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August 19, 2022 Michigan Fantasy Trans-Am Event at Waterford Hills Road Racing

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The Friday before the Woodward Dream Cruise, Waterford Hills Road Racing offers an excellent opportunity for the Michigan Fantasy Trans-Am Event, sponsored by Mike Kidd and Mike Nyberg.

The Waterford Hills Road Racing (WHRR) Open Track Coordinator, Ed Frank, creates a safe and

controlled environment for the event. Early pony cars line up in a “Le Mans Start” formation at the beginning of the open track lunch break for the first of several photo opportunities.



Ed Frank, WHRR Open Track Coordinator



17 Participants line up in a “Le Mans Start” formation to begin the Michigan Fantasy Trans-Am Event during the open track lunch break.



Mike Kidd, event co-sponsor, next to his 1969 Pontiac Firebird Trans-Am Tribute



Dennis Rybicki’s 1965 Mustang 2+2



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Renae and Kent Woiak's 1969 Firebird Trans-Am Tribute.



Mark Corich's 1966 Mustang FIA Clone



Andrew Lakerdas next to Mike Kidd's 1970 Pontiac Firebird Trans-Am



John Horst's 1968 Modified Camaro



Barry Levey's 1966 Red Modified Mustang 2+2



Tim Young's 1968 Mustang Fastback



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Nick Sears' 1965 Mustang Coupe



Bill Jenk's 1973 Pontiac Firebird Trans-Am



Craig Shefferly's 1967 Shelby GT500



Gibson Nichols' 1966 Mustang Coupe



Ken Schabow's 1966 Shelby GT350 Tribute



A "walk in" 1965 GTO that paid homage to Herb Adams legendary Grey Ghost

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Mike Nyberg, event co-sponsor is behind his 1970 Mustang BOSS 302 with the yellow shirt and large brim hat



Two more walk ins. A Rat Rod Truck and an under 2.0L Ginetta owned by Andrew. We didn't get their full names.



All the Michigan Fantasy Trans-Am Cars were parked at the Start-Finish Line, after the parade laps around the track



All the Michigan Fantasy Trans-Am participants in front of their cars at Start-Finish



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Open Track Sessions begin in the morning and participants are in one of four run groups depending on their experience and car characteristics. The groups are Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Expert, with up to 10 cars in each group.

The WHRR Open Track Coordinator, Ed Frank conducts a Driver's Meeting before the open track sessions begin. All the safety rules are covered and what each Corner Workers use to communicate with drivers mean! His emphasis is on safety,

so we take our cars home the way we brought them!

While the following participants were in different run groups due to their experience level, Ed allowed us to run a vintage session after the lunch break so all the vintage cars could go out together. They also participated in the Michigan Fantasy Trans-Am Event during the lunch break.



John Horst during an open track session



Justin Rajewski did open track in his 1969 Camaro until he had a power steering issue. He lives in Germany and comes back to Michigan for the Woodward Dream Cruise week.



Mark Corich approaching Bluff Bend in an open track session.



Mike Kidd during an open track session

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Barry Levey Coming out of Archer's Corner Turn 6 during an open track session.



Ken Schabow in Paddock Curve during an open track session.



Mike Nyberg in Archer's Corner Turn 6 during an open track session.



Nick Sears with an instructor coming out of Archer's Corner Turn 6.

The parade laps were a rolling car show. The car enthusiasts at the track enjoy seeing the early Pony Cars during the lunch break. The following cars did not participate in the open track sessions, but they all enjoyed the chance to get their cars out on the racecourse for touring laps,

**Right:
Tim
Young
during
parade
lap at
Paddock
Curve**





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Dennis Rybicki during parade lap at Paddock Curve



Gibson Nichols during parade lap at Paddock Curve



Kent Woiak during parade lap at Paddock Curve



Craig Shefferly during parade lap at Paddock Curve



Gray Ghost during parade lap at Paddock Curve



Bill Jenk during parade lap at Paddock Curve

The weather was perfect for the event. There were several photo opportunities for the Michigan

Fantasy Trans-Am Event. We hope everyone had a great time and will participate in next year's event!