



From the President's Desk

By David Green

Regarding our recently completed 25th Anniversary Show in Hot Springs on October 9:

I am satisfied that it was a good show. Unlike the two previous show-and-shines this year, it was not a record-breaker in numbers. But the final total number of cars does not tell the complete story. Just like we did on the trophies by putting quality before quantity, so went the cars present at this show.

The quality of the cars present was mind-boggling. We had many rare, beautiful, and unusual examples of Ford's finest present.

We had just enough loyal volunteers for working at the show. If we would have had very many more

cars, we might have been in trouble. As it turned out, everything happened on time according to my itinerary, even the trophy presentation. So, everything worked out for the best.

The lack of judging sheets gave us a scare just a few days before the show. Some folks we were depending on just didn't come through. I have voiced questions in the past, wondering why we needlessly complicate things using MCA sheets (the same ones they use at Nationals). I thought that maybe if we could simplify and streamline judging, we could get cars judged more quickly. It would also be better for folks who had never judged before (of which we had several).

After talking to several key officers and members, I decided to design our own sheets. We couldn't wait any longer. These would have categories that would apply to any vehicle. They are 120-140 point sheets. We now own those sheets. They served us well at the show. We can continue using them for as long as we like now.

As bad as the weather hurt us last year, Mother Nature certainly smiled upon us this year. One could not have asked for a more picture-perfect early Fall day.

Another thing that helped was our pre-planning and rehearsals prior to show day. The itinerary was printed in the September *Pony Express*. Show volunteers (continued page 2)

CAM meeting minutes from September 22, 2005 at Grady's Pizza Little Rock by David Green

Called to order by President David Green at 7:00 PM. About 28 members present. August minutes approved as published in Sept. *Pony Express*. Treasurer's report given. No Old Business. Continuing New Business: Green gave

summary of show progress. Additional awards to be assigned to spread out classes. Awards & plaques will be ready early October week of the show. Show items to be brought down Oct 8, cars moved. First meeting adjourned @ 7:23

PM. Second meeting for show committee started @ 7:44 PM. Show items gone over, details & procedures discussed, questions answered. Second meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

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Special points of interest:

- Next meeting Thursday, October 20 at Grady's Pizza, Little Rock. Eat starting at 6 PM. General meeting at 7 PM.
- Fall Color Cruise to Mt. Magazine State Park sometime late October/early November. Details TBA.
- CAM Christmas Party early December. Details TBD. Stay tuned.

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stayed late after the general September meeting to thrash out final details of the show. A "milk run" of the show was rehearsed. Everyone knew what they would be doing at what time. At least 10 volunteers met at Riser Ford on the evening of the 8th to move cars, but Warren and Roberta Walker beat us there. The Walkers and the dealership personnel had moved the cars before 6 PM. The rest of us unloaded show items and discussed placement of the various show needs.

We had a Head Judge stationed on a corner near where the show participants came in. He classified the car for class, then directed the owner to the picture taking area. The car was then parked by the parking crew. The owner then took the classification card to registration.

This procedure worked out extremely well for us. It took the problem of classifying a car away from registration workers and put the program right there at the point of origin where the cars came in.

I don't think that anyone had any problem hearing the music or the announcements.

We had accumulated just enough door prizes for everyone to get one.

The quality of the cars was so high, the judges had problems finding very many flaws on any of them. This bunched up the scores. Mike and Chiquita Pate had a difficult time ranking them because many scores were almost identical. We ended up combining some classes, creating some, and spreading out a lot more for

the betterment of the show. About a month before the show, I had gotten concerned that we really would not have enough trophies in number for a larger show, even though the number and classes were approved by the club in March. I added 18 Daily Driven plaque-type awards to spread them out, and shifted more awards to Street Driven Occasional and Concours. It was a good thing for us, because we needed all of them for the show. The actual mix of cars was highly unusual for one of our shows. Where did all those Mach 1s and Concours cars come from?

Next up is nominations for 2006 officers. Please consider serving. Our club cannot function without committed, loyal members.

Winner's Circle II and Coming Events: Next meeting Oct. 20

ORMC Show, Harrison, AR. Sunday, October 2: 180+ cars, judged & classed, very warm, 87 degrees, mostly sunny.

1st	Josh Teal	69 Mach 1
2nd	David Green	66 fastback

Upcoming Shows

October 23 (Sun) Car, truck, bike show benefits Firehouse Hostel & Museum. 12-

4, MacArthur Park, Little Rock. \$20. Info: Jackie Warren @ (501)407-0561

October 29 (Sat) 1st Baptist Church of Perryville (AR) Register 8-10 (\$20), awards @ 2. Info: Chuck McNeal 889-2542 or David Guenther 889-3317

CAM events

October 20 (Thurs) regular business meeting @ Grady's Pizza, W. 12th St.,

Little Rock. Eat @ 6, meet @ 7PM. Nomination of 2006 officers, planning for remainder of 2005. Critical meeting!

Fall Color Cruise to Mt. Magazine late October/early November.

Thurs, November 10: monthly meeting

Bowling Party?

Christmas Party early December

Show volunteers ensure show success

Thanks to all who volunteered throughout the year to ensure the 25th Anniversary Show would be staffed.

Judges: Jim Dowell (team leader), Jan Dowell, Eddie Mollette, Shelly Mollette, Kevin Olson, Tom Sipes, and Amanda Nally (clipboard) judged the regular Mustangs. Concours: Jerry Oldridge. Modified: David Green. Ford Special Interest: Dale Mashburn & crew. Head Judges:

Dale Mashburn, Dennis Fason, David Green. Registration: Jelaine Davis, Roberta Walker. Advertising: Charlotte Fason, Tom Sipes, David Green. Set up/Parking: Kevin Tullos, Warren Walker, Jerry Oldridge. Budget: Jelaine Davis, David Green. MCA liaison: Tom Sipes. Judging sheet tallying, ranking: Mike Pate, Chiquita Pate. Door Prizes: Warren Walker, Tom Sipes, Shelly Mollette. Door Prize distribution: Randall Davis.

We're sure there are others who worked "behind the scenes" to help, and we thank them too.

Paul Riser of Riser Ford assured President Green that CAM is welcome to come back for 2006 and beyond for our next Regional Shows. His offer stands as long as we wish. So a great big THANK YOU to Riser Ford!