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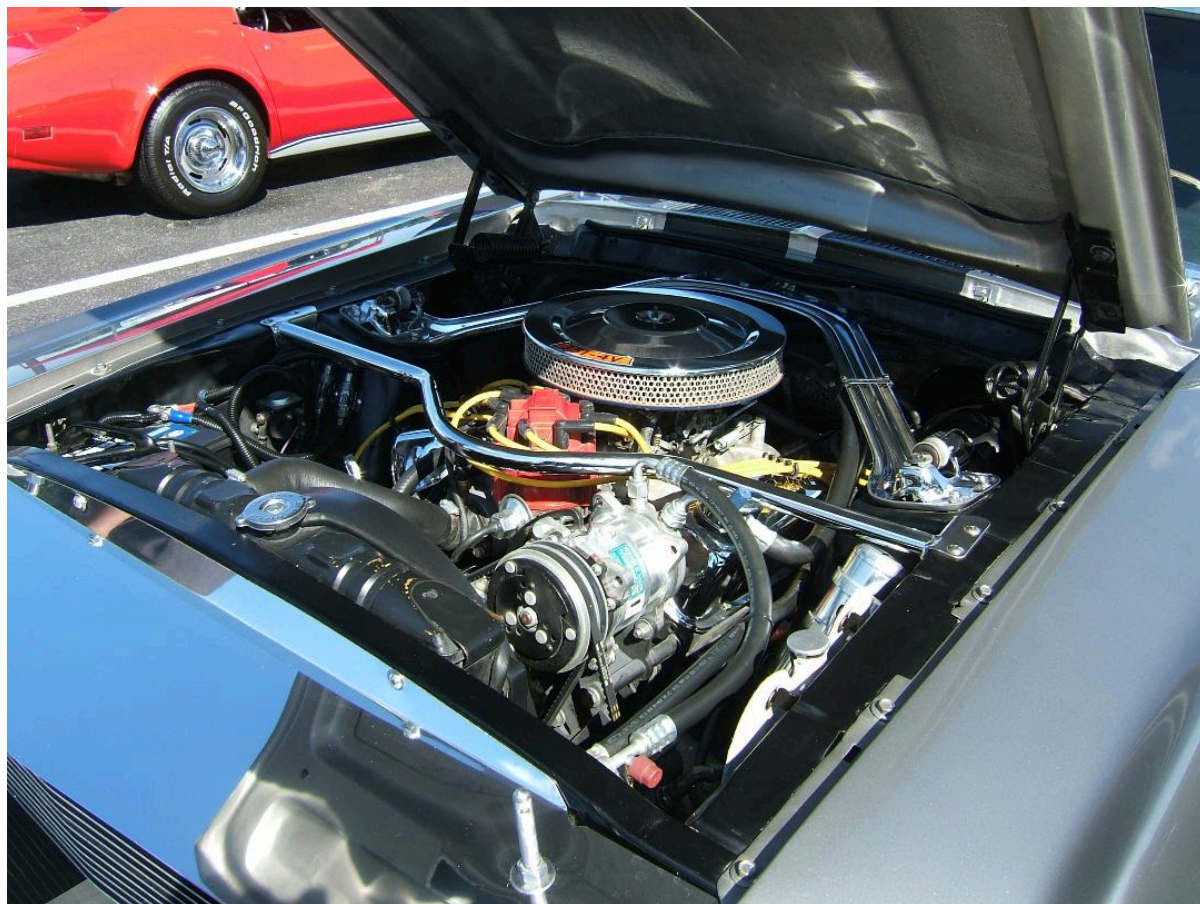
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On Saturday, September 28, 2024, I attended the DMV Rods and Classics show in Waldorf, MD. One of the most interesting cars at this event was this Eleanor Mustang. I did not learn anything about where it came from or

who built it, or whether it was a licensed copy or an at-home project, but it was a very impressive Mustang displayed at this show!













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MY 35TH CAR SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL

The next event on our local schedule was the 5th Annual Mustang & Fast Ford Car Show, scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2024. This show was held by the Knights of Columbus, Prince George's Council 2809, located in College, Park, MD, a short 30-minute drive off I-95. All of the registration fees benefited the Special Olympics of Maryland. There were usually trophies for first, second and third place in each class, as well as Honorable Mention awards for those who did not place. This was a popular vote show, but in the past the attendance was usually only 25 cars or less, although the event was well run.

I was not at this show in 2020 when it was first held because covid was at its peak, but I participated in all of the other Knights of Columbus events since then as it truly was a good show, although with a low turn out. The Knights did not have a rain date last year, and so I drove to this event in the rain, and it rained all day. There were only three Mustangs in attendance that day because of the wet weather, but they had the show anyway. This was the smallest Mustang event I have ever attended and certainly one of the most memorable!



This was the show organizer's Mustang on display, but not entered in the event.

Our show day's forecast called for fog early in the morning, but soon turning to sunny, warm weather. I headed out at 7:30am to catch up with my three Mustang friends when the weather was still overcast. There was no rain while I was driving out of my development, but many of the trees I rode under were shedding their leftover rain water, and it was like driving in a brief shower! I was onsite by 8am and actually the first Mustang to visit the Knights' property. My friends arrived soon thereafter. We set up our cars under cloudy and cool weather, but by 10am, the sun broke through, and it got hot and stayed that way! It was a perfect fall day for a show, but our attendance was still light with about 20 cars and trucks. We can never figure out why there is never a better turnout for this nicely run Mustang show?



Leo Howard's '08 Mustang GT convertible.

We were given our voting ballots when we registered. There were three votes for each generation, and the Knights added a truck and pre-WWII and other classes. There was one separate class for 2024 Mustangs, which seemed odd, however none showed up! By early afternoon we were called for trophy time. I was in Class E for 2005 to 2014 Mustangs. I did not know the owner with a 2010 convertible who took first place, but earlier he had participated in their 'loudest exhaust contest,' and this one was mighty loud! My friend Leo took second in my class, Glenn took third, and I received an Honorable Mention trophy. These were nice awards with the gold 1970 sports roof Mustang trophy top that is so popular at Mustang shows.



Our four traveling Mustangs!

But later things got a little strange for my Mustang and me. I said good-bye to my friends and packed my gear. I next pulled a cold Pepsi can out of a cold pack in my trunk. It slipped from my hand, hit my rear bumper and fell on the macadam. The can looked alright, and so I put it in the cup holder in my console. I then made a big mistake and tried to pop the top open too soon, and the agitated soda erupted and shot out all over my console and down the side of my car seat. I quickly pulled the Pepsi out of my car and dropped it on the ground, and the soda ran down the parking lot. I grabbed my paper towels and Windex and started cleaning that mess out of my console!



My Mustang before the soda can incident!

I finally left the Knights not long after. On the way home while driving on I-95, the right side of my windshield got rocked when I heard that awful, distinctive 'crack!' sound. I could not see exactly where it hit until I got home. Fortunately, this was a small area that I filled with resin from a glass repair kit. At the same time I was out in my driveway with a bucket of water and a sponge cleaning the remaining soda out of my console! About an hour later I had both problems resolved, so fortunately this odd little story ended well.

Earlier when I was leaving this event, the organizer said he hoped we came back again next year. This show was for a highly worthwhile cause for the Special Olympics, and so I immediately replied that I was already looking forward to returning for next year's event!

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MY 36TH CAR SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL

By this time of the year we were well into the 'late innings' of the 2024 car show 'game' here in central Maryland, with only a few good events left to attend as the days became shorter, the shadows were longer, and the weather was colder. But one of the previously bright spots on our local show calendar came up again, and that was a charity car show, held on Saturday, November 2, northeast of Baltimore, for a 44-mile run away from our Baltimore Beltway, and then deep into the country, for about an hour ride that was long but certainly fun to drive! I went to their prior events and greatly enjoyed them.

These were judged shows with 67 trophies available, plus several Best of awards. The first event one year ago had an excellent turnout, and the grassy field where we were parked was filled to overflowing, but for their summer event earlier this year, it was incredibly hot, and many people stayed home. There was, however, an air conditioned or heated building on the property to recover inside for a few minutes before going back out again. As mentioned, these are judged shows, including looking at our trunks, which is rare, so the key was to arrive early and redetail everything before the judges walked around with their score sheets!

This show started out well enough. I backed out of my garage at 7:30am when it was still dark as this was the last day before we turned our clocks back. I was soon cruising our Baltimore Beltway going north and eventually heading east as the sun arose with many high contrails in the distant blue sky. I exited and drove north again onto a rolling, two-lane road with light traffic at that hour. Occasionally the cars ahead turned off the road, and I could open up the throttle and take advantage of the roller coaster-like feeling that this road was capable of! Eventually I got off and headed more east to where the show was located. I overshot one quick, tight left turn, and my GPS rerouted me past several dairy farms with real, live cows grazing on their hills, something this city boy seldom sees!

I arrived at the property soon after. There was about a quarter-mile downgrade and then a climb to get to the grassy field where the property for the show was located. The problem was that this unpaved, narrow access lane was covered with a very fine, powdery, light brown dirt that coated everyone's cars as they entered. This required an extensive recleaning once I parked my Mustang. No matter which way I wiped the dust, it did not want to come off! But after an hour and a half I had Old Faithful looking generally like a show car once again!

I only knew one other person at this show, and that was John K. and his excellent '66 V8 Mustang coupe. Unfortunately, we were parked away from each other, and this made talking about the show difficult. But as it turned out, three cars over from mine was a guy named Dave from Pennsylvania who drove to the event in his very impressive Impact Blue '13 or '14 Shelby Mustang that was modified up past 800 horsepower! This Mustang looked terrific, and I was convinced he would easily get into the Top 50 awards, and possibly receive the Best of Show trophy as his car was that outstanding.



Dave's Shelby Mustang. This car was very impressive!

When we paid our entry fee that morning, the show organizers gave us our half-page paper score sheets to place on our windshield. Their judges would be looking at everything, except our undercarriages. We could see the areas they would review and the points allocated for each area. So after touching up our cars, we sat and waited for their judges to get started. And we waited for what seemed like a long time before they walked around some time after 1pm. There were possibly over 120 cars competing for the Top 50 trophies. I was not watching closely, but it seemed like the judges were not looking at these areas on their score sheets in the detail we expected, and they were not writing notes on the score sheets, either, such as for points deductions. Did my judge make essentially one walk around on my car and then went on to someone else, or did I misunderstand something here? From there the judges used their smart phones, but we do not know what for? Were they scoring our cars on their phones? Or were they relaying results to someone else tracking the scores? Or did they miss transmitting some score sheet results? What just happened here?

About an hour later we were called forward for trophy time. Bear in mind that John's '66 Mustang has won many times at shows we have attended, including at least one Best of Show, and Dave's Shelby Mustang was incredibly impressive in its own right, and my V6 Mustang has done alright, too, over the past two show seasons, but when they read off the list of the Top 50 winners, followed by 17 other miscellaneous Best of awards, all three of us came up with...wait for it...*nothing!* I was standing by Dave earlier when his judge looked at his Shelby, and this judge was incredibly impressed with Dave's car. I thought for certain that at least he would win one of the awards. So what really happened? None of this made any sense. The law of averages says that with a random selection for the awards that at least one of us should have been chosen if all three were worthy cars. But, do not bet on that idea at this particular show!



My trusty steed!

I was still dumbfounded when I packed my car and drove home after this event. I had been to this show twice before, and it seemed like they reviewed our cars in more detail on the last two occasions. What were the changes they made before today and what was different I will never know. It just seemed appropriate that if you hand out score sheets with points listed for ten or so areas on each car, then you should take the time to look at each of those areas in detail and evaluate them. I frankly have no idea how they really, really picked the winners at this show today. It takes time to judge cars properly, speaking from experience, but that was not what I saw. And that was unfortunate as the three of us deserved a little better.

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MY 37TH SHOW IN MY 2011 V6 MUSTANG - BY RICK MITCHELL

By mid-November, 2024, my Mustang friends and I were down to just one or two good local shows remaining before it was time for the season to end and put our Mustangs into semi-hibernation for the long, dull winter months, with no real events until next April. The only activity would then be weekly test rides to keep everything lubricated internally, complete instrument checks, and then go home. Essentially this was 25 to 30 minutes of cruising on nearly the same route every week running up five or ten uneventful miles as the engine warmed up, and hopefully putting my Mustang away with no write-ups! But there was still one very good, large event to go to, and that was the Annual Veterans Appreciation Car Show, hosted by the Street Survivors of Maryland, and held on Sunday, November 10, at the 97 East Park Shopping Center, located in southern Glen Burnie, Maryland, about ten miles south of Baltimore and just a 20-minute drive away.

I grew up in the '50's through the '70's in the nearby Glen Burnie Park housing development, and this much newer shopping center did not exist back in those 'olden days'! The area was just a few houses and a small convenience store! This event was a popular vote show that was open to all vehicles with 75 trophies available and several other specialty awards. The key was to go with as many friends as we could assemble to have any chance for winning. There was usually a huge crowd, and in the past the shopping center only allocated barely enough space to hold all of the entrants. Last year we were double-parked with two lines of cars going down the middle of the aisles, and all sandwiched together much like sardines! But it all worked out well, and we had good results!



Our Mustang line up at the show, with Leo on the right, followed by me, Glenn, Jim and John.

As we approached this weekend, the threat of rain that Sunday afternoon was lingering in the forecast, so the show was moved to an 8am start with plans to end by 2pm. My Mustang friends wanted to meet near the site at 7am for us to park together as a group and avoid the jammed parking lot nightmare from last year. This required getting out of my door an hour earlier than normal, but I survived! It was still dark when I rolled my Mustang out of the garage by 6:30 that morning. I watched the sun rise as I headed east on our Baltimore Beltway. The skies were various shades of red, orange and gray as the sun poked through the haze. The view was incredible!

My group of five Mustangs met in an area adjacent to the show field at 6:55am, and then we drove in together and parked. We were within the first 40 cars and trucks to register. Not long after that, a steady stream of entrants followed for several hours, raising the number of show cars and trucks to an amazing 235! And this year there was no double-parking in the aisles, which was a huge relief. We were given our voting ballots early and told to pick five other entrants, but not ourselves. This was easy as I had gotten to know a good number of these people over the years who own truly great-looking show cars.



Jim Bridgett's excellent 1970 Boss 302 Mustang.

By about noon, the organizers asked all of the veterans to come forward to the trophy area where they were honored for their military service while the national anthem was sung as well as other truly great American patriotic songs. There were a number of Vietnam veterans recognized in this group, including my good friend Leo Howard, all of whom are owed a deep debt of gratitude for their service. Not long after that the various raffle prizes were given out, and then came trophy time.

The announcer said that the trophies were awarded in no particular order, but then they gave them in the same chronological order from when we registered, from one to 235, so it was easy to track where we stood. When they got to car number 30, my Mustang's number, my name was called, and fortunately I won one of the Top 75 trophies! The same happened with many of my friends. After this, the club awarded several specialty trophies, followed by their Best of Show award. Finally, the 50/50 winning number was called, with something like \$950 going to the winner. This was the largest 'pay out' in the history of this show!



My trusty steed!

The event finished by 2:30pm. The weather held steady all day with no rain, although the temps only reached into the chilly '50's with a moderate breeze at times and cloudy skies, and only a few periods of sunshine, but considering that this was mid-November and unpredictable, we really had nothing to complain about. This was a large and very successful show with many Mustangs in attendance and other impressive cars to look at, and I will look forward to going back again next year!

(Note: This was my last event for 2024. Next month begins our 2025 show season reports!)

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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. We are presenting two photo issues from this show featuring several Mustangs. In this issue we have a red '65 Mustang V8 fastback, followed by a black and gold '07 Hertz Shelby convertible, and finally, a '24 Dark Horse Mustang, the first one I have seen 'in person.' All three Mustangs were very impressive!







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