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**MY TENTH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL**

By the middle of the summer of 2023, we were half-way through our car show season here in central Maryland and now deep into the summer slow down for good shows to attend. There just were not that many worthwhile events to take our Mustangs to. Finally, after a seemingly long three-week lull, when my friends and I were starting to go through *car show withdrawal!* because of the minimal activity, I heard about the *Road Knights 64th Anniversary Car Show*, to be held on August 13, at the Petersville Farmers Club in Knoxville, MD.

This show was for all makes and models of cars, trucks and motorcycles. There were interesting comments on Facebook from two individuals who said that this was, *"One of the best shows,"* and, *"Looking forward to it. Best club, kind club members...we LOVE this show!"* I had only been to a Road Knights event once before many years ago but did not recall many details, but there were Top 64 trophies available, although they did not comment on their judging.

This event was also an hour away from my home, or about 20 minutes west of Frederick, MD. The drive was mostly on I-70, which is a great interstate to drive early on a Sunday morning with many long, slow rolling hills. Just set your cruise control, turn on the radio, sit back and enjoy the ride on a sunny, mid-summer day! *What could be better?!*

The drive to the show was uneventful on a beautiful Sunday morning. The closer I got to the site the more I realized that I was way out in the country. In fact I overshot the last quick right turn to pull onto the densely wooded property where the show was held. I followed an old, worn out one-lane driveway that led to a large open field. The show site looked like someone had cut down numerous trees to clear out a grassy area about the size of a football field. This area was then lined by the remaining tall trees. We were *in the woods* for this one!



I paid my entry fee and was then told to follow the directions of two club members who were waving checkered flags who directed me to park at the opposite end of the field, and back my Mustang as close as possible into the trees and stumps that were there. What I soon realized was that my Kona Blue paint was very dark and difficult to see while sitting under the trees and mostly in the shade!

I then walked back to the registration table to get a show card and number for my windshield while swatting an abundance of gnats that filled the air. As I went back to my car, I asked a club member how they were picking the winning cars for their trophies? *"Oh, no,"* he said. *"You do that. This is a popular vote show!"* To that I thanked him, took one step away and said to myself, *"I just lost this show."* There was only one other person I recognized at this event, and he had a 1960's car. *Good luck!*





Not long after I parked, a '72 Ford Maverick pulled in next to me. I have always liked the older Mavericks, and this was a nicely maintained lime green Maverick Grabber with a 302-V8. The owner had added many upgrades over the years, including replacing all of the wiring in his car during the pandemic as a three-week long project. It was interesting to hear him discuss all of the older Mustang parts that Ford "repurposed" and added into his beautiful car.



Soon I saw the other entrants walking up and down the lines of cars and trucks and picking out the numbers they liked and writing them on their voting sheets. We were allowed to pick five cars, three trucks and three motorcycles. I watched people voting for several hours. I saw the owner of the Maverick write my number down, but beyond that, I did not see one other entrant walk up and write my number on their voting sheet. *Nada!*



Later we came to trophy time. The club was giving out their 64 nice looking trophies, with many given out in the same sequence as the car registration numbers. They called the numbers leading up to mine, jumped right over me, and then one or two more trophies later, they jumped over that excellent lime green Maverick, which completely surprised me. I thought he had one for certain. I must admit that it is incredibly humbling to drive to a popular vote show, a long way away from home, and be parked up against the trees as if my car was half-hidden, and not see more than one of over 100 entrants walk by and give my car a vote. *Would someone please throw the dog a bone?!*

But the day was not a complete loss. This was the first time I had driven my 2011 V6 Mustang for two one-hour long rides at turnpike speeds on the interstates and had the chance to see how well it drove at those higher speeds for an extended period of time, and play with the cruise control. That alone made for a good day on the road in the Mustang!

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**MY 11TH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL**

By late August 2023, we were still mid-way through our car show season here in central Maryland but starting to come out of the summer slow down for good shows to attend, although there were not that many worthwhile events for my



Mustang friends and I to take our cars to. Finally, we heard about the *Knights of Columbus 8th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show*, held at the Columbian Center in Severna Park on August 20. This was for all makes, models and years, and there were 33 awards available for this popular vote event. The show would be held rain or shine.

I was at this show over the past two summers and greatly enjoyed it. The event was reasonably close by and held at an excellent location. The members of the K of C who ran this show always put on a great event for those who attended. There was always a good mix of cars and trucks from different eras, so be sure to bring a camera! There was also a high number of early as well as late model Mustangs, too. Last year the middle of their rear parking lot, where the show was held, was like *Mustang Alley* as it looked like we had taken that area over!



My little group of Mustangs, Leo, with his '08 GT convertible; Glenn, with his '08 GT coupe; John, with his '66 V8 coupe; and me, with my '11 V6 coupe, wanted to recreate last year's successful *"bunch of Mustangs in the center of the show field"* once again! To do this, although registration for the show started at 10am, we agreed to have all four of our Mustangs on site by 9am, an hour earlier, and park dead center in the rear lot once again.

Part of the reason for doing this was that popular vote shows are mostly about exposure. The more visible your car is, the better are your chances that other entrants will see you and possibly vote for your car. People will walk around and vote until they have picked out six cars for their ballot, and then stop. If they see your car first but not others who are parked way out on the sides or in the back of the lot, your chances are better for maybe getting voted for.

The other aspect is that later-arriving Mustangs will usually want to park with those who are already there as that is what we all have in common: our type of car. Within an hour or two, more Mustangs were parking with us, with mostly people we had never met before, and sharing our experiences and supporting one another. We successfully recreated *Mustang Alley* once again!





The weather for this show could not have been nicer. The skies were generally clear with light winds all day, and the temps rose to about 90 degrees. For as well run as this show has been over the last three years since I have been going, the attendance has seemed somewhat light as compared to what one would normally expect for a show of this caliber. The Knights of Columbus, however, do not post this show on very many show websites, and the number of entrants typically are not very high.

From what I heard, they only had 58 cars, trucks and motorcycles registered last year, and this year it was something like only 52. With 33 great-looking trophies available, I would normally expect to see 100+ entrants at a well-run show like this. All of the awards were donated, too, which meant that all of the registration fees were put toward other worthwhile causes. Had there been a higher number of entrants, then there would have been much more funding available for other needs.



By late afternoon we were called forward for trophy time, and most of the Mustangs from our little area in the parking lot were fortunate to receive an award. This was greatly appreciated after previously attending two sorely disappointing

popular vote car shows before the Knights of Columbus event. I will definitely look forward to this show again next year!

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*This was a rare Emberglo 1966 Mustang with a 289-V8 engine and an Emberglo and Parchment pony interior. I had not seen this color combination on a '66 in probably over 40 years. This Mustang was restored and*

*repainted about 20 years ago, but the paint looked great as did the car's excellent interior. This was a very impressive looking example of our first-generation Mustangs!*









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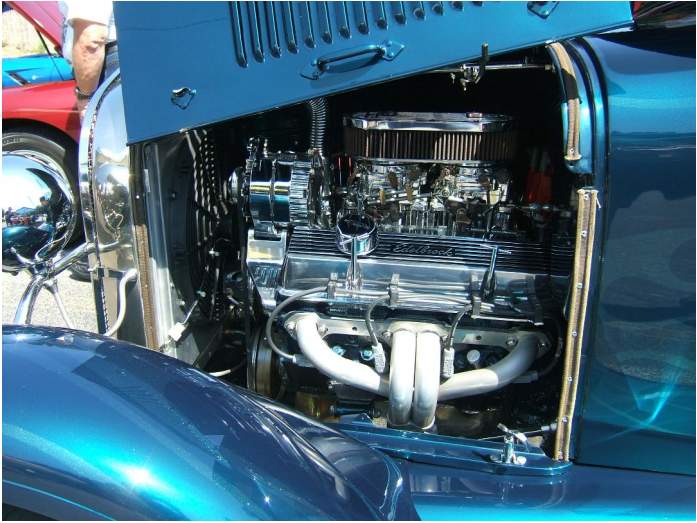
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***This was a 1929 Ford that was heavily modified with current-day performance parts and a custom interior. It even had a third brake light added above the rear glass window! This car was very impressive!***







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**MY 12TH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL**

The end of August 2023 only brought a limited number of worthwhile car shows to attend. There were a few that I went to in years past but was not too interested in attending again. For the last weekend of the month, though, all I found that looked good was the *Car, Truck, Jeep & Motorcycle Show* on August 26, hosted by *Maryland Auto Detailing*, to be held

at the Mt. Pleasant Ruritan Club in Walkersville, MD, benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This location was about six miles northeast of Frederick in western Maryland and an easy 45-minute drive, mostly on interstate 70.

This event offered awards for the Top 25 cars, Top 5 trucks, Top 3 Jeeps, and Top 3 motorcycles, as well as several other "Best" awards. The flyer said this was a People's Choice show, meaning popular vote, but I emailed the host anyway and asked about their judging. They responded that, "This will be a judged show (with a) point system." I replied, "That is the best way to select the winners." I knew nothing more about this event, and none of my friends wanted to make the trip, so this would be another solo effort, but the show could be a sleeper. So, just plug in my GPS, turn on the radio, sit back and head out on the highways!

One of the highlights of attending this show was the drive from my home in west Baltimore to the site in Walkersville. After getting off our Baltimore Beltway, there was an easy 30-mile run west away from the city toward Frederick that was posted at 65, and later 70mph. There were many long, strait stretches that were enjoyable to drive with gentle climbs and descents, but nothing challenging. After that I exited on to MD-75 heading north for four more miles with several more challenging climbs and descents, and now I was out in the country driving on rolling, two-lane roads.

But then the fun began! I turned left on to Old Annapolis Rd for a 3-1/2 miles of steep climbs, rapid descents, s-turns, and all kinds of other tight, twisting changes. I truly had to pay attention on this roller coaster of a roadway as I nearly cooked a few of the tighter corners. *What a hoot!* After that there was a left turn on to Liberty Rd for about a mile, and Crum Rd followed a tenth of a mile later where our show was. Old Annapolis Rd, though, was like driving a shortened, poor man's version of the *Tail of the Dragon*!



The show was held on the property of the Ruritan Club, which was an excellent location. We were parked on the grass, but there was a main building nearby to cool off, if needed. It was a bright, sunny day, and the temps climbed into the high '80's. The registration was cut off at 11am, and their judging started a half an hour later.





I arrived earlier by 8:30 and had a long hour and a half to reclean everything, and I thought my car looked as good as anyone else's on the show field. I later watched my two judges spend less than ten minutes reviewing my car. I had no idea what their score sheets looked like. They did not look at my trunk, although I had that set up, too.



Trophy time came at about 2:30. By then there were possibly 75-100 cars on the field competing for those Top 25 cars. The winners who were called were a good mix of the older and newer cars, which I greatly appreciated, but unfortunately I was not called. Looking back, I had my Mustang set up as best I could prepare it, and I had gone over everything to be sure my car presented well. I do not know of anything that I could have done differently. The winning cars though were selected fairly and were worthy of an award.



The problem was that for a show of this size, the hosts should have purchased possibly 35-40 Top car trophies instead of only 25. But if I heard their announcer correctly, this was their first show. On the whole they did well running this event, and I enjoyed visiting this location. The facilities were good, there were food vendors as well as an ice cream truck, and they gave goodie bags as well as door prizes all day long. The only shortcoming was that they were seemingly light on awards, but that should improve by next year as they evaluate their results.

So on the whole it was a worthwhile day out in the Mustang as I packed up and drove back for my return flight on the "mini" *Tail of the Dragon*!

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*This was a '90 Fox-body Mustang convertible that was extensively but conservatively modified . The craftsmanship was excellent throughout. Take a close look at the engine area! I told the owner that I thought this Mustang was "Best of Show" quality as it was very impressive, but much to my surprise, it was passed over when the trophies were given out, which made no sense at all. It deserved much better.*









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