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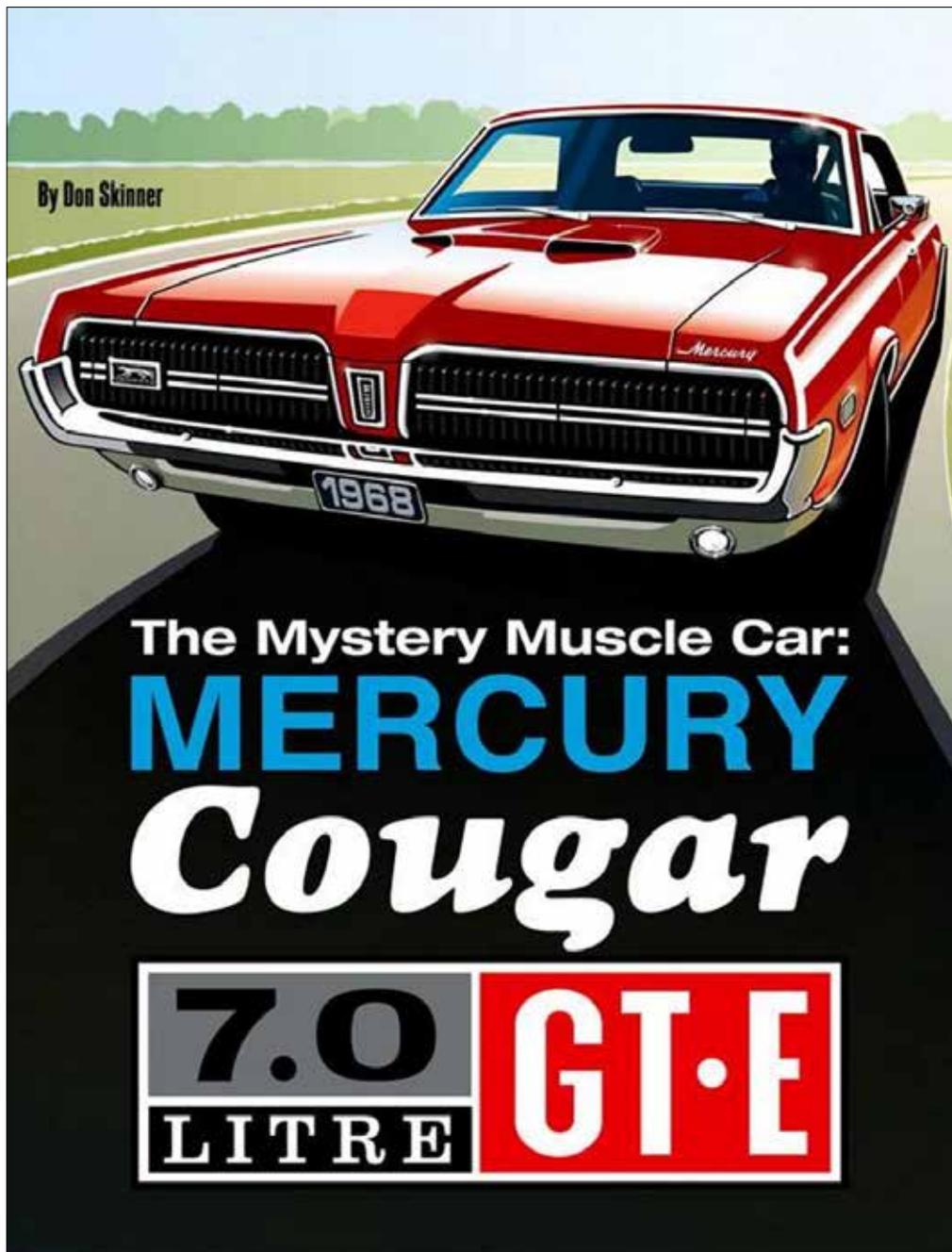


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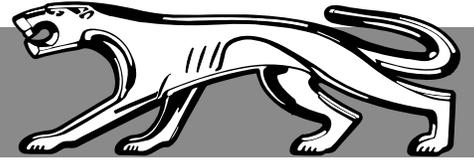
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Jeremy Daniel (CCOA #9665) – CCOA Classifieds Manager

CCOA welcomes Jeremy Daniel as our new Classifieds Manager. He spent many hours transferring from the old CCOA classifieds web page all the ads' text with photos to the new, searchable, and sort capable web page. Jeremy incorporated some great suggestions from marketing guru Gavin Schlesinger (CCOA's president). We are enthused to be able to promote the new classifieds page. This will become an important hub for all Cougar cars, parts sales, and want ads.

A full article on Jeremy Daniel was published in the Winter 2016 issue of ATSOTC. Here is a brief summary with current updates. Jeremy has been a Mercury Cougar enthusiast since his first 1967 Cougar was purchased in 1988. He has owned seven Cougars of different vintages, and restored three different 1967s. Most of the restoration work was done by himself. He has been a mechanic for most of his life, and enjoys doing meticulous bodywork to a fault; it's never done in his eyes.

He lives in Paso Robles, wine country California, with his wife of 10 years, Annette. She is a great supporter of his Cougar addiction. It's a package deal; she has no choice, really.

His current car, a documented 1967 XR7-GT - Dan Gurney Special, is possibly the most special car he has owned, and it's a lifelong project that is coming along nicely. There are currently four such optioned cars in the national CCOA database. Jeremy's retains the original 390/C6 drive train which is currently waiting to be put back in after a full restoration. This car is meant to be a driver for Jeremy, not an exclusive show car. He plans to drive his 50 year old car as much as possible, and as soon as possible. The bodywork has had significant progress made, but not yet finished by Jeremy, over a 3+ year span of time. The mechanics are mostly finished and the interior (about 50% restored) is last on the list.

As well as his enthusiasm for the driving cars, he enjoys Mercury Cougar memorabilia collecting. He is currently in possession of the first 14 consecutive ATSOTC issues starting in June 1980, believed to be the copies sent to the publisher by Tom J. himself. These, besides his car, are among the most prized possessions relating to Cougars he owns.

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Dwight Griffis (#9430) – CCOA e-Store Manager

The CCOA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Dwight Griffis (#9430) has accepted the position of CCOA e-Store Manager.

Dwight Griffis has the technical know-how necessary to maintain and improve the CCOA e-Store. He is the current Vice President of one of our newest regional clubs, Mid America Classic Cougars. His experience maintaining their online store will be a valuable addition. He already has plenty of ideas for the future of the store, and we can't wait to see them to fruition.

Please join us in welcoming Dwight.



VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



By Gavin Schlesinger (#5780)
Cougar Club of America Chairperson

The 50th Anniversary Celebration has begun! 1967 - 2017

It is impossible to put into words how amazing the 2017 events were. It was exciting to see so many people from all over the world attending the various events. All of the host clubs, event committees, attendees and parts suppliers did amazing jobs and pulled out all of the stops to make the 50th Anniversary events. I can't be more proud of our community and the job everyone did for this epic milestone in our hobby's history! Seeing younger enthusiasts at events gives me hope that our hobby will survive for the next generation, however, someone else will have to plan the 75th and 100th celebrations.

The 50th shirts have been selling incredibly well, and sell directly from the web store of www.CougarClub.org. It is amazing seeing photos of people proudly wearing them at events around the world. At the Dearborn event, it was suggested we put together and offer 50th anniversary decal sets, for the people who either were not one of the first 50 cars registered or to the people who were not able to attend all the events. We ordered a limited amount and are almost sold out already. The next request was a 50th anniversary high quality keychain, which will be out in the next few months, so keep an eye out on www.CougarClub.org.



With 2018 being the 50th anniversary of the 1968 cars, the first year of the 428 Cobra Jet being in a Cougar, the only year for the GT-E, and the only year for the XR7-G, we have an amazing opportunity to keep the 50th anniversary celebrations going strong for years to come.

As events are planned in your area that you would like to share with our members and enthusiasts, please email Club-Services@CougarClub.org the event flyers, web links and any other pertinent information. They will then be posted on www.CougarClub.org and our Facebook page. The more you can share, the more of our fellow CCOA members can plan to attend events they may not have known about without your help. Send your favorite Cat photos from events attended, or cruising around town, to editor@CougarClub.org and one of your photos may just be selected to appear in an issue of ATSOTC or on our club Facebook page.

If you have any questions about the CCOA sponsored events, or ideas on how you can help keep the anniversary momentum going for years to come, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

I am personally very excited in anticipation of all the 2018 events, as 2017 was such an epic year. I want to thank our members, new and renewing, and our volunteers for your support for the Cougar Club of America and our hobby.

Keep both hands on the wheel and I hope to see you out on the street!

Gavin Schlesinger

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MERCURY COUGAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY DECAL SET



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1967 FUN FACTS

- **Official Color in Fashion** was Green
- **Song** – ‘To Sir with Love’ by Lulu
- **Best-selling album in the US** – More of the Monkees
- **Movie** – ‘A Man for All Seasons’
- **Motor Trend Car of the Year** - the Mercury Cougar!
- **Price for a gallon of gas** - \$0.33
- **Average cost of new car** - \$2,750
- **Average income per year** - \$7,300
- **Average house rent** - \$125
- **The most popular snack food** - Starburst



New York Classic Cougar Club

By Larry Silbert (#5813)

President of the New York Classic Cougar Club

The Long Island region of the Empire State Classic Cougar Club had its first meeting on August 31, 2017.

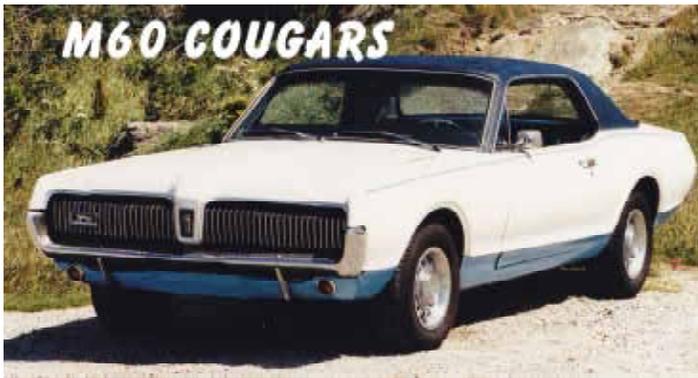
The meeting was held at the local cruise night in Kings Park, LI, NY with 12 people and six Cougars attending. The weather was great and I am pretty sure it is the first time that many Cougars

were at one show in a long time around here. Steven Chernow and his Mom, Jen, brought out their 67 Cinnamon Frost / Black painted roof 6.5 litre; Dave Davidson his Grecian Gold 390 Cougar; Tom Smith in his 69 Ragtop restomo; Joe Schurz's M code unrestored Eliminator; Tom Mcolvin in his 70 Black Jade H/T; Chris Berger in his 97 4.6 Cougar and Larry Chernow in

his Maroon 69 Cyclone SCJ car. Attending without cars were Cliff Gardner, Joe Deffilips and myself.

After the car show, we discussed the direction we want to go in, and a name and a logo for the Long Island region. We should have a facebook page up, and running soon. We're all in to do it again next month.





By Barrie Dixon (#0156)

We've had a little bit of fun, Jeanette, the Cougar and me, over the past few months. I suppose it all began with our trip to Pennsylvania. At least for two of us. Our first stop there was the Martin guitar factory where we took the guided tour and one of us, like, me, got to play \$20,000 worth of the most amazing acoustic guitars. Do I want one? Oh, yeah! Can I justify buying one? Er, no! But at least I got to play some and buy a t-shirt that I wear with pride.

Naturally, our goal in the Keystone State was the Cougar meet in Carlisle. However, with Hershey being so close by we just had to go and sample some chocolate. I'm sure you can appreciate that, right? I'm sure you can guess, at the all Ford event on the Carlisle show grounds we couldn't possibly see all the cars that were there. Between 150-200 Cougars were there and considerably more Mustangs, Fairlanes and assorted Lincolns plus some very desirable mid '50s Fords.

We spent hours on Saturday wandering along the aisles, rows and barns looking at cars, talking with folks and just enjoying being there. At the event hotel on both Friday and Saturday evenings we got to meet up with people we hadn't seen in decades, which was an absolute pleasure for us. We also got to meet with people who had previously been just a name in ATSOTC. I even managed to expand the M60 Cougars membership roster by four. As you probably know, as president, this list is known to just me. However, one of our inductees has already announced to the world how honored she is to be a member and so, Heather, you're very welcome!

On the show ground, one of our CCOA UK members, Stuart, had been looking for me, but we must have both been travelling in opposite directions all day long and we just didn't hook up. Imagine my surprise when at our annual American car show four weeks later here in the Manchester, UK area, there's this guy in a CCOA Carlisle show t-shirt sitting in the lunch tent. I walked over and said "You must be Stuart. I believe you've been looking for me?" Well, that's it now, Stuart. We're friends for life!

Back home in the UK, I've been enjoying myself driving around trying to put those extra miles on my Cat. You know, the ones I've been trying to notch up for the last year or so. It's really cool driving around the quiet suburbs in the late summer evenings, just opening up the Magnaflows! My neighbors know me well

and aren't bothered by the rumble, but in other areas of town... Ha! It's worth it if only for the local cruise night. Well, it's my story and I'm staying with that.

The "deadline" for this report is just one day after my birthday and this year it's a "milestone" one: I was born in 1947. You do the math! It means I can take all weekend celebrating. Lunch here, dinner there, coffee and pie with my guitar guys. Of course, my Cougar has been with me. Oh, and Jeanette too, obviously! By the time you read this many more magic moments with our Cougar will have passed on by as we head into the winter season. Our climate in Manchester is such that my car doesn't go into hibernation mode, which allows me to enjoy driving around town whenever the mood takes me. Oh, life is good!

On the legislation front, there are a few things happening within the EU that may or may not affect we Brits, post Brexit. There are positive proposals here in the UK regarding road tax and MOT. The tax exemption for classic cars, which the last Labor government froze, is back to a "roll over" situation, which is good, although it now applies to cars over 40-years old, whereas it used to be 25-years. I think we can all live with that, yeah?

About two years ago, cars built before 1960 became exempt from an MOT; this is set to "roll on" for all cars over 40-years old. I guess the reckoning is we look after our classics much more than our "daily drivers." There will be an exception to this new rule: Any car that has been substantially modified will still need to visit their normal testing station on an annual basis. Definite "substantially modified!" With my rack and pinion steering and four link rear suspension, I consider this "modernised" rather than "modified." Let's not even talk about electronic ignition, headers, Magnaflow exhaust or LED and halogen lighting! There's no stopping any owner, modified or not, asking their MOT Station to check their car out once in a while. They won't give you a "ticket," but neither will they fail you. They'll just advise on what, if anything, needs doing. Fair? I think so.

These new rulings will take a while to get through Parliament, but it's something for us car guys to look forward to, right? In the meantime, enjoy driving your Cougar year around, rain or shine!



Napa Main Street Reunion was held on Friday and Saturday, August 18th-19th, and took place in downtown Napa. It was a warm, beautiful weekend; the weather could not have been any better. There was a Show and Shine on Friday evening with the main show on Saturday. Over 350 cars participated in the show. Along with the Mercury Stray Cat members, others that attended were – Juli Oatham, Bryan Friend, James and Kimberly Custis, Mary Furman, Tony Chrisanthis, Eric Braverman, Alcinda Wolff, Randy Wolff and Dennis Perichini. Bill Watkins and Luigi Dionisio, both CCOA Volunteer Photographers, were also there and took photos of the event.



By Bryan Friend (# 9401)
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The Sunshine State Cougar Club Travels to the CCOA 50th Nationals

By Nancy and Phil Elder (#7151) of the Sunshine State Cougar Club



When the 2017 CCOA Nationals were announced, those of us in the Sunshine State Cougar Club who'd been to a Nationals had been telling other members how cool it was to be at a gathering with that many Cougars. Some of us had been to several Nationals, some were relatively new to this Cougar addiction, but were eager to find out. Prep work on our Cats began early, but as any enthusiast knows, you do get down to crunch time. Bruce Wallace and his son Rob decided they needed AC in Bruce's '69 convertible, and thus began the tradition known as... Tearing Out The Dash. No matter what you're doing to the car, whether you're changing tires or installing a new muffler, TOTD must be performed first. Bryan Kaeser had a new-to-him '69 Eliminator that he'd flown to Canada to drive all the way back to Florida. After intensive work for months, he drove to our house that Sunday for a final "test run" that seemed to go well, until he got home and discovered a pinhole leak. Onto a trailer it went, despite his hoping to drive it north with the rest of us. Keith Hammersley, who, with his lovely wife Julie, are the SSCC's official go-to Cat Herders, was hard at work installing AC in his '68 standard as well. Everyone had been working on their Cougars intensely for months. Phil had taken on a long list of alterations preparing for the long drive ahead. He rebuilt the brakes and steering, switched out the carburetor, intake, air cleaner, fuel pump, rear end and mufflers to make her purr for the nicest, longest drive we've ever had to a Nationals.

Prior to the trip I'd been working on my own deadline: a logo to commemorate this trip with close to a thousand miles of driving each way. It ended up with my deciding to design an individualized version of the logo for each SSCC vehicle that would make the trip, as well as one each for the two former Florida members who would be there. I emailed the artwork to each participant so they had the ability to print out whatever they'd like prior to the show. I bought some Avery (repositionable!) window sticker material and printed out one per vehicle as a surprise gift. I had to do some reconnaissance on Mark Piechowski's vehicle to find out what he'd have at the show!



In all, we had three Florida drivers as well as the addition of the Amerson's, a Louisiana 1969 Cougar we'd adopted. The Hammersleys had met them on a Cruisin' the Coast vacation and invited them along on the trip, and they joined our group around Jacksonville. We also had four Cats on trailers. Scott and Jennifer Jewett brought their '70 Hertz Sun Roof Eliminator (one of 100!) and Steve and Jean Harvey took their '67 standard. Bryan Kaeser and his girlfriend Norma Bennett were forced to trailer his '69 Eliminator since it had developed that mysterious leak. And Jim and Lynne Stickley trailered their '69 Boss 302. (Sidebar: It's a perfect match to their '69 Boss 302 Mustang they have up for sale.) The Stickleys made it a REAL trip with their plan to head off to Dearborn for the 50th celebration there! Oh, and they won Best Stock Cougar at Carlisle too.



Thankfully there weren't any major issues on the road trip. We ran into a few downpours. And every stop, as usual, turned into a car show. Gas stations. Restaurants. Hotels. There's nothing like watching fellow vehicles suddenly discover they're sharing the road with us while they slow down to check each Cat out, one by one.





Upon arrival at Carlisle we got to catch up with Mark and Cathy Piechowski, who used to live in Melbourne and now hail from Massachusetts, and Jim Broady, who'd moved to North Carolina. So, in all, we had ten SSCC members with their Cougars at Carlisle. In attendance, without their cars, were SSCC members Hank Huisman, Ted Hoffman, Frank Paty, Brian Rada and Dan Stencler. All in all, we were pretty happy with the turnout!



In closing, I picked up a souvenir in Mechanicsville from the gentleman who was working the counter at the pizza joint down the street from the host hotel. He was originally from Sri Lanka, which became the 48th language that I can now say "thank you" in. So, "stoothy" to the Cougar Club of NJ/PA, the Delmarva Cougar Club and the Mercury Cougar Club of New England for putting on the Cougar Nationals!



After the final evening in Carlisle, the Florida Cougars scattered. The Wallaces headed to New York, and Bryan and Norma took off for New Jersey. The lucky, lucky Stickleys went west with their '69 Boss 302 toward Dearborn for the big Ford celebration there, and a few of us headed south toward Florida. Everyone made it home safe and sound, without any issues!



Mercury Stray Cats Central CA Chapter

By Rob May (#9623)
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First Three Generations of Cats in Cambria

Mercury Stray Cats Central CA grew to 25 members as of this chapter report submittal! We welcomed Larry Quay (#9460) with his 1969 XR7 convertible and his vital camera skills. At the Cypress, CA Cougar show, we met Andy Partika who resides in Kailua, Hawaii. We are glad to have him join our chapter with his 1970 Cougar restomod. On an interesting reunion story, Matt Divird's 1968 Cougar was bought by his parents in 1968 from Santa Maria Ford. Currently he lives in Modesto, CA, and we are looking forward to seeing his car return to visit the area! Phil Hall joins us from Fresno, CA with his 1967 XR7 Cougar. Next goal is 30 members!

George Woehlke (#9667) is our club's top active car show member, having participated in the most car shows this quarter including, but not limited to, Warbirds Paso Robles, Downtown Paso Robles, downtown Santa Maria, Cabrillo Lompoc, St Patrick's Day Santa Maria, Old Town Orcutt, Arroyo Grande, and Cambria Pinerado. At Solvang's Windmills and Waves, one of the largest shows on the Central Coast, he received an Award of Excellence! George has been promoting the need for a Mercury Cougar class at all shows. As one of the first three members, he is a key contributor to our chapter.

Special thanks to Georgina Garcia May, Larry Quay, and Todd Gregory, our chapter photographers. They readily contribute to Mercury Stray Cats Central CA events and publications such as CCOA's ATSOTC, Legendary Cougar Magazine, International Mercury Owners Association (IMOA)'s Quicksilver, Motorhead, and Muscle Car Review. Cypress, CA and Tacoma, WA were highlights including caravan travels. Larry and Georgina are also very prominent in the facebook world. We look forward to their Muscle Mutts and Meows coverage.

A caravan from Mercury Stray Cats up north traveled along Hwy 101 and Hwy 1 to gather for lunch at Morro Bay followed by a night's rest in Lompoc. Rob May (#9623) opened up his museum to the Cougar fans. Jeremy Daniel (#9665) joined the caravan Friday down the coast to Cypress. A scenic stop was made near Ventura. Rob's '69 won first place in the 1969/70 Standard class.

Our Chapter Spotlight this issue is focused on Todd Gregory of Goleta. His 1969 Cougar XR-7 was first seen with the group at the Cypress, CA car show. "With Cougar's 50th anniversary, I revived my CCOA membership and began to work on my '69



George Woehlke, Rob May, and Joel Cehn in Cambria

Cougar, including replacing the A/C switches, alternator, fuel gauge, and another rebuild of the old Holley. After a quick wash and vacuum, the Cat was ready for the summer's Southern CA car shows. While it's no show car, it is my first car and has been with me for 30 years now.

I first attended Knott's Fabulous Fords show. At the off-ramp into Buena Park, an '05 Ford GT pulled up behind me with none other than its designer, Camilo Pardo, at the wheel. I was privileged to escort him and his car to the show. OK, perhaps not a Cougar encounter, but awesome nonetheless. Jim Pinkerton's Mercury Cougar number 1 was there too!

While at the show, I was fortunate to run into Mike Brown and his son, Gary, both of whom encouraged me to attend their 50th CCOA show in Cypress. As the 50th show approached, I made contact with the recently-formed local chapter of Mercury Stray Cats, and director Rob May, since I'd heard there was a Cougar caravan driving Hwy 101 S through my area! Though I had to work that Friday, I took an early lunch and headed out to a spot along the caravan route for a photo shoot. The first car to race by was Mike Christiansen's '69 XR-7 restomod convertible

(sounded great at speed). Shortly thereafter, a respectable group of seven Cougars went by, including Rob May, Jeremy Daniel, Rob Crowder, Bryan Friend, Eric Braverman, and Mike Sanders.

The next day I packed up my cooler, sun screen, and hat, then headed off to the 50th show! Having never been to a Cougar-only show, it was quite the scene, filled with projects, daily drivers, modified, restored, and preserved examples spanning the classic years and well into the '90's. Models included GTs, XR-7s, XR7-Gs, GTEs, Eliminators, and both sedans and convertibles surrounded the venue. Surprisingly, my car placed first in its class (1969/1970 XR-7 hardtop) - a fluke I credit its burnt orange/white color combination. The talk after the awards was of the 75th anniversary SCCC Cypress show (we should all be so lucky.)

Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo is the home to a developing Cougar story. The college is interested in restoring a classic Mercury Cougar (1967 or 1968). John Stokes of their automotive department will become a member of our chapter upon car acquisition. John states that the color will be green

and white to match school colors. A restomod is planned. Barbara Wendt (#3465) has graciously donated a 1968 Cougar parts car to get them started. Thanks to Jeremy Daniel (#9665) for supporting this project.

Depending upon publication of the Fall issue, Mercury Stray Cats Central CA Chapter will have presented a special local show called Muscle Mutts and Meows at the Elk's Lodge in Santa Maria, CA to benefit the Santa Maria Valley Humane Society (SMVHS). This unique North CA meeting Southern CA on the Central Coast was on Saturday, October 7th, 2017, and there were nine Cougar classes at this event! The first 50 cars received a 1/64th Mercury Cougar diecast (donated by Rob May from his museum) to celebrate the 50th anniversary of these fine cars! Thanks to Rob Crowder and Mercury Stray Cats for their trophy sponsorship. Thanks to Mike Brown and the Southern California Cougar Club for their trophy sponsorship and the North meets South idea. (Photos for this event by Larry Quay, Todd Gregory, and Georgina Garcia May photography will be in our next issue of ATSOTC). Special trophies were acquired from Melissa Shereda (#9696), that include the CCOA 50th Anniversary logo!

Thanks,
Rob May (#9623)
Mercury Stray Cats Central CA Chapter Director



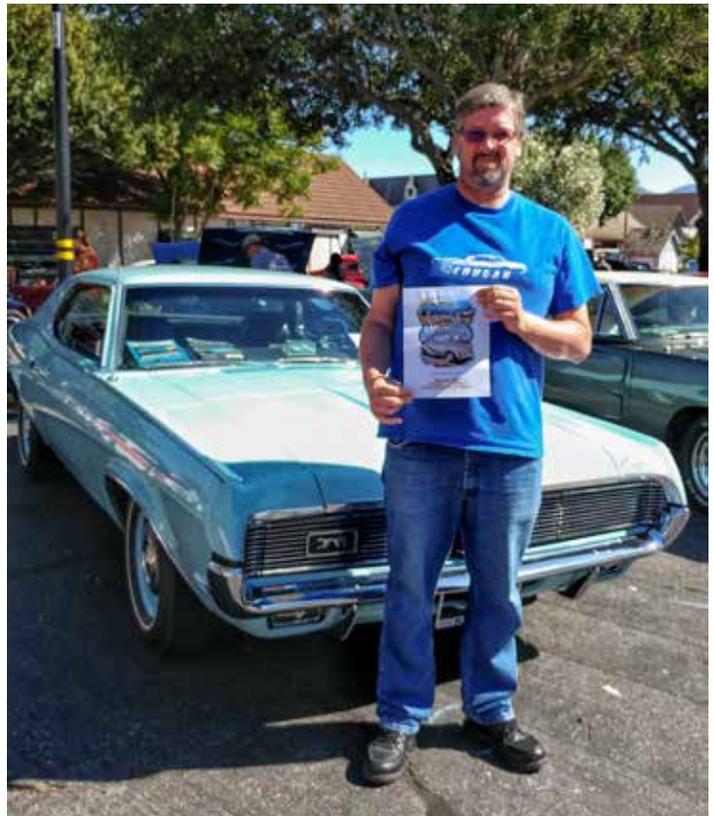
George Woehlke's Award of Excellence at Solvang



Jeremy Daniel's 67 GT



Todd Gregory's 1969 Cougar XR7



Rob May first Place 1968-1980 Ford-Mopar-Other at Solvang



Mid America Classic Cougars

By Randy Christian (#9216)
President, Mid America Classic Cougars



Well, I think we have all finally recovered from putting on the National Cougar show back in April and we have gotten back to a little normalcy. It has been an extremely hot and wet summer here in Oklahoma and the surrounding states. We had one of the wettest Augusts on record in Oklahoma and along with all that rain comes all that great humidity. It was not uncommon to have heat indexes in the 105 - 110 degree range so it was not a lot of fun to attend outdoor car shows. However, our members have continued to soldier on and attend some shows and cruises. September and October brings cooler weather and the club is planning on attending several car shows, which we will report on in future issues.

MACC has grown to over 50 members and we have some great CATs in our club. The club is in the very early deciding and planning stages of possibly hosting a car show in late 2018 in the Tulsa area. It will be an outdoor show and we hope to possibly raise money for a worthy charitable organization. More details to follow. MACC has also been invited to participate in the world famous Daryl Starbird car show in February 2018, held indoors at the Expo Square Arena in Tulsa, OK. The show attracts some of the finest classic cars from all over the country and there were over 700 cars at the 2017 show. We are going to try and win the club award at the show so we are going to have a full complement of "CATs" in attendance.

As we mentioned in the last issue, the newest "CAT" in the club, the father and son project, a 1968 black cherry Mercury Cougar GT, is progressing nicely. Floyd and Charlie Brown are planning on taking the "CAT" back to all original. Charlie has been looking for parts, and as Charlie said, "GT" parts are rather expensive and much harder to find. They hope to have the "GT" back on the road early in 2018 and attending a few shows, but it will be a full 12-18 months and maybe longer before she is completed. We will follow all the TLC Floyd and Charlie put in to another great Cougar as they get her back on the road.

If anyone is interested in National show shirts and posters (which we have discounted), please check out our website at www.midamericaclassiccougars.com. We also have MACC shirts and hats available on the website.



Lone Star Cougar Club



By **Matt S. Slay (#5002)**
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Considering that the LSCC slows down in August due to extreme heat here in Texas, we still had one of our bigger event indoor shows this August - **the Yellow Rose Southwest Ford Nationals**, benefitting Scottish Rite Hospital. Over 150 cars attended and this year's theme was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Mercury Cougar and Texas Highways The Club came together in force. President Alan and Gail Easley did a great job of coordinating and organizing, and we brought over twenty Cougars. Some club members brought two or three. Thanks to you both for all of your hard work! Brian Stump won first place for his comp gold 1970 Eliminator, Eric and Jenny Moriak won first place for their 1969 orange Eliminator, and Ken Stovall won first for his beautiful 1968 black cherry XR7. Dan McKeithen won an overall show award for his restored concourse nordic blue 1968 standard four-speed car. Dwain Barker and Gene Mullenberg won first place street awards for their 1973 and 1969 convertibles respectively. Additional street awards included Clay Olmstead with his 1968 calypso coupe, Joe Valenti won a street award for his 1969 428CJ Drag Car, Tommy Arney won for his 1969 green hard top, and Barry Rowe won for his 1967 GT bench seat car. Finally, Joe Valenti won two more awards for his ultra rare 1968 428 GT-E four-speed car and his 1969 428 red convertible, and Gene Mullenberg and Mike Hogue won street awards for their 1969 convertibles. It was obviously a VERY successful show for all our members. Thanks to all who took the time to ferry all these cars out to the Arlington Convention Center. Thanks to Gene Mullenberg for deploying the fleet!



Joseph Valenti's very rare one of three 1968 428 GT-E four speed car (Owls Auction Car) at Yellow Rose



Dwain Barker's National Award Winning 1973 Convertible, sporting the LSCC



Black 1970 convertible owned by Todd Richmond



1968 XR7 owned by Alicia Slay



Dan McKeithen's Award Winning Concourse Restored 1968 standard 4-speed Cougar



Matt Slay's 1968 427 GT-E

Though the temperatures are not very nice to these cars at his time of year, several members such as Clay Olmstead, Alan Easley, and Todd Richmond attended the **Christian Classic Cruisers Show** in Bedford. Clay took his Calypso Coupe, Todd had his black 1970 Convertible, and Alan took Joe Valenti's 1969 428CJ Drag Car. Both the drag car and Todd's 1970 convertible won awards in their class. Congrats!! Meanwhile



Gene Mullenberg, Dwain and Sandy Barker setting up for Yellow Rose

Matt Slay had to miss several Dallas activities and visited the **Southern California National Show** celebrating 50 years of the Mercury Cougar as representative of the Lone Star Cougar Club and Club Services Director for the CCOA. Over eighty-five cars made the show with a stunning array of very rare and unique Cougars. The show was sponsored by Mike Brown with the SoCal Club, The Mercury Stray Cats, and the Cougar Club of America.

Over Labor Day weekend, three LSCC members made **Warbirds on Parade** at the Lancaster Regional Airport. This is the largest gathering of vintage WWII aircraft and classic hot rod and muscle cars in the Dallas/Ft.Worth area. Organized by the Commemorative Airforce and staffed by the NTMC, the proceeds go to help veterans and to keep these vintage aircraft flying. Matt Slay, Mike Hogue, and Dan McKeithen all brought their 1968 Cougars. Dan McKeithen won a top twenty award for his concourse restored 1968 Nordic Blue standard with black vinyl top and a four speed top-loader. Congrats Dan! Well deserved for all of the hard work.

Finally, the Lone Star Cougar Club invites all Cougar enthusiasts to join us on Friday, September 29th for the opening day of the **State Fair of Texas**. The LSCC will be the guest club in the Classic Car Corral inside the fairgrounds for opening day of the fair. As in past years, all members bringing or riding in their classics get into the fair for free and are able to bring in all of the food and drink they would like (as long as it stays in the Classic Car Corral). This is one of our biggest and favorite events. Please contact Alan Easley, Todd Richmond, or Matt Slay if you are interested in attending from out of town. We would love to have you!!!



Mike Hogue, Dan McKeithen, and Matt Slay at Warbirds on Parade



Dan McKeithen won an award for top twenty at Warbirds on Parade



Alan Easley, Clay Olmstead, and Todd Richmond at Christian Classic Cruisers



Joe Valenti's 1969 428 Cj Drag Pack Car. It was the winningest Cougar in NHRA History



Todd Richmond's 1970 black convertible 5-speed



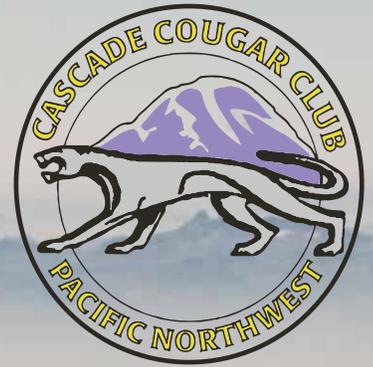
Dan McKeithen and Matt Slay at Warbirds on Parade with the CAF, Lancaster Airport



LSCC members relax at a monthly meeting

A Message From Cascade Cougar Club Cougar Club, Pacific Northwest

By Heather Whitaker (#7477)



50th ANNIVERSARY EVENT, CARLISLE, PA, JUNE 2-4, 2017

WOW!! What a fantastic event! The Cougar Club of New Jersey, Cougar Club of Pennsylvania and the Delmarva Cougar Club joined forces with the Cougar Club of America to host an absolutely amazing and unforgettable happening on this early June weekend. Two hundred four (yes, 204) Cougars of every model, every condition and every imaginable modification joined over 3,100 (that's three thousand one hundred) Ford vehicles on the immense show field in Carlisle, but wait, there's more, much more.

Because Cougar enthusiasts came to this "Bucket List" event from literally all over the world, many began arriving earlier in the week. Scott (Ferguson) and I met up with Jim and Elaine Pinkerton and Steve Goulding in Coralville, Iowa on May 29th to travel the balance of the road east together, arriving at our destination on Wednesday, May 31st. An added surprise was the appearance of Dave Nashif, who just happened to be working in Newport News, VA and took a couple of days off to join us in Carlisle. It was good to spend some extra time with old friends before being lost in the massive crowds of the weekend. ...But I digress.

For many of us, June 1st was a "move-in day," so hundreds of trucks and trailers swarmed the 82-acre fairgrounds to offload

vehicles and get settled into our designated spots. Steve's aqua 69 XR-7 joined two dozen other Cougar convertibles on the grass field while the Pinkertons' Cougar One and Scott's 68 XR7-G were housed in Building T along with other special invitees from across the country. But show cars were only part of the experience. Hundreds of vendors (six pages listed in the event program) began setting up their displays and hundreds more readied their wares for the giant swap meet area. There was absolutely no excuse for attendees to become bored - exhausted yes, but bored? Definitely not.

The excitement began to build on Friday when more participants arrived and throngs of spectators flooded the gates, but Saturday was absolutely over the top. Literally thousands of people swarmed the show site and there were so many activities on the weekend program that it was impossible to see and do everything. For example, there were Autocross races, ride-alongs, a burnout contest, dyno testing and even a beauty pageant. There were seminars, guest speakers and demonstrations, a downtown parade, street party and a special movie on the Ford/Ferrari rivalry at LeMans. In order to keep our group of Cougar enthusiasts together, the New England clubs arranged a BBQ on Friday night and an Italian buffet dinner on Saturday night at the hotel in Mechanicsburg, a short distance





from Carlisle. The relaxed atmosphere was perfect for swapping stories with old friends and getting to know those we had just met.

There were many firsts for me on this trip: travelling through several new states, experiencing the world famous Carlisle Fairgrounds, learning there is a Red Mustang Club (also ones for other colors), meeting members of the Amish community, having my first taste of shoo-fly pie, and even becoming a member of another Cougar club. At the Saturday dinner, Barry Dixon, president of M60 Cougars in Manchester, England, along with his lovely wife, Jeanette, presented me with a letter inviting me to join their club as an honorary member. Of course, I accepted! How can one say no when the "Empire" solicits support from her "Colonies?" I was truly flattered.

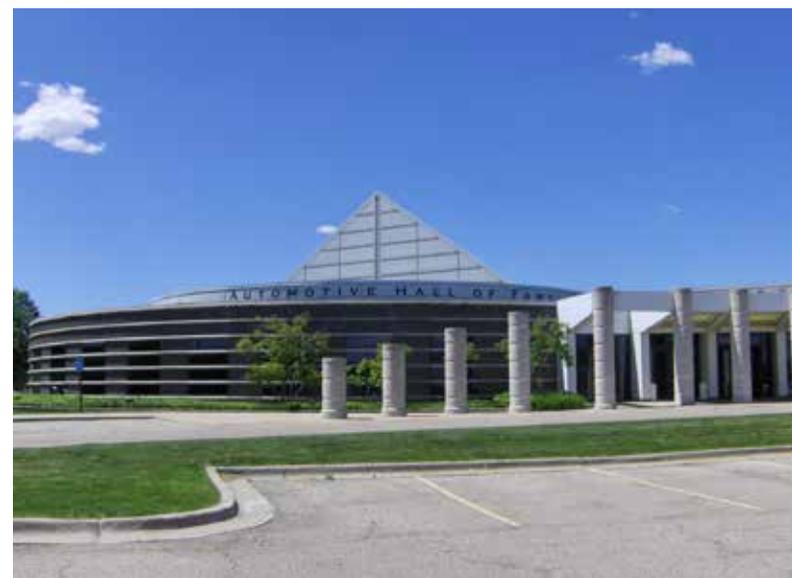
As for the show itself, when the ballots were counted, Steve Goulding's 69 XR-7 convertible was awarded third place - quite an accomplishment considering the number of entries in his class. Jim Pinkerton was called up onto the grandstand stage to receive what must be a twenty-pound cut crystal award in recognition of Cougar One's significance and was asked to share the car's story, its history, discovery and ultimate restoration. Cougar One is now deemed an historic heritage vehicle.

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, DEARBORN, MI, JUNE 9-12, 2017

Once again, WOW!! Visiting Dearborn, the mecca for all things Ford, was an absolutely awe-inspiring experience. A huge thank you goes out to the CATS Classic Cougar Club for organizing an event packed to the headliner with activities for everyone to enjoy and remember for the rest of their lives.

Wednesday, June 7th was a "free" day so the Pinkertons, Steve Goulding, Scott and I visited the Automotive Hall of Fame, a museum devoted to those who have made significant contributions to automotive history.

On Thursday, a few more Cascade members joined us to visit the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. One could spend days roaming this vast building, but retired Ford engineer and fellow Cougar aficionado, Brett Irick, took us under his wing and moved us through this amazing museum. At noon, we drove to the Senate Coney Island Restaurant for lunch, then Brett escorted us through the UAW (United Auto Workers) Local 600 building, recounting the history behind the dozens of photos lining the walls. After that, he took us to his Ford-built home nearby to show us his personal collection of memorabilia.



Upon our return to the hotel we ran into the Bingamans and Gehlhaars who had arrived from Washington while we were out, and had just enough time to clean up before heading out to a special Cougar-owners dinner at the Roman Village Restaurant. Talk about a full day!

Friday offered several choices to plan on our own schedules. Several joined the morning cruise to Mike Berardi's Mustang collection in nearby Taylor while some of us returned to the Ford Museum. We ran into many familiar faces at the Rouge F-150 assembly plant in the afternoon and stood spellbound as we watched various stages of the production line, marveling at the interaction between engineering, technology, humans and robots. Once again, we could have spent days simply being fascinated by the entire process, but a special tour of the Henry Ford Fair Lane estate had been arranged specifically for us, so we had to be on the move. To round out our jam-packed day, there was a "meet-and-greet" at our hotel where everyone could simply hang out and visit over a meal or a well-deserved libation.

And Saturday...we were off again, beginning the morning with a 102-Cougar cruise (what a magnificent sight!) through Hines Park to the Roush Museum in Livonia. This building houses quite the collection of vehicles that have benefited from Roush engineering over the years and anyone interested in auto racing was sure to be amazed at the representation. Given ample time to walk through the wealth of cars on display, the Cougar conga-line departed on the next leg of the cruise to the town of Northville, where neighborhood shops extended their hospitality. Then it was back to the hotel to freshen up for dinner at Greenfield Village.

Organizing a dinner for probably two hundred or so people is no mean feat so there were a few hiccups, but while we waited to enter the beautiful pavilion, we could order drinks from an outdoor bar and ride the carousel. It was a blistering hot day so when we took our seats for dinner, all the pavilion windows were open and many of the walls were actually rolled out of the way to give us the best chance of air circulation. Michigan Senator Rick Snyder gave a brief speech and presented the CATS Cougar Club with an award, then it was onto the food.

Following dinner, there were four guest speakers, one of whom spoke at length about Cougar's racing history and one who covered the ad campaigns over the years. Because it had been such a long, hot day, I'm afraid we didn't stay for the balance of the evening but our systems were definitely on sensory overload with all the things we'd seen and done over the past few days... and there was still the car show to come.

Show Day: Sunday, June 11th - the day that 200 Cougar owners had been waiting for had finally arrived. The venue was Ford World Headquarters, the time was 9 am, the temperature was 90 degrees and the wind was blowing at an estimated 30 mph. Luckily nearly all the cars were poised beneath the giant rows of solar panels gracing the north parking lot so we were spared from much of the heat. This was a car show like no other with the 1963 Mercury Cougar II concept car parked right next to Cougar One, while down the row sat Dyno Don Nicholson's 69 Cougar race car and Fast Eddie Schartman's

67 Cougar funnycar. One sobering display was that of what was once a beautiful grey 68 Cougar that had been on the show field in Carlisle the week before. Ray and Melissa Shereda were driving it home when a rear tire blew, catapulting the car onto its roof, crushing the passenger side A-pillar. Fortunately, Ray and Melissa came away virtually unscathed; a few bumps and bruises and a broken finger for Melissa. Lucky! Among the vast array of Cougars of every year, yes even the newest models, there were no fewer than 8 XR7-Gs, 6 GT-Es and 15 Eliminators. Now that's something you don't see every day.

When it was time for the awards presentation, CCOA president Gavin Schlesinger took some extra time to recognize many of the people who have contributed in various ways to our hobby. He told a little about each person's role in generating interest in the Cougar and keeping the various clubs going. He then called forward those club leaders who happened to be present and awarded each a medallion with a ribbon stating, "thank you for your contribution." Scott and I were among those honored as leaders of Fordnutz and Cascade respectively, adding that both of us have also contributed in various ways to the CCOA. With all that hoopla over, it was time for the class awards and our entire west coast contingent came away with medallions, which says a lot about how we care for our cars out here. Neal Jacobson placed fourth in the 69-70 XR-7 Coupe class with his White 70, Karl Gehlhaar placed third in 67-68 XR-7 Coupe with his Black 67, Steve Goulding's Aqua 69 convertible placed second in the 69-70 XR-7 Convertible class, Jeff Bingaman's Competition Green 70 sunroof standard took first place in the 69-70 Standard class, and Scott Ferguson's Madras Blue 68 XR7-G placed first in his class. Because of the great distance involved, all those cars made the trip in enclosed trailers, except Neal Jacobson, who chose to drive his 1970 coupe all the way from Camano Island, WA - a distance of 2,803 miles, one way - and was the overwhelming winner of the long-distance award. Congratulations to all and may you talk about your experiences at these two shows for many years to come!

Heather Whitaker,
Chairman,
Cascade Cougar Club





FORT LANGLEY

COUGAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY, FORT LANGLEY, BC, CANADA JULY 1-2, 2017

By Heather Whitaker (#7477), photos by Robert Nowland (#8277)



2017 is a big year, not only for the Mercury Cougar, but also for Fordnutz, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary, and for Canada, which turned 150 this year (yes, I know we're just "kids" by comparison to the U.S.) As with all meaningful celebrations, planning for each of these events began years in advance. I can't speak to when the Canadian government began its plans, but I know that the CCOA approached regional clubs a couple of years ago, asking for their ideas to plan 50th anniversary events throughout Cougar-dom and how best to celebrate our beloved Cats. In the end, six North American cities committed to hosting: Tulsa, OK, Carlisle, PA, Dearborn, MI, Vancouver BC, Canada, Tacoma, WA, and Cerritos, CA. The Cougar Club of Germany also had a celebration in Geiselwind, Bavaria and created a "Fotobook" of their members' cars, copies of which were sent to other Cougar clubs around the world.

Once each host club had made the commitment and nailed down a venue, various members of the CCOA worked with them to develop special awards and mementos to, on one hand, unite the Cougar community at large while on the other, making them unique to each club. For instance, the award medallions were uniform throughout but the lanyards were unique to each club in colour and verbiage. In addition, the special window clings were of uniform design, but were different colours for each show. Kudos to Gavin Schlesinger, Phil Payne and Mark Kulwik in particular for their ideas, designs and drive (and the club's monetary sponsorship) to make each club's celebration not only special, but unforgettable.

Car shows in British Columbia tend to be smaller than those in many parts of the U.S. but when pre-registrations for our Fordnutz event began pouring in, we knew it was going to be a very special event. We hadn't hosted an open show for nearly a decade, but it seemed that our members were ready and excited



about being part of history. When the final numbers were tallied, we had broken all previous records for our annual Canada Day cruise and were blown away by show day attendance.

For some of us the festivities began on Friday, June 30th when Scott (Ferguson) and I, along with our Fordnutz executive, hosted a barbecue for those who had travelled 100 miles or more. As our guests began to arrive (several from Washington, California and the BC Interior), I had to make apologies for the state of our yard due to the length of the grass (our lawn mower died). Ankle-high grass aside, at least we provided some pre-dinner entertainment watching Scott and Steve Goulding replace a blown frost plug in my Cougar so I'd be able to participate in the Saturday cruise. It seems car guys are fascinated by anything involving our classics so we were happy to oblige.

The Saturday cruise was amazing with perfect weather for the nearly 30 Cougars (and one hot rod) to enjoy a few hours touring through the Fraser Valley's back country roads. (To view the start of this terrific cruise, visit Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QE1-3VphHbo>.) The route took us to our traditional stop at the Birchwood Dairy for some delicious ice





our banquet, one could almost hear the birds chirping in the trees. Understandably, everyone began to drift away not long after dinner as there were cars to detail and bodies to rest in preparation for Sunday's big show.

Our stellar corps of volunteers were on-site at Fort Langley and ready to work at 7 am, and although it took a while to get things organized, we were ready by 9 am to allow the long line of enthusiastic participants enter. Besides our 74 pre-registrations (54 were Cougars), we were blown away by the support we received from the local Mustang and Thunderbird clubs who helped swell our attendance to 123 vehicles. Unfortunately, six of the promised Cougars did not make the show due to a variety of reasons, but nonetheless everyone was amazed to see 48 Cats of all years, models and colours in one place.

cream then carried on to Shady Grove where we enjoyed the Sudermans' vast collection of memorabilia and cars. By 4:30 we had returned to the Friesens' (club treasurer) cul-de-sac where our Cougars were creatively parked to maximize space and afford a photo op. Not only was parking our cars a challenge, but staking out back yard real estate was an interesting test for the 60 people vying for elbow room to enjoy their meal. Early on, the conversation nearly drowned out the music floating in on the breeze from nearby Canada Day celebrations but once the burgers came off the grill and the tables filled with the balance of

Throughout the day I heard glowing comments about the Fort Langley venue and how it's hoped that we host a show there again next year - we'll see. I must agree that despite a few niggly issues, the location is perfect. The Fort itself has a café and full washroom facilities and, as advertised, there are countless restaurants, pubs and stores within easy walking distance; perfect for those wives who may be less than enthusiastic about car shows in general.



The Cougar Club of Germany

By Mike Hofer (#9580)



The Cougar Club of Germany celebrated the 50th Mercury Cougar Anniversary from 23. – 25. June 2017 during the famous Street Mag' show in Geiselwind, Germany.

10,000 visitors saw 25 classic Cougars, built between 67-70, parked around our “club home” where club members, Cougar fans and visitors had the chance to meet and take a close look at more classic Cougars than ever. The weather was great during the whole show and we had three fantastic days and nights, with sun and fun all weekend. With two large tents, an 18ft high Cougar club flag and large banners, we had the most prominent club-place at Street Mag' show. As always, no one paid for anything but everyone contributed what she or he thought would be needed or welcome. There was literally everything; a power unit, a large fridge, two BBQ grills, tables, benches, seats; all kinds of food and beverages. There was way more than we could eat and drink. No wonder our club home was the first place for all the security people to come to at night. We not only had the safest place on the grounds but the allowance to keep our power unit going and play music at decent level until 6am.

On Saturday 1pm our impressive Cougar convoy around the show place started. You can find a video clicking here: https://youtu.be/l_e4fHZ0qlo or just search for “cougar cruise geiselwind 2017” on YouTube. It's worth watching.



GEISELWIND



Another highlight during the 50th anniversary was the night shoot. Friday and Saturday evening Cougar club members had the exclusive chance to get amazing pictures of their cars as we hired the famous photographer Dejan (www.americanmuscle.de). He did a fantastic job from sunset till after midnight.

In Geiselwind our club applied the first time for a club trophy and Sunday afternoon we were so excited when Street Mag´ announced the Cougar Club of Germany as “the best club at the show” and honored us with the officially Street Mag´ club

trophy. Since club trophies normally go to all those Camaro, Mopar or Mustang clubs for decades, we are so proud to see that we made the Mercury Cougar a pretty well-known car at one of the largest US car shows in Germany.

I would like to give my very special thanks to Street Mag´ and Dejan as well as to Sascha, Matthias, Michi, Mane, Fred, Luky, Kai, Stefan, Harry, Jacky, Jörg, Michael and Timon, Flo and Dave, and all the others I forgot, for your fantastic support for our little club.





CARLISLE

Eastern CCOA National Cougar 50th Bash at Carlisle an Unforgettable Event

By: Carl Graziano (#6158), Membership Director, Delmarva Cougar Club
Photos by: Cliff Gardiner (#5997), Carl Graziano (#6158)



Cougar's 50th anniversary celebration at the June 2 to 4, 2017, Carlisle (PA) Ford Nationals, one of the six CCOA sponsored events, turned out record attendance, brought together enthusiasts from across the country and world, and treated show crowds to one of the most amazing collections of classic Cats ever assembled in one place.

The anniversary event, hosted by the Cougar Club of New Jersey/Pennsylvania (CCNJ/PA), Delmarva Cougar Club (DCC), and Mercury Cougar Club of New England (MCCNE), attracted 204 registered Cougars, according to Carlisle Events' official count. The bulk of cars assembled at a choice location on the Carlisle show field, near the grandstand, the "Manufacturer's Midway," and display buildings.



The largest of those display buildings, Building T, housed 15 select and historically important Cats: from the first built—Jim Pinkerton's Cougar 1—to a Roush-prepared example from the car's final generation. The balance of display cars in Building T included examples of the nameplate's rarest models, including MCCNE member Dave Wyrwas' unrestored 1970 Boss 302 Eliminator and FordNutz President Scott Ferguson's gorgeous '68 XR7-G with original Rader aluminum wheels (see chart below for full Building T line-up).



2017 Carlisle Ford Nationals Invitational Display Cougars

Car	Owner
1967 Cougar 1	Jim Pinkerton
1967 Dan Gurney Special	Sudhakar "Suds" Reddy
1968 CougarJet Drag Car	Frank Wurtz
1968 GT-E 427	Craig Keith
1968 XR-7 unrestored	Pete and Sandy Robertson
1968 XR7-G	Scott Ferguson
1968 XR7-G 4-speed	Fran Cosentino
1969 Sports Special	Mark Piechowski
1969 XR-7 CJ 4-speed convertible	Arild Thu
1970 428 SCJ Eliminator	Eric Felix
1970 Boss 302 Eliminator, unrestored	Dave Wyrwas
1970 Houndstooth	Bernard Schweigman
1971 429 CJ	Richard & Dave Kellogg
1989 XR-7	Michael Laughlin
2000 Roush Cougar	Frank Koszak



Not to be outdone, the show field Cougars included an equally impressive display of Cats, including GT-E, XR7-G and Eliminator cars, New Mexico resident Vic Yarberr's Trans-Am tribute racer, gorgeous resto-mods, such as DCC member Charles Popenoe's best-of-show '70 convertible, and impeccable original restorations.

Participants came in from all corners of the country, including a large contingent of Florida Cougar enthusiasts, West Coast fans, and just about every point in between. Many planned to move on from Carlisle to the 50th anniversary celebration at Ford Motor Co. headquarters in Dearborn, MI the following weekend. The show had an international flavor too, with fans in from Australia, Canada, Germany, England and Scotland.



Mother Nature shined on the show, providing ideal weather throughout the three-day event (if not a little windy at times), and Carlisle went above and beyond with Cougar promotion, including 50th anniversary banners nearly the size of bed sheets for the show tent and half-sized versions





hung from the Building T ceiling. The three hosting clubs provided their own swag, including show shirts that, by the second day, sold out of most sizes smaller than 3X, a poster of the show logo, and complimentary shirts from 50th anniversary show sponsor National Parts Depot. Cougars shared their anniversary celebration with other milestones recognized at the show, including the 100th anniversary of Lincoln, the 50th anniversary of the Shelby GT500, a 1957 E and F code reunion, and 100 years of Ford trucks.

The event also featured special guests: Randy and Rick Hernandez, sons of the late Fran Hernandez, who developed Mercury's racing program in the 1960s and was instrumental in the marque's 1967 Trans-Am campaign. At the show tent, the Hernandez brothers displayed binders packed with photos and other memorabilia from their father's career and entertained Cougar fans with racing stories and other memories. Randy Hernandez also provided remarks during the 50th anniversary banquet on June 3 at the show hotel, the Marriott Courtyard Harrisburg West, in Mechanicsburg, PA.

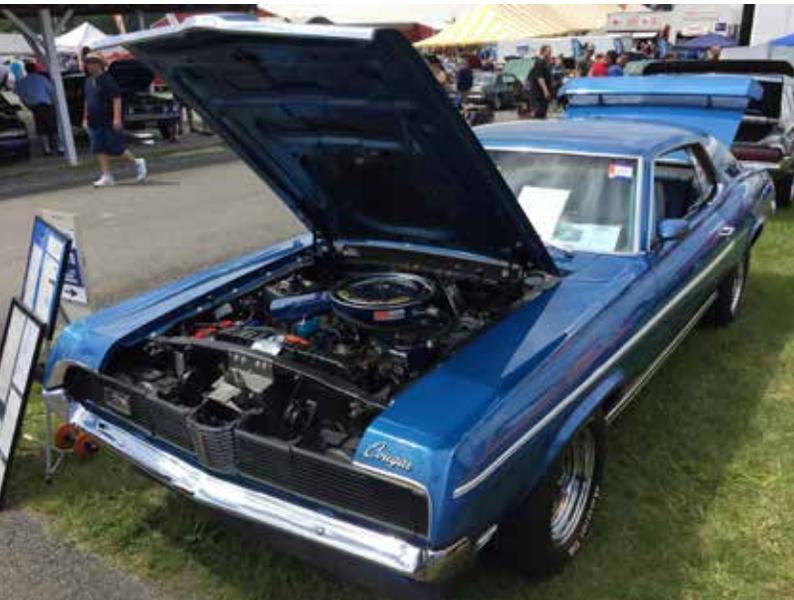
The host clubs distributed to the first 50 cars registered limited-edition window clings of the show logo (the gold version of the logo common to all the anniversary shows nationally this year). The clubs also conducted people's choice voting in eight categories, awarding logo-themed medals to the winners during the June 3 banquet. Award winners were:

Award	Winner	City/State
Best Display	Melissa Shereda	Illinois
Best Engine Bay	John Booze	Williamsburg, VA
Best Interior	Ken Keffer	Harrisburg, PA
Best Modified	Vic Yarberr	Albuquerque, NM
Best Paint	Steve Chernow	Huntington, NY
Best Stock	Jim & Lynne Stickley	North Port, FL
Best of Show	Charles Popenoe	Darnestown, MD
Mangy Cat	Mark Piechowski	North Adams, MA

The 50th anniversary celebration wasn't short on social events. In addition to the Saturday banquet, which attracted more than 100 guests, the three host clubs organized an informal cookout at the Marriott Courtyard Friday, June 2. Of course, Cougar enthusiasts at the hotel spent time throughout the weekend socializing—and sometimes wrenching on a car—in the hotel parking lot.

Planning by the host clubs is already underway for next year's Carlisle Ford Nationals, which will serve as the site of birthday celebrations for the CCNJ/PA and DCC, which both turn 20 years old in 2018. Mark your calendars and join us!











DEARBORN



50th anniversary at Ford World Headquarters

By: Brian Carpenter (#8301), President, CATS Classic Cougar Club

Photos by: Nathalie and Nic Pallitta (#9351), Ted Taylor (#9385)



I can think of a dozen different ways I could write this article covering the Cougar 50th anniversary event at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan. None of them would do the coverage justice with my story telling/writing skills. The best I can do is cover it from my viewpoint. The story starts in January 2016 with a meeting attended by Ray Bischoff, Mark Kulwik, John and Dee Baumann, my son, Mitchell, and myself. We determined that the 50th show would be a go and started planning with Mark's connections at Ford and The Motor City Shelby Club. Next, we had to get the CATS club re-energized and better organized. Scott Zeller stepped in and got us an awesome website developed and membership kicked into high gear. We now have 68 CATS members. Next, Mike Keast stepped in and helped track registrations as they started to pour in. Numerous days of countless volunteer hours went into planning this event. We also had great guidance from Gavin Schlesinger and the CCOA.

After finalizing my logistics to get three of my Cougars to the show, I arrived early Thursday morning. The planning crew started right in getting the hospitality room setup and ready. After getting the registration started and working through some glitches and voids, we had it running smoothly by the evening. Thursday evening I attended a dinner at Roman Village organized by Brett Irick. This event included some of the out-of-town guests.

The activities were in full swing Friday as Cougars lined up in the Hilton Double Tree parking lot to embark on the journey to Mike Berardi's Mustang collection. Once we arrived, we started to get a small rain shower, which ended up being the only rain that was encountered the whole weekend. Mike was a gracious host and gave us a personal tour of his collection that included the history and background on each Mustang. The 50th anniversary guests started leaving Mike's collection around 11:30am. Most of the group then went onto the Rouge F 150 factory tour. I didn't attend this event and returned to the hospitality room to fix an event t-shirt issue which I created by hastily misreading an e-mail. I hope by now everyone that pre-ordered an event shirt has received it. I then made my way to the Fairlane Estate with Mike Keast and helped guide the lucky guests that got tickets to the entrance for the tour. I slipped into the last tour and got to go through half of it before I had to return and setup for our meet and greet in the hotel lobby. I used to visit the estate often and have lunch there when doing work at Ford. It was nice to see the efforts they are putting into completing the restoration. A lot of additional detailed information was covered for our private group, which was normally left out of the general public tours. Friday concluded with a social event in the hotel lobby where Cougar enthusiasts from around the world got to talk and get to know each other.

Saturday morning started with everyone gathering in the hotel parking lot with their Cougar idling and ready for the big cruise. Mark Kulwik announced some changes on the cruise route, as part of Hines Park Drive was closed due to a special event they were having. Dave Wyrwas stepped in as traffic controller and got everyone in-line leaving the hotel. Some people missed a turn and got an extended cruise, but all 102 Cougars on the cruise made it to our first stop at the Jack Roush Museum. We had just over 500 people that went in the door and toured the Roush collection. All were enjoying the Cougar car show outside the museum. We had a near miss with a crashed drone but no Cougars were harmed. After approximately one hour at the Roush Museum, we continued onto Hines Park Drive to the town of Northville. The CATS club had spent a lot of time with the Northville Chamber to get this event setup as there were lots of legal issues that had to be addressed. We divided the Cougars up with 67/68 parking on Main Street and all other Cougars parked in a lot one block away. As a group of us made our way to the Garage Grille for lunch, we passed the Batman car parked on a side street. As we were looking at it my phone beeped announcing that Adam West had just passed away. That was strange! Participants started leaving Northville around 3:00pm and heading back to the hotel to prepare for the evening dinner at Greenfield Village. I arrived at the village early and got Ray Schmick's & Mick Krueger's Cougars parked for display during the dinner. Guests enjoyed riding the 1913 Herschell-





Spillman carousel (which included myself taking a spin), as final preparations were being made in the pavilion for the dinner. The dinner started off with State Senator Steven Bieda presenting a certificate from the Michigan State Legislature to Gavin and me for appreciating and acknowledging all that is being done to preserve the Mercury Cougar and its place in history. After dinner, Wayne Andrews did an excellent presentation about his time spent as a Cougar race car driver working for Bud Moore. That was followed by Ford Motor Company historian Robert Kreipke walking us down memory lane as Mercury introduced the Cougar to the public. His presentation included rare, never seen before footage taken from the Ford archives. We concluded the evening with some really nice door prizes, thanks to our sponsors. After the dinner event a group of us worked into the early hours of Sunday morning preparing for the show at Ford World Headquarters.

Arriving early at the Ford World Headquarters, I found many volunteers ready to work at getting the 50th show started. Our biggest concern was parking all the Cougars and not creating a big backup. The CATS club, CCOA and many other volunteers did great and parking was done with ease! I worked on getting the featured Cougars parked in the correct locations. A highlight for me was steering Cougar II as it was getting pushed

into the display area. The closest I will ever come to actually driving it. It was really special to have these very rarely seen featured Cougars attending. The weather was glorious and a total of 205 Cougars attended. We broke the record of 11 Boss 302 Eliminators that attended. Around 10:00am Mike Keast arrived with his 69 convertible complete with the Garden City Cougar mascot and cheerleaders. At 1:00pm Kevin Marti did a presentation on his company and some history and information on the Marti reports. The show wrapped up with Gavin recognizing many people in the Cougar community for their efforts on all the 50th anniversary shows. I handed out the award medals for the show and the winners are list on our website with pictures, <http://www.catsccc.com/voting-results>. After the show we had a CATS club only pizza party and a few CCOA board members joined us as well. This topped off with Gavin inviting Ford Performance manager Jon Clor to talk with us about the Ford Performance group.

As many attendees wrapped up their weekend in Dearborn, myself and some of the others weren't done yet and made their way to Waterford Hills road course on Monday. We had 14 Cougars attending and four of us racing. The other Cougars enjoyed parade laps around the track and some great photos. The track was a little tight for my Cougar to stretch its legs and



I kept triggering the DB meter being too loud. I did get a nice slide in on the first lap on cold tires. I left the track at 1:00pm and headed home, only to make another trip back to Ray Bischoff's house to pick up the Eliminator. Since the 50th anniversary show has ended, I've been flooded with tons of e-mails and have received numerous comments on how well the show was run and organized. Everyone commented on what an outstanding time they had at the 50th Cougar Anniversary Show in Dearborn. This was a large group effort and many volunteer hours were put into this event to make it happen. If it wasn't for the core group of people I listed earlier and others I have surely overlooked, the show wouldn't have been the big success it was. It's comforting to know that many committed enthusiasts were willing to invest many hours to make Cougar history! We still have some event T-shirts available. You can order them on our website at:

<http://www.catsccc.com/official-event-t-shirt>













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TULSA

2017 Mid America Cougar Nationals



By: Dwight Griffis (#9430), Randy Christian (#9217), and Charlie Brown (#9486)

Photos by: Jeanne Christian (#9755), Dwight Griffis (#9430), Georgina May (#9623), Ted Taylor (#9385)



Nineteen months ago, a small show committee embarked on a journey to host the first celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Mercury Cougar right here in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our club was not even a year old, but we had a motivated group of members from Mid America Classic Cougars. With help from Lone Star Cougar Club, we agreed we could make it happen.

In the beginning, we set ambitious goals for the show. Having first hand experience with the unpredictability of a spring Tulsa weekend, we decided the show must be held indoors. The last thing we wanted was to rely on the ever-fickle Mother Nature to determine our show's success. Of course, an indoor show naturally limits the number of Cougars we could have in attendance. We set a goal that we would strive to park 100 Cats inside the building. The first car on the list had to be special, and we knew just the Cat to invite to be our featured car. The feature car was an all-original 1968 GT-E, 4-speed car that was one of three with only two surviving. We would like to thank Dr. Joe Valenti from the Lone Star Cougar Club for bringing his special Cat to Tulsa along with all of its history. Thanks, Dr. Joe!!

We also thought that the 50th anniversary would be an important time to celebrate the history of the Cougar Club of America as well. We decided it would be appropriate to reach out to the early members and invite them to attend the show. MACC members Greg Young (#20) and Rod & Sandy LaBahn (#156) agreed to make an appearance and help hand out trophies. Greg also shared a story about how CCOA founder and member #1, Tom Jacobellis, sent him a unique cougar hand puppet to serve as a prize for the club that added the most CCOA members in a single year. Greg passed this unique prize on to Dwight Griffis. He asked that it keep its purpose as a neat incentive for the member who brings in the most new members in a calendar year. We also reached out to Tom Jacobellis himself and invited him to attend. Unfortunately Tom passed away on January 31st, 2017. Before his death, Tom passed on

a number of unique, antique pieces of Cougar memorabilia for use as silent auction items or gifts to those who hold Cougar history dear. There was a table and memory board devoted to Tom's life and all he did for CCOA since he founded it in 1980. Tom will be greatly missed throughout the Cougar community. Rest in peace, Tom.

Fortunately, Tulsa has the perfect place to host an indoor car show. We decided to have the show inside the 58,000 square foot Exchange Center on the expansive 240 acre Expo Square Fairgrounds. The venue was more than able to accommodate the large number of trailers expected to attend. Our liaison at Expo Square, Jen, and her team went above and beyond to meet every need we had and facilitate our show's success. With Tulsa being the heart of Mother Road "Route 66", we could not pass up the opportunity to experience it in all its glory. With the help of Brad Nickson and the Route 66 Association, we planned an eleven-mile, police-escorted, slow-rolling cruise through the middle of old Tulsa. With multiple photographers along the route culminating in a photo-op at Cyrus Vance plaza on the Arkansas River, the cruise would provide a window in Tulsa's storied history. Immediately following the cruise, the Cougars would congregate at Baxter's Interurban Grill for appetizers and fellowship.

It would take a massive undertaking to ensure everything came together the way we had intended. We were blessed to work with some very talented individuals locally that helped make our visions become reality. We needed a unique, world-class show logo to capture the lengthy history of the Mercury Cougar and Tulsa, OK. Randy Fredrick and Keith Whitfield from Fredrick, Sommers, and Western Sign Company designed a one-of-a-kind logo for us. Along with handling design work, Keith and Randy were responsible for creating the class feather-flags and one massive show banner. The show committee also leaned on the talented Wes Hines from Marking Masters to develop and





mint a special commemorative coin that would be given to each registered car. The coin was 2 ½” in diameter with the 2017 Mid America Cougar Nationals show logo on one side and the CCOA 50th anniversary logo, designed by Phillip Payne, on the other.

This limited production coin was minted here in the US and exceeded all expectations. Wes did not stop there. He was also responsible for the beautiful and handcrafted trophies that were given to each first place winner. We were also blessed to have the support of so many great sponsors and the show would not have been a success without them. They include the Cougar Club of America, Wright Asphalt, Asphalt Fuel and Supply, and Craig Parrott from ATM Merchant Services.

Fast forward to Thursday, April 19th. Many of our out of town guests and Cougar dignitaries met up at Tally’s Good Food Café on historic Route 66 for grub and a chance to talk all things Cougars. We were honored to have special guests Juha and Terry Kuronen from Finland, CCOA Chairman Gavin Schlesinger, and Jerry Heasley from Muscle Car Review in attendance. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was all possible thanks to Mr. Tally and his genuine hospitality.

On Friday, it rained... and rained... and even rained some more. Did we mention that it also rained, a lot? Tulsa received over 7 inches of rain during the day Friday and needless to say, all of our plans were sunk. We had planned a leisurely cruise with over 50 Cats along Route 66 with plenty of photo ops and sites to see, but Mother Nature had other plans. The Tulsa Police Department was prepared to provide us an escort, but at 3pm we were forced to make the call that we would not be able to cruise unless we wanted to canoe our Cougars down Route 66. All was not lost however, as many of the registrants (over 100 people) for the cruise made their way to Baxter’s Interurban Grill for good food and even better company.

Saturday morning came early. The rain had finally stopped and the inclement weather gave way to a cool, spring morning. Cougars started to arrive before sunrise and before long there were almost 100 Cougars and two Mercury Comets in line and

ready to roll into the building. Bill Timmerman and his crew of parking minions were instrumental in making sure each Cat was parked with its class in an expedient and orderly fashion. As each car rolled in the building, the owner and their car were photographed in front of the large 2017 Mid America Cougar Nationals backdrop and then were directed to their assigned parking spot. All in all, we had the Cougars parked in less than two hours. At 9am, the doors opened to the public and the festivities began in earnest. There were 15 Cougar collectibles available in the silent auction, and raffle tickets for assorted prizes were drawn every 30 minutes throughout the day. Vendor booths were set up throughout the show selling everything from show merchandise to detailing products. We met our goal with 114 cars pre-registered from 20 states spanning California to New Hampshire, though some unfortunately were not able to attend due to the poor weather across the Midwest.

At the conclusion of the show, the Expo Square caterers provided a tasty, Oklahoma style BBQ buffet with brisket and all the fixins. The banquet was followed by a short awards assembly hosted by the MACC officers with trophy presentations to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class. There were 18 classes with Cougars from 1967 through 1987 represented. There were also individual trophies for Best in Show, MACC Top Cat, Longest Drive, and Kid’s Choice. Each winner was photographed at their car with their awards. We want to give a big thank you to all the photographers who documented the day’s events – Jeanne Christian, Ted Taylor, Georgina May, Floyd Brown, and Nathan Griffis. When all was said and done, it may have taken two hours to park the cars, but the building was empty in less than 15 minutes!

We were pleased with the turnout and we want to extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the massive success of the 2017 Mid America Cougar Nationals. We would also like to thank each and every attendee who brought their car from near and far. None of this would have been possible without you!

Don’t forget we still have show shirts and posters available on our website.









TACOMA

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT, TACOMA, WA
AUGUST 5-6, 2017

By Heather Whitaker (#7477)

Compared to the shows back East, the Cascade Cougar Club Prowl was on a smaller scale, but no less awesome. There were plenty of beautiful Cougars on hand for our fantastic Cougar weekend. Noel Clark and her dad, Jeff Bingaman, put together the Saturday portion, which was an entire day filled with various activities, beginning with Caffeine and Gasoline at Griot's Garage first thing in the morning. This is a monthly event open to all and sundry so while enjoying free coffee and doughnuts, participants looked over several dozen classic cars of every stripe before Jeff called our cruise participants together for a drivers' meeting. After giving the Canadians some tongue-in-cheek grief (something about the sound of gunfire), we were off. The route took us past a golf course, military firing range and the historic town of Steilacoom before arriving at our first destination: LeMay Collections at Marymount.

This one hundred acre site has a fascinating history beginning as the Marymount Military Academy in the early 1900s, then in the '80s, when upkeep became an issue, local entrepreneur, Harold "Lucky" LeMay stepped up to purchase the property. Promising to preserve the site, Harold used the buildings to house his growing collection of vehicles. He had begun collecting cars in the late '60s and as the numbers grew into the thousands, Marymount proved to be the perfect place to keep them safe. Over the years, many duplicates have been sold off but the current number still sits around 1,600.

With our Cats parked on the grass adjacent to the gymnasium, our entourage was split up into several groups, each with its personal docent to guide us through the collection housed in three buildings. Following the tour, we came together again in the gym for a delicious box lunch and discuss the wonders we had seen.



After lunch we continued our cruise, arriving at America's Car Museum. Noel and Jeff had secured exclusive parking for us on the plaza right outside the entrance to this beautiful, modern facility, so it was a great photo op. The ACM collection covers a hundred years of automotive history and displays are constantly changing so there's always something new to see. We were advised before entering that we were now on our own, time-wise, and could move on to the barbecue/pool party whenever we were ready. Our group sauntered off in different directions to enjoy the 250 vehicles displayed on several levels.

Great planning went into this building to make displays easily accessible by anyone, regardless of any mobility issues. Ramps or elevators take visitors to every level, comfortable seating is available throughout and there are video displays to keep you entertained while you rest your weary legs. There's even a restaurant if you need a little extra energy. It's quite the experience. For more information on both of these fascinating museums, go to: <https://www.lemaymarymount.org/> and <https://www.americascarmuseum.org/>

The piece de resistance was a relaxing end to the day at the beautiful home of Chris Osborne and Juan Nunez. While our Cats relaxed on the cool grass, their owners found their own shady spots, not far from the inviting waters of the in-ground pool. It wasn't long before many of us changed into bathing suits and jumped right in. Some tried their hand at volleyball, followed by "noodle races" (bet your imagination is running wild), and even a little basketball, all while waist or chest deep in the cool waters.

When it was time for dinner, the boys really outdid themselves. There was pulled pork, pulled chicken, baked beans, salads and much more. If you left hungry, it was definitely your own fault...and that was only Saturday!

Sunday: Our corps of volunteers was on hand bright and early preparing the show field for the arrival of over six dozen Cats and other assorted FoMoCo vehicles. Free coffee and doughnuts were once again available inside the Griot's store to help get hearts started and as participants filed in, several tables filled up with door prizes while anxious ticket buyers waited impatiently to vie for one of these treasures. Before long the DJ had music playing and the show portion of the weekend was well under way. At noon, a delicious cafeteria-style Italian lunch featuring sliders, meatballs, chicken, sausage and salads was provided by the Adriatic Grill. What a delicious bargain for a mere \$10.

By 2pm ballots were counted and Prowl Director Cameron Benoit prepared to announce this year's winners (the full list can be found elsewhere in this newsletter). Several visitors from hundreds of miles away were recognized including several from Oregon, the Crowders, Larry Quay and others from California, Rich Nelson who drove his '67 Cougar from Colorado, Vic Yarberry from New Mexico, and Dave Wyrwas all the way from New Hampshire. Even our sister club (Fordnutz) in Canada had seven representatives on-site. In summary, it was our pleasure to show all our guests some Pacific Northwest hospitality and I'd say this anniversary Prowl celebration can go into the books as a success.











The last picture is historically important as these are the three men responsible for the discovery, restoration and maintenance of Cougar One. L-R: Marc Ogren who found the car in Moncton, New Brunswick, Jim Pinkerton who is the current “custodian” and responsible for undertaking the restoration project and John Benoit who actually did the work to get Cougar One back to original or Museum Quality.

CYPRESS



SCCC Cypress, CA Car Show

By: Mike Brown (#6669), President, The Southern California Cougar Club

Photos by: Larry Quay (#9460), Todd Gregory (#6330) and Georgina Garcia May (#9623)

ELIMINATOR



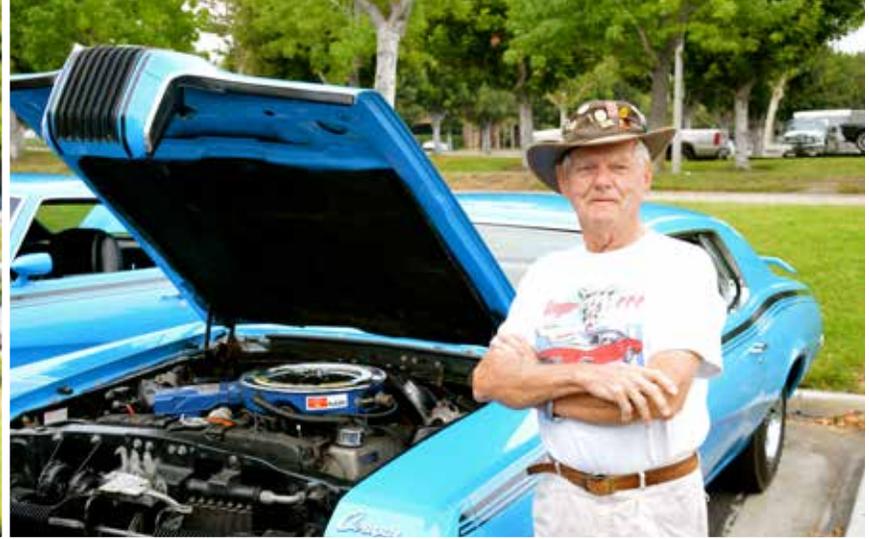
The Southern California Cougar Club (SCCC) hosted the Cougar Club of America (CCOA) Western Nationals 50th Anniversary of the Mercury Cougar car show on June 24th in Cypress, CA. Of the six major CCOA 50th Anniversary events, this was the fourth of the year. Special logos were created unique for all the six 2017 celebrations. This bad ass show was well received with eighty-eight classic Mercury Cougars in attendance (along with three Comets, a Mercury truck, and three AMC cars). A late 70s Zephyr was also in the area. The weather was pleasant and perfect for Cats to get out and stretch in the sun (although the rumors of a couple drops of rain are true). There was no excuse for not bringing out your favorite Cat! California Cougar owners from San Diego South to San Jose North arrived to share their Mercury stories. In addition, cars from surrounding states attended. Cats rode on Radial, Bias-Ply, thin white wall, raised white letters, black wall, and racing tires to make the trek. The long distance award goes to a Cougar purchased in Michigan and driven to this show to be shipped to Australia! Cat fans from afar also joined the show as we welcomed Andy Partika, who resides in Kailua, Hawaii. Matt Slay, from Texas, represented the Lone Star Cougar Club. It is always great to see as many Cougars and admirers as possible at these events. While hundreds of hours are required to put on this show, we look forward to hosting each year.

This SCCC show had a full range of classic Cougar models. Standard hardtops, XR7, XR7-G, GT, GT-E, convertibles, and

more, were all among the full complement of cars displaying their factory best. Eliminators put on a full display, including three Competition Blue 1970 models providing a rare show feat.

Every range of factory colors were on hand, along with custom hues. From Ted Taylor's white '68 to Chris Noyer's black '68 XR7-G, a full spectrum was in view. Awesome patina was not limited to body paint, as Eric Braverman brought his '70 Houndstooth top cat! Dennis Baltimore and Rob May caused double vision with their pair of 1969 standard hardtop Light Aqua Cougars. A third 1969 Light Aqua Cougar (convertible) from Arizona joined them. Todd Gregory from Goleta drove early Saturday to make the show with his awesome Burnt Orange with white Interior '69 XR-7. Mark Matejka showed his Cat's clean colors instead of the dust covered movie appearance (Dust to Dawn)!

Two other Mercury Cougar clubs from California teamed together for this awesome event. Cats from Rob Crowder's Mercury Stray Cats joined Mercury Stray Cats Central CA in a caravan from up North that arrived late Friday afternoon. Many of these cars displayed their original black/yellow plates from the sixties. (Rob May's car wore a 1969 Colorado dealer plate, as his car was originally sold by Kumpf in Denver, CO.) Projects, daily drivers, restored, original preservations, and modified, from minor personal touches to full Resto-mods,









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	1st	2nd	3rd	
Class 1	1967-1968 Cougar - Standard	Ted Taylor	Gerald Martinez	Pat Kelly
Class 2	1967-1968 Cougar - XR7	Mark Smith	Scott Taylor	Richard Hunwardsen
Class 3	1967-1968 -GT	Tom Padilla	Rob Mathes	Paul Staheli
Class 4	1968 XR7-G	Delaine & Chris Noyer	Gavin Schlesinger	Gary Brown
Class 5	1968 - GTE	Gary Woodward	Bill Somak	John Schneider
Class 6	1969 - 1970 Cougar - Standard	Rob May	Dennis Baltimore	
Class 7	1969 - 1970 Cougar - XR7	Todd Gregory	Lisa Yarnell	Eric Braverman
Class 8	1969 - 1970 Cougar Vert - Standard	Dann Allen	David Sonderegger	Pat Martin
Class 9	1969 - 1970 Cougar Vert - XR7	Alcinda Wolff	Lou Fishman	Rob Crowder
Class 10	1969 - 1970 Eliminator	Robert Caplan	Ray Reinertson	Ron Turner
Class 11	1971 - 1973 Cougar - Std/XR7	Tina McCrudden		
Class 12	1971 - 1973 Cougar VERT -Std/XR7	Skip Humphrey	Michael Jackson	Emmet Ember
Class 13	All Cougars Modified/Restomod	Oliver Strauss	Norm Knox	Mike Christiansen
Class 14	All Year Comets	Gerald Martinez	George Teding	Jeff Peral
Class 15	All Year AMC	Jim Weil	Mark Fletcher	Jerome LeMon
	John Park Award	Ted Taylor		
	Best of Show	Dann Allen		
	Best Patina	Eric Braverman		
	Prez Choice	Oliver Strauss		

EBAY CATS



Year/Model: 1974 XR7
VIN: Not listed
Miles: 68,388
Condition: 3
Winning bid: \$3,499
Total # of Bids: 15

Comments: Only 68k original miles on this XR7. This Cat has the optional 460 4v/C6, runs and drives like new with no leaks. The brakes, steering and suspension are in good working order. There are minor dings, dents, chips, scratches, scrapes, some paint fading and a few minor rust spots on the lower edge of the driver's door, but overall the body is great. All emblems and trim are complete and look great! The structural integrity is A+ and the frame/floor boards are rock solid. Front bumper is straight and the chrome looks great, rear bumper has peeling/imperfections and needs to be redone. Vinyl roof has cracking and imperfections, but still is very presentable. The interior is original and is in really nice shape for its age with minor imperfections, the headliner shows a minor rip. All gauges work, steering wheel has some typical imperfections. The original radio/speakers sound great.



Year/Model: 1987 20th Anniv
VIN: 1MEBM60FXXXXXX
Miles: 98,053
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$1,675
Total # of Bids: 5

Comments: This 20th anniversary Cat is mostly original with only one repaint. With only 98k original miles this Cat still runs and drives great with no issues, has new radiator. Interior is in excellent shape with only minor wear on the driver seat, the AC blows cold and all gauges work. Body and paint are good, but the bumper moldings could use some minor touch up. Tires are good. Not many 20th anniversary Cats are still alive. A great car to enjoy and show.



Year/Model: 1973 XR-7 convert
VIN: 3F94Q5XXXX
Miles: 30,000
Condition: 1
Winning bid: \$12,500
Total # of Bids: 48

Comments: Last year for the convertible Cat. This XR-7 convert is all original and has the rare 351CJ/C6 with only 30k original miles. This is a California rust free Cat that has been babied by its 2nd owner since '75. Has new "paws" and the brakes have new calipers and hoses, the gas tank and radiator/hoses have been replaced. The battery is new and the water pump have been replaced with all new hoses, the timing chain and gears are new as well. The body is rock solid and the paint is original, it could use a new paint job and the bumpers rechromed to look even better. The interior is all original and is in very nice condition. Has factory AC, but it is not currently blowing cold.



Year/Model: 1968 STD
VIN: 8F91F5XXXX
Miles: 48,000
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$12,500
Total # of Bids: 5

Comments: This STD Cat has the DGS package and had a completely restoration. Has a 302 with F.I. fuel injection with auto trans. Also has PS, PB and factory AC. Everything on this Cat was rebuilt or was replaced. The body and paint are excellent, all original body panels were used. This Cat is like new in/out and needs nothing, is ready to be enjoyed and is a great show stopper!!



Year/Model: 1983 STD
VIN: Not listed
Miles: 108k
Condition: 3
Winning bid: \$1,900
Total # of Bids: 2

Comments: Redesign for '83, this Cat has had only 2 owners since new and always garaged. Body is very straight and the paint is good with paint peel on the lower front drivers side door. The interior is in fair shape and the dash and doors are near perfect with no cracks, the headliner is a little saggy; all the lighting works perfect. The V6 has 107k and still runs great with no issues. .



Year/Model: 1997 XR7 30th Anniv
VIN: 1MELM62WXXXXXX
Miles: 77,636
Condition: 1
Winning bid: \$4,995
Total # of Bids: 9

Comments: Only 77k original miles on this 30th anniversary Cat, the last owner hardly drove it. Has always been in Florida since new and well cared for. This Cat runs and drives like new, the exterior and interior are near mint. Underneath looks like new, the engine has never been cleaned and has all the original stickers and markings. Have the original books, manuals and the gold anniversary key.

PERSONAL ADS

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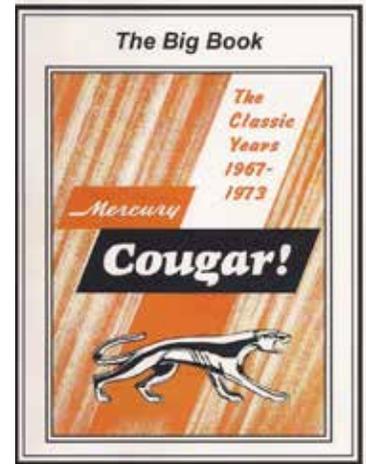
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Rob Merritt (#8323)
Member Services Director

WHAT A SUMMER!

I had planned to write a story about our trip to the big 50th anniversary show in Dearborn, but life happens when you're making plans, and I'm already tardy with my report. Suffice it to say, driving the Cougar from Duluth to Dearborn, taking the S.S. Badger car ferry across Lake Michigan, and taking a scenic route across the Mackinac Bridge and through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan on the way home, made the journey nearly as fun as the show events. Kudos to the CATS Club for hosting such a great show. It was purrr-fect. All your planning and work (while we played) made the gathering one to remember.

It was great to meet for so many of the members. I've gotten to know some of you just by addresses, so I'm glad to finally put some faces to names.

NEW MEMBERS

Joining the club since the last ATSOTC (through September 1) are the following new members:

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Welcome to the new members!

If you know someone who appreciates the Cougar but is not yet a member of the CCOA, share your newsletter or invite them to visit our website. New members are always welcome!

Make sure you don't miss any of the excitement as the 50th winds down and we turn to new events. If your renewal is due, use the handy on-line form at www.cougarclub.org/join.htm. If you prefer, you can send a check using the membership form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Check the mailing label for your due date if you subscribe to the printed version of the newsletter. If you are an e-member, the email with the download link will let you know if it's time to renew. And be sure to let me know if you change your postal or email address. It pains me when mail is returned undeliverable. If you just need to update your information, or have a question about your status, feel free to email me at membership@cougarclub.org.



A Word by the Editor

Cougars, Cougars, Cougars and even more Cougars. Cougars everywhere. When I see all the photos I received for this issue of ATSOTC, I really feel sad that I couldn't be at any of the 50th anniversary shows this year. They must have been amazing. I could have filled another 50 pages with great photos. I also really like the awards, medals, coins and merchandise that the clubs created for this year's shows. They're gorgeous.

On another note.... I have been telling you guys in one of my last articles that I had been looking to sell my 1969 Cougar for a while. A few weeks ago, someone came to test drive the Cougar and then bought it. It will be in good hands as leaves Luxembourg for Germany.

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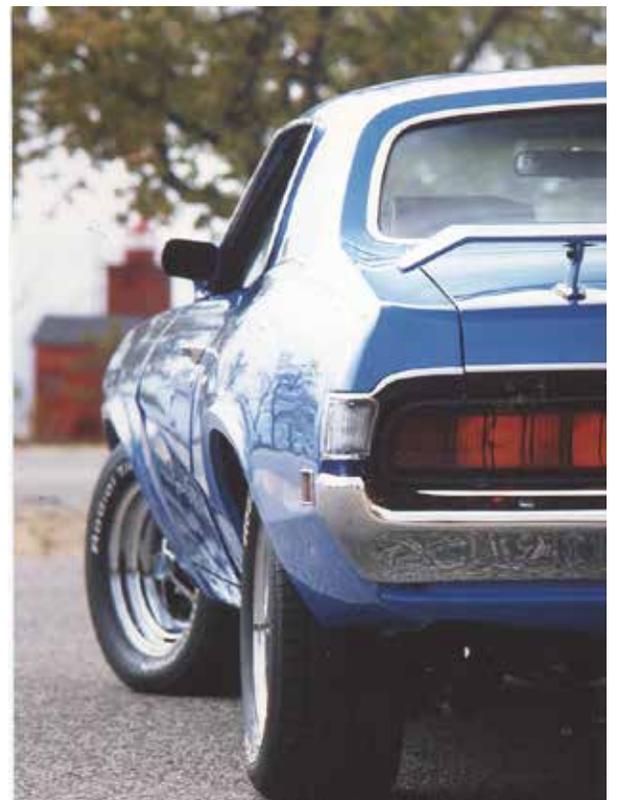
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