

MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA

1985 SOUTHERN NATIONAL

Hosted by the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club
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There's an old saying that goes "Nothing succeeds like success." The old saying almost proved too true for the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club of Biloxi. Their 1983 MCA Southern National at the Gulf Coast Convention Center (the MCA's first indoor National) was so successful that every car club in the area has been using the Convention Center for their shows — everything from Corvettes to Street Rods. This is great for the Convention Center, but it sure made it tough for the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club to schedule their 1985 MCA Southern National.

The show shared the Convention Center with the Mississippi Miss Hospitality Pageant and the Mississippi Board of Supervisors Annual Meeting. Thanks to some wheeling and dealing on the part of the Mississippi Group there was plenty of room for the 104 Mustangs which arrived Friday and Saturday for 1985's only indoor MCA National. And the 1985 show was even better than the 1983 show!

Show Chairmen Jack Wilbanks, Bill Sowell, and Ron Parmley organized one heck of a MCA National. From Registration to Tech Inspection, from Judging to Awards Presentation, everything went without a hitch. Only those who have helped organize a National show know just what an accomplishment that really is.

Registration Chairmen Larry Smith, George McGee, and Jack Wilbanks and the volunteers working the registration table had their hands full from 1:00 p.m. Friday right up to the registration deadline at 11:00 a.m. Saturday. Included in each participants registration packet was undoubtedly the BEST show pamphlet ever published for a



Betty Blake, Linda Thompson, Billie Sowell, Sharon Culveyhouse, and Laura Carter take care of registration.

Jayme Fillete and Ann McGee sell raffle tickets.



MCA National show. Included in this very professional booklet were: Show Schedule, History of the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club, Why are you a MCA member?, History of the Mustang, Listing of MCA Classes, and the complete MCA Judging Rules!



Mississippi Coast Mustang Club Officers for 1985

President Bill Sowell
 Vice President Ron Parmley
 Treasurer Larry Smith
 Secretary Sharon Culveyhouse
 Regional Director Jack Wilbanks
 Club Historian Billie Sowell

Board of Directors for 1985

Ben Powell	Bill & Billie Sowell
Chuck Uren	Jim & Sharon Culveyhouse
Mike Fitzpatrick	Duane & Betty Blake
Eric Heinrich	George & Vic McGee
Jack Wilbanks	Ron Parmley
Tom Powers	Larry Smith
	Dan Taylor

1985 Southern National

Show Chairmen Jack Wilbanks,
 Bill Sowell, Ron Parmley
 Registration Chairmen Larry Smith,
 George McGee, Jack Wilbanks
 Technical Inspection
 Head Judges Ron Parmley,
 Vic McGee, Dan Taylor
 Hospitality Party
 Chairman Sharon Culveyhouse
 Raffle Car Chairman Jack Wilbanks
 Head Judges Jack Wilbanks,
 Keith Dem

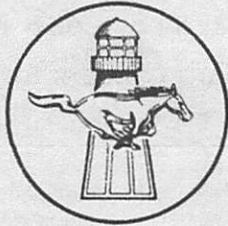
Technical Inspection Head Judges Ron Parmley, Vic McGee, and Don Taylor kept the Tech line moving smoothly, allowing late registering participants maximum clean-up time on their Mustangs before judging began.

Hospitality Chairman Sharon Culveyhouse was the star of the show Friday. The Barbecue Chicken dinner included all the trimmings, and was a classic example of good-ole southern hospitality.

Mississippi Governor Bill Allain was well aware Jeff McGee was doing a great job of running the Pony Corral — Jeff wouldn't let the Governor park in spaces reserved for the Corral! Besides keeping high government officials out of the parking spaces, Jeff took care of the 29 Mustangs for sale in the Corral, with owners car specs and prices available to horse traders.

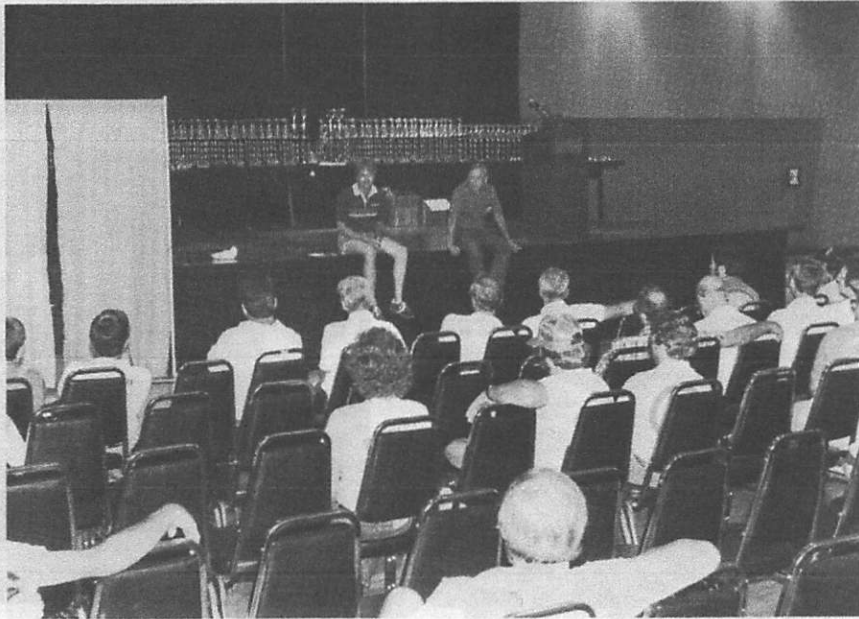


Vic McGee, Dan Taylor, and Jack Wilbanks check out Ron McCravey's 1969 coupe.

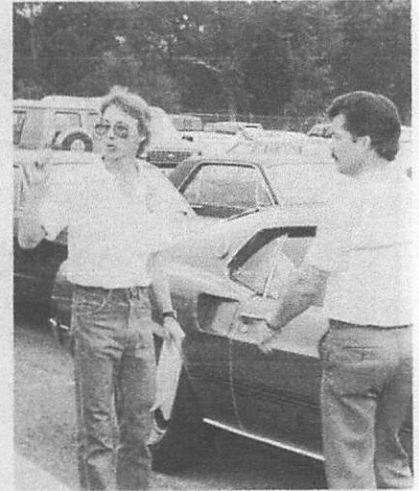


Friday night's barbecue was well attended.



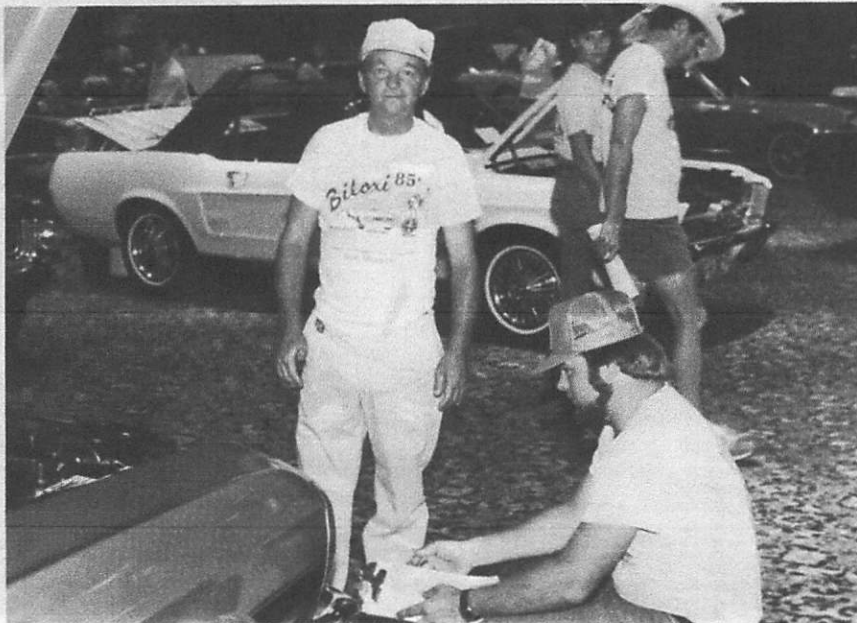


Head Judges Bill Dillard and Jack Wilbanks discuss judging rules with the volunteer judges.



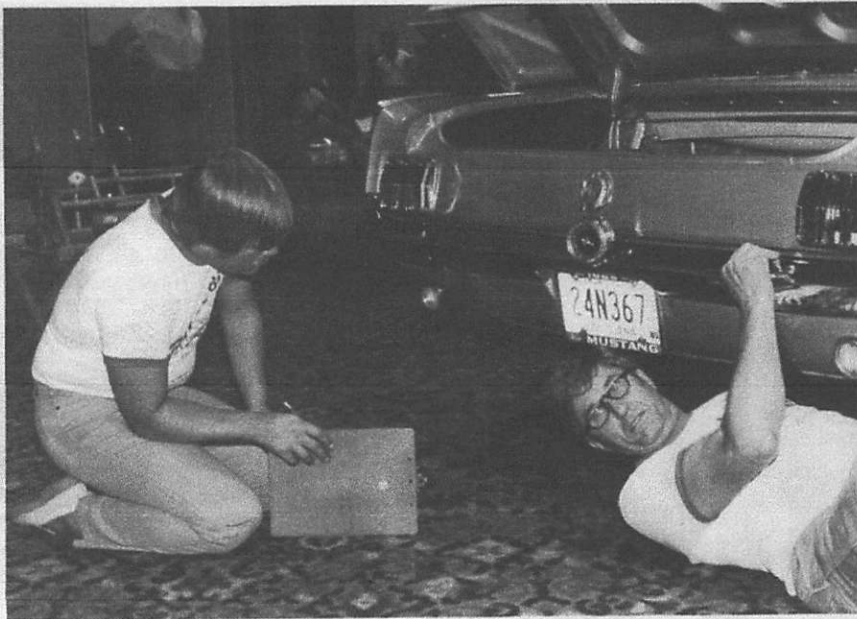
Jeff McGee watches over the 29 ponies in the Pony Corral.

Jimmy Michaels and Dan Taylor judge this RARE GT/CS — a six cylinder.

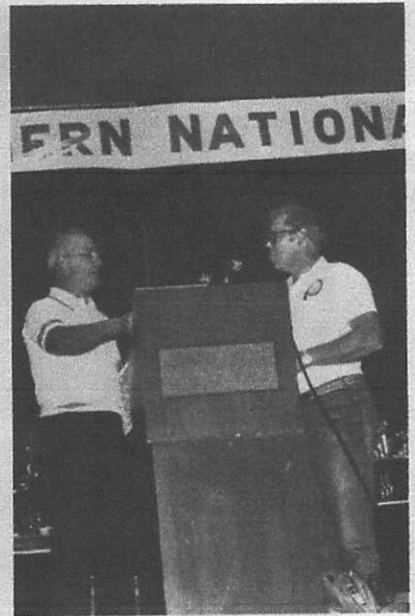


The show got down to business Saturday morning as Head Judge Jack Wilbanks and MCA National Head Judge Bill Dillard had a prejudging meeting with the volunteer judges. After a discussion of MCA Judging Rules, questions and answers, and a friendly reminder on just how careful to be with these classic Mustangs, the judges went about their business. MCA Assistant National Head Judge Bob Vickery was behind the scenes as usual, handling all the paperwork that goes along with judging 104 high point Mustangs.

As the judges finished up their work Saturday afternoon, Jack Wilbanks, assisted by Tom Easterly and Scott Jones, announced the winner of the 1964½ Mustang convertible raffle car. Fred Welch of Chatsworth, Georgia won the car, and Bill Dillard of Calhoun, Georgia drove it home for him — twice lucky! After the raffle car was given away Jack presented over \$7,000 to Chief Pete Clegg, Vice President of the Mississippi Firefighters Memorial Burn Center. Chief Clegg presented a plaque "To the Mississippi Coast Mustang Club in grateful appreciation of your dedicated service and unselfish giving of your time and efforts to the Mississippi Firefighters Memorial Burn Center."



John Cole and Charles Hampton judge this Junior Stock '65.



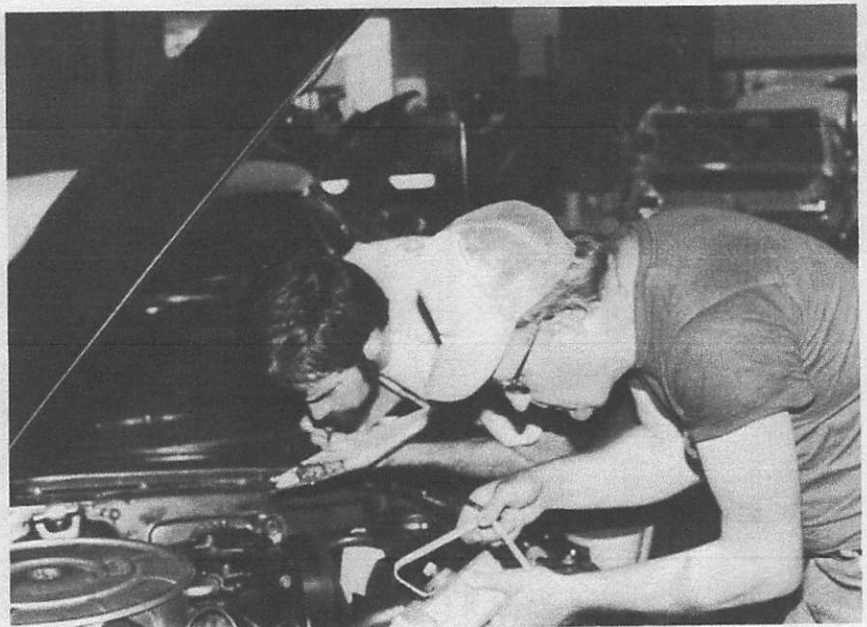
Chief Clegg presents plaque.

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Ray Parrish and Jim Watters get close to their judging.

The Awards Presentation got under way at 8:00 p.m. Saturday. Door prizes contributed by the many Mustang vendors on hand were awarded, with many nice Mustang related items going to the show's entrants. Emcee Jack Wilbanks introduced *Mustang Times* Editor Tracy Harrell, who presented Vivian McClain of Pensacola, Florida a plaque for excellence in Regional Group News Reporting. Bill Sowell announced the winners of the MCA competition, and trophies were awarded by Jack Wilbanks.

Weather the weekend of the Southern National was less than accommodating, but with the dry, air conditioned show site, nobody seemed to mind. The Mississippi Coast Mustang Club did a fantastic job of this show, start to finish. One has to wonder, just how are they going to top it? But there are many happy Mustangers with fond memories of the 1985 Southern National who sure hope they'll try. **MT**



1985 SOUTHERN NATIONAL WINNERS

JUNIOR DIVISION

1964½-1965 Coupes

- 1st Kelly White
N. Wilkesboro, NC
- 2nd Pat LaBruyere
LaFayette, LA
- 3rd James Michaels
Milton, FL

1965 Fastbacks

- 1st Terry Jones
Grove, OK
- 2nd Jerry Lamply
Gulfport, MS

1964½-1965 Convertibles

- 1st Melvin Little
Salpulpa, OK
- 2nd Terry Masters
Laurel, MS
- 3rd Betty Blake
Biloxi, MS

1966 Coupes

- 1st Freeman Fritsche
Percy, IL
- 2nd Gene Millsbaugh
Baton Rouge, LA
- 3rd Charles Truax
Denham Springs, LA

1966 Fastbacks

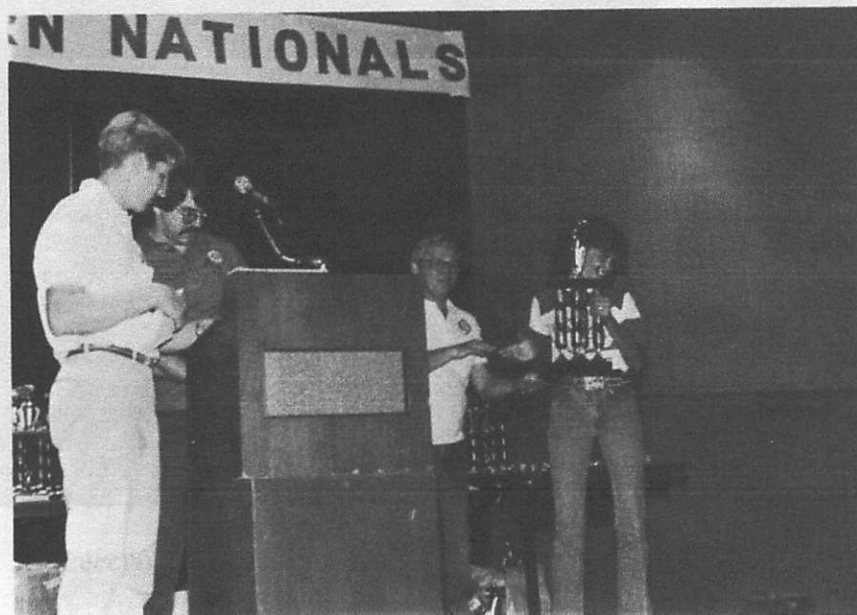
- 1st Jim Lamb
Fayetteville, GA
- 2nd Gene Millsbaugh
Baton Rouge, LA

1966 Convertibles

- 1st Larry Frederick
Houma, LA
- 2nd Michael Reed
Metairie, LA
- 3rd Patty Sankey
Montgomery, LA

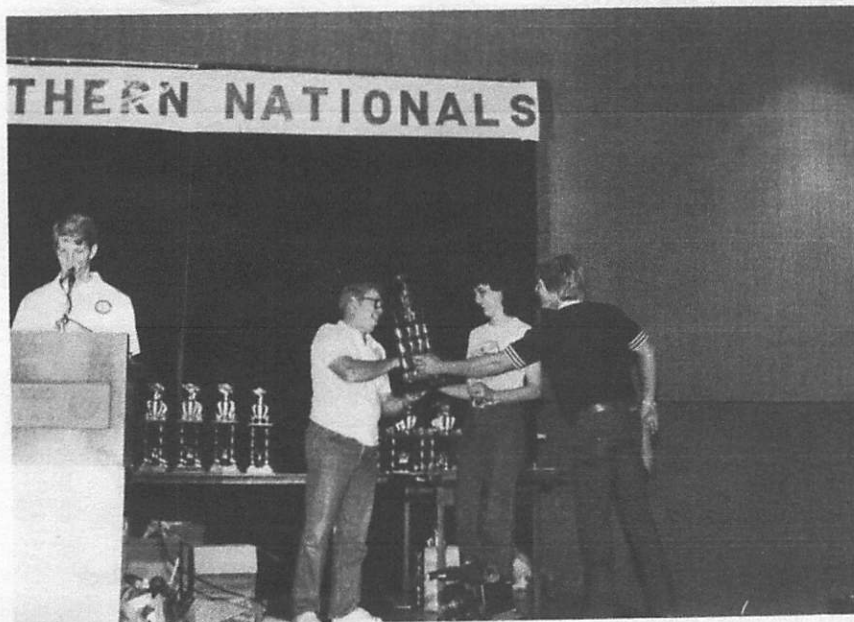
1967-1968 Coupes

- 1st Dean McDaniel
Muskegee, OK
- 1st Leland Riddell
Bryant, AR
- 2nd Jack Morton
West Germany
- 3rd Ron Henzen
Baton Rouge, LA



Terry Jones wins First Place with her '65 Fastback.

The McDaniels of Muskegee, Oklahoma are proud of their First Place Trophy.





Tom Van Wagner picks up First Place with his 1966 Shelby GT350S.



Jack Morton came from West Germany to pick up his trophy.



1967-1968 Fastbacks

- 1st Steven Morton
Baton Rouge, LA
- 2nd Wayne Blackwood
Pensacola, FL
- 3rd Darren Braud
Gonzalez, LA

1967-1968 Convertibles

- 1st Al Cherry
Birmingham, AL
- 2nd Ronald Allman
Metairie, LA
- 3rd Jane Fougerousse
Baton Rouge, LA

1969-1970 Coupes

- 1st Ron Parmley
Gulfport, MS
- 2nd Ron McCravey
Biloxi, MS

1969-1970 Fastbacks

- 1st Charles Young
Memphis, TN
- 2nd Andy Chase, Jr.
Plaquemine, LA

1969-1970 Convertibles

- 1st Betty Sue Wheeler
Conley, GA
- 2nd James Deining, Jr.
Montgomery, AL

1971-1973 Coupes

- 2nd Harvey Truax
Lumberton, TX

1971-1973 Fastbacks

- 1st Mike Sanders
Nashville, TN
- 2nd Buddy Jones
Jasper, GA
- 3rd Andy Chase, Jr.
Plaquemine, LA

1971-1973 Convertibles

- 1st James & Sharon Slack
Tulsa, OK

1965-1966 Shelby

- 1st Don Buck
New Orleans, LA
- 1st Tom Van Wagner
Baton Rouge, LA
- 2nd Frank O'Pry
Beaumont, TX
- 3rd John Jackson
Houma, LA

1967-70 Shelys

- 1st Mickey Graphia
Baton Rouge, LA
- 2nd J. F. Ponder
Mendenhall, MS
- 3rd Perry Rushing
Markville, LA

Bosses

- 1st Curtis Baxter
Ft. Walton Beach, FL
- 2nd Frank Murphy
Baton Rouge, LA
- 3rd Andy Parrino
Baton Rouge, LA



Street Driven Convertibles

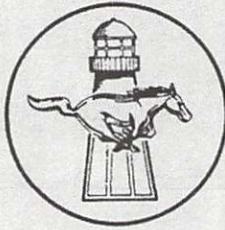
- 1st William Caywood
Silsbee, TX
- 1st James Welch
Metairie, LA
- 1st Paula Truax
Beaumont, TX
- 2nd Dan Whalley
Montgomery, AL
- 3rd Jamie Fillette
Long Beach, MS
- 3rd John Cole
Marrero, LA

Street Driven

- 1st Tommy Martin
Luling, LA
- 1st Dwayne Blake
Biloxi, MS
- 2nd Jaye Quinn
Baton Rouge, LA

Street Driven

- 1st John Brewer
Conyers, GA
- 1st Marie Harvey
Nine Mile Point, LA
- 1st Ralph Fortson
Snellville, GA
- 1st Mike Redmon
Houma, LA
- 2nd Charles Roppolo
Baton Rouge, LA
- 3rd Sharon Culveyhouse
Gulfport, MS



Junior Modified Street

- 2nd Kevin Martrain
Baton Rouge, LA
- 2nd Lennie Babin
New Orleans, LA
- 3rd Bill Whitley
Jackson, MS

Junior Modified Conservative

- 1st Ed Napper
Gulfport, MD
- 2nd David Kell
Milton, FL
- 3rd Bill Sowell
Biloxi, MS

Junior Modified Radical

- 1st Bennie Vernice
Baton Rouge, LA

Unrestored

- 1st Wanda Thacker
Milton, FL
- 3rd John Parr
Houma, LA

Unrestored

- 1st Roy Sutton
Niceville, FL