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*On Saturday, June 3, 2023, I attended the 9th Annual Marty Gangemi Memorial Car Show, held by the Greensboro Lions Club on Maryland's Eastern Shore. This was for all makes and models of cars and trucks with 50 Top Choice trophies, along with three other specialty awards, and the event used professional judges. We have presented several of the more interesting cars seen at this excellent show, and here is our final one. This 1966 Ford Mustang was one of several early models attending this event. It looked generally stock but had some impressive upgrades, and overall made a great appearance.*



YEAR: 65  
MAKE: FORD  
MODEL: MUSTANG  
OWNER: DONALD A. CONNER BAKER  
ENGINE: 289 V6  
TRANSM: 351 V6  
PAINT: JOHN KOSTER









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***MY FIFTH SHOW IN MY 2011 MUSTANG WAS A SHUTOUT! - BY RICK MITCHELL***



The month of June brought a stream of new car shows, with events available within driving range every weekend. A show that I had never gone to before that was held by a nearby social organization was next on the calendar for Sunday, June 11, 2023. This event was for all makes, models and years. The listing on the web said that this was also a popular vote show with 40 Peoples Choice trophies and seven specialty awards. It would be held rain or shine, which had its advantages. My 2011 V6 Mustang is driven in all kinds of weather, whereas many other display cars never leave their garages in bad weather! It would also be the first time my '11 was entered into a popular vote show, so I had no idea how this would go.

Well, this event did not go too well at all. The weather called for sunny with highs in the low '90's, so most of the day was spent looking for shade. There were only 30 Peoples Choice awards, and not 40, plus possibly *five or six* specialty awards. I never heard the total number of entrants, but it was possibly 90 to 100. Most every car or truck there was from the Fifties through the Eighties, with only a few late model Mustangs, Challengers and pickups.



Once again, this was a popular vote show. I was sitting with two late model Mustang friends, but I was several slots away from my car. Although I could not see my Mustang all the time, I never once saw someone check my entry card and write my number on their voting ballot! You can guess where this narrative is going. At trophy time, only three or four late model cars and trucks were awarded trophies, if that, but none were recent Mustangs that I saw. *We were completely shut out!*



It is difficult to put a positive spin on an event like this one. Sure, the proceeds went to a good, charitable cause to benefit others, and it is always enjoyable to spend time with Mustang friends, but this day was, quite frankly, *embarrassing*, like we should not have gone there, at all. Why did the three of us have such poor results, including most of the other late model vehicles? *The older cars won this day!* All we could do was chalk this one up to experience, choose our future shows *carefully*, and start planning for the next event.

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

The next event I planned to attend in my '11 Mustang was a *Father's Day Car Show*, held on Sunday, June 18, 2023, at the Dunkirk Baptist Church, located in Dunkirk, in southern Maryland. Despite having visited many shows in my home state over the years, I had never heard of this event before, but the flyer looked promising! There was free registration and admission, as well as free food and drinks, music and door prizes, all of which was extremely generous from the church.

Best of all, there were over 95 awards, and the event was open to all years, makes and models of cars, trucks and bikes. It was also noted as a judged show, which I prefer. The trip to Dunkirk was 48 miles, or just under an hour of driving. I wondered what better way was there to celebrate Father's Day than to take my Mustang for a long ride to a new location!



From what different people were telling me at this show, including a church member who helped organize this event, this was the first time the church had held this show in three years because of the covid pandemic. Prior to that the event was held annually going back possibly 15 years. For the last show years ago, they had about 300 entrants, but for this event they brought in about 400 cars, trucks and motorcycles, a huge increase in participation and the biggest local show I have ever been to short of going to a national event.

The church members put in tremendous effort to organize and run this event. They provided hot dogs and soda, as well as ice cream and popcorn, for everyone who was there. They also had a live band, and the pastor was there all day interacting with the crowd. The trophies were all donated by local businesses. Everything was free for the entrants. The church made an outstanding effort to provide for those who attended. It was incredible!



This was a judged show where the judges used a score sheet with several categories, including open trunks but not undercarriages, with a points system ranging from 0 to about 15 points. I saw my judge review my car, and it only took a few minutes, and then he went on to the next one.

When trophy time came, though, out of the 95 trophies, the church only allocated three trophies for the motorcycles. They next allocated just 15 trophies for the post-'95 cars and trucks. They then gave out a Top 50 selection of awards for the pre-'95 cars and trucks. The rest of the trophies were specialty awards, such as for best Ford, best Mopar, best engine, best paint, and so forth.



To put these numbers into perspective, there may have been 40 to 50 post-'95 cars and trucks at this event competing for those 15 trophies. That was the class I was in, and although I had prepared my car on the day before the show and it was judged using their points scale, I lost. I do not know what I could have done differently. But to state the obvious, if 95 people won trophies this day, then more than 300 people did not.



Overall, this was an extremely well run show. It had numerous awards in many categories, and it was judged using points and scoring sheets. The facilities were perfect for a large gathering on a grassy field near a modern church whose members organized and ran the event quite efficiently. But if you attend this show with a "modern classic" post-1995 car or truck, be prepared for very tight competition for a limited number of awards against many other cars and trucks that are as nice as yours, *or maybe better?!*

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*kit, as well as styled steel wheels and white wall tires, literally all of the bells and whistles! It later won one of the "Best Of" awards that afternoon. A very impressive restoration!*







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