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MY SECOND SHOW IN MY 2015 FUSION - BY RICK MITCHELL

After a successful first outing with my 2015 Fusion the weekend before where my car presented well and was enjoyable to drive on the interstates, I was encouraged to take it to another event soon thereafter. I decided to drive to a church benefit show located only 20-minutes from my home on Saturday, May 3, 2025. On the Friday before, however, I was in contact with the organizer who said there was a chance that the event may be postponed because of the threat of afternoon storms on the day of the show.

To me it looked like the forecast was improving, and so I took a chance and spent several hours cleaning my Fusion to get the dirt, grass and helicopters from the trees off, as well as any leftover pollen from inside from the show last week! But despite the Saturday forecast eventually saying no rain on Saturday, this event was postponed anyway. By mid-afternoon I had a nice, clean car sitting in my driveway with no destination to go to. My car was all dressed up with nowhere to go!

Then I remembered another flyer sitting in my den for a show in southern Maryland that was a possibility. This was a different charity benefit show held as a major fundraiser. I attended this event once before many years ago in my 2014 Mustang and it was well run. The only difficulty was that it was over 80 miles away for about an hour and half run, although not a bad drive.



I called for more information and heard that this was a judged event where three judges reviewed seven areas on each entrant's car or truck to evaluate their winners. There were 25 trophies available and a few specialty awards. They expected 50-55 entrants, and they said they would have the show regardless of the weather, although by Friday afternoon that looked fine for this event. I had a full tank of gas onboard, so we are going!

Saturday arrived with a promise of partly cloudy skies all day and afternoon highs in the mid-'80's, with the rainy weather not arriving until after dark, and that is exactly what we had. There were light breezes all day, and it was a perfect day for a car show, our first really good show day this year. I arrived after about an hour and 40 minute drive, losing only a few minutes while the police removed a severely damaged Ford Explorer from the Capital Beltway. I registered for the show, and then recleaned everything and set up my Fusion. I was barely finished when one of the judges with a clipboard in his hand started reviewing my car. "Looking good," I thought I heard him say as I walked away from my car.



I do not know the turnout number for this show, but it looked like possibly 40 entries, as my best guess. I spent most of the morning talking to two other local guys who had cars in the show, which was very enjoyable. Finally, trophy time came. They called out their top 25 awards, followed by the five Best of trophies, one of which was for best modern car. Unfortunately, I was not called for any of these awards. In the top 25, there were many cars called that deserved to win, but they also awarded at least three trophies to other 'vehicles' that should not have won. Two were not true cars or street driven, and the third was mostly in primer with a few painted panels. How did this happen? I was dumbfounded when I realized what occurred.

My ride back to Baltimore was considerably longer than the morning trip with the heavy Saturday traffic, but there were several stretches on northbound Route 97 where I could open up the throttle a little while also getting just over 30mpg, the best I have ever seen from my 2.5L Fusion. These older Fusions are nice looking and incredibly comfortable cars to drive with excellent ride qualities. They are easy to care for, and also make good potential show candidates. Today's event was a great opportunity to go cross-country and drive in all kinds of conditions, and it was perfect weather.

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OUR 245TH ISSUE!

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On Saturday, May 5, 2025, I attended a charity benefit show held in southern Maryland. There were several interesting Ford products on display at this event, and we will feature two photos issues in our MITCHELL MOTORSPORTS with a few of these cars. These were four of the Mustangs seen at this event. They all looked very good and presented well.







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On Saturday, May 5, 2025, I attended a charity benefit show held in southern Maryland. There were several interesting Ford products on display at this event, and this is our final photos feature issue of MITCHELL MOTORSPORTS from this show. This was a '63 Ford Falcon Ranchero, an incredibly rare version of the Falcon. This particular one was powered by a 200 CID inline six engine, a very reliable early six cylinder motor, although the original engine may have been a 170 CID. I thought this little beauty was a candidate for best of show, but it did not receive any awards at this event. It certainly deserved one. It is easy to see how the dashboards for our early Mustangs were adapted from the Falcons as the resemblance is certainly there!











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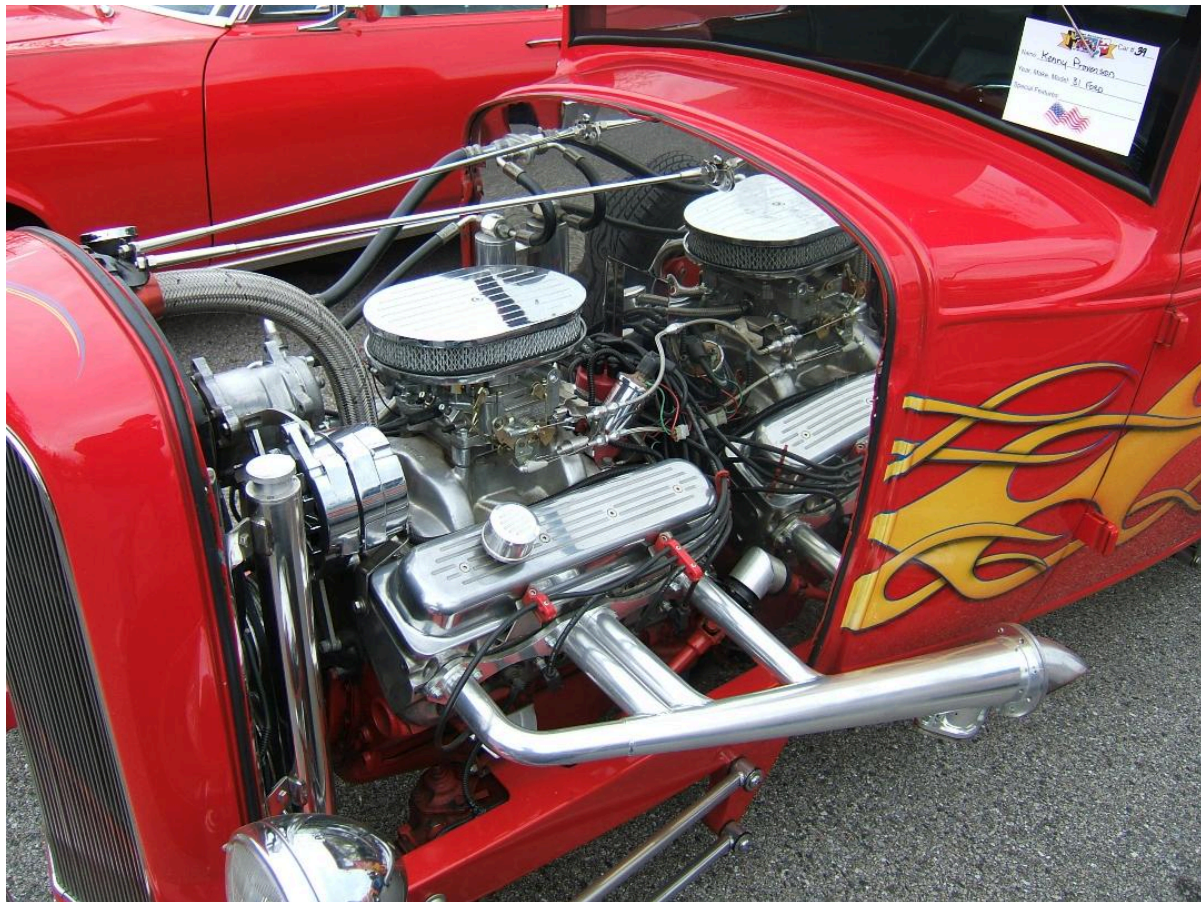
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On November 10, 2024, I attended the Annual Veterans Appreciation Car Show held in Glen Burnie, MD. This was a popular vote event that was open to all vehicles, with 75 trophies available and several specialty awards. In this issue we have a highly modified '31 Ford coupe with an impressive engine set up, followed by a '49 Mercury 'Lead Sled' with a chopped top and an incredible front grille insert, and finally, an early '60's Thunderbird convertible. If you like cars with a whole lot of chrome, as I do, then this was a good show to go to for just that!











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