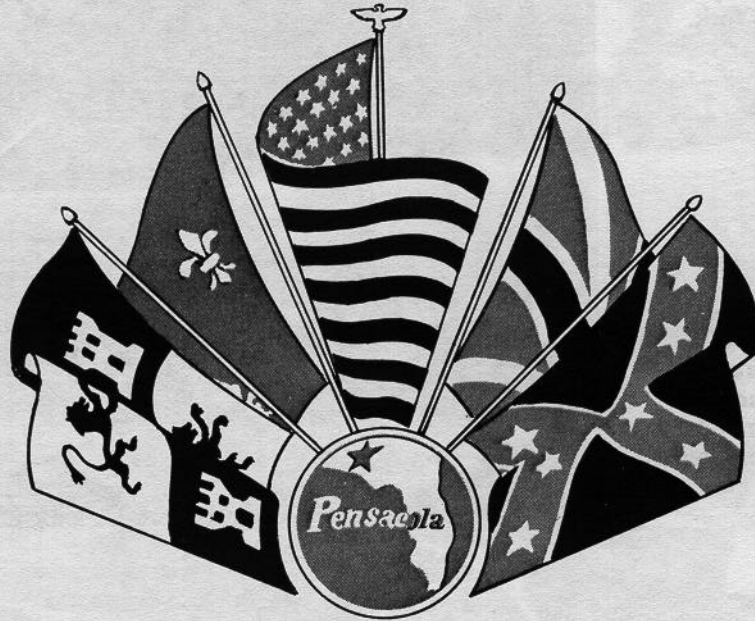


1985 GULF COAST NATIONAL



*Hosted by the Gulf Coast Regional Group
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Only one word could describe the Gulf Coast National Show — from the show site to the Best of Show trophies — from the Hospitality Party to the Awards Banquet — PERFECT.

The Gulf Coast Regional Group pulled out all the stops to make their first MCA National show one that will be remembered for years. Over 150 Mustangs from as far away as New Jersey, Oklahoma, and Illinois were on hand for the first National show of the 1985 season.

The Hospitality Party got under way Friday night, and hostess Dixie Meador was busy feeding the hungry Mustangers. Charlie Batchelor and Royce Johnston cooked 400 pounds of fresh fish, and the ladies of the Group made sure everyone got all the trimmings.





Far from sitting down on the job, Charles Hampton is getting close to his work. Glenn Bornemann and Jay Tracy help judge this '66 coupe.

Tech Inspection by Donald Dennis, John Cavannaugh, and Ed Hodges.

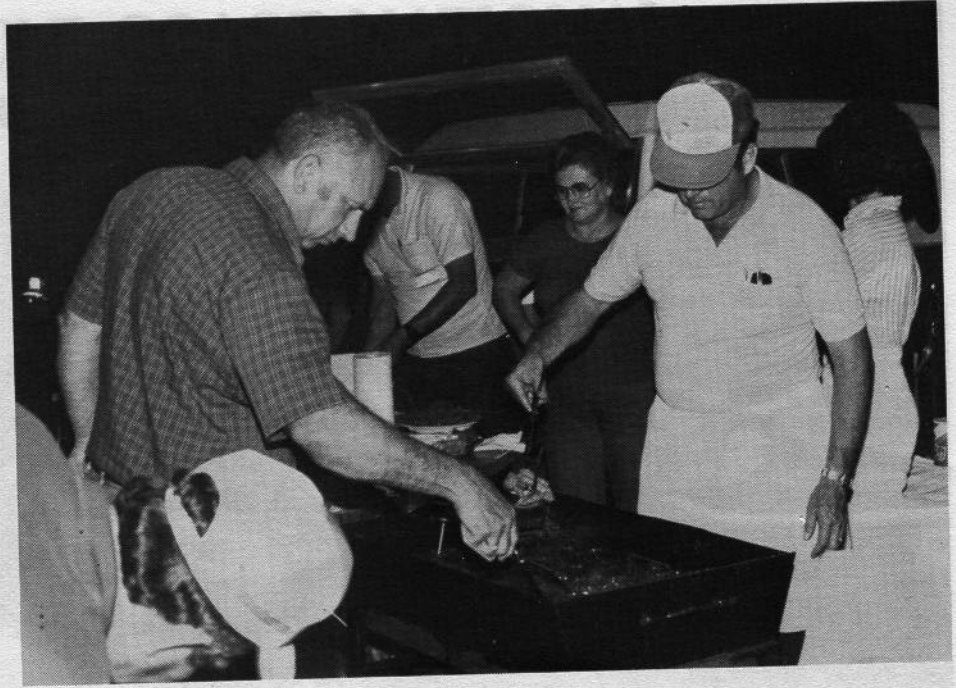


Jackie Davis, Pat Hodges, Melisha Williamson, and Vivian McClain were busy Friday and Saturday with Registration, while Donald Dennis, John Cavannaugh, and Ed Hodges kept the Tech Inspection line flowing smoothly.

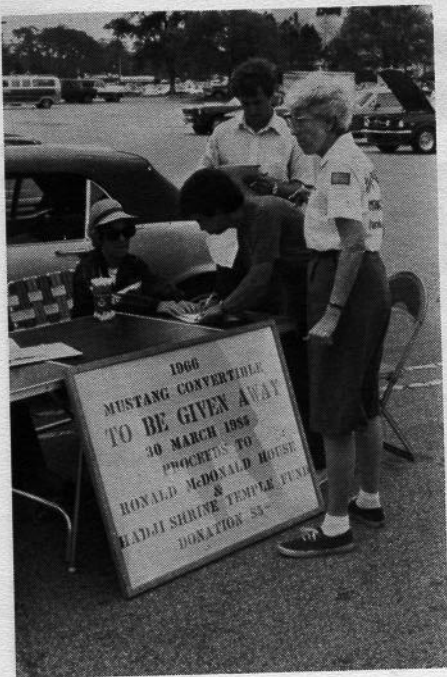
Sonja Blackwood was in charge of the Group's raffle car. Over \$7,000 was raised for the Pensacola Ronald McDonald House and the Pensacola Hadji Shrine Temple for the transportation of children to hospitals.

Paul McClain was responsible for registering the many vendors, and after 32 were on site, he had to start turning them away. These vendors and a Pony Corral of 20 Mustangs made for a Mustanger's shopping paradise.

Acting Head Judge Ralph Thacker and Acting National Head Judge Bob Vickery kept the teams of volunteer judges working smoothly, and the judging was finished in record time.



Ronald McDonald House





Saturday night's Awards Banquet was well attended. In all, 107 trophies were awarded by club President Paul McClain. There were 78 Junior Division, 20 Senior Division, 5 Under 21, and 4 Best of Show trophies awarded.

The Best of Show Trophies were a specially commissioned bronze statue of the running Mustang, designed and cast by Pensacola artist Mike Bowles. These trophies were four of only seven of the bronzes cast, and each was signed and numbered by the artist.

Show Director Wayne Blackwood and the entire Gulf Coast Regional Group are to be commended for a PERFECT Mustang Club of America National Show. **MT**



These Mustang vendors contributed the door prizes given away at the Awards Banquet:

- Vintage T's
- Country Boys Mustang
- Gelsi's Mustang World
- National Parts Depot
- Snake-Oyl Products
- Cobra Restorers
- Classic Mustang
- James J. Morris
- Ron's Mustang Parts
- JJ's Mustang Parts
- Glazier's Mustang Barn
- Virginia Mustang Supply
- Alabama Mustang
- Gulf Coast Mustang
- Mustang World
- Classic Restorations
- Sports Wear Supply
- Mustang Classic Collections
- Salter's Classic Autos

1985 GULF COAST NATIONAL WINNERS

JUNIOR DIVISION

1964½-65 Coupe

1. Thomas E. Michols
2. Ralph LaBruyere

1964½-65 Fastback

1. Charles Davis
2. James C. Brown

1964½-65 Convertible

1. Bill Riggins
2. Larry L. Harvey
3. John E. Brewer

1966 Coupe

1. James B. Matthews
2. Kenneth M. Calhoun
3. Gene Millspauch
3. Garry Hendrix

1966 Fastback

2. Jay Tracy

1966 Convertible

1. Donald Phillips
2. Richard Slacter
3. Johnny Campbell

1967-68 Coupe

1. Leland Riddell
2. Leroy Hagen
3. Ruby Reris

1967-68 Fastback

1. Bob Wilhelm
2. Wayne Blackwood

1967-68 Convertible

1. David Zimmerman
2. Emile Robinson
3. David Hawkins

1969-70 Fastback

1. Danny Gates
2. Brady Wolfe
2. Charles Young
3. David Walters

1969-70 Convertible

1. Dave Olano

1971-73 Fastback

1. Charlie Batchelor
2. Buddy Jones

1971-73 Convertible

1. Betty Black
2. James Slack
3. Sonja Blackwood

1965-66 Shelby

1. Ken Salter
2. John Jackson
3. Cookie Fetrick



1967-70 Shelby

1. Jack Staples
1. Jimmy Coker
2. Mickey Graphia
3. J. F. Ponder

Boss

1. Dale Beaver
2. Larry Inman
3. Curtis Baxter

Modified Street

1. Ed Hunter
2. William Whitley
3. Kevin Diamond

Modified Conservative

1. Ed Napper
2. Meeks Antiques
3. David Kell

The Paddock's



Modified Radical

1. Michael Kibler
2. Ron Kennington

Unrestored

1. Gerald Baker
2. Wanda Thacker
3. Farrell Buis

Stock Under 21

1. Ron Garber
2. John Duncan
3. Jay Allen

Modified Under 21

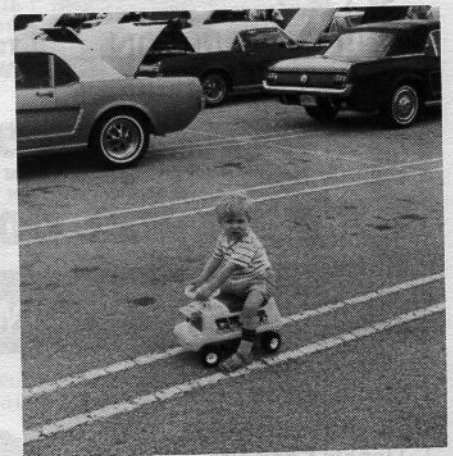
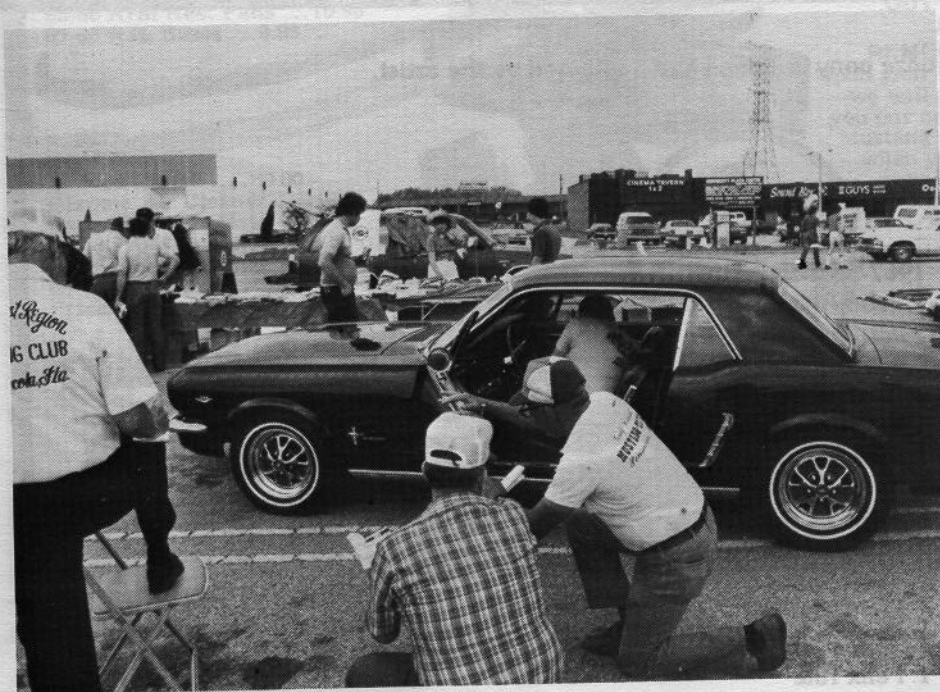
1. Lenny Babin
2. Charles Roppol
3. Chad Renfroe

Street Driven Open

1. Glenn Bornemann
1. Nelson Fowler
2. William Whitley, Jr.
2. Jim Thomas
2. James Deininger, Jr.
3. Ralph Fortson
3. Vivian McClain
4. Bud Clarke
4. Gary Pugh
4. Gary Nelson
4. Clarence May
4. Ed Hodges

Street Driven Closed

1. James Lamb
1. Sylvia Parker
2. John Fourcade
2. Ron Henzen
3. Betty Blake
3. Frank Cossota
3. Lee Mathias
4. James Welch
4. Robert Hill
4. James Michaels





BEST OF SHOW
 GULF COAST NATIONAL MUSTANG SHOW
 PENSACOLA, FLORIDA MARCH 29-31, 1985

Each bronze pony is signed and numbered by the artist.

SENIOR DIVISION

1964½-66 Coupe

1. John Hall
2. Linda Teal
3. Sallie Wright

1965-66 Fastback

1. Thomas Gattis
2. Buzz Wood

1964½-66 Convertible

1. Oliver Schwallenstecker

1967-68 Coupe

1. Sherman Bliss

1967-68 Fastback

1. Donald Chandler

1967-68 Convertible

1. John Aldridge

1969-70 Coupe

1. Floyd Scranton
2. Wesly Bittles

1969-70 Fastback

1. Nita Stone
2. James Howard, Sr.

Modified Conservative

1. Russell Gill

Unrestored

1. Sue Osborn

Retired

1. Felix Tate

BEST OF SHOW

Junior Stock — Charles Hampton

Junior Modified — Royce Johnston

Senior Stock — Junior Downer

Senior Modified — James Farlow