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Editor's Desk

My congratulations to our president, Scott Ferguson, for winning a second term in office.

Those of you who know Scott, know he's put his heart and soul, and a fair amount of sweat, into running the CCOA the past four years. He's brought the club into the computer age, greatly increased support for state and regional Cougar clubs, spearheaded common sense changes to the CCOA bylaws and presided over other improvements to how this club is run and serves its members.

Scott's brimming with ideas, and I'm confident that another four years in office will allow him to finish important work he started when he first took office in January 2000. A full rewrite of the bylaws is in the works and other organizational changes that will improve the club's efficiency and responsiveness to members are on tap, too. Scott's committed to achieving all his long-term goals for the CCOA and, in my opinion, the membership made the right choice in bringing him back for another term.

Of course, Scott can't reach those goals alone, and, as usual, the call goes out to all members to contribute. This club is only what you make it.

Calling All Editors

At The Sign Of The Cat continues in search of an editor. I'm stepping down at the end of this year, after four years of producing this long-time CCOA publication.

If you're looking for a way to contribute to the club and have some experience producing a newsletter, the club needs you.

The basic job qualifications are what you might expect for a newsletter editing position: a good command of English, writing proficiency, a general knowledge of the subject matter and attention to detail. Beyond that, how you approach the job and the actual production of *ATSOTC* is up to you. You can keep the current format—easy to do if you're familiar with desktop publishing programs—or you can design a new publication that reflects your production skills and experience. Not handy with a computer? Well, there are other ways to compile information into a quarterly newsletter, and I'll be happy to help you through the transition.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information or to volunteer. I'm easy to reach (contact information is at the top of the box to the left) and can explain in much greater detail what you can expect as editor of *ATSOTC*. So, step up and help the CCOA serve all its members by taking on this important position. Thanks.



Carl Graziano

President's Report



Scott Ferguson

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, the voting for the CCOA presidential election is over and the results are in.

We only saw about a 10 percent voter turnout and the race was close. But the final tally showed that a majority of members chose me to continue leading the club and to follow through with the long-term plan I laid out when first elected.

I will continue working with the CCOA Board of Directors to make improvements to the club, which will benefit you, the member. Our biggest challenge continues to be revamping the bylaws. I'd like to thank my challenger in the election, Mike Brown, for stepping up to run. No one knows better than I how demanding and time-consuming it can be.

Due to illness in my family I was unable to travel to the CCOA National Show hosted by the Cougar Club of New Jersey. I've heard nothing but good things about the event. Paul Damato and Steve Polansky, co-chairs of the event, brought together an amazing show that was well attended by people up and down the Eastern Seaboard, from the Florida panhandle to the Northern reaches above the Canadian border.

I've been fortunate enough to visit some car events close to where I live, to drive one of my Cougars and visit with other show-goers. I was especially happy to attend the Cascade Cougar Club Prowl (July 27) in Renton, Wash., where I stayed with my good friends, Jim and Elaine Pinkerton and visited with attending Cascade members. It was a full weekend, but it recharged my battery. The next big event in my life (apparently)

happened on Aug. 8. While attempting to get all the last-minute Fordnutz Cougar Club show details together, some industrious members arranged a surprise 40th birthday party for me. Gag gifts were the order of the evening and I now have enough Grecian Formula and Bowel Buddy to keep my hair dark and the rest of me "regular."

A good contingent was up from Washington state to take in the Claw-In weekend, which began Aug. 9 with a "damp" cruise and a dinner party. Aug. 10 was the main show day. We had more than 80 cars at the show—a good turnout, but down from the nearly 130 last year. Blame it on all those gray clouds, which tend to scare car collectors into leaving their vehicles in the garage. I never think it's possible, but every year the show gets better. This year, we tried something a little different. We had team leaders for show set-up and tear-down, pre-registration and registration, parking and traffic control, door prize and 50/50 ticket sales, and balloting. Each leader was given the task of not only being in charge of a department and all the associated responsibilities, but getting the volunteers needed to staff it. At times it was frenzied, because several team leaders were trying to recruit the same volunteers. It was said that bribes were offered to sway some potential volunteers, but as people were needed for only certain times during the day (allowing time to enjoy the show), members could volunteer in more than one department. Thankfully, it all worked out in the end, and after all was said and done it seemed that everyone had a very good time. And that's the whole point, isn't it?

Ferguson Elected to Second Term

Cougar Club of America President Scott Ferguson, of Vancouver, B.C., Canada, narrowly won a second term in office, CCOA Membership Director Ron Crouch announced Aug. 2.

Crouch said results from voting, which ended July 18, showed Ferguson beat challenger Mike Brown, of North Hollywood, Calif., by five votes—46-41. The total votes represents slightly less than 10 percent of the club's membership.

Members were given the option of voting by postal mail or e-mail. The official release of the tally was delayed two weeks past the close of voting to ensure overseas votes had time to arrive.

Ferguson said he looks forward to serving a second term as the club's president.

"I feel honored that the members of the club feel that the CCOA Board of Directors, under my leadership, is moving the club in a direction that they see as beneficial," he said. "The work is not over for the board, though. We are still working toward updating and implementing a new constitution and bylaws that will serve the club much better for years to come."

Ferguson and Brown ran spirited campaigns, detailing and debating their positions in *At The Sign Of The Cat* and on the popular mercurycougar.net discussion forum. Brown visited the CCOA National Show, in Mount Laurel, N.J., in late June to campaign and to field questions about his candidacy at the CCOA annual meeting, held at the show.

CCOA presidents may serve a maximum of two, four-year terms. Ferguson first took office Jan. 1, 2000, and succeeded Randy Goodling, of Elizabethtown, Pa.

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Local Club Reports

Arizona Cougar Club

Hello, fellow Cougar enthusiasts! The Arizona Cougar Club is on the prowl with our Third Annual Desert Prowl Car Show, scheduled for Nov. 15. See this issue for a registration flier with details of the show. Because there was no West Coast Cougar Nationals this year, we are expecting a lot Cougars from various states to attend this event.

Since our last article, we have had a lot great outings with our Cats. In May, we hit the road on the Route 66 Fun Run from Seligman, Ariz., Topock, Ariz. During this three-day event, more than 900 classic cars motored to and through historic sites and small towns along 200-plus miles of scenic Route 66.

In June, we visited the Scottsdale Pavilions car show, world largest ongoing cruise-in car show. We enjoyed seeing our members' Cougars and looking at more than 200 custom and classic cars in attendance that very hot night. In July, a "BBQruise" membership appreciation and family gathering uncovered some new Cougars previously not seen by members.

A General Membership meeting in August at Chili's, in Phoenix, with temperatures close to the 120-degree mark brought the dedicated members looking for a cool drink or two and some time to kick back and enjoy each other's company. Afterward, those with a need for speed took to indoor Kart racing to unleash the competitive challenge of open wheel, high-speed racing.

Special thanks to all members who cruise through the desert on Friday and Saturday nights to show off your Cat; sit a while and Cat Chat.

—Jon Morris

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Carolina Cougar Club

The Carolina Cougar Club anxiously looks forward to its annual fall show, which this year will again be at Lowe's Motor Speedway, in Charlotte, N.C.

Joining us there will be the International Mercury Owners Association and the local Comet club. We will have our semi-annual meeting and have some fun.

I understand the sponsor, the Antique Automobile Club of America, has sold a record 10,000 vendor spaces. So, along with the 2,000 to 3,000 car corral vehicles and an auction, there should be

plenty to do. We encourage families to attend, and there will be free registration and passes for club members and prospective members.

On a personal note, I'm proud to say our car, an XR-7 428CJ convertible, is finally finished. Of course, that's a slight misnomer, as we all know these cars are never really finished!

—Marvin Wyant

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Cascade Cougar Club

The car shows in the great Northwest started rolling in quickly as soon as mid-April arrived.

The Cascade Cougar Club sent more than 20 Cougars to Port Angeles for the North Olympic Mustang Club's annual show. Some arrived early, but many came in the annual caravan from Federal Way. Two weeks later, a smaller turnout of Cougars appeared in East Wenatchee, then a few more in Richland at the Pacific Northwest Mustang Club's annual Spring Show 'N' Shine.

Attendance picked up again June 7 for the unexpectedly hot weather at the All-Ford Show, in Hillsboro, Ore. An annual rib barbecue hosted by Don and Sheryl Skinner is a big attraction. We drew so many Cougars this year (15), we almost had to move to a different area of the show grounds, but John Benoit was able to figure out how to arrange us in the space we already had. Class winners were Jeff Bingaman with a red '68 XR-7 and John Benoit, with his Competition Blue '70 Boss 302 Eliminator. Second place awards went to Dave Nashif, with his black '68 XR-7, and to Dick Donahoo, with his Competition Green '70 Boss 302 Eliminator. Other award winners included Ted Both's '78 Marquis, Marc Ogren's '47 Lincoln and Elaine Pinkerton's 2000 Saleen Mustang.

The last weekend of July brought us to our big event: Prowl and the Mercury-Edsel-Lincoln-Ford family picnic. It started with a great welcoming reception at the home of Jim and Elaine Pinkerton Friday evening. Saturday, there was a cruise from Renton to Snoqualmie and back with five Cougars, five Lincolns, and one Bronco. That evening, "Doc" and Judy Anders hosted another annual Lie-Swapping Barbecue at their home. The food was great. The hosts were better. We had at least 70 people there, including Scott Behncke and Brian Nebergall, from southern

California, Scott Ferguson and Heather Whitaker, from British Columbia and Don Rush and Don and Cheryl Skinner, from Oregon. Their lawn and street had a miniature car show with 18 Cougars and 10 classic non-Cougars that drew looks from passers-by. One of the more unique cars there was a 1937 Ford Eifel fitted with a rotary engine and a six-pack-shaped battery.

The following day was warm and sunny and full of great cars. We had about 150 cars on the grass at Cedar River Park. Fifty of those were Cougars, with the rest well spread among Edsels, Lincolns, Mercurys and Fords, with several trucks and a long line of street rods. We had our best-ever lineup of Edsels, with nine in attendance. Best Cougar went to John and Susan Benoit, with their new black cherry '68 XR7-G. But there were a lot of great-looking cars in every class and category. We also had some fun things set up for the kids to do, including coloring and making Cougar masks brought by Denise Smithhisler. The most popular drawing to color was a racing Cougar drawn and brought by Roman Benoit. Finally, we ended the weekend with a sit-down dinner at Vince's Restaurant in Renton. This dinner was set up by Jim Hall and was a very relaxing, carefree way to cap the festivities.

Show season's not over yet. We expect a few Cougars to travel to Lewiston, Idaho, on the weekend before Labor Day for their annual Hot August Nights show and the usual parties at the home of Howard and Val Guenther. Three weeks later, we expect well over 20 Cougars for the annual Ponies And Cougars In The Sun show, in Yakima. Other shows expected to draw at least a few Cougars are the Run To The End Of The World at Long Beach and the Pacific Northwest Mustang Club's annual Fall Show on the Columbia Crest Winery grounds, at Paterson.

We hope your shows are going as well as ours and that you're getting good attendance. A few of us are already talking about attending the Cougar Nationals West show in Los Angeles next July. We hope to see many of you there and maybe out here in the Northwest a week later. If the state of Texas will forgive us for borrowing an old slogan from some of its traffic signs, "Drive Friendly."

—Jim Compton

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Colorado Cougar Club

The Colorado Cougar Club held its open house at the new Colorado Cougar Club House. The attending Cougars numbered in the 20s. The

weather was perfect, and we had many new faces and Cat. You can view pictures at mercurycougar.net, in the gallery section.

Mid-summer took members south, to Colorado Springs, for a show. The Cougars took three trophies amid a sea of Mustangs. A very good showing! The club members will show in mass at the next show, called "Muscle Car Madness," held on grass. The club continues to grow as the summer progresses. We now have more than 40 members.

The Colorado Cougar Club is now on the Internet! Thanks to member Rocky for all his work getting this off the ground! The site address is at the end of this article.

If any of you Cat people are in Denver, let us know! We'll get together and show you a good Cat time!

—Bill Quinlisk

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Cougar Club of New Jersey

The CCNJ will host a local classic car show again in Fanwood, N.J., during that Borough's annual "Fannywood Day" street festival.

The Fannywood Day celebration has grown every year, with games, contests and food from local merchants exhibited along Fanwood's main street, Route 28. This year, the CCNJ asked for and received permission to move our show to the larger South Avenue Railroad commuter lot, right smack dab in the middle of the event! The date is Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As always, goodie bags and dash plaques will be given out. Also this year, several trophies will be awarded by the club and the Mayor of Fanwood, too. Awards will be based on popular vote and Mayor's Choice.

The club also has been offered a new South Jersey venue to hold meetings at no cost. The "The Village Shoppes," a group of 18 shops on Route 9, in Tuckerton, N.J., has offered us space to hold car club meetings in their brand new, spacious meeting room inside the mall. The room has food and beverages available, as well as ice cream and a plasma large screen TV with video and DVD hook up! It also houses 18 unique shops in an old time, fully indoor mall. The parking lot holds several hundred cars (future show location?) and the area, in general, is home to a large number of classic autos of all makes.

We're still recovering as the CCOA Nationals host club, but we look forward to the Fanwood show and other end of summer relaxation.

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For information on the Fannywood Show, call CCNJ President Don Wussler at (908) 889-1709 or contact me at eliminator1969@cougars.com.

Until then, remember: "The nicest trophy you'll ever have has an engine under the hood."

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Delmarva Cougar Club

More than a dozen DCC members joined members of the National Capital Region Mustang Club May 17 for a scenic cruise through the western hills of Virginia.

The large caravan of classic Cougars and Mustangs made its first stop for a tour of Maple Hill Restoration of Broadway, Va., which specializes in restoring vintage Mustangs and Corvettes. The group then convoyed about a mile to Virginia Classic Mustang, where many participants loaded up on new parts for their projects. DCC participants included club President Jim Karamanis and his brother Stan, DCC Vice President Barry Reichenbaugh, DCC Secretary Jerry Boyer and Clare Rocheford, all in their classic Cougars. Other club members who participated included Ralph Pagington, Tony Tattarelli, and Darrell Bush and his father.

Two DCC members had the honor of exhibiting their Cougars at Ford Motor Co.'s 100th Anniversary celebration June 12 to 16, in Dearborn, Mich. Wayne Wachter, of Keymar, Md., displayed his 1968 XR7-G, and DCC Head Judge Ken Compher, of Spotsylvania, Va., showed his 1969 CJ428 Sports Special. The by-invitation display included a total of 3,000 vehicles and drew about 225,000 spectators. Compher also displayed his cat at the annual All-Ford Nationals, at Carlisle, Pa., May 30 to June 1 as Carlisle honored Ford's 100th anniversary.

DCC members won an unprecedented 20 trophies, including nine in judged classes, at the June 27 to 29 CCOA Nationals, in Mount Laurel, N.J. "This really speaks to the quality of cars in our club, the enthusiasm of our members and their participation in shows like this," DCC President Jim Karamanis said. "Our hats are off to the Cougar Club of New Jersey," he said. "They put on an incredible show." Several DCC members assisted the Cougar Club of New Jersey with judging and advice in planning, and DCC Editor Phillip Payne was honored for his role in designing the official show logo and T-shirt, which featured his sharp renditions of a '70

Eliminator and '68 XR7-G. Awards of note included "Best of Show," which, for the third straight year, went to DCC member Carlton Wright, of Salem, Va., for his '69 Eliminator, and the "President's Choice" award, which went to Jim and Mary Ann Stagner, of Woodbridge, Va., for their '69 CJ428 Eliminator.

On July 20, about 30 DCC members, family and friends gathered at Colonial Beach (Va.) Dragway for drag racing and a picnic. Several members put their cats on the strip, while others were content to raise the hood and take a chair under a canopy with a cold drink and hamburger, or sit in the grandstands and watch the racing. Members who raced included President Jim Karamanis, Secretary Jerry Boyer, Randy Arnold, George Cockrell, Tony Tattarelli (in his '03 Cobra), John Tomlinson and Mike Windhom. Photos of this and other DCC events are on the club's Web site, at www.dcconline.org, in the "Show Photo" section.

—Barry Reichenbaugh

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FordNutz Cougar Club

My last report was a tad sparse on show news and contained much moaning and groaning about the weather. But I'm pleased to say that things have picked up in both categories.

As all of you are aware, I'm sure, 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of Ford. As part of the celebration, on June 4 and 5, Vancouver's Trade and Convention Centre was the venue for a collection of various "landmark heritage" Ford vehicles. Fordnutz and CCOA President Scott Ferguson, was contacted by Ford of Canada to help secure vehicles that would best represent the company's diverse products. Two Fordnutz members volunteered their cars for this prestigious event: Mark Gazzola, with his beautiful, dark blue '68 Galaxie 500 XL, and Scott, with his gorgeous green '68 XR7-G. They shared space with vehicles from Ford's first 60 years as well as the brand new Ballard fuel cell hybrid Focus.

The very next day, the Gazzolas were off to Oregon for the All-Ford show. Bucking heavy traffic and 41 degree heat (that's 106 in "American"), they eventually arrived in Portland, Ore., to visit friends and rest up for the show Saturday in Hillsboro. It was well worth the trip, as Mark brought home first place hardware in the '67-'74 Galaxie class. Congratulations!

June 13 saw a small local get-together, organized in part by Rob Roberts, Pacific Region

Manager, at the Ford of Canada offices, in Langley, B.C. Scott brought his "G," I brought my '69 XR-7 convertible and Mark Gazzola brought his daily driver, a '97 Mustang Cobra (some guys are just compelled to max out the show season). This was a small barbecue/show 'n' shine, again with representatives from various Ford clubs, and although rain sprinkled down on us intermittently, the food was great, and so was the socializing.

Later that weekend was Old Car Sunday in the Park, at Heritage Park, in Mission, B.C. This is getting to be a very popular gathering, boasting more than 1,150 cars this year. Kim and Cindy Friesen brought their '73 XR-7 convertible, Grant and Maurice Hadland, their '68 standard (6.5 litre), Al Gibson, his '66 T-Bird, and Don Wicklund, his '58 Edsel Pacer convertible. Scott Ferguson brought the now familiar '68 XR7-G, which garners much attention on every outing, and Ron Stewart brought out a bevy of beauties, among which were his '70 Cougar Eliminator 428 CJ 4-speed and '68 Shelby KR500.

June 13 to 15 was a busy car weekend everywhere, it seems. One of our Vancouver Island Members, Brian Schofield, attended an open show in hot and sunny Qualicum Beach, which ran the gamut of early Model A & T Fords to vehicles from the '50s, '60s and '70s to big rigs (10 or so Kenworth, Peterbilt and Hayes). As Brian's cat had electrical problems, it was not a participant, so there was only one Cougar, a one-owner '68 standard, among the 100 vehicles on display.

June 29 was the first annual Ford Car Club Council Gold Rush Run. People along the route, which followed the old "Gold Rush Trail," were treated to the sight of several beautiful vehicles, including Scott Ferguson's '68 XR-7, Alex and Carla Bronevitch's '65 Ford Custom, Shawn Boyd's '69 XR-7 convertible, Terry Robertson's '70 XR-7 convertible and Dave and Rosemary McGill's '78 Cougar standard.

July 1 (Canada Day) dawned bright and sunny for the Langley celebration venue. Alex and Carla Bronevitch took "Big Blue," their '91 Cougar, Scott Ferguson brought out the "old" XR-7, which he's trying to sell, and Al and Joan Gibson showed off their '66 T-Bird.

July 6 was a perfect sunny day for the Big M Club show at Steveston Park in (naturally) Steveston, B.C. Award winners included Alex Bronevitch, for his '65 Ford Custom, Scott Ferguson, for his '68 XR-7, and Terry Robertson, for his '70 XR-7. Other Fordnutz in attendance were myself, with my '69 XR-7 convertible, Al Gibson, in his '66 Thunderbird, and Steven O'Connell, in his '70 Cougar standard.

The weekend of July 12 and 13 was a popular one for car buffs. Ray Harwood's Cougar was the

lone cat at the Fords 'n' Friends Picnic in Victoria on Sunday. He reports that attendance was poor due to the high probability of rain (although anyone familiar with Victoria, knows it just never rains there). Scott and I, meanwhile, got an invitation from the Ford Dealers of the Lower Mainland to bring out our "old cars" to Nat Bailey Stadium, and for our trouble were treated to a BBQ lunch and baseball game. Of course, the biggy for the weekend was the 4th annual Royal City Show & Shine, in New Westminster. This two-day event was filled with activities from games for the kids to a poker run for the adults, and everything in between. An estimated crowd of 75,000 packed the downtown streets to admire the more than 400 vehicles on display. Fordnutz members Alex and Carla Bronevitch brought out Big Red, their '65 Ford Custom, and Al and Joan Gibson showed their white '66 T-bird.

The Cascade Cougar Club Prowl in Renton, Wash., July 25 to 27, was a blast, as usual. Leaving Friday morning under sunny skies, I drove my '69 XR-7 convertible and Scott Ferguson drove his '68 XR7-G, stopping en route to visit Bruce, Sandy and Alan Haaland in Lynden. After lunch, we continued on to "Cougar Flats" (the home of Jim and Elaine Pinkerton), where we had arranged to stay for the weekend. A party for out-of-town show participants was in full swing by the time we arrived, and we were warmly received by our hosts and guests alike, meeting new Fordnutz members Jeff and Lynda Saunders, who were in the area from Edmonton, Alberta on vacation. Saturday was spent detailing our vehicles and preparing for the BBQ at Eric and Judy Anders later in the day. On Sunday, about 175 Ford, Edsel, Mercury and Lincoln vehicles lounged on the grass of Riverside Park under beautiful sunny skies. Several Fordnutz members were rewarded for their efforts, including Jeff and Carol Bingaman, first in Senior Street Stock; Karl and LaDonna Gehlhaar, first in '67 XR-7 and first in Bronco; Jim and Elaine Pinkerton, second in the tough G/GT-E/Eliminator class; Alan Haaland, second in '68 Standard; and myself, first in Modified Cougar Convertible.

Of course, the big show of the year for Fordnutz was its "Claw-In" Aug. 8 to 10. This great weekend, packed with activities, started on a Friday, which just happened to be Scott Ferguson's 40th birthday. Some of our members organized a surprise birthday bash for him, where he was inundated with gifts befitting a man of his now advanced years (such beauties as Bowel Buddy and Grecian Formula likely give you an idea of the respect with which we treat our leader). Rain fell on Saturday, which put a bit of a damper (pun intended) on the annual cruise, but

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we carpoled for the trip to Ocean Park Ford in White Rock to view Ron Ford's collection of beautiful old cars, and then on to the Stewart Farm, which is an historic site near Crescent Beach. On Sunday, everyone was up early to head to the show site, at South Surrey Athletic Park. The day began overcast and quite chilly, which probably explains lower-than-expected turnout (only 76 entrants). But the live music, BBQ, ice cream and countless door prizes kept everyone in good spirits until it was time for awards. Cougar Winners included: '67-'68 Standard, second, Grant Hadland, first, Alan Haaland; '67-'68 XR-7, second, Karl and LaDonna Gehlhaar, first, Jeff Bingaman; '69-'70, third, Robert Nowland, second, Martin Francis, first, Steven O'Connell; '69-'70 Convertible, third, Terry Robertson, second, Connie McClinton, first, Heather Whitaker; '71-'73 Convertible, third, Judi Kidner, second, Kim and Cindy Friesen, first, Lonnie Sparhawk; Cougar Special, third, Scott Ferguson, second, Lance Elliott, first, Jim Pinkerton; '71-Present Cougar, first, Alex Bronevitch (Sr.).

Jeff Bingaman was the first recipient of a new award created this year in honor of Fordnutz members who have passed away. It was my privilege to make this presentation in remembrance of my late husband, Brad, who lost his battle with cancer this past February.

Well, if your eyes are as tired as my fingers, you'll be pleased to know that this wraps up the past few months' events. Show season will slowly wind down in our part of the country over the next month, and then I'll scramble to find some kind of gossip to impart to you come fall and winter. So until then, enjoy the balance of the summer, keep those cats purring and give them lots of fresh air.

—Heather Whitaker

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Great Lakes Cougar Club

Hello all! It's been some time since we last spoke, as it has been a busy summer. It seems like every weeknight there is a cruise night and every weekend, a show or six to choose from.

The Great Lakes Cougar Club had another successful all-Ford show in early June. Mother Nature was on our side this year, along with our co-hosts, the Western N.Y. Shelby Club. I thank all those involved, including my classic car insurer, Lant & Co. Insurance, for the generous

donation of goodie bags and items to fill them with. In all, 11 Cougars attended. Thanks all, for making our show a success.

Here are the results from our June show: Best of Show, Steve Quay; '67-'68, first place, Arlene Quay, second place, Steve Spyra (member); '69-'73, first place, Rich Buchanan (club vice president), second place, Tucker Callan (member), third place, Richard Bishop.

This past weekend I had the pleasure of attending the all-Ford show at Don Palmer's Performance shop, in the town of Pefferlaw, Ontario, Canada. Don is known as a builder of high-performance and racing engines, and the annual show on Don's property is only known by word of mouth by Ford folks in southern Ontario. I met up in Mississauga with Dave Roberts, a club member, with his red '69 coupe and a convoy of other Ford products that included a '68 Comet, '78 Mustang King Cobra, '68 Mustang California Special with 390 engine and a '68 Comet CJ.

It is an annual honor after Don Palmer's Ford show to be invited to "Grandma Reid's" home a few miles north, in Beaverton, for a little cruise 'n' food. And boy, does Grandma sure know how to feed the folks! A big thank you to Grandma Reid and friends for their hospitality and more than enough to eat. It's a long drive from Niagara Falls. But with the nice people and plentiful food, what the heck—the Cougar always needs a good highway run.

I must also mention one of the highlights of Don Palmer's show: an appearance by Doug Gamoff, who is known as a Cougar guy big time around these parts. He brought his two cars: a 1968 XR-7 GT-E (427) and his '69 CJ coupe. Yes, both cars are show stoppers. Last August, Doug's GT-E made its first appearance, fresh from a seven-year restoration. What a beauty it is, with its black paint. Some of you folks may know of Doug as a former CCOA member who was around when the club was new, back in the early '80s.

That's all for me for this issue. See you next time!

—Jim Megannety

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M31 Cougars

So, what's been happening with M31 Cougars? (Read: CCOA in the UK!).

As regular readers will know, the CCOA membership in the UK and Europe is small in

number, but high on enthusiasm. As a consequence, we are too widespread to have any kind of regular meeting. A meeting even once a year is nearly impossible to arrange. Let's be absolutely honest here: If we all turned up, we wouldn't fill a car park. And how often do we all turn up?

OK then, so what are the benefits of membership? Well, apart from the benefits you would expect from a large international car club, like me at the end of your phone line, CCOA is a member of an even larger body of enthusiasts in the UK, the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs. This brings its own benefits. We have, through the Federation, a voice in the Parliaments of Westminster, Brussels and Strasburg, where the thoughts of old car enthusiasts are made clear to the legislators. Most battles we win, others we lose. I get a regular newsletter from FBHVC and when there is something of relevance, trust me, I pass it on. We also get to use the FBHVC logo on our stationary, which can't hurt our credibility.

Other benefits we get are discounted membership to Britannia Rescue breakdown service and discounted cross-channel ferry tickets through MST. MST can also provide ferry tickets to all ports within Europe and it isn't restricted to UK members: European members can also benefit from the service, as can any CCOA member visiting Europe. Just send me an e-mail for contact details.

A list is also sent out with the location of those filling stations still selling leaded premium fuel in the UK. Yes, it is still available, but it isn't cheap. And, no, it isn't available everywhere. With the additives in European unleaded fuel, it probably isn't necessary for us to use premium, as we have harder valve seats in our engines than those produced in most of Europe in pre-unleaded days. Yes, you will probably suffer from Valve Seat Regression eventually, but the chances are you will have rebuilt your cylinder heads well before you notice any problems. If you would like a copy of the list of suppliers, send me an SAE.

Finally, as always, if you need to contact me, I'm only a phone call or e-mail away.

—Barrie Dixon

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Southern California Cougar Club

The show season this year was fun and relaxing. With West Nationals here still a year away, we all had opportunities to really enjoy the cars and spend more time driving.

Fabulous Fords was a great kickoff, as usual, in April, with 60 Cougars in attendance. Cars from San Diego and Northern California made the trip to join with the local owners. In all, 1,800 cars were there, including a very strong showing from Ford, displaying its own, recently completed Model T. Our own Art Hopkins returned his best of show trophy from last year for his beautiful '68 XR7-G, but it went to a very fine '65 Mustang.

May was time for another run to and picnic at the beach which, because of a blues festival, somehow ended up being a visit to the Otis Chandler museum further north. July was the time for the show on the off-Nationals years, Cat Scratch Fever. This year, it was blessed comfortable as 40-plus cars from all of Southern California enjoyed postcard weather and great raffle prizes. One Cat went up in flames briefly, as the high pressure steering hose burst, but it was mostly saved. The highlight was the least likely show car on a trailer. It was that week pulled from a local wrecking yard with a crunched rear quarter. A closer look revealed this find as a G car with a 390 and sunroof. The best part is that the original records were still in it, including the warranty card and service records from Hertz—yes, it was a real Hertz rental car. Another nice surprise was the presence of Tiffany, the '67 XR-7 we raffled at last year's Nationals. It showed very well.

The July edition of *Car Collector* covered the pony cars of 1970, including shots of a couple Eliminators, one owned by one of our members. A few made it north to the Cascade Club show and had a wonderful time with the members there. Mike Brown attended the East Nationals and enjoyed seeing another group of very fine Cougars. He returned to find out he came in second in the election, but we all saluted Scott and toasted Mike for the close contest.

August is the second International Mercury Owners Association all-Mercury show here. It was a big success last year. Beside the more than 30 Cougars, there will, again, be about every Merc variation you may not have seen for a long time, if at all.

September calls us south to the Cougar Club of San Diego and their 15th annual show at Deer Park. This locale is one of the best I have known for car events, complete with cars shown in an orchard setting and a very fine car museum resident. This is always a good road trip. We are also looking forward to our October club meeting at Fullerton Airport, where we will share the spotlight with an original Ford Tri-Motor aircraft that actually still flies! We already have brave souls signed up to make the flight; most just want a picture.

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Show Report: 2003 CCOA Nationals

By Tom Jedic

Cougar Club of New Jersey

Well it simply couldn't have gone any better! The 2003 Nationals had to be one of the most enjoyable gatherings of Cougars to date. If you attended, you know the awesome variety of cats on scene. Colors, options, models. But most important of all, were the people—what a great bunch of club members!

The CCOA should be proud. We assembled members from all around and it soon became obvious how hospitable all of us are. I, for one, never tired of Cougar talk, for just listening to others speaking of their cars, the histories of some of the classics, the hard work that goes into building and rebuilding—incredible!

The Cougar Club of New Jersey was honored when chosen to host the Nats and we were nervous, for sure. Our President, Don Wussler, picked the right people to head up the convention. Steve Polansky and Paul Damato and their support staff absolutely provided the most professional convention I have ever seen. Every single participating CCNJ member worked so hard. From pre-event planning to lowering the flag at weekend's conclusion, the CCNJ held strong and learned an awful lot.

From the incredible goodie bags to the stunning audio-visual awards presentation, it was a flawless event. Even the hard luck award was difficult to find! We hope everyone

thoroughly enjoyed themselves. When Don and I sat in early 1998 and thought, "Hey, how hard can it be to start a Jersey chapter of CCOA?", we never imagined our dream of hosting a National Cougar show could come true. Our goal was five years, and we did it. But without Steve, Paul, "Suds" Reddy, Rick Puskas, Paul Garvin, Jeff

Hart, Bob and Sharon Demarest, Tom MacMath, Bill Farrington and all our other members, this would not have been possible.

For those of you who attended, we sincerely hope you enjoyed the event and effort put forth. Eliminators, an XR7-G, gorgeous convertibles, and colors galore--we just were amazed. We have to thank the Delmarva Cougar Club, too. It seems we will forever be "joined at the hip," which is a great problem to have. No more can be said about DCC President Jim Karamanis and the DCC, except that they are just a great bunch of friends!

And what about the Wyndham, our host hotel? The staff there were unbelievably hospitable. They didn't even mind our tongue-in-cheek "chalk outline" of a victim (used solely for entertainment purposes and to keep unwanted cars from entering the lot). Two Mount Laurel police officers did a quick double take though! Hotel staff allowed us access to rooms for photos and even forgave the "capturing of their flag" when replaced it with our cat's paw print flag for two days!

The Wyndham was a replacement choice after we ran into some problems with our original Atlantic City site. Steve made the arrangements to secure the place and did outstanding work dealing with the hotel for all of our needs. Most people would never have guessed it was actually our third choice. They say things happen for good reasons, and this location certainly was a testament to that.

We hope all who attended enjoyed the events, the dash plaques and the awards, both the Best of Show

sculpture and the "Mangy Cat" trophy. We know we probably left some things out, and may have been able to improve, so let me know. Until next time, thank you very much from all of us in the CCNJ for making us proud of our CCOA roots! Most important, thanks to everyone for being such good friends. Remember: The biggest trophy you have has an engine under the hood.



A brief rain shower damped the opening of the 2003 Nationals, but the main show day was picture perfect, with nearly 100 cars on the field and 150 banquet guests for the awards ceremony.

For more photos from the 2003 CCOA National Show, see page 15; complete list of winners, page 16.

Tech Center: Q & A with Dick Hertzler

Q: I want to redo the wiring under the hood of my 1968 XR-7, but haven't been able to find a harness. Can a 1968 Mustang GT harness be modified to fit my Cougar? Also, do you know where I can find quarter panels for my car?

A: Nobody has seen new or reproduction quarter panels the '68 Cougar in many years. You will find quarter patch panels from CJ Pony Parts and other vendors. They're for the Mustang and Cougars panels are a bit longer, but they'll work for patches to MIG weld in. Regarding the wiring harness, a Mustang harness will not work, particularly if you have an XR-7. If you do not have wiring diagrams, get a reprint shop manual (again, available from most Cougar parts vendors) and consult Chapter 19. Also, check the vendors section of the CCOA Web site (www.cougarclub.org) and contact vendors for a good used harness. New alternator harnesses are available from John's Classic Cougars, if that is your problem (battery acid burned through it). Most folks just remove the harness, unwrap it and repair or replace individual wires as needed. Rewrap the whole thing in electrical tape and you will be back on the road.

Q: I have an annoying squeak coming from the front driver's side area of my '69 hardtop. It seems to come from the shock absorber upper mounting bracket area and I can replicate the noise when not driving by pushing up and down on the fender. The noise has been present before and after replacement of the shock absorber. I've tried silicone spray and had the ball joints replaced a few years ago. Any suggestions on how to eliminate this squeaking? Could it be coming from the spring insulator?

A: Your squeak is a common problem. It comes from the upper control arm bushings. One of Ford's "not so better ideas" was the permanently lubricated suspension bushings. These begin to squeak usually on the way home from the dealership! The fix is to remove the two plugs in the end of the upper control arm and install 35-degree "zerk" (lube) fittings in the holes. Although less desirable, you can use 45-degree fittings as an alternative. Then, put the grease gun on the zerks and pump away! Your squeak will disappear. Be careful not to strip the threads of the control arm when fitting in the zerks.

Q: I have a '68 Cougar with a lot of wiring problems. First, the horn doesn't work, but when you press the button and have your arm out the window, you'll get a shock. Also, I have a dead short where the steering column connects to the power steering gearbox (the coupling with six bolts). It happens every time I turn the wheel left or right—the light inside, by the heater, flickers. Last, when you press the window washer pedal, the back lights go out.

A: You have a very interesting problem! A quick check of wiring diagrams appears to indicate you have a defective turn signal switch. The horn feeds off the headlight switch circuit breaker. So, when you press the horn, a short in the turn signal switch (very common, by the way) might produce a small jolt when your arm is grounded on the window ledge. I am guessing that when you push the washer pedal, you also are wiggling the dimmer switch, and that also likes to short, which will trip the circuit breaker on the headlight switch. There is no connection whatsoever between the circuits for the washer and back lights, but there certainly is a connection between the dimmer switch and the rest of the lighting. By the way, a defective turn signal switch is a common cause of loss of brake lights. Be sure you get a Thunderbird switch (C8SZ), not a Mustang switch! Mustangs have only two brake lights, Cougars have six! The Mustang switch, designed to handle the current of two lamps, might have been put in your car sometime in the past and melted from the current draw of your Cat's six lamps. I also recommend a shop manual for the wiring diagrams; they're invaluable in diagnosing electrical problems.

Q: I am restoring a 1969 Cougar and the hide-away headlight vacuum actuator boot has a tear in it. Is it necessary to replace the boot, or is there a way to "seal" the boot? If it has to come off, where can I find a replacement and how do I get it off?

A: I have never taken an actuator apart. I have fixed many minor leaks where the boot surrounds the actuator by using simple sealant. If you have a tear, I suggest you get a used one from a Cougar parts vendor. Many of those listed on the CCOA Web site (www.cougarclub.org) sell quality used parts and finding a used or rebuilt vacuum motor shouldn't be too difficult. The actuators rarely go totally bad, but a torn boot will definitely leak.



Dick Hertzler

Question?

CCOA Technical Adviser Dick Hertzler will accept questions for his Q&A column by e-mail (preferred) or standard postal mail. E-mail submissions will be answered by e-mail and, possibly, in *ATSOTC*. E-mail messages **must** use **CCOA Tech Question** as the subject line. Questions sent via standard postal mail will be answered either in the newsletter or directly if members include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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Purple Cats by the Numbers

You've probably read or heard about the custom purple Cougars ordered in 1969 by the Rocky Mountain Life Insurance Co. to use as incentives for top-producing sales representatives. What you probably haven't heard is a correct number for how many of these rare Cats Mercury produced. I know now, after 14 long years of wondering and help from production numbers guru Kevin Marti, that Mercury made 98 of these special cars.

Each '69 XR-7 "Rocky Mountain Special" (RMS) was ordered with tinted glass, white vinyl roof, white vinyl and leather (FA) interior, tilt steering, power steering and power disc brakes, console, immersion heater, heavy duty battery, E-78X14 white sidewall bias ply tires with deluxe wire caps, AM/8-track stereo, bumperettes and door edge guards. The only variation in the options list within the RMS fleet were six that came with deluxe seat belts.



My attention was first drawn to this unusual Cougar in 1989, when a friend who was racing Cougars showed me what looked like pretty decent fenders from a '69 Cougar that was headed to the crusher. The fenders clearly had touches of purple in places that a repaint hadn't reached. I asked about the condition of the rest of the car, and was told it was similar to that of the fenders. So, I went for a look.

After a short trip to where the car sat, exposed and near certain death, I saw that the body also showed clear evidence of factory purple paint, which wasn't available as a standard Cougar color in 1969. I thought to myself, "Cars were painted purple in the '60s, but when was the last time I saw one?" I could not recall if I ever had seen one, but felt I was onto something with this hulk.

When I first saw the car, all that was left of it was a shell. Most of the rest had been stripped and sold long

before I arrived on the scene. Gone were the doors, seats, dash pad (the gauges were face down in a pool of water), interior and exterior trim, suspension, brakes, steering and differential, including the housing. The entire wreck, ironically, had been rescued from the wrecker by its previous owner. Now, it was on its way to my home, where I had been stockpiling '69 Cougars and parts. I bought three and a half Cougars that weekend, and had enough parts to build "PurrpleCat," as I call my RMS. But shortly after assembly, I had to let the car sit, as I attended to my driver Cougar, business matters and other demands of a busy life.

About seven years after I assembled PurrpleCat, I painted it in a custom blend color, as, at the time, I did not know about the correct color, WT9083, a Dupont code. The first I heard of WT9083 was from Marvin Hillyer, who worked at Universal Lincoln Mercury, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, at the time the cars were new and supplied the RMS Cougar for the insurance company lease. Marvin owns a '69 RMS today, although it's now painted Calypso Coral. Most RMS Cougars were repainted another color and resold after the leased fleet returned to Universal in 1970 or '71. Most ended up in Canada's western provinces—British Columbia, Alberta and, I think, Saskatchewan—although the distribution may have been wider.

In an odd coincidence, I met a lawyer who participated in court action against Rocky Mountain Life Insurance in the early 1970s that led to the company's closing. I was responding to a service call for a man who couldn't unlock his '68 Mustang. I arrived in PurrpleCat, and the gentleman made a remark about my "Mary Kay" car. I corrected him about its origins and that's when he told me about his legal work. In another unexpected encounter, I met, at a car show, a *Canadian Classics* magazine writer who once owned an RMS and, upon hearing that I had restored one, offered to write an article about my car. He did, and a copy of that December 2000 article is available at <http://pages.ctime.net/cougar/crazy.htm>.

Today, few of the 98 RMS Cougars remain. The CCOA registry lists seven, and I know or have heard of three more, for a total of 10. That's about 10 percent of the original total—a typical survival rate for cars of that era.

PurrpleCat has sat again for another three years since I drove it last. The engine has been replaced with a correct, fully rebuilt 1969 351-4V and FMX transmission combination. In 2001, correct wire wheel caps were added and, last year, PurrpleCat got new leather on its front seats and vinyl in the rear. I still need to replace a broken rear leaf spring and align the front end, which hasn't been touched since I installed parts from an 81,000-mile donor car 12 years ago.

The only deviations from stock on my car are 1971 IMCO emissions components and a Ford electric choke. Otherwise, I have tried to correctly return this Cat to its former Purrple glory.

—Ray Harwood, CCOA #8138

2003 Nationals



2003 Nationals: Winners List

Senior

1st - Thomas Lawrence - 70 Eliminator - Stony Brook NY

Concours

Gold - Carlton Wright - 69 Eliminator - Salem VA

GT

1st - Phil Parcels - 68 XR-7 GT - Lima NY

2nd - Steve Koss - 68 XR-7 GT - Springfield VA

67-68 Standard Coupe

1st - Erin & Jim Monfort - 1968 - Hollywood MD

2nd - John Holdridge - 1967 - Mount Sterling KY

3rd - Jim & Bob McPartlan - 1967 - Nashua NH

67-68 XR-7 Coupe

1st - Tom Macmath - 1968 - Bridgewater NJ

2nd - Landy Adams - 1968 - Seaford DE

3rd - Tim Miller - 1968 - Allentown PA

68 XR7-G , GTE

1st - Wayne Wachter - 68 XR7-G - Keymar MD

69-70 Eliminator

1st - Barry Zortman - 1969 - Mechanicsburg PA

2nd - Bill Thomas - 1969 - King Of Prussia PA

3rd - Matt Drozd - 1970 - Wallingford CT

60-70 Standard Convertible

1st - Ed Drozd - 1969 - Wallingford CT

69-70 Standard Coupe

1st - Ken Compher - 1969 Sports Special - Spotsylvania VA

2nd - Cliff Gardner - 1969 - Northport NY

3rd - Peter Halasnik - 1969 - Metuchen NJ

69-70 XR-7 Convertible

1st - Faye & Mike Stone - 1969 - Elmvale Ontario

2nd - Lou Fishman - 1969 - Voorhees NJ

3rd - Michael & Cindy Thomas - 1970 - Washingtonville NY

69-70 XR-7 Coupe

1st - Robin Jacques - 1969 - Brevard NC

2nd - Ray Brown - 1969 - Dillsburg PA

3rd - George Cockrell - 1970 - Kensington MD

71-73 Standard Convertible

1st - Bill Farrington - 1973 - Martinsville NJ

71-73 Standard Coupe

1st - Shirley Long - 1972 - Fort Atkinson WI

71-73 XR-7 Convertible

1st - Tucker Callan - 1971 - Scottsville NY

2nd - Dan Rush - 1971 - Brick NJ

3rd - Brian Volkman - 1973 - Long Beach NY

71-73 XR-7 Coupe

1st - Richard Wentzel - 1972 - Millville NJ

2nd - Jim Jacobus - 1972 - Virginia Beach VA

67-73 Unrestored

1st - Sudhakar Reddy - 67 Dan Gurney Special - Bridgewater NJ

2nd - David Wyrwas - 70 Eliminator Boss 302 - Merrimack NH

3rd - Keith Panza - 70 Standard Coupe - North Caldwell NJ

74-present (all models)

1st - C.J. Mawson - 76 XR-7 - Erial NJ

2nd - Les Gambacorta - 87 20th Anniversary - Delran NY

3rd - Richard Clark - 97 30th Anniversary - Manchester CT

67-73 Daily Driver

1st - John Elmer - 1970 - South Hampton

2nd (TIE) - Donna Habel - 69 Standard - Raeford NC

2nd (TIE) - Jim & Mary Ann Stagner - 70 Elim. - Woodbridge VA

3rd - Mark Piechowski - 70 XR-7 - Melbourne FL

67-73 Modified

1st - Roy & Linda Rabideau - 73 XR-7 - Milton VT

2nd (TIE) - Jim Karamanis - 1970 XR-7 - Lake Ridge VA

2nd (TIE) - Richard Lawrence - 70 Standard - Massapequa NY

2nd (TIE) - Shannon Terry - 70 XR-7 - Plymouth MN

3rd (TIE) - Kevin Cornwell - 1970 - Williamsport MD

3rd (TIE) - John Hudson - 70 XR-7 - New Cumberland WV

67-73 Street Driven

1st (TIE) - Jeff Bishop - 69 Convertible - Jeffersonton VA

1st (TIE) - Jim & Mary Ann Stagner - 69 Elim. - Woodbridge VA

2nd (TIE) - Steve Polansky - 69 XR-7 Convert. - Cherry Hill NJ

2nd (TIE) - Mike Tarlton - 69 Convert. - Hampstead MD

3rd (TIE) - Jeff Hart - 70 XR-7 - North Brunswick NJ

3rd (TIE) - Phillip Marinaro - 68 XR-7 - Little Egg Harbor NY

Mangy Cat

1st - Erin & Jim Monfort - 69 Coupe - Hollywood MD

Special Awards

Longest Drive - Mark Piechowski - Melbourne FL

Longest Trip - Shannon Terry - Plymouth MN

President's Choice - Jim & Mary Ann Stagner - Woodbridge VA

Best In Show

Carlton Wright - 69 Eliminator - Salem VA

An online slide show of all winning cars, as presented at the 2003 Nationals awards banquet, is available at www.cougarclub.org.

Two-Tone Registry Gets off Ground

Hello, fellow Cougar Club of America members. I'd like to introduce myself to you and tell you about a new registry that has just been established within the CCOA.

My name is Kamran (pronounced "Com Ron"). I have been a member since 1989 and a "Cougar nut" since April 1970, when my parents bought our first Cougar brand new. It was a '70 metallic lime green standard coupe, with a dark green interior. Although I was only 18 months old at the time, somehow I grew attached to that car and have loved Cougars ever since.

Some of you, if not all, might remember and have read the fall 2002 article in *ATSOTC* about my '70 standard coupe with factory two-tone paint. Several months ago, I sent the CCOA Board of Directors a proposal to start a new registry for factory two-tone paint cars. I am happy to announce that the Board has approved my request. I would like to thank the Board members for allowing me to start and maintain this new registry. I consider this an honor and will treat the information I collect with the utmost respect and confidentiality.

Because factory two-tone paint cars are not well known, due to their low production numbers, I believe the new registry will help promote awareness of these special Cats. The registry is for factory two-tone cars and will include standards, XR-7s, and Eliminators (if any are out there) from 1967 through 1970 ('70 was the last year for two-tones). The information to be

collected in this registry will include the vehicle identification number (VIN), all dataplate information and name of current owners. Of course, a copy of the window sticker, Marti report and anything else that documents the car as a true factory two-tone will be welcome. Pictures of cars will be welcome, too.

The purpose of this registry is to help keep track of the number of factory two-tone paint cars still on the road, as well as the ones already in "Cougar" heaven. The registry will include running and non-running factory two tone paint cars as well as the condition of each car (original, restored, partially restored, etc.). This new registry can only be successful with the help of you, CCOA members, and I encourage owners of factory two-tone paint cars to register their cars as soon as possible. I also encourage other members to report any two-tone cars they may come across. My hopes are that, in the near future, we will have a separate class for these cars

at national shows.

I thank you for your time and I will maintain this new registry to the best of my ability. I am excited about this new registry and look forward to hearing from you soon. I hope that by publication of the next issue of *ATSOTC*, I will be able to report progress in collecting information for the registry. You can reach me either by e-mail or postal mail. Keep those Cougars safe and running strong.

—Kamran Waheed

Two-Tone Cougar?

Register your factory two-tone Cat with the CCOA's new two-tone registry. Send the VIN, dataplate and other information and photos to Kamran Waheed at twotones@cougarclub.org or **1419 Tierra Calle, Carrollton, TX 75006-1520.**

Classifieds

Cars for Sale

"Dyno Don" Nicholson 1968 Cougar: VIN 8F93R569384; 428-CJ Ram Air with C-6. Originally given to Dyno Don to drive while he campaigned "Eliminator" funny car. The car was ordered with the following options: 3.91 Traction-Lok, black vinyl roof, console, tilt-away steering column, AM/8-track stereo, tinted glass, front seat headrests, P/DB, P/S, F70x14 belted traction tires, styled steel wheels. \$25,000. Call (314) 351-1789 AFTER 8 p.m. Keith Litteken, 11394 Revere Lane, St. Louis Mo. 63128-1416, or email kslitteken@aol.com.

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1968 XR-7, California car, moonroof, original floor, some rust on quarters. Built 428 four-speed (was

390-C6 w/AC). Engine has about 4,000 miles with many modifications. Global West suspension, frame connectors, many Ford performance parts, wind-age tray, polished N.O.S. Lemans rods w/3ps bolts, F.P.P. roller rockers, chrome molley rocker shafts & stands, new Milodon gear drive, new Dover water pump, molly pushrods, Lunatti, new MSD, new Hooker Headers exhaust system. Interior like new, only fronts are on—out of Eliminator but done as '68s. Car needs paint, but is straight as an arrow. New turn signal brain, new geared starter, Hallibrand K.O.s, much more. Best offer over \$6,000. Call (609) 835-4951. In Willingboro, N.J.

Parts for Sale

N.O.S. Ford Motorsport production 5.8L/351W "Lightning" short block engine assembly, part #M-6009-B58, \$1,800; carburetor for 1967 289-2V automatic, tag #C7DFR, \$50; 1968 302-2V intake manifold, \$25; small block chrome valve covers,

See **CLASSIFIEDS**, page 26

Show Report: Cat Jam '03

Cat Jam began in 2002, growing from a discussion on an online Cougar message board. We'd been discussing how there really isn't a specific show for the 1980s Fox-chassis Cougar and that we should probably get one together. As people starting making plans to randomly show up at my doorstep (my house, in northeast Ohio, ended up being the midway point for everyone!), I hustled to find a park for a group picnic. Aside from a few sprinkles, we had a surprisingly good time, with a dozen Cougars and a few T-Birds showing up over the course of the weekend.

This year, Cat Jam was opened up to include 1989 to '97 (MN12-chassis) Cougars, too. We also moved the show up to the last weekend of July—this year, it was the 25th to 27th—to try for better weather. And that we had—it was gorgeous all weekend! Best of all, we had a total of 24 Cougars and two Thunderbirds on display at the park and at two rather large local car shows. We also had a few caravans of 20-plus Fox and MN12 Cougars all in a row. It was quite a site to see!

Plans are already being made for Cat Jam '04, to be held the July 27 to 29, in Youngstown, Ohio. For more information, visit <http://www.coolcats.net/catjam>.

—Eric Dess



Scenes from Cat Jam '03

July 25-27
Youngstown, Ohio



CLUBS, from page 11

The club continues to do well in its 10th year, with more than 135 members and nearly 50 at the monthly meetings. The Web site is getting record numbers of visits as it continues to add functions. We are working on the 2004 West Nationals, scheduled for Southern California in July. A few surprises are being developed, but you have to wait a while longer to hear about those.

—*Rich Ladd*

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Sunshine State Cougar Club

The Ford Centennial was everything they promised, and then some! Lincoln Mercury's exhibit included both the Mercury Messenger and Lincoln Continental concept cars, a few perfectly-restored Mercurys, a 1941 Lincoln once owned by Rita Hayworth, an oxygen bar and a massage station. By mid-afternoon, even in the rain, there were about 100 cars in the LM display area, each one nicer than the one before it.

I toured much of the event, which takes in 158 acres. I went to the Ford Racing display, met John Force, checked out a 6,000 hp big-block Ford funny car (4.6 seconds at 328 MPH in the quarter), looked at hundreds of Mustangs, Model Ts, Torinos, nostalgia racers and street rods. There were even a few Cougars in attendance, including Ken Compher's (Delmarva Cougar Club) 1969 big-block Sports Special.

Most everyone displaying a car had trailered it to Dearborn, placed it in the show and had the luxury of leaving whenever they wanted, using their tow vehicle or a rental car. I didn't have that luxury with my Cat, and about 7 p.m., wet and chilled, I forged my way to the ramp, which was now a muddy 30 yards! With a little help from my friends (a 10-yard hand push), I finally got out, and returned to the motel.

Friday, the rain stopped, and the display vehicles came out of the woodwork! There were at least two dozen Cougars among the more-than-400 Lincoln Mercurys on display; they easily filled the main and overflow lots.

Steve and Michele Weir arrived in their '69 Cougar convertible, making the trip from Florida in just two days. Hank Huisman was there, after delivering a couple cars along the way. Ted Hofmann and his father stopped by; they were touring some of the auto museums in Michigan. Except for the temperature, it was as if we were still in Florida!

Saturday morning, I headed directly to the Dearborn Proving Grounds. On the drive over, the excitement was building. Would I be able to bury the speedometer in the straightaways (the part of the track where they let you run wide open) like they were doing yesterday? I pulled into the test track staging area right behind Dave and his '70 Boss 302 Eliminator. We planned to do the first 1,320 feet wide open. He anticipated me overtaking him (4.30 gears) toward the end.

So when the lead vehicle pulled out of the staging area, engines started revving! At the entrance, security personnel told us we would not be allowed to exceed 35 mph! Apparently a couple of the high-speed cars on the track yesterday ruined it for everyone!

So we were forced to cruise at about 20 mph, about 100 mph less than we anticipated on the three-mile track. In fact, we were going so slow at times that my engine began to heat up!

After our "slow lap" we decided to "let it out" on the way back, and took the Greenfield Village short cut. We entered the freeway at about 85! Since we arrived late this day to the Centennial event, we ended up in the "generic" overflow lot. There were now about 700 Lincoln Mercury products, and parking was scarce! The good news is there are almost 50 Cougars!

On Saturday, I was directed to the "Heart and Soul" area, where the Hundred Ford Icons parked, directly in front of Ford Headquarters, adjacent to the three Ford GTs (red, white and blue—the white one is for Bill Ford). Look for them at your local Ford dealer in the Spring, for a little less than \$150K.

I saw Jim and Rick Schmidt, father and son owners of National Parts Depot. No, there's not going to be a Cougar catalog anytime soon. Yes, they really do own 145 classic cars.

As I exited the Centennial grounds for the last time, I was presented with a hard-cover book (several hundred pages) documenting Ford's first 100 years. They were being given to all those who brought their classics to the show. It's well done and worth several times the cost of admission!

On the 10-minute ride down the Southfield Freeway, I reflected a little on the past two-and-a-half weeks: being a "long hauler" in the Hot Rod Power Tour, an invited guest to the Ford Centennial, more than 4,000 miles under my belt, a couple hundred gallons of premium fuel and not one drop of oil used! Yes, it was a GREAT trip!

—*Barry Margolis*

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Dream Cat Found

Back in 1985, my big brother owned a '69 Cougar Eliminator, featuring a 428 Super Cobra Jet engine, 3.91 Trac-Lok Drag Pack and Ram Air. At the time, I was just a young man who wanted a fast car and didn't really know what I was truly looking at. But I knew I loved the body lines of my brother's car and that big block motor.

After a few years, my brother did not drive the Cat and decided it would be better off with someone who could drive and enjoy it. So, he sold the Cougar to a classic car restorer in California. Once I became old enough to drive, I was on the lookout for that



Cat. Needless to say, I soon learned from fellow classic Cougar enthusiasts how special that car was and how difficult it would be to find one at a reasonable price.

So began my Cougar dream. I started my search, but ran into roadblocks at every turn. Every Eliminator I found was either an imposter or cost too much. Ten years passed, and as my search progressed, I grew extremely fond of the Yellow Eliminators I saw at local shows and on the Internet. I have to say some things are meant to be, because a friend of mine was looking at the classifieds and saw an ad for two Eliminators—one R code (428-4V CJ with Ram Air) and one M code (351-4V Windsor). I was very skeptical that they were real Eliminators, but was still anxious to see them.

I went down to Sacramento, Calif., with my brother and I couldn't believe it: There, before us, was a Yellow 428 SCJ R Code Eliminator. To top it off, next to it was indeed another Eliminator, this one blue with blue interior, a mirror image of my brother's car. My brother and I split the deal and I took home my Eliminator.

Since that day, I have been getting the car roadworthy, so that I can take it to Cougar events and shows. I'm not the type of guy who wants to see my car sit in the garage for another 10 years while I make everything perfect, so, I'm going to drive my Cat while I restore it and fix it up little by little until I'm happy with the results.

Cat fans might see me at the shows in primer and maybe even broken down. But it's not how my Cougar looks that's important to me; it's my love for this Cat that keeps me going to events and meeting fellow Cougar fans.

—Tad Logan, CCOA #8152

2003 Calendar

*Note: Events in **bold** sponsored by CCOA or local Cougar club, or are Cougar-specific.*

Date	Event	Contact
Aug. 28-31	All-Ford Southern Centennial Celebration (Cougar classes), Charlotte, N.C.	(704) 643-6430
Sept. 6	Cougars & All-Ford Show, Kentuckiana Classic Cougars	(502) 445-3993
Sept. 7	All-Ford show, Mustangs Unlimited, Manchester, Conn. (Conn. Cougar Club, co-host)	(860) 647-1965
Sept. 7	Fun Ford Sunday All-Ford Car Show, Solano County Fairgrounds, Vallejo, Calif.	(905) 358-5967
Sept. 13	19th Annual Mustang & Ford Show, Richmond, Va.	(804) 282-0592; svt95cobrava@aol.com
Sept. 14	Fordnutz Indian Summer Fun Run	(604) 786-3673, fordnutz@bigfoot.com
Sept. 14	15th Annual Cougar Classic Show (San Diego Cougar Club)	(619) 442-7869, rogerscougar@yhoo.com
Sept. 14	Annual Summit Ford all-Ford show, Toronto, Ontario (Rexdale)	(416) 741-6221
Sept. 14	Annual all Ford show, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada	
Sept. 20	Mustang and All Ford Powered Show, Heart of Carolina Mustang Club, Cary, N.C.	(919) 779-2531
Sept. 21	National Capital Region Mustang Club Fall Show, Chantilly, Va.	Rex.Turner@wcom.com
Oct. 1-5	Fall Carlisle, Carlisle, Pa.	(717) 243-7855; carlisleproductions.com
Oct. 18	Mustang & Ford Club of Virginia All-Ford Car Show, Norfolk, Va.	(757) 588-0632
Oct. 25	Annual All-Ford Picnic, Letchworth State Park, Mt. Morris, N.Y.	jmegs@sympatico.ca
Nov. 15	3rd Annual Desert Prowl, Arizona Cougar Club	jonmorris@cableaz.com, (480) 545-9043



Arizona Cougar Club
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 Car Show**



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C	69 Cougar	1st, 2nd
D	70 Cougar	1st, 2nd
E	71-73	1st, 2nd
F	69-70 Convertible	1st, 2nd
G	71-73 Convertible	1st, 2nd
H	Modified	1st, 2nd
I	Other	1st, 2nd
	Best of Show	1st

This event is a Cougar Club Of America Regional Car Show hosted by the Arizona Cougar Club.

See our web site <http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club=azcougarclub>

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Car Show
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Merchandise	1,003.63	1,087.00	3,098.58	273.00	212.00	485.00
Calendars	125.00	618.00	2,233.00	557.00	113.00	670.00
Nat/Reg Shows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	7,077.08	8,955.00	29,899.14	7,534.40	3,365.00	10,899.40

Expenses

Postage	1,131.11	2,334.24	7,103.55	226.72	216.00	442.72
Copies	0.00	0.00	27.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
ATSOTC	3,601.50	3,503.85	13,885.20	4,734.14	2,945.73	7,679.87
Supplies	26.63	87.18	427.00	111.53	39.68	151.21
Calendars	0.00	22.00 (d)	22.00	2,661.40	0.00	2,661.40
Merchandise	0.00	0.00	3,521.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nat/Reg Shows	0.00	0.00	1,230.00	900.00 (f)	200.00 (j)	1,100.00
Operating	45.21 (c)	171.52 (e)	1,755.67	201.11 (g)	1,247.79 (i)	1,448.90
Total Expenses	4,804.45	6,118.79	27,972.30	8,834.90	4,649.20	13,484.10
Net Income/(Loss)	2,272.63	2,836.21	1,926.84	(1,300.50)	(1,284.20)	(2,584.70)
Beg. Bank Balance	15,641.44	17,914.07	18,823.44	20,750.28	19,449.78	20,750.28
End. Bank Balance	17,914.07	20,750.28	20,750.28	19,449.78	17,651.05 (h)	17,651.05
Petty Cash Balance	200.00	233.37	200.04	200.04	200.00	200.00
PayPal Balance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	514.53 (h)	514.53

Notes: (c) Returned Check = 6.00, Pay-Pal Fees = 39.21, (d) Calendar Refunds, (e) Bank Fees = 38.80, PayPal fees = 132.72, (f) 500.00 East Nationals, 200.00 Ford Nutz Regional, 200.00 Arizona Cougar Club Regional, (g) Addition to Insurance Policy = 153.75, PayPal Fees = 47.36, (h) Pay-Pal balance now shown as a separate line item, (i) 22.22 Domain Fees, 34.95 Web Hosting, 1,153.75 Insurance, 36.83 PayPal Fees, 00.04 Patty Cash Short/Over Adjustment, (j) 200.00 Cat Jam 2003 Regional. Reserves: ATSOTC = 9,000.00, '03 Shows = 3,300.00, Total reserves = 12,300.00. Working capital = 17,651.05 - 12,300.00 = \$5,351.05. Petty Cash is held by the Membership Director.

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