

July 2024 President' Message

One thing I failed to mention last month, is Chuck Weimer's retirement. He has now joined the "I don't know when I had time to work" club. I know those first few days you wake up and think I don't have to do anything today, and you feel like you are missing something. From experience, I know that feeling doesn't last too long and soon you have to find some way to remember what day of the week it is. I have heard it is when the big newspaper comes. Congratulations, Chuck!

June 9th – As I sit here, I am breathing a sigh of relief that another Car Show is in the books. The weather reports for the day were a bit varied but all called for some rain during the day. Well, that means for me, it's the Mustang who get the outing as the VW Campmobile does have a little bit of a leak. This also meant some cars ducked out early from the show field, or didn't show up at all. I will find out later just how many cars we did have. I guesstimate we had about 115 cars. Not bad for a iffy weather day.

I was glad that there didn't seem to be any major hitches with the show being in a new location. Sure, there were some things we need to discuss at the board meeting to see if we can do better for next year, but I liked the new location. Even though I was in class 16 with Mustang, the distance was more like the back 20 and not the back 40. (at least I could see my car from the registration table!). I know there will be more comments, both good and bad, but I think we can iron out some of those things. Kudos to Chuck Facklam and his band of weary workers (I'm sure they were weary after setting up so much on Saturday.). Registration never got backed up partly due to the weather and the great bunch of members who were always on top of things. The field layout may need a little queuing since it was our first time there and it rained heavily the night before, so there were a few puddles to avoid. But I still think the layout led to attracting a large number of spectators. The troupe of judges did a phenomenal job and judge the field in record time. This is the first time I got to see some of the behind the scenes after the judges have done their duties. Amazing job that the all the women did in administration. An I thought doing the newsletter was a job! They are all probably glad they only have to do this once a year!

The trophy awards were done early to avoid the raindrops and were a bit of a letdown as we had to nix the drive through awarding due to the heavens giving us a small taste of what was to come later. As Murphy's Law would have it, the sun come out bright after that last plaque was handed out. Go figure. So, things ended a little early and we able to get our cars safely tucked away just before the heavens opened up.

If we had a Hard Luck Trophy, the award would go to Chris Ciszek would certainly win. We heard that he was on a run with the Model A Club when he was hit by another car. It did extensive damage to his Model A, which had to be towed. Unconfirmed report is that an older driver got his foot stuck between the pedals and lost control of his vehicle before hitting Ciszek's A. Let's hope that his car is repaired so that he can get his A back on the road again. Chris was able to bring a different car to our show, fortunately without incident.

Second place in the Hart Luck Trophy, would be to Ken Knoll, who was hit in his modern car, hard enough to drive it into the car in front of him. Both front & back of his was damaged. He is still feeling the effects of that accident and was unable to bring his antique car to the show. Hope he feels better soon!

They say things happen in threes, well, there is the third and hopefully FINAL story. For those of you who know QTPIE, Jack & Linda Foster's Nash Metropolitan, it seems that car will be tied up for a bit due to getting rear ended while stopped to make a turn. I guess the spare tire is now in the trunk where it is NOT supposed to be. Linda said it is drivable, but is heartbroken to see it that way. Let's hope QTPIE is back in A One condition soon!

Hope to see everyone at the picnic. It should be another fun day, especially with the auction. Bring those goodies to benefit YOUR club.

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