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Top, the Ford-y banner. Above left, Scott opening one of the gag gifts. Above right, some of the rods at Ocean Park Ford.

Fordnutz Cougar Claw In 2003

Story by Heather Whitaker

Photos by Heather Whitaker and Robert Nowland

August 8th-10th was Claw-in weekend which, this year, began with a surprise 40th birthday bash for the prez on Friday night. A potluck dinner was put together by over a dozen of Scott's friends at my place. A banner proclaiming "Lordy, Lordy look who's turning Ford-y" declared the event, just in case Scott didn't know what was going on. Gifts befitting a man of such advanced years were bestowed amid great hilarity. Such goodies as a bib (to prevent evidence of culinary endeavours from hitting the shirt), "Geezer" body wash (which comes with free hip replacement), Grecian Formula (to keep the man's van-

ity intact) and Bowel Buddy (to hopefully keep him regular) were the order of the day. On Saturday, the annual cruise was slow to develop as rain began to fall near mid-day and continued throughout the afternoon. Most of us were forced to drive through torrential downpour just to get to the Pacific Inn in South Surrey where a few Fordnutz and Cascade members were staying for the weekend. However, we west coasters are rarely deterred by inclement weather so we decided to "carpool", saving many of our cats from further humiliation. As our initial plans for a "Mystery Cruise" fell

through at the last minute, we decided to retrace our steps from 2002 by heading to Ocean Park Ford and the Stewart Farm. Although some participants had visited these venues before, Ron Ford's vehicle collection never loses its allure as car guys and girls can always find something of interest to discuss, and the Stewart Farm House en route to Crescent Beach is a piece of local history that can keep one occupied for hours. After the cruise, it was back to the hotel where several of us began detailing our cars in preparation for the show the next day. As we were parked together beneath the hotel, this job turned into a social event of its own. There was much bantering, haranguing and sharing of cleaning supplies (not to mention many



Above, the Stewart Farm house

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Above, a couple of the rows of Cougars.

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a tall tale) and when the cats were done, car covers firmly in place, it was time for a quick human cleanup then on to the ABC Restaurant for the annual buffet. Nearly twenty of us from both sides of the 49th enjoyed a delicious meal and the chance to catch up on gossip and past events. Dinner had hardly begun to digest before we were back at the hotel and into the indoor pool for "water sports". Plastic balls were flying in all directions and it was more by dumb luck rather than good management that Scott Ferguson and Karl Gehlhaar didn't end up with black eyes as both got smucked squarely in the face during the games. An interesting cover story was developed anyway, just in case – something about differing opinions, a fight and so on. Game Day began under cloudy skies at a rather chilly 7 a.m. but our host of avid volunteers dove right into the club's new trailer to begin setting up tables, tents and

stanchions. The Boy Scouts of Canada again kept the masses fed with delicious BBQ'd hamburgers & hot dogs, Mr. Cool's ice cream truck was at the ready and Bob "Teen Angel" Marlow provided great live music throughout the day. Registration was down this year, no doubt due to the unsettled weather on Saturday and Sunday morning, but about 80 vehicles, vying for awards in over two dozen classes, took in the venue and by all accounts, the day was a huge success. In what is becoming an annual tradition, Scott recognized the Gehlhaars' wedding anniversary (which coincides with Claw In) by presenting a light-hearted gift from the Fordnutz gang. Most "car guys" are not of a romantic nature, but every year Karl has a piece of jewellery made for his wife LaDonna, representing the symbol for that year's anniversary. This year's was wool and/or copper, so to supplement the copper sheep pendant from Karl, Fordnutz gave them a ram, covered in natural fleece, mounted on a wood base with a plaque stating it was from their Fordnutz friends on the event of their 7th anniversary. Another special presentation was made to Kim & Cindy Friesen in appreciation of outstanding efforts toward the success of Claw In. The entire Friesen family truly goes above and beyond the call of duty each and every year. In addition a special memorial award was developed this year in recognition of Fordnutz members who have passed away. It was my privilege to present this award for the first time in memory of my late husband, Brad, whom we lost to cancer earlier this year. A list of all class winners follows on page 9.



Above left, Dave Stevenson's Best of Show winning 69 Mustang 428 CJ Mach 1. Centre, Jeff Bingaman's Memorial Award winning 68 XR-7. Above right, Kim and Cindy Friesen receiving their Claw In 2003 Special Merit Award.

...and the Winners are... (Claw-In 2003 Trophy Winners)

A. Cougar 67-68	2) Grant Hadland, 1) Alan Haaland
B. Cougar 67-68 XR-7	2) Karl/LaDonna Gehlhaar, 1) Jeff/Carol Bingaman
C. Cougar 69-70	3) Robert Nowland, 2) Martin Francis, 1) Steven O'Connell
D. Cougar 69-70 Convertible	3) Terry Robertson, 2) Connie McClinton, 1) Heather Whitaker
E. Cougar 71-73 Convertible	3) Judi Kidner, 2) Kim/Cindy Friesen, 1) Lonnie Sparhawk
F. Cougar Special	3) Scott Ferguson, 2) Lance Elliott, 1) Jim Pinkerton
G. Fairlane/Falcon/Comet	3) Dave Hartkopf, 2) Darrell Wilson, 1) Al Scowen
H. Shelby	2) Allen Cheng, 1) Bill Smythe
I. Mustang Stock Closed	3) Ryan Smith, 2) Bill Sebel, 1) Dave Stevenson
J. Mustang Stock Open	1) Oliver Pusch
K. Mustang Modified	no entries
L. Thunderbird Baby Bird	2) Mike Noble, 1) Bill Handgraaf
M. Thunderbird 58-82	3) George Gill, 2) Al Gibson, 1) Russ/Gail Pearson
N. Galaxie	3) Frank McKenna, 2) Steve Slusarenko, 1) Paul Bittroff
O. Ford	2) Bob/Gail Jurick, 1) George Gill
P. Mercury/Edsel/Lincoln	2) Ray McCrae, 1) Harry/Loreen Robertson
Q. Rod	2) Ian/Linda Pearce, 1) John Phillifant
R. Modified/Custom	3) Tyler Husby, 2) Nick Dominelli, 1) Alex Bronevitch, Jr.
S. Specialty Vehicle	1) Ken/Linda Slaght
T. Truck	3) Lorne Pirson, 2) Mark/Anne Hadvick, 1) James Wilson
U. GM	3) Vladimir Vlasik, 2) Reg Chudyk, 1) Spike Contini
V. Mopar	2) John Rehaluk, 1) Richard Danroth
W. Wounded Cat/Unfinished Project	no entries
X. Cougar 71-Present	2) Barry Gobillot, 1) Alex Bronevitch, Sr.
Y. 83-97 Thunderbird and Cougar	3) Joe Discusso, 2) Bill Cheff, 1) Brad Fedoruk
Best of Show	Dave Stevenson (69 Mustang Mach I)
Club Participation	Greater Vancouver Mustang Association (9 vehicles)
Long Distance Canada	Robert Nowland, Kamloops, BC (233 miles)
Long Distance USA	Karl & LaDonna Gehlhaar, Olympia, WA (175 miles)
Fordnutz Memorial Award	Jeff Bingaman (68 Cougar XR-7)

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As you know, most car shows and events would not be successful if various businesses and individuals did not help out by donating products or money. With this in mind we would like to gratefully acknowledge some of the people and businesses that have helped us out. If we have not mentioned your contribution, it is merely an unfortunate oversight.

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Volunteers... We couldn't have done it without your help!

We had the following departments, headed by one or two individuals, and staffed by the volunteers named below.

Show Set up and Tear Down

Leaders Scott Ferguson and Kim Friesen

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| 1. Alex Bronevitch | 2. Alan Haaland |
| 3. Heather Whitaker | 4. Betty Pirson |
| 5. Grant Hadland | 6. Carla Bronevitch |

Door Prize and Ticket Sales

Leaders Carla and Alex Bronevitch

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| 1. Connie McClinton | 2. Betty Pirson |
| 3. Maureen Nordan | |

Pre-Registration/Registration

Leaders Grant and Maurlice Hadland

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| 1. Betty Pirson | 2. Connie McClinton |
| 3. Heather Whitaker | 4. Joan Gibson |

Parking and Traffic Control

Leader Lorne Pirson

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| 1. Don Wicklund | 2. Don McCrae |
| 3. Scott Lohnes | 4. Al Gibson |
| 5. Frank McKenna | 6. Steven O'Connell |
| 7. John Janzen | |

Door Prize Table

Leaders Kim and Cindy Friesen

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| 1. Sandy Haaland | 2. Leanne Friesen |
| 3. Heather Friesen | 4. Mark Friesen |

Ballot Counters

Leader Heather Whitaker

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| 1. Judi Kidner | 2. Don Wicklund |
| 3. Sandy Haaland | 4. Scott Lohnes |
| 5. Carla Bronevitch | 6. Grant Hadland |
| 7. Al Gibson | 8. Steven O'Connell |
| 9. Alex Bronevitch | 10. Terry Robertson |
| 11. Maureen Nordan | 12. Joan Gibson |
| 13. LaDonna Gehlhaar | |

We would also like to thank: The Boy Scouts, Dan Nielsen of Surrey Parks and all the show day volunteers, some not listed above, who spent their time, up to a year in some cases, planning and organising this event for the enjoyment of all.