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MY 19TH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL

Our long string of rainy weather weekends here in central Maryland continued well into the middle of May when our forecast again called for rain over May 18 and 19, 2024. There were two excellent shows scheduled for that Sunday, the 19th, but the huge event for all makes and models located in Mechanicsville in southern Maryland was postponed again until mid-July, their second rain delay. Fortunately, the weather eased, and the second show was still active. This was the SAAC Group of Maryland's 14th Annual Spring Show, held at Crouse Ford in Taneytown, an event that I have attended several times in the past. This was a popular vote show for those entered in the event, and all vehicles were Ford-powered. Because the emphasis was on the Shelby models, the true Mustang classes were somewhat limited.

There were only two classes that my Mustang qualified for, Class E for '05 to Present Mustangs, or Class F for Modified Mustangs. Lately I have placed my Mustang in their Modified class as the '05 to present class was usually crowded as that one class covered 20 years of Mustangs! There were three plaques awarded per class, although ties both received trophies. There were classes for other miscellaneous Ford products, too, as well as trucks and Boss Mustangs. There was usually a good assortment of many different Ford vehicles at this event, so take a camera for pictures! The forecast finally called for cloudy with temps in the '70's on Sunday. If the weather held, then this would make for a good 45-minute drive into the country northwest of our Baltimore beltway.

The early morning weather and radar check showed that there was no rainy weather anywhere east of the Mississippi, although the road in front of my home was still wet when I looked. It dried soon thereafter, but then there was another light shower at 6:45am! This made no sense, but by 7:40am when I left the roads were quickly drying. The easy drive to the Ford dealer was uneventful, and many stretches of the road leading to the dealership were quite scenic. By now it was overcast with a light, cool breeze making for a pleasant day sitting in Crouse's parking lot. The sun came out later in the afternoon and it warmed considerably, but all in all this was great car show weather!



Tony Cruz's 2006 V8 convertible at an earlier show.

By now my Mustang was in the Modified Mustang class, along with eight others from different years. Parked beside me was a good friend, Tony Cruz from Virginia, and his triple black '06 V8 convertible. Tony and I had become friends after competing against one another in several National Capital Region Mustang Club judged shows. He is an original owner who has tastefully and extensively modified his Mustang into a world-beater convertible. He has bested my car in every show over the years, but his Mustang truly is that nicely done. So we went through the entire day, including talking to many people, seeing the other cars, and voting, and then waited for trophy time somewhere around 2pm. But when they called out the winners of our Class F, neither Tony nor I were in the mix. I was surprised that at least Tony's excellent Mustang was not selected. Not long after we packed our cars and headed out.

There were many interesting Ford cars and trucks at this show, and this was a great opportunity to take pictures, and so we will feature many in our MITCHELL MOTORSPORTS photo issues this month.

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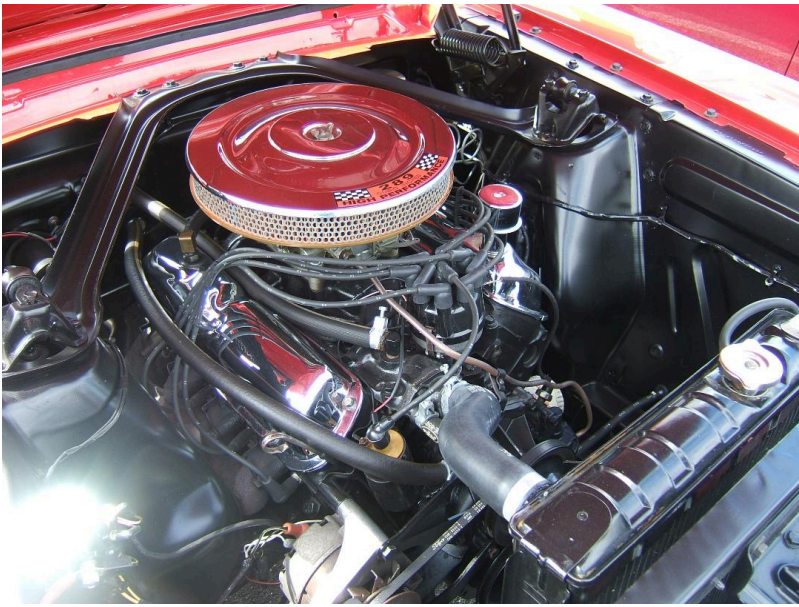
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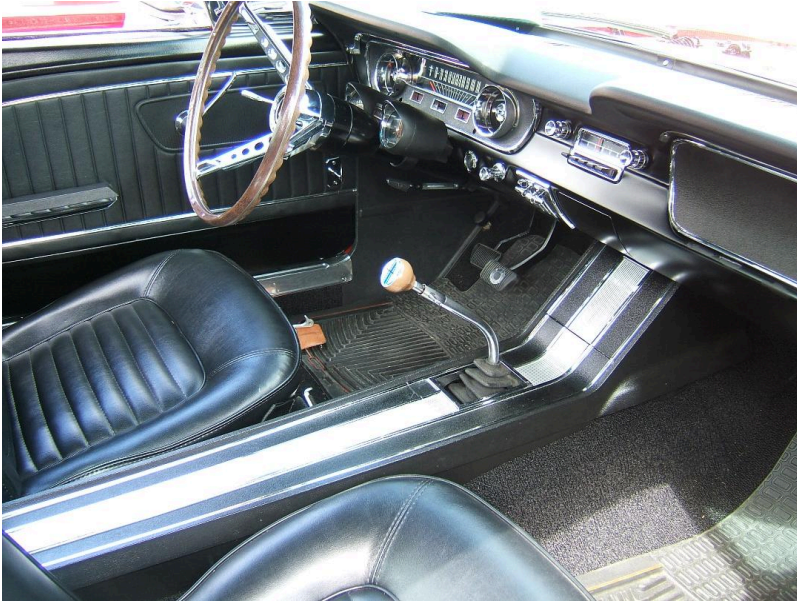
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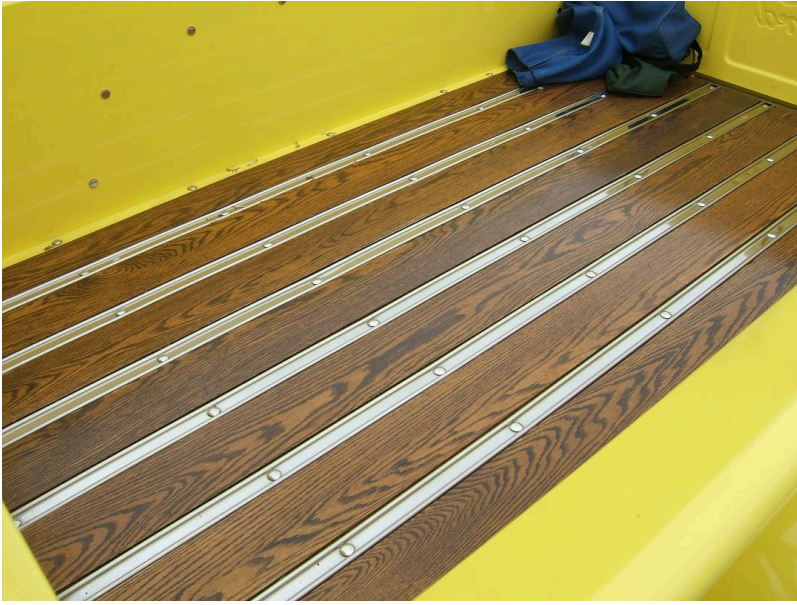
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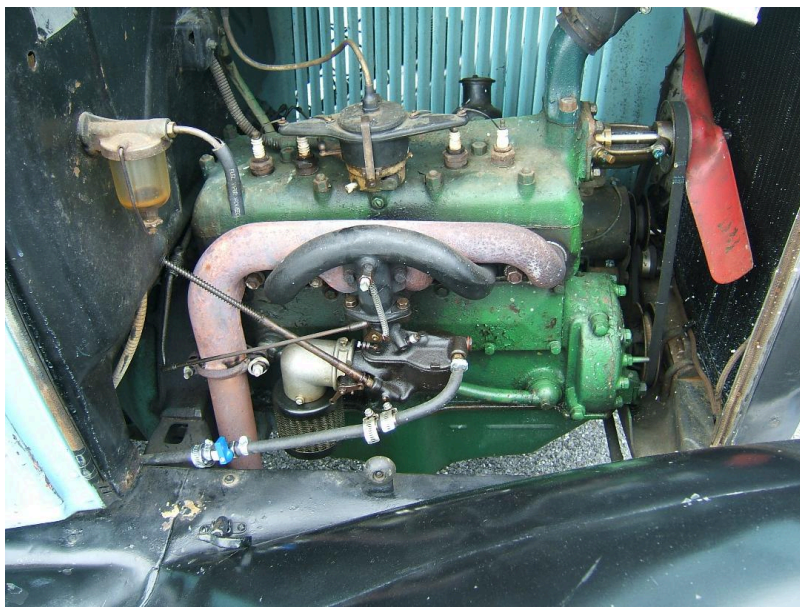
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