



## **Glad I Didn't Cancel.**

### **Part I**

*A short story about Mustangs, love, loss and moving forward with purpose.*

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Ralph Waldo Emerson, an American philosopher who experienced infinite grief said : “ the past has slipped beyond our influence and the future is outside our knowing. To be happy and fruitful, we must engage with *right now.*”

Mustang Car Show Volunteer April 2025 Day 1 Houston, TX

My previous volunteer efforts have revolved around food and providing food to those less fortunate. That included a Saturday with my daughter's 4th grade class at the Fish and Loaves Soup Kitchen and at Chris Paul's Annual Thanksgiving mega event held at the Toyota Center. These were certainly worthwhile causes and provided a wonderful sense of satisfaction and gratitude after both experiences. My Mustang volunteer experience was completely different in the sense that it was a hobby, an event that I wanted to be a part of to support Pony nation and attend my first big car show. My Facebook Mustang group had a post requesting volunteers for an upcoming 4 day Mustang car show; offering a free T-shirt, meal voucher and entry into the event for those that volunteered. Seemed like a fair trade for an 8 hour shift at the track to assist with ticketing, parking and merchandise sales. I signed up for two consecutive days for the morning shift. Prior to the event, I had almost cancelled my participation and I'm so glad that I didn't. The weather was beautiful and right away I knew I made the right decision and was enjoying my duties; primarily assisting the incoming Mustangs with their designated spots for parking based on track experiences. The roar of the Coyote engine is music to my ears. Day 1