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Carlisle Ford Nationals 2022

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I'll start off saying if you never been to this event it is a must do. Put it on your bucket list. That's what Greg Csernai and I did last year and decided to go this year. Greg booked the room thru the MOCSEM block of rooms. It just happened to be same time as our SAAC MCR show was and it was hard to have to miss our Show. But it's only this one time.

Greg and I decided to leave one day earlier on Wednesday which was a hot 92 degree day, so we could hit the swap area early on Thursday morning which is setup day to browse for some deals. Good thing too, as we found some deals ahead of the crowd that would follow on Friday. I found a gem, a 67 year only thermostat housing, a little rough but very useable. Greg found a set of wheels for his Fox body Mustang and a new 1994 Mustang cobra hood without the inserts. Not all vendors were there or open but nice to get ahead of the game. It was a real humid day with rain expected. And it did rain hard for about half an hour but cleared and we were ready to leave when the MOCSEM caravan came rolling in. We hung with them a while and they were going to an Italian pizza place close to the hotel, so we joined them. Mike Rey said, they have 17 first timers, 19 with us that came. At dinner we had a good time getting to know some of the members. Funny thing at the restaurant, the owner's mother just came over from Italy and had very broken English. As she was pronouncing our names, when the orders were ready, nobody understood and when the correct name was said, everyone in the place was saying the name pretty hilarious.



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Friday was going to be low humidity and around 80, so going to be a beautiful day. Greg and I headed out early again to hit the swap, as more vendors showed up and others that weren't open Thursday, were there. We started out on the back row again and didn't take long before we were split up again, as I took longer looking at everything and would run into people I knew and visit, while Greg was on a mission looking for parts.



I spot a big older guy with a Holman Moody t-shirt on. After looking closer, who is it, but Roger Hodyka.

He now lives in Carlisle. He was looking good. It was great catching up with him. Moving on, I ran into another friend from SAAC, Randy Sizemore. He had a swap spot and he introduces me to Jack Brooks, who owns Dead Nuts On. We met a few years ago and started talking with him. By this time I'm only on row two, lol.



As I move on to row three, it was time for John Clor's talk to all the Mustang Clubs. So I hurried over to the building and went up to get a picture of John and Mike Rey. Then I heard a voice call my name. I turned around and who is it, none other than Brian Greene. So I went over and sat with him and visited. It was Brian's first time in Carlisle too.

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In the 60 years of Shelby building, I met up with Greg again, to check out some nice cars, most of them Shelby's. One stood out to me, as it was a 67 Nightmist blue with parchment interior car, owned by Tony Santonastaso, who I met last fall at the Indiana Fall show. I talked with him and his wife for a while. Great guy.



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Now on the other side of the building was another old friend of SAAC MCR. It was a 66 Shelby GT-350H owned by Steve McDonald, who had his car at our 2018 show, I believe. He also won in his class and as the Gallery Girls were handing him his award, he was all smiles. To this day we kid with him about it. He is from Maryland. I missed seeing him at this show.

Gary Patterson did the unveiling of the continuation 67 Shelby GT-500, the polished stainless Cobra, and the Daytona in the building also.

We exited that building and headed out to explore other buildings.





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One building had Galaxies, light weight, and Thunderbolts. Out in the field there were all the classes for everything. A lot of vehicles were parked in their place according to the year. The kicker, was everyone was telling us wait until tomorrow, (Saturday), saying, "You ain't seen nothing yet." As it was getting late we made plans to go out to eat with a few of the MOCSEM bunch. We had a good time getting to know them. Finally, after many Facebook messages with June Mazzara, who is MOCSEM's social director, we met her in person. Good times.



That evening Greg and I talked about leaving Saturday afternoon instead of Sunday morning, which was good for me, as I then could make our show and help. We canceled the hotel for Saturday night and would leave early in the afternoon.

After checking out in the morning and heading to the grounds, we were in for a little surprise, as the last two days were easy in and out, but not today. There were many cars backed up, waiting to get in. The lot we were parking in still had room by the time we got here. Making our way in, we weren't ready for what we were about to see. Almost very open space was filled with cars. Maybe 40% more. Talk about having our jaws dropped. I did head for the swap area to see a guy who had a retro Autolite battery I wanted. So I headed there to get it and get it to the truck early, as the swap area was packed with people. Those batteries were very hard to come by, but found out one of the employee's of Antique Battery, out of Ohio, opened the business back up to produce them again. We made our way around the grounds looking at all the new vehicles. They did have a tent with all SSP Mustangs, which were police vehicles. We worked our way toward the area where all the tents were, to see the various Mustang Clubs. We heard there were around 72. We stopped at the MOCSEM tent to rest, and had a bite to eat. I finally hooked up with our Club's founding father, Jeff Burgy. We had a nice visit and off he went to the swap area again. We hung in the tent a while and as time was rolling by, 1:30 came around awful fast, so we said our goodbyes and off we went. Greg kept mumbling that this is awesome and he would be back with a car next year. I, on the other hand, have to wait and see when our next show date will be in 2023. What an awesome time and I'm glad I finally made this event. Heard it was the biggest Ford Show to date with just under 3500 all Ford vehicles.

It is one event you will have to go to if you are a hard core Ford person.

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2022 Calendar of Events

July

7 Monthly SAAC-MCR Meeting at Little Daddy's 39500 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

August

4 Monthly SAAC-MCR Meeting at Little Daddy's 39500 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

17 SAAC-MCR Pre-Woodward Dream Cruise

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September

1 Monthly SAAC-MCR Meeting at Little Daddy's 39500 Woodward Ave. Bloom-

field Hills, MI 48304

October

6 Monthly SAAC-MCR Meeting at Little Daddy's 39500 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

November

3 Monthly SAAC-MCR Meeting at Little Daddy's 39500 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 Nomination of Board of Directors Officers.

December

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