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OLD FORT MUSTANGERS

by Dennis Begley

The weatherman had called for rain August 18 and he didn't disappoint anyone. Unfortunately, about 200 people could have preferred that he had been wrong. That's how many cars were entered in the Detroit Performance Show at Zollner Stadium that day. About the time everyone had finished shining up their cars after one downpour, the sky opened up and sent down an even harder rain. It gave you a chance to find if there were any leaks, right Ron?

There were 16 Mustangs entered in this year's show, with OFM members Biff Hitzeman, Chuck Edwards, Don Bergman, Scott Weigman, Dixon Polderman, Jim Champion, Doug Smith, Steve Yanner, and Ron Miller entered. Even though the GM cars still predominated, Fords made a little better showing than last year.

Congratulations go to Chuck Edwards for winning a cash prize and 1st place trophy with his Boss 429 in the Limited Production Class, and to Steve Yanner for his 2nd place trophy with his '73 Mach I in the Modified Ford Class. Other Mustang winners were Ed Meyer, Best Intermediate-size Ford, Best Stock Ford, and OFM's Best Mustang for his trailered '69 Mach I 428 SCJ, and Micky King, Best Modified Ford, for his '70 Mach I.

A special "Thank you" goes to Dick Roberts, of Allen County Motors. He took time out to leave the show and pickup up a part at the dealership for a young man who had broken his clutch linkage. Then Chuck spent the rest of the day repairing the car so it could be driven back to Bryan, Ohio. Dick also deserves congratulations for his Best full-size Ford trophy.

Yes, once the rain stopped, it turned into a very enjoyable day. Some long time members and some newer members

became acquainted, and we also signed up a new member, Frank Forbes. Next year, it would be nice to have an even larger number of Fords in general and Mustangs in particular to let everyone know that someone besides GM can make great performance cars.

TARHEEL MUSTANG CLUB by Paul Phillips

The Tarheel Mustang Club of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, chartered in November, 1984 has a membership of thirteen. Our club has been busy all year with meetings each month and various car shows.

The latest show enjoyed by members was the Mustang Show in Raleigh with the Eastern Regional NC Group in charge held at the Marriott during June. All members that took a Mustang to that show came home with a trophy. Competition was really tough and we are really proud of our club members' cars.

We are planning a small show in Murfreesboro on September 7, 1985 and invite anyone to join us with their Mustang and just have a fun day of showing and shining and car talk. There is townwide amusement and activities planned for the entire day.

We hope to gain more members in the future so that our club can grow into a very productive one.

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MICHIANA MUSTANGS

by Nancy Merrick

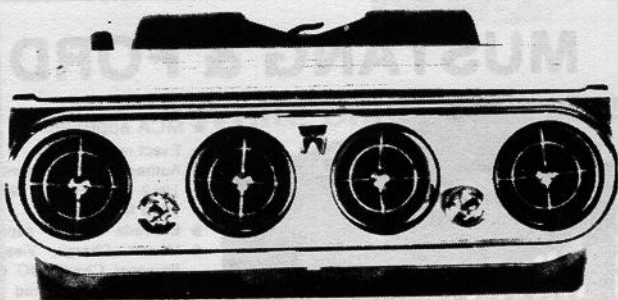
I am happy to report that our third Mustang show was almost as successful as the first one, and we had a much better turnout than the second show. There were 57 Mustangs in the show: 53 Judged, 3 Exhibit, and 1 pedal car (thank you, Bob Coulston!). List of winners is below.

Mother Nature cooperated a little better this year. It was quite warm, as seems to be standard for our show, but this year we had a breeze and cloud cover most of the day. Everyone who came appeared to enjoy themselves, whether they were in the show or just came to see the Prized Ponies.

Our members did a fine job organizing the show this year. I'm proud that we can pull together to make an event that so many other Mustangers are able to enjoy with us. I would like to thank the Mustang Club of Indianapolis, City of Firsts Mustangs, Old Fort Mustangers, and all of the other clubs for their support; we couldn't do it without you! And a special thanks to Charlie and Marie Cobb, this year's show chairmen, for putting it all together.

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3RD ANNUAL MUSTANG SHOW WINNERS

1964½-66 CLOSED

- 1st Tom Nichols, Springfield, IL
- 2nd John Newberry, Quincy, MI
- 3rd Jim Merrick, Greenwood, IN

1964½-66 OPEN

- 1st Wanda Casey, Kokomo, IN
- 2nd Ed Mandeville, LaPorte, IN
- 3rd Vince Springer, Kokomo, IN

1967-68 CLOSED

- 1st Carl Rudolph, South Bend, IN
- 2nd Dan Bohart, Indianapolis, IN
- 3rd Don Boomershine, Plymouth, IN

1967-68 OPEN

- 1st Dan King, Kokomo, IN
- 2nd Dallas Moore, Indianapolis, IN

1969-70 CLOSED

- 1st Chuck Denlinger, Greenwood, IN
- 2nd Craig Christena, Michigan City, IN
- 3rd Ed Meyers, Huntingburg, IN

1969-70 OPEN

- 1st Leroy Lasiter, Greenwood, IN
- 2nd Marie Cobb, Elkhart, IN

1971-73 CLOSED

- 1st Bob Coulston, Indianapolis, IN
- 2nd Alan Calendine, Bunker Hill, IN
- 3rd Scott Wiegman, Fort Wayne, IN

1971-73 OPEN

- 1st Ron Miller, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2nd Paul Houseman, Niles, MI

1974-78

- 1st Dave Bohart, Indianapolis, IN

1979-84

- 1st Linda Mossman, Niles, MI
- 2nd Nancy Jo Merrick, South Bend, IN
- 3rd Chris Sinclair, Delton, MI

BOSS

- 1st Don Bergman, Fort Wayne, IN
- 2nd Bob Young, Granger, IN
- 3rd Brad Sherk, Grovertown, IN

SHELBY

- 1st Charlie Cobb, Elkhart, IN

MODIFIED

- 1st Mickey King, Plymouth, IN
- 2nd Doug Smith, Wabash, IN
- 3rd Brian Roback, Kalamazoo, MI

PEDAL CAR

- 1st Bob Coulston, Indianapolis, IN

BEST OF SHOW

- Tom Nichols, Springfield, IL

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

- Craig Christena, Michigan City, IN

PONY EXPRESS MUSTANGS

by Richard Gorman

The Car Shows we had at Connor Ford in Boonville and the Energy Information Center in Rockport were a great success in spite of the rain. Thank you to the ones that participated. At Boonville, there were 16 cars and each received a dash plaque. Ed Meyers, with his '69 Mach I, received the Best of Show trophy. Thanks to Brent Alexander and Ed Posey, Co-Chairmen, for their hard work to make this show a success. We have been invited back again next year.

At the Energy Information Center, 27 cars were shown. Each received a dash plaque. Listed below are the trophy winners:

SHELBY

- 1st Steve Keusch
- 2nd Forest Basham

COUPE

- 1st Dick Linenburg
- 2nd Bryan Hirshman

BOSS

- 1st Ron Meyer
- 2nd John Neuhoff

FASTBACK

- 1st Georgia Thomas
- 2nd Brad Schnur

CONVERTIBLE

- 1st Diane Gaffney
- 2nd Nelson Fowler

MACH I

- 1st Ed Meyer
- 2nd John Neuhoff

Congratulations to all our winners.

Best of Show and People's Choice was won by John Smith, Old Tyme Auto Club, with his 1911 White.

Longest Distance Travelled was won by The Coal Country Mustang Club from Eldorado, IL. Nelson Fowler accepted for the club.

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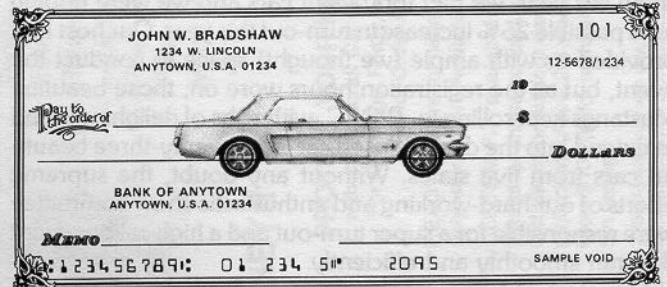
by Vivian McClain

Time again to begin marking your calendar for 1986 coming shows. It's hard to believe the '85 season is over but it sure went out in a big way — the Grand National in Atlanta was terrific and the Georgia Regional did a great job.

Here in Pensacola the Gulf Coast Club is already busy laying the groundwork for our '86 show to be held March 28 & 29. Seems such a short time ago that we hosted our '85 National. This show will be a Regional but National judging rules will apply. University Mall will again be the show site and everyone who attended our last show was enthusiastic about the area as there is so much to offer and things to do.

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University Mall Holiday Inn (Vista Host) has completed a beautiful new motel, adjacent to Holiday Inn, called the Hampton Inn and this will be show headquarters. Hampton Inn is sort of a half-sister to Holiday Inn as it is not a full service motel, meaning there is no pool, bar or restaurant. However, guests have the privilege of using all the facilities at Holiday Inn. The rate will be \$39.00 flat rate and this includes a Continental breakfast for guests. For anyone wishing to stay at Holiday Inn, the special rates there will be a flat rate of \$48.00 so there is a choice you can make. Deadline for the guaranteed reservations will be March 8, 1986 and, of course, you know to be sure to tell them you are with The Mustang Show when you make your reservations.

In case you are wondering about the dates being only Friday and Saturday, actually this is what the shows normally consist of. At our last show a family arrived from out-of-town on Saturday, took a look at the beautiful sunshine and went to the beach for the day, expecting to enjoy the show on Sunday. Needless to say, they were very unhappy and upset when they came to the show site on Sunday only to find most of the cars gone and the rest getting ready for their departure.

For those wishing to attend church on Easter Sunday, there is no problem. Per capita, I think we have more churches than most any other town, running the gamut from Southern Baptist to Greek Orthodox and all denominations in between — plus a Sunrise Service at Pensacola Beach.

All the school kids should be on spring break that weekend so give ole Dad a vacation too and y'all come.

THE FIRST STATE MUSTANG CLUB

by Dick Steininger

On a sun-drenched day, June the 23rd, The First State Mustang Club sponsored its second annual car show at Freedom Ford, Inc., in Wilmington, Delaware. At our first car show last year, we had forty-eight cars and we were hoping for a possible 25% increase in turn-out this year. Our host had provided us with ample (we thought) space to conduct the event, but as the registration hours wore on, those beautiful Mustangs kept rolling in. PANIC, with sobs of delight, we had to extend into the dealer's used car lot. Seventy-three beautiful cars from five states. Without any doubt, the supreme efforts of our hard-working and enthusiastic show committee were responsible for a super turn-out and a high caliber event that ran smoothly and efficiently.

Our Best of Show trophy was won by Kelvin Ali's 1966 Fastback with 98 out of 100 possible points under street-driven rules. A truly fantastic car. The other truly deserving winners were as follows:

1965 CLOSED

1st Jesse Mitchel, Jr.
2nd Fred Synnestvedt
3rd Tim Bottomley
Hon Mention John Corothers

1965 OPEN

1st Bob VanArsdale
2nd Jeff Schmidt
3rd Jeniene Barker
Hon Mention Jim Ashmead

1966 CLOSED

1st Kelvin Ali
2nd Rick Mitchell
3rd Carl Schueller
Hon Mention Mark Prichett

1966 OPEN

1st Dick Lynn

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1st Kelvin Ali
2nd Rick Mitchell
3rd Carl Schueller
Hon Mention Mark Prichett

1966 OPEN

1st Dick Lynn
2nd Bill Roberts
3rd Mike McGintz
Hon Mention Ray Vanderlinde

1967-68 CLOSED

1st Jo & Dave Allen
2nd M & M Rementer
3rd Harry Kidd
Hon Mention John Frenca

1967-68 OPEN

1st Natalie Gomez
2nd Dave Zimmerman
3rd M & M Rementer
Hon Mention Gabe Vattilano

1969-70 ALL

1st Diane Miclaud
2nd Station Auto Body
3rd Randy Space
Hon Mention Brian McClay

1971-73 CLOSED

1st Patrick Mormey
2nd John Lavin
3rd Troy Brenner
Hon Mention Paul Angelini

1971-73 OPEN

1st Richard Mathews
2nd Al Smith
3rd Cindy Vilone

SHELBY

1st Greg Nester
2nd Steve Trevisian
3rd Chuck Gipa
Hon Mention Dick Steininger

BOSS

1st Jim Alberts
2nd Don Berenato
3rd Ernie Cloud
Hon Mention Grady Prichett

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2nd Gerald Steele, '64 Falcon
3rd Russell Gill, Mod. '67 FB
Hon Mention Bill Prohidnez, Mod. Boss 302

