assisted by an able and experienced staff of show officials including several judges from out-of-town clubs. This is the ENCRG's major annual event and as usual culminated with an awards banquet, which was well attended and was highlighted by awarding of the trophies and viewing of slides in the background from the days show events as well as those from past years.

Vendors vended; showers showed; car sellers hawked and sold; door prizes were awarded; Spalding gave away a set of golf clubs to the person who guessed that there were 8400 golf balls in National director Ray Whitley's Mustang; a TV set was raffled; pictures were taken; lots of "horse talk" took place; the hospitality suite dispensed hospitality and a good time was had by all.

Best of Show was awarded to Barry Phillips' blue '65 convertible for the second consecutive year. Barry and his family certainly have justification for being proud of the car and their work in helping to organize an active club of their own in the Murfreesboro, NC area. Congratulations again, Phillips' family.

A full line of trophies were awarded to an excellent string of magnificent Ponies. The club thanks the many participants, the helpful Raleigh Marriott staff and all the persons who put in the many hours necessary to make this event the annual success it always is.

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OLD FORT MUSTANGERS

by Biff Hitzeman

It was already muggy as I turned the cargo van into Zoller Stadium at 6:00 a.m. Already there were cars waiting to be registered. Our president, past-president and families were already hard at work. Several club teams were busy lining up rows of cars, setting up the tent for MADD, the registration/headquarters booth, and the Old Fort Mustangers banner. It was now hot and the line of cars continued to pour in, 30, then 50, and soon we passed 70. Jim Champion breathed a sigh of relief, we could break even. What a show, almost 100 cars. Fantastic! But what a day, a constant flow of things to be done.

As the day began wind down, some of our mistakes were obvious. Like leaving Bill Pogue on the gate all day and those wives manning the pay gate. As hot as it was, imagine being inside that little metal booth with very little breeze. There were more who heard the call for help and answered above and beyond the call. To them, on behalf of all, thank you very much. Yes, we made mistakes, the inconsistency of the judging was another, but as long as we learn from our mistakes, the show will be much better next year.

Some benefits from the show were ten new members

and, finally, a look at the long awaited MUSTANG book. During the day, it was interesting to watch the crowd and what seemed to catch their eyes. Yes, the Cobra was impressive, along with the Pantera. The Shelybs were in force along with the Bosses. But did you get a chance to really look over Frank Beard's 67 Mustang coupe, from Springfield, Ohio? It was the Acapulco blue which won the OFM Best of Show. This was Frank's first restoration attempt and his 2 years of hard work was well worth it. But, if I had to pick a over-all example of restoration, it would be Bergman's Boss 351. Fantastic job! I won't pick on him again — well, at least not for a while!

Many people helped to make this show the hugh success that it was. To everyone who helped a great big thanks. Listed below are those who gave above and beyond the call — to them a special thanks. Everyone who beat the bushes gathering trophy sponsors and door prizes.

Chuck Edwards for the great job with the games.

The judges for a job well done.

Those who helped count the ballots.

Chuck Ball for driving from Napoleon to help.

Donna Begley for donating the judging sheets.

Dennis Begley and Ron Miller for donating the original show flyers.

Bob Nicola and Dennis Begley for copies.

Rita Kemerly for designing the logo.

Julie Peters for the posters and art work and also for arranging for the trophies.

Dennis Begley, Biff Hitzeman and Bob Peters for pictures of the show.

The Cutlass Club for helping with the judging and for supplying the microphone.

Robbie Miller for a fantastic job as emcee.

Robbie Miller, Donna Hitzeman, Vicki Champion, Julie Peters, and Rita Kemerly for registering all those cars.

Billy Pogue and Bob Nicola for tending the gate.

Vicki Champion, Ginny Pogue and Barb Weigman for taking care of the admittance booth.

Those who got the cars all parked in their proper places without a dent.

Everyone who solicited memberships, and/or show entrants.

Thanks, too, to Jaime Edwards, Shannon Champion, Jason Hitzeman and Rene Miller who were "go-fers" most of the day. Thanks for the leg work!

A special thanks to everyone who showed up early to set up and stayed late to take down and police the area.

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CENTRAL ILLINOIS MUSTANGERS

by Cathy Scranton

The Seventh Annual Mustang Show sponsored by the Central Illinois Mustangers and Northtown Ford in Decatur, Illinois on Sunday, June 9, 1985 was a successful show. Seventy-five Mustangs were on display. Sixty-two trophies and forty-five door prizes were awarded at the show.

MICHIANA MUSTANGS

by Nancy Merrick

Six of our Mustangs met at Hardees in Elkhart for breakfast, then caravanned to Ft. Wayne. Two other club cars met us at the show. It was a warm Saturday, but we were blessed with a breeze all day. The Old Fort Mustangers are a great bunch and put on a very enjoyable show. They may raise registration fees for our club next year to help pay for all the trophies we brought home! Michiana winners were as follows:

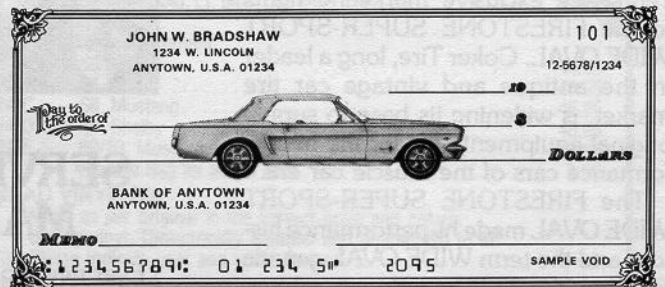
- Craig Christena - Best Performance Mustang
- Ed Mandeville - Best of Show
- Charlie Cobb - 2nd place, Shelby
- Paula Calloway - 2nd place, 65-66 Coupe
- Marie Cobb - 2nd place, 69-70 Convertible
- Paul Houseman - 2nd place, 71-73 Convertible
- Nancy Merrick - 2nd place, 74-85 Coupe

The only reason we didn't bring home eight trophies was because the eighth club member didn't have his judged.

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COPPERSTATE MUSTANG CLUB

by Julie Warrick

On May 24th and 25th, CMC helped support the Don Sanderson Ford 30th Anniversary Celebration. A selection of our club cars were displayed on the showroom "patio" and drew a lot of attention. This was one time that we could say thank you to our club sponsor and do something for them. We wish to thank the following members who took the time to clean up their cars and display them at the dealership. A special thanks to Nick Carlisi for the CMC/Don Sanderson interface and keeping a watchful eye on the cars.

Nick Carlisi, Fred & Dorothy Milici, Forrest & Delia Scarpitto, Jim & Kay Loomis, Cynthia Lewis, Kerry & Julie Warrick, John & Jean Scofield, Rob & Opal Raven, Larry & Merry Sprague, Slim Nordstrom, Dan & LeeAnn Vilcek, Dwight & Joanne Friedenstab.

Four cars from CMC were entered in the Mustang Owner's Club International Car Show in Albuquerque, NM, May 25 thru 27. A total of 62 cars from Arizona, Texas, Colorado and New Mexico were entered in the show. All of us had a good time and all CMC cars placed in the show. The following members attended:

Glen Arner, Bill Hopkins, Nick Carlisi/Marilyn Hunter, Kerry & Julie Warrick, "Hub" and Ruthann Hubler.

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