

OLD FORT MUSTANGERS

by Dennis Begley

A handful of local OFM members had enough Christmas spirit to put their 'Stangs in the annual Santa Claus Parade, November 23, 1984. Tech Editor Biff Hitzeman's wife Donna drove their very rare '67 GTA coupe. (Biff took the pictures.) Past President Chuck Edwards took out his '69 Boss 429. And Chris Begley, wife of Ponytalk Editor Dennis Begley, bravely drove their '68 Shelby Cobra GT 350. Santa and the OFM thank these winter Mustangers for participating.

The OFM Club held their annual Christmas meeting at Yoder's Restaurant, Hicksville, OH. Over 44 people attended. Great turnout for great food and fellowship.

Past President Chuck Edwards thanked the Club for all the help in making '84 a successful year for the OFM Club. Chuck then introduced the new officers for '85, who were elected at the last meeting.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MUSTANG ASSOCIATION

by Ken Strange

We are pleased to announce that the 8th Annual S.I.M.A. Mustang Round-Up Car Show and Vendor meet will be held at Robert's Ford, Alton Illinois on Saturday, July 20, 1985. (Rain date July 21st.)

This is the largest MCA sanctioned REGIONAL Event in the Midwest. Entry fee is \$8.00; Vendor space is \$15.00. Vendors from around the country attend this show. Concours judging begins at 10:00 a.m. Classes include all stock Mustangs we well as Shelybs, Modifieds, and Street Driven '64½ to '73 Mustangs. Over 50 trophies will be awarded at 4:30 p.m. S.I.M.A. member cars are not eligible for trophies.

For our out-of-town guests, there is a brand new Holiday Inn and a Ramada Inn less than a mile from the show site. Nice restaurants are within walking distance. Transportation to and from the hotels can be arranged.

We sure would like to extend our friendly Midwest hospitality to all those fine owners and their beautiful cars from the South, North, East, and West. **DON'T MISS THIS REGIONAL SHOW!**

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MISSISSIPPI COAST MUSTANG CLUB

by Jack Wilbanks

The Mississippi Coast Mustang Club is on the move again. At our December meeting we elected officers and the Board of Directors for 1985. We chose president, Bill Sowell; vice president, Ron Parmley; secretary, Sharon Culveyhouse; treasurer, Larry Smith; regional director, Jack Wilbanks. Our board of directors are Bill and Billie Sowell, Ron Parmley, Sharon and Jim Culveyhouse, Larry Smith, Ben Powell, Duane and Betty Blake, Vic and George McGee, Dan Taylor, Chuck Uren, Mike Fitzpatrick, and Jack Wilbanks. We have added several new members to our club and their membership to the MCA will be following very shortly.

1985 will be a very busy year for the club. Our schedule reads like this for the next six months, 'til our second Southern Nationals. January 19 we have an all car display from 9 to 5 at the Singing River Mall. Last year we got 5 new members that day. This also will be the first time our raffle car will be on display and also the first day of ticket sales. Our raffle car this year is a 1964½ convertible, candyapple red, white interior, white top, 289 cubic in., 4V, 4-speed with air and console with deluxe spinners. The raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10. The donation will go to the Firemen's Memorial Burn Center in Greenville, MS.

January 27 we will again sell tickets at Singing River Mall. We have dates at the mall every other week from now 'til July. Also, the local Ford dealers will display the car for a week in their show rooms and sell tickets for us. We have several groups that will help us this year for this very worthwhile cause, the VFW, the DAV, the volunteer firemen and also the local fire chiefs in the four counties have given their support. This will be the most successful raffle we have had.

February 24, a Sunday at the Gulfport International Dragway. Ford Mustangs versus all cars, benefit drags and cars display. We have made arrangements with the drag strip for the day. The four Ford and two Chevy dealerships are sponsoring this day. All clubs are welcome and any individual that would like to participate. I have an open challenge to any club president. My '84 GT350 and their vets or camaros. We will have the ET runs with lights just like any other raceday. All proceeds will go for the pay off on the 64½ raffle car. We have some very fast Mustangs in our group and we will win!

March is going to be very busy for us also. The 29, 30, and 31st we will be at Pensacola for their national show. Early that month we are planning classes for judging.

April through July will be spent planning for our second southern nationals on July 26, 27, and 28th. We have the fliers at the print shop now. This is the schedule for our show: Friday, July 26, 12 noon 'til 7:00 p.m. car entry and tech inspections, 7:30 'til whatever, hospitality party at Convention Center with bar-b-que chicken or hamburgers. Saturday, July 27, 7:00 a.m. 'til 10:00 a.m. car entry and tech inspection; 12 noon 'til 6:00 p.m. judging using MCA rules. The Convention Center will be opened to the public all day Saturday from 8:00 'til 8:00. At 5:00 p.m. we will have the drawing for the raffle car. Then at 8:00 p.m. we will present

awards at the convention center. We are not going to have a banquet this year, mainly due to the fact that we cannot find a facility large enough for the 300 to 400 people. Also door prizes and something extra, a slide or video show of the winners and their cars.

The entry fee this year will be \$20 per car, pony corral fee is \$10 per car. There will be 10 vendor spaces only inside the convention center, 10 feet deep and 20 feet long. The fee is \$100, on a first come basis. There will also be vendor spaces outside for \$25. On Sunday, July 28 departures from 8:00 'til 11:00 a.m. All cars must be out by 12 noon.

As you know a show like this is very costly. At a price of \$3,500 a day for rent plus trophies, we will have an expense of \$8500 for 2 days. But with the sale of the raffle car tickets and other activities, we will have a great show. These are our plans as of now.

There has been a lot of discussion about changing the MCA and allowing 74 through 85 Mustangs into our clubs and shows. We belong to a vintage Mustang club. I own a 1984 anniversary special GT350. I like it, like driving it, and like to show it off, but I have owned several '65, '66 and '67 Mustangs. These new cars are great but our club was formed for the classic models. At our last regional show, we had a special interest class for the '74 through '84 cars and only 4 entered. We have several members in our club that have newer Mustangs, but we all feel that we would like you to keep the club the same way it was formed. At our last meeting, January, 13, we took a vote and we agreed 28 to 0!

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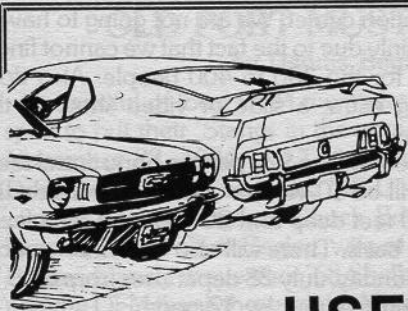
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FIRST PIEDMONT REGIONAL GROUP

by Eddie Harbour

We had our first meeting of 1985 January 13th with 14 members present. Our new President Carson Anglin called the meeting to order and after hearing reports from the officers we discussed ways to make 1985 a better year for the club.

We hope to help the Patrick County Heart Fund raise money at our next show to be held at J.E.B. Ford in June. Area members of the Heart Fund will be helping the club at the show and proceeds will go to the Heart Fund.

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All Regional Groups: With your next Regional Group News please include a good original copy (not a xerox) of your club logo for use in future Mustang Times. — Editor

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GULF COAST REGIONAL MCA

by Vivian McClain

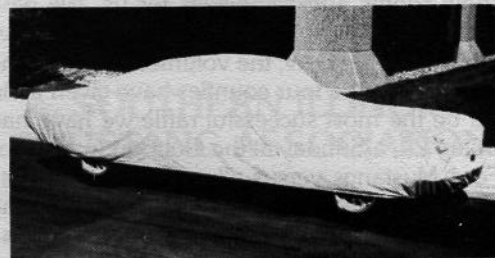
Everything is ready for the first "National" show of the 1985 season. Registrations are rolling in and, from all indications, this might be the biggest national show in the history of MCA. We hope so because we are planning in that direction and all the facilities are available (3 motels, 7 restaurants, 7 movies and 50 mall shops on the show site).

Our only limitation is the awards banquet, which is restricted to 234 seats. If you are planning on attending this event, get your reservations in as soon as possible.

Normally, Pensacola in March is warm and sunny so take the blankets off your pony and come on down and enjoy! Our city is known as the "City of Five Flags", having been governed by Spain, France, England, the Confederacy and U.S. administrations. Combine our historical sites with the naval aviation museum, our beautiful beaches, and we have something for everyone. Hope you can plan a few extra days to take it all in.

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TARHEEL MUSTANG CLUB Murfreesboro, North Carolina

by Don Phillips

The history of Tarheel Mustang Club originally started as my interest grew in my 1966 Mustang Convertible while buying parts, etc. from Carolina Mustang in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ray Whitley, National Director of the Eastern North Carolina Regional Group, encouraged me to consider forming a regional group in my area. I am also a member of the group aforementioned. With the encouragement and help from Ray and all the other members, we decided to give it a go. At this point we met with interested Mustang owners in our area and found the interest was great enough to start our own group. We became acquainted with these people at a special interest car club of which we are members.

As you can see from the pictures we have some very nice Mustangs in our area. Each of them are show winners.

We are in the process of recruiting new members at this time and looking forward to spring and summer so we can really get out and show them.

We had seven members present for our first formal meeting held on January 17, 1985 and we elected officers as follows:

President, Sonny Vick — owns five Mustangs, 1964½



The Phillips family of Murfreesboro own this 1965 coupe and 1966 convertible.



Conway, North Carolina is home to this low mileage original 1968 Shelby GT500KR. Thomas Pope is the proud owner.



Founding members of the Tarheel Mustang Club: (l to r) Don Phillips, Sonny Vick, Thomas Pope, Paula Phillips, John C. Pope, Woodie Johnson, and Barry Phillips.



This black 1964½ convertible belongs to Sonny Vick of Franklin, Virginia.

through 1967 — interested in Mustangs for a number of years and a great asset and leader in forming this club.

Vice president, Thomas Pope — 1968 Shelby GT500KR — has always owned a Mustang.

Secretary & Treasurer, Paula Phillips — Mustang mother and wife — car parts cleaner and overall cheerleader for the family and the club.

National director, Don Phillips — owns 2 Mustangs — 1965 and 1966 Mustang. Enthused about new club and wants it to be a success.

Other founding members include: Barry Phillips — co-owns 1966 Mustang convertible with his father Don. John C. Pope — owns 1 California Special Mustang with great willingness to help with the club. Woodie Johnson — owns 1 1966 Mustang coupe — has worked with me from the beginning and is very enthused about the club.

I would like to especially thank Horace Wood for his time and help in organizing our group. Also at this time I would like to say a special thanks to Ray Whitley and the entire Eastern Regional Group in Raleigh, North Carolina for all of their time and efforts in helping us.

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