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**MY 27TH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL**

By July of 2024, we were well into our hottest months of the year, here in central Maryland, with the temps climbing into the mid-90's almost daily and frequent thunderstorms that seemed to pop up out of nowhere, making forecasting the weather and planning for attending shows challenging. During the first two weeks of the month, I took my Mustang for an oil change and a front-end alignment. I had noticed that my car pulled slightly to the right on long, straight stretches of the major highways, requiring adding left pressure to my steering to correct. I now had that corrected, I wanted to go for a long drive to an event far away to check this out! I had an excellent show in southern Maryland picked out for Saturday, July 13 that was already rescheduled from May 5 to the 19th, and then again to July because of storm predictions. But that one was moved once again to September because of another poor forecast. So instead I decided to go to a different event in Waldorf that I had attended four times over the past year.

This was the Shops at Waldorf Center Classic Car Show, hosted by the DMV Rods & Classics car club, to be held on that same Saturday, July 13, with a rain date of July 14. All cars were welcome, and 100 trophies would be awarded. This was the DMV Rods' fifth show using this same location and format, and I had attended all four prior events. The site was a cordoned off area within a shopping center and a great place to have a show. My drive was only an easy hour away with many stretches on Interstate 95 and the Capital Beltway cruising at 60 or better, and a good shake down drive for that alignment issue! The only reservation I had was that the judging seemed inconsistent at times. Some of the judges took the time to review our Mustangs in detail and make comments on our score sheets, but others seemed to rush through the process and give what appeared to a minimal review of our cars. My friends and I hoped that this would not happen again this time.

As we approached the weekend for the show, the threat of thunderstorms moved the show to their rain date on Sunday, July 14. The club made the right call that Friday, but then the frustrating storms never appeared that Saturday! At any rate, Sunday the 14th promised clear skies for most of the day with intermittent clouds by the afternoon. The only downside was that the temps were forecast for the mid-90's, and that was exactly what we had, and oh, baby, it was hot!





*Rick, Leo, Glenn and John's Mustangs that morning, ready for the judges!*

The drive to Waldorf was uneventful, and my Mustang tracked very well since its front end was aligned. I arrived by 8:45am and caught up with four show friends, Leo with his '08 GT convertible, Glenn with his '08 GT coupe, John with his '66 GT coupe, and our newest traveling buddy, Tom with his '06 GT coupe. When we signed in for the show, the club said they were trying something new, and that was giving those of us with the 2000 and newer cars our own score sheets using points right away. Their judges would look at six or seven main areas, including our trunks, which they considered a part of our interiors. I thought this was just great as it would bring uniformity to their judging. No more minimal reviews of our newer cars and then walk by. The judges now had to actually look at and judge our cars. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it?! Receiving our score sheets when we register is a new trend we are starting to see in our area. Now we knew exactly what our judges would focus on when we prepped our cars, with no more guessing!



*Tom and his '06 Mustang GT coupe.*

Here are a few examples of just how hot it was at this event and the effects of the heat: In the past on a milder day, this show has brought in 150-200 cars, trucks and motorcycles. Today, we only had about 93! Normally I bring four 12-oz. sodas with me, but usually only drink one or two. Today, I used them all, plus a free 12-oz bottle of water that the club gave out, and even that was not enough! I usually have several 500mg extra strength Tylenols in my left pocket, which I rarely use. Today, it got so hot at this show that the red and grey outer capsules melted away on most of them in my pocket leaving the inner grey medicine as a fused-together pill with no shell! I had never seen that before! Later, when it came time to leave after 3pm, the thermometer in my Mustang said that the outside temperature on the show field was 102-degrees! After I left, that reading did not drop below 100-degrees for at least my first half-hour of driving. Shows like this sometimes feel like a "survival of the fittest" contest!

Finally, we were called for trophy time. The club changed their awards categories, and I agreed for the better. They began by awarding two trophies to the only two motorcycles that were there (one owner arrived at 1:10pm and was given a trophy at 2:20!). The club then gave out several trophies to the few trucks that were there, and then we got into our cars. The club



started by giving out 30 trophies for the '99 and older cars, and John and his '66 took a trophy there. The club then said they were giving out their Top 30 for the 2000 and newer cars. This was when trying to follow the trophy designations became difficult to follow. I was counting the number of trophies that were awarded as this was my class. Glenn was called forward early to receive a trophy, and later came Leo.



*John and his Top 30 trophy for '99 and older cars award winning '66 Mustang!*

Then the sequence became confusing. The club gave out what seemed like more than 40 awards for the '00 and newer cars, and then they went on to their next category, which was their ten managers' choice awards. I was not called for the Top 30 or Top 40 or Top whatever that was, and so I figured that I had lost. The club then awarded all ten managers' choice awards. And then abruptly, they called out my name as winning one of the same awards like what Glenn and Leo had received, and its label said Top 50 on the front. Wow! They then finished by giving out their specialty awards. All I can figure is that the score sheet noting my trophy was somehow mixed into the wrong pile when the club was calling out their winners. Later I saw that Tom had also won one of the Top 50 awards, so all five of us were very fortunate and went home with something other than just dash plaques and a sun burn!

Overall, I have to give the DMV Rods & Classics car club my compliments. I have been to all five of their shows. and they have shown flexibility and made improvements, as needed. They have listened to the suggestions from others and made their shows better each time. I will look forward to going there again! Finally, If you live within driving distance of Waldorf, located in southern Maryland, then you should consider attending one of the three excellent events that this club holds each year.

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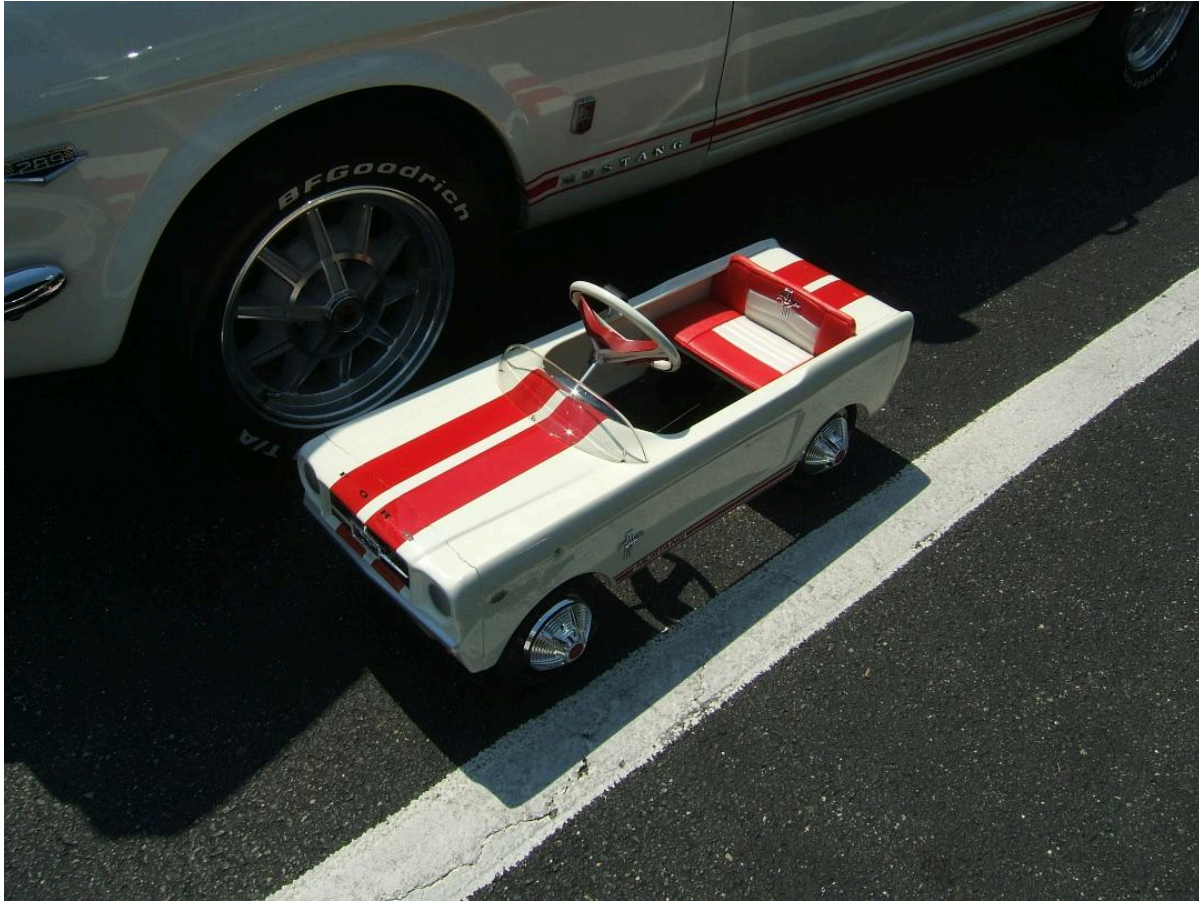












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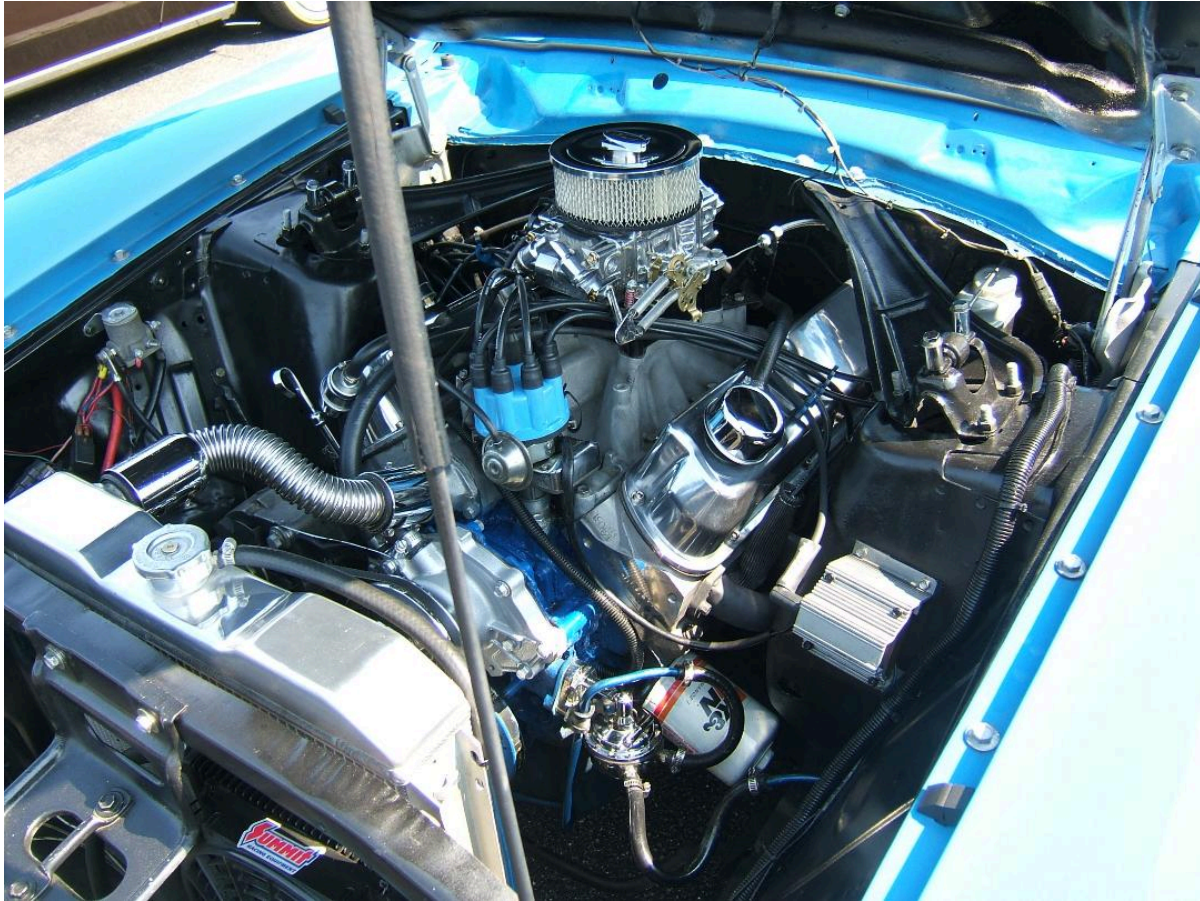
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***MY 28TH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL***



The second half of our 2024 car show season here in central Maryland began on Sunday, August 18 with the Knights of Columbus' 10th Annual Car, Truck & Bike Show. This was held at their Columbian Center on N. Ritchie Highway in Severna Park, south of Glen Burnie. This show was open to all makes, models and years. There were 30 Peoples Choice awards and three Best in Show trophies available. The event was held rain or shine, and the site was an easy 25-30 minute run from my home. It had been five weeks since I last attended a show, and out of that time we experienced a lot of truly hot weather. Add in that my wife and I both developed covid and were out of action for a two long weeks that dragged by at the end of July. As a result I was ready to get back into the real world and take my Mustang to an event!



*Leo's '08 Mustang GT convertible*

This Knights of Columbus location always holds an excellent show. I had attended their last few events and truly enjoyed them. My Mustang friends and I always try to park together in the center of their rear parking lot where other attendees can easily see us. This is a popular vote show, so one of the keys for success is being visible to others. Parking on a back row or against the trees seems to "hide" the cars somewhat, so we park where we can be seen. Last year several other Mustang owners who we actually did not know parked with us to share their experiences, so this benefited those others, too. The middle of the parking lot essentially became our own "Mustang Alley"!

During the week leading up to this show, the forecast repeatedly stated that there would be thunderstorms the night before the event, followed by more rain and storms during the next day. My friends and I decided that we were going to this show anyway, assuming that the parking lot was not under water as this was an excellent event. There was no rain date, so we had to take the conditions as we found them. But when I woke up after 5am on that Sunday, I was in a bit of a funk. I was having a hard time getting used to the idea of sitting in a rainy parking lot for six hours during stormy weather.





*Glenn's '08 GT coupe*

But then I checked the forecast first thing and found that there was no rain for that morning, and the thunderstorms would not roll in until after 1pm. Maybe if the Knights put their vote tabulating on speed dial we could get most of the show completed in dry weather. But before I pulled my Mustang out of the garage at 9am, the storm prediction was now moved to 3pm. Life was good! So I kicked myself a few times to get my head in the game once I realized that maybe, just maybe, this was going to be an okay show day!

In fact, during the afternoon, our disc jockey gave us weather updates, and the time for the storms to hit our area was now closer to 7pm! So we sat there in their parking lot all day in somewhat overcast but definitely dry and comfortable weather and enjoyed the day! Later I had time to get gas on the way home and wipe my Mustang down before I put it back in my garage. The thunderstorms hit after 6:30pm. We were mighty lucky on this day!





*John's '66 GT coupe*

The weather, though, did somewhat limit the attendance for this excellent event. Typically there were usually about 70-80 cars, trucks and motorcycles on site, but today we only reached about half of that with possibly 40 entries. This was good news for the entrants, but not helpful at all for the Knights of Columbus. Because all of the awards were donated, all of their entry fees were available for other charitable causes that the Knights supported. Unfortunately, they lost about half of their revenue because so many people stayed home.

The most unique entry at this show was a rare 1981 Delorean, the famous sports car of John Delorean fame and the Back to the Future movies. Over the years I have read quite a lot about this interesting, futuristic design and the financial difficulties that the company incurred leading to its demise, but I had never seen a real Delorean before at a show. The owner came in late and left early, so his rare automobile did not win, although he was registered. We will feature this Delorean in one of our Mitchell Motorsports photo features. Typically we only feature Ford-related vehicles, but this was an exceptionally rare automobile, and the owner was there answering questions, too.





*My '11 V6 coupe*

I attended this show with my three amigos, Leo, Glenn and John, whom I have referred to many times over the years from past shows. All of us were very fortunate to take home one of their Top 30 awards. This show day started out as a potentially long, tough slog in terrible weather, but it turned into one of the better outings we have had in our four Mustangs. Sometimes you have to take your chances and make your own luck, and then hope for the best!

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