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Ancient City Auto Club

Antique Automobile Club of America

January, 2017

Happy New Year!

Our wishes for a Happy and Fun filled New Year of activities for ACAC members

We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and are ready for an active fun filled 2017 participating in this wonderful car related sport, be it collecting, restoring or just enjoying the beauty and labors of others.

The Ancient City Auto Club had a successful 2016 concluding with one of our best car shows ever at the D & B School in November (Big thanks to Karen, her staff and the high percentage of members that helped). We concluded with a fun night Christmas Party at Amici's with good food and dancing. (Thanks Barbara, Carolyn, Jennifer and Pat).

Our success as usual was attributed to all the club members that stepped up to put plans into actions throughout the year. That kind of participation is what Jim Arpaia is looking for this year so that we can all have another fun year. A special thanks goes to the Officers, Committee Leaders and members, they are the why and how events happen to further our hobby of using and displaying our favorite toys.

The first Board meeting will be held on January 19th. At Jim and Rita's where we will be reviewing events of 2016 looking for suggestions on how to make improvements and well as outlining plans for the 2017's schedule of activities and events. Jim has invited everyone to put forth their ideas and suggestions for the coming year, either by attending the board meeting or passing your suggestions along to someone that will be attending. See you at The Caddy Shack Thursday for installation of Officers.

Dick Sherrod



This is a rare photo of our great photographer, Joe Greeves, with wife, Ann. Since he is mostly behind the camera, few photos include his image. Thanks, Joe for all you have provided the “Olde News” this last year! The event was to help Karen and Toby’s daughter, Lauren, with donations to the Pedro Menendez High School Swim Team.



You may have heard the term, “retail therapy”—here Jim Weiss offers “olde car therapy” to Bob Quackenbush, recovering from a fall in his garage.

ACAC Turns Out Eight Cars for St. Augustine Heath & Rehab Festival Nov 5, 2016



On quick notice we had 8 cars from our club plus 4 from the Cruisers for a total of 12 cars displayed in picture perfect sunny weather. Kelli Ellis, the Admissions Coordinator, whom many of you know had requested our help with the inducement of a free lunch including ice cream.



Thanks to: Robert & Kathleen Johnson 1980 Pontiac Trans AM Coupe Indy Pace Car, Dewey Porter 1930 Ford Model A sedan, Bob & Jinny Quackenbush 1951 Ford woody wagon, Jim & Rita Arpaia 1950 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible and their son & grandson drove



their 1956 Lincoln Premier 2 dr hardtop, Danny Stephens 1969 Chevrolet Camaro coupe, Bob Hubbard 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS 2 door hardtop, Bill Soman 1961 Chevrolet Corvette convertible.



ACAC Officers for 2017



The Bobsey Twins



It was a treat to see this Trans Am for the residents.



Brave turkey strutting his feathers so close to Thanksgiving! The petting zoo was a fun addition to the gathering of old cars. Children and adults were delighted. Thanks to Dewey Porter for this write-up!

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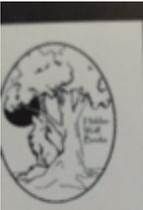
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ACAC Drives Olde Cars for FSDB Graduation



Rita and Jim with their beautiful Olds whose top refused to go down! These cars can be temperamental!



It wouldn't go down for anybody! And they just wanted convertibles for the grads. Next is David Cameron's saucy red Corvette and his top was in a cooperative mood!



Quackenbush's "new" Chrysler had brake problems at the end, but made it through the parade.



Two red Sherrod cars with Dick & Donna



and a gorgeous, grey Corvette helped to make the celebration memorable. Fire trucks and sirens blazing, the graduates were honored.

Bob Q. Sells a Car.



Really.

JOHN'S OLD GUYS BREAKFAST DEC 9 2016

The last breakfast for 2016 and 17 Old Guys who arrived in 11 collector cars shared car talk and kicked tires. Who knows what new acquisitions we will see driven to our monthly breakfast in 2017 ?. We will have new members driving gems not seen by us before and 1992 models become 25 years old and eligible for AACA participation so hang on to that 90's car or truck although parts and repairs will become increasingly hard to find with these often computer dependent vehicles (we can fix the old carbureted distributor ignition points engines so hang on to those pre 80's vehicles)

Attending were Jim Weiss 65 Falcon convert. , Ron Leone, Tony Sopranzi 72 Firebird Formula 350, Bob Beach 47 Ford Tudor, Jim Arpaia 56 Lincoln Premier HT, Mark Young 96 Nissan P/U, Joe Greeves, Dick Sherrod, John Battistini 70 Corvette, Dave Burrows, Ray Emery 74 Nova 4 dr. , Danny Stephens 66 Fairlane 2 dr HT, Bob Hubbard 41 Ford convert, Jim Salanitri 60 Corvette Fuel Injected, Max Miller, Stan Zwiercan, Dewey Porter 68 Buick Skylark 2 dr.

Contributed by Dewey Porter



Every year the Ancient City Auto Club holds its annual car show on the campus of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. It has been a wonderful relationship that the club genuinely appreciates. In order to help the school carry on its vital work, Dick Sherrod, ACAC President (L) and Karen Erwin, ACAC 2016 Car Show Chair, (C) presented a check to Tanya Rhoads, (R) Executive Director of Advancement, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.



Can you identify this car? It's for sale; runs and drives; first \$10 takes it. (SOLD in 1950!) Bring your answers to the meeting this Thursday, January 5, 2017, for the first gathering of Ancient City Auto Club for 2017.

Eating begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Caddy Shack at World Golf Village—See you there!



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You are making an impact,

Tanya Rhodes

Tanya Rhodes
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We are so thankful for the partnership and support!

P.S. Our students are amazing and we'd love to show you how you make a difference. Please let me know when we can schedule you a tour of our campus.

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A.C.A.C. Car Show 2016

Dick Sherrod

Reflecting on and feeling great about the extremely successful 32nd ACAC car show has been bouncing around in my head for two months so it is time to share some of those memories as we work to dismiss the disruptions of Hurricane Matthew.

An outstanding car show like any other project doesn't just happen, it reflects directly on leadership, someone who not only knows what needs to be done, but how to get it done. We have been extremely fortunate for the past three years to have our car show chaired by such a person, Karen Erwin, who has been outstanding filling that role and building each year on the success of the past. There is much more involvement in planning and implementing a project with so many more facets than most of us realize. We will sorely miss not having her in that position for 2017. Due to other commitments Karen has to focus on she is unable to chair the 2017 show. Karen, our grateful "THANK YOU" for contributing your professional skills to our club. You have been our Wonder Woman these past three years and the entire club recognizes the marvelous job you do. We are blessed that she has kept meticulous plan notes that will be an angel send for the next show Chairperson, not to mention her text number.

The campus of the D&B School is the nicest facility in our area for a show, plus the cooperation and assistance Tonya and the staff provide both on Friday helping set up the field, during the show by providing golf carts and drivers to lead entries to the correct location and a friendly and cooperative atmosphere. This year's show was also financially successful, making it possible for the club to make a donation that will help the school in providing the students with some fun activities.

Next a huge thanks goes to all the club members that came out both Friday to set up and Saturday to carry out the actions necessary to provide and efficiently executed plan that resulted in a good experience for the 199 registered entrants and the additional three hundred or so guest and visitors that enjoyed sharing in this wonderful hobby and reflecting on our automotive history and diversity. This function involves the greatest participation of anything we do throughout the year. On behalf of Jim Arpaia your 2017 President, I am asking each of our members to NOW think about not only the

car show participation but other club functions that you are willing to carry out to keep our club viable and fun for all.

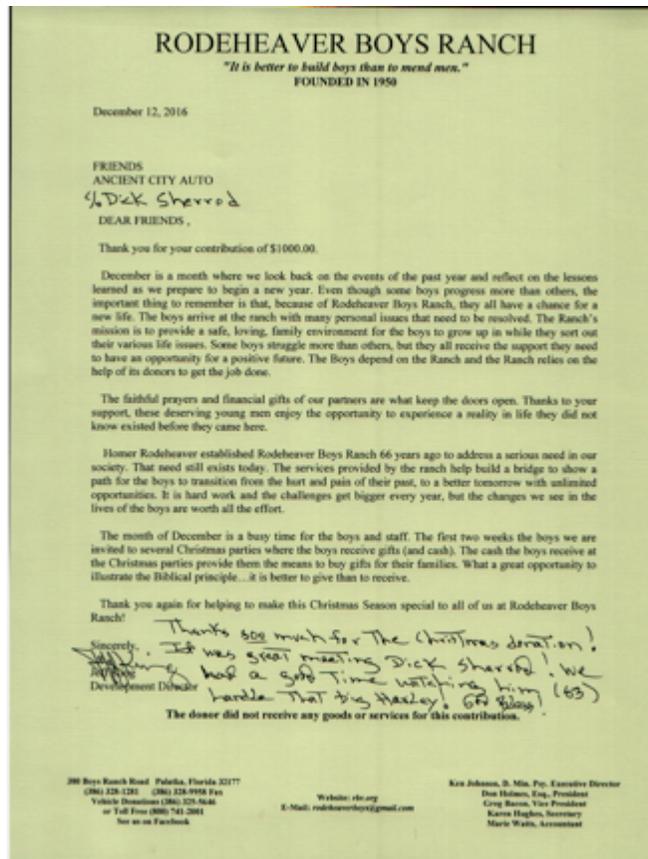
Jim and Rita will be hosting the next board meeting at their house on Jan. 19th at which time we will be reviewing the execution of 2016 show plan, noting any suggested improvements for 2017 and making activity suggestions for the coming year. If you are not attending the meeting and you have suggestions or want to volunteer to develop a particular event, make sure you get it to one of the new officers named elsewhere in this news letter they want and need your help.

While the show was another success, it's always if not impossible, when you have this many souls involved in a project to have 100% bliss and so it went at our show. I call your attention to an article that follows in this issue by Dewey Porter who is not only the best we have for both classifying and judging, he takes his job very seriously with much pride. He discussed a complaint with me that he received concerning an alleged miss classification resulting in an unfair award. The victim was supposed to be an original \$ 100,000 Cobra, my first reaction was "can I buy it at that price", then I assured Dewey that I didn't believe an original Cobra could have entered the grounds undetected by either Charlie Williams or Me so there must be a flaw in the complaint. Nevertheless Mr. near perfection said the issue warranted a review of all entries and awards and he has now completed that audit, the results of which are published in this issue. The issue initiating this was debunked by facts, however, a full audit revealed several other errors, and they are so noted in his audit report, which also includes reflections he made on changes in demographics of our participating car owners. We should look into the reasons for these changes and make an effort to reverse them, not sure where we can put the additional cars if they return. Our thanks and appreciation again to Dewey and his judging crew for a job well done.

In closing, I know there were special effort made by many from stuffing goody bags to stringing speaker wire, putting out signs (and retrieving) and all the other efforts put forth that resulted in a successful show, for your participation the club, Karen and my personal thank you. Dick Sherrod



This is a picture from the ranch Saturday when I presented ACACs check for \$ 1,000 to Ken Johnson who directs the fine work the ranch does for 45 boys. The school was established in 1950. Left to right in the photo are Dick Sherrod, Ken Johnson and Chris Black. Chris is my neighbor and a sponsor of the ranch. It was a coincidence that Chris called me to go for a motorcycle ride down to the ranch to have lunch with the boys and the Jacksonville Jaycees who were presenting the boys with Christmas presents. It seemed an appropriate time to add ACACs donation to help out with the boys Christmas.



ACTIVITIES

Jan 5 ACAC monthly meeting at Caddyshack 6 PM. Installation of new officers.

Jan 6 - 15, 2017 Mecum giant auction Kissimmee, FL. 3,000 vehicles plus memorabilia

Jan 7, 2017 Silver Springs, FL. NPD Ford & Mustang Roundup. Online info & registration www.npdlink.com/store/pages/ss_ford.html and click "Online Registration" button.

Jan 13, 2017 John's Old Guys breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM Drive a collector vehicle.

Jan 19, 2017 ACAC Monthly Board Meeting at Jim & Rita Arpaia's res 3144 Kings Rd. 7 PM

Jan 21 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly cruise night 5-7 PM DJ, 50/50, door prizes, Hobby Lobby parking lot behind Longhorn

Jan 28 2017 2nd Annual Air & Car Show at Palatka, FL airport 9AM-4PM Several ACAC members entered their cars last year and enjoyed fly ins of vintage planes. Food for sale on site. ACAC will depart from the Speedway Station at SR 207 & I95 at 8:30 AM if you want to caravan over. Bring Chairs.

Jan 29, 2017 Sarasota, FL AACA Sunshine Region 48th Annual Devereaux-Kaiser car show eehs@msn.com

Feb 2 ACAC monthly meeting at Caddyshack 6 PM for dinner 7 pm Meeting

Feb 3-5 Moultrie, GA. Giant flea market and car corral www.moultrieswapmeet.com

Feb 10 2017 John's Old Guys breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM Drive a collector vehicle.

Feb 10-12 Sumter County Fairgrounds, Winter Swapmeet Extravaganza www.sumterswapmeet.com

Feb 16 - 19 2017 Zephyrhills Festival Park Winter Swap meet, car corral and Car Show Zhill.swaps@gmail.com

Feb 23-25, 2017 AACA Winter Meet North Central Florida Region Ocala, FL 352-538-1338 www.aaca.org

.March 10-11th 2017 Fri-Sat - 5th Annual Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Show Pre-reg \$20, Day of show \$25 More info: email Richard Wilson at rwilsonjax@aol.com

March 10-12 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance , Amelia Island, FL. www.ameliaconcours.org

Mar 18, 2017 AACA Indian River Region, Vero Beach, FL 40th Annual Car Show local.aaca.org/indianriver

May 6 2017 St. Augustine Cruisers Annual Car Show at the FSD&B School, Top20, participant voting, no classes, park where you want.

April 6-9 2017 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte N.C. 704-847-4215

April 8 2017 Fruit Cove Baptist Church Annual Car Show. On line registration will be available after January 15, 2017. Info CarShow@fruitcove.com 904-287-0996

June 24, 2017 The Great Race will kick off in Jacksonville, FL. Approx. 120 cars dating back to 1916 up to 1972. Those of you that witnessed the finish of the race in downtown Jacksonville in 2015 know what an exciting event it its. More details of time and location will be posted as the date gets closer.

Oct 4-7 2017 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region , Hershey, PA.

Message from New President!

We wish everyone a Very Happy New Year as your incoming President. (I have to get used to that phrase!)

I am looking forward to our meeting on Thursday, and then the Board meeting on the 19th.

There are some very important positions to be filled to round out the new Board. We will need a lot of help from our members with suggestions on how to move forward with the club.

Dick Sherrod has done a masterful job the past 3 years and set the tone for the future. I am relatively new to this activity, and will need the advice and support of all the experienced members to maintain the established quality.

All suggestions will be explored at our Board meeting on the 19th, so please attend or give your suggestion to any member who will attend.

Thank you again for your support. I will do my best to keep the ACAC moving forward.

Jim Arpaia

James S. Arpaia arpaiajs@yahoo.com

Audit of Car Show Judging ACAC Nov 19, 2016

One of our members discussed with me some concerns. She said "several members had expressed complaints that our Classes were not fair and judging was not fair". The specific example used was that a \$100,000 original Cobra was not judged fairly and in fact had lost out to a PT Cruiser. Naturally this upset me and I told her I would review the judging and respond.

The complaint proved to be incorrect I am happy to report.

The Cobra was not an original but in fact was a replica and correctly placed in Class 34 Kit & Modified. There were 5 cars in the class and the Cobra was judged in 5th place so no award. It did not lose out to a PT Cruiser as there was not a PT Cruiser in the class, as the one PT Cruiser in the show was correctly assigned to Class 28 Modified all makes 79 to Present and it won a third place award, not a first.

After reviewing all 37 Classes, all 199 entries, these are the facts.

Seven entries were assigned and judged in the wrong class. That is a 97% correct assignment which is admirable under stressful conditions and a 3 hour (8 AM – 11 AM) time limit.

The seven errors were; **1** Class 7 59-68 All Other: Entry 177 67 Chev Malibu won 3rd place. It should have been in Class 6 59-7 68 GM. **2** Class 6 59-68 GM Entry 180 63 Plymouth Convert won a 3rd place. It should have been in Class 7 where it would have won a 2nd. **3** Class 11 89 – Present All Makes Entry 86 an 89 Mustang GT should have been in Class 12 Mustang and Thunderbird All Years. It would not win an award in either Class **4** Class 3 32 & Older All Makes Wellington Morton's 33 Rolls Royce should have been in Class 1 as it had a CCA award marked on his entry sheet. The change would have moved David Gillispie's 39 Rolls Royce from 2nd to 1st **5** The 63 Austin Healy which won 3rd place in Class 3 should have been in Class 19 British cars. **6** The 66 Sunbeam which did not win in Class 3 should have been in Class 19 British cars. **7** Class 21 72 to Present Foreign Entry 141 a 2004 Jaguar should have been in Class 19 British cars.

FURTHER THOUGHTS

Why don't we get more Antiques ? Is there any way we could get more of the old cars. The Volusia AACA show which follows ours by a week gets mostly antiques, pre 1960 but then they give most of the awards to their own members. We had two antique classes this year. Class 2 1932 and Older we got no entries Where are the Model T's and Model A's; and Class 3 1933 to 1948 we got 2 which were both Military jeeps.

We get virtually no support from the nearby AACA Regions. Volusia, NE Fla (Jax), Azalea, Kingdom of The Sun (Ocala) The Villages, Cape Canaveral, Wheels in Motion, also The Crankin A's(Ormond) Model A Ford Club, MG Club. In the past all of these clubs have given us good support. Why don't they come anymore?

Class 12 Mustangs & Thunderbirds-All years we got 14 entries and split the class. Entry 182 John Sprouse marked his entry sheet AACA National Award. If true he should have been Class 1 but I did not see an award badge on his car so tend to think he did not have one.

Not quite as many Corvettes this year, perhaps there was a competing show. We had 6 classes for Stock Corvettes and had 33 entries so still a good turnout.

Class 19 British All years was the biggest class with 21 entries. We split the class.

Class 22 Trucks All Years we had 9 entries with a 2016 taking first. A 1978 lil Red Express Truck with only 26,000 miles took second. A 38 year old truck against a new one, hardly fair. Next year maybe 2 classes ?

I would like to see judge's name on judging sheet

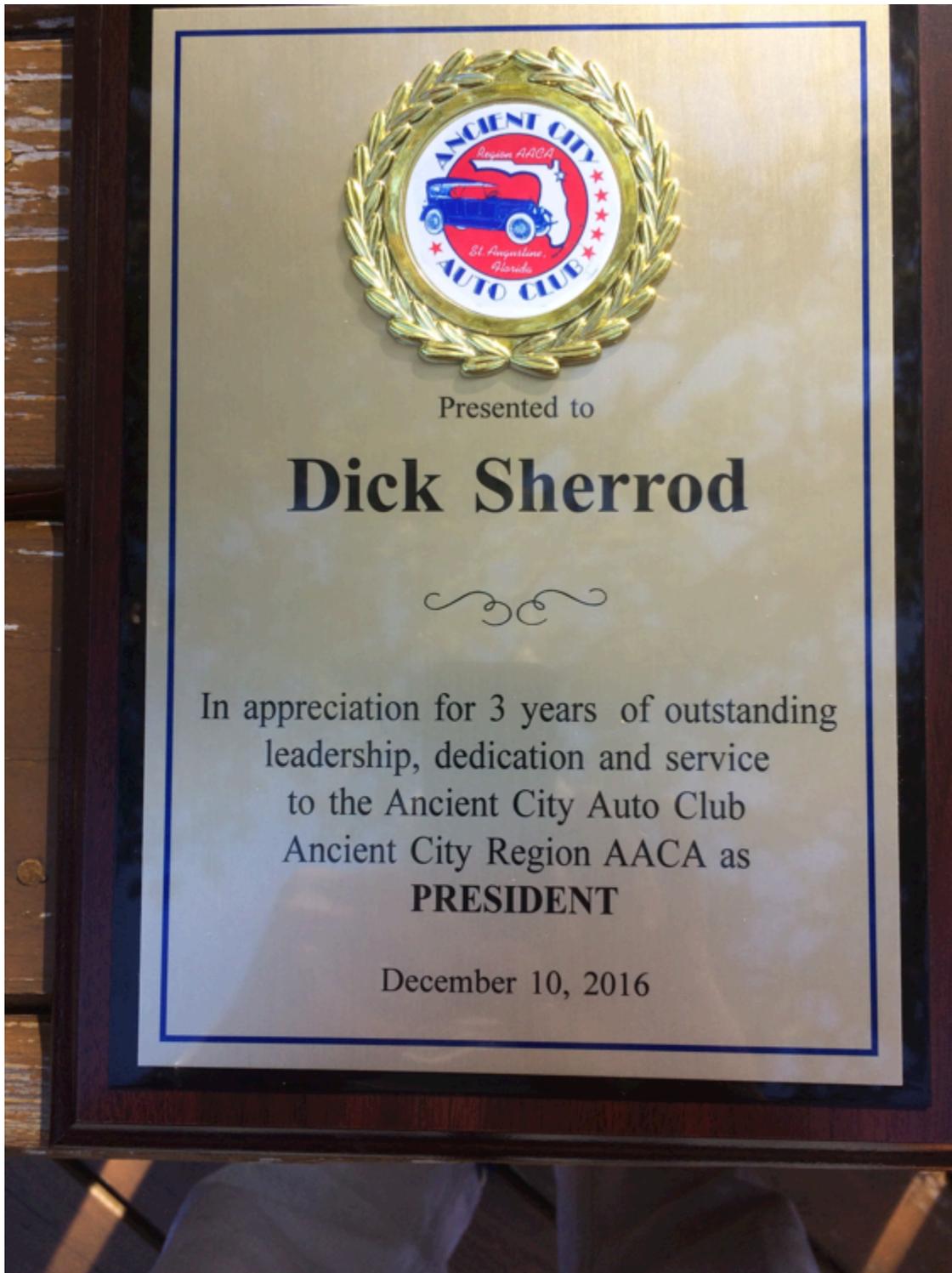
Class 30 Modified Corvettes 97 to Present showed 2 entries but only 1 judging sheet in file. Perhaps a no show ?

Class 31 Modified 54 and Older trucks showed 4 entries but had 5 judging sheets ?

Class 32 Modified trucks 55 – Present had 3 entries. Entry nbr192 Tom King 56 Ford pickup won 2nd place. Judging sheet had written on it "owes entry fee".

Class 36 Modified Mustangs All had 3 entries. James Stoddard entry sheet had no info, no entry nbr, no address. Did he even pay entry fee ?

Thanks, Dick, for a great three years!



and thanks, too, to the board members and chairpeople!