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Fordnutz Cougar Claw In 2004

Story by Heather Whitaker. Photos by Robert Nowland.

Fordnutz' big weekend was August 7th/8th. The Friesens and Hadlands hit Reno this year for Hot August Nights, but young Mark Friesen (left at home) was "volunteered" to help with the show anyway. Thanks, Mark, for all the assistance, and I trust spending so much time with the "landlady" and her friend hasn't prompted you to run away to Tibet or someplace. Once again a cruise and garage tour was set up for the Saturday venue, but 90 degree temperatures tested our classic rides, providing more adven-



The Gertschs' collect just about everything, including Elvis-abilia.

ture than usual. After waiting nearly an hour for the Cornelsens from Ferndale to get through the US border, 11 vehicles finally got under way from the Aston Pacific Inn. Scott Ferguson took Mark Friesen in his 68 XR7 G, Scott Lohnes played navigator in my 69 XR7 convertible, Maureen Nordan was co-pilot in Robert Nowland's 69 Rocky Mountain Special and Steven & Larry O'Connell cruised in the 70 black on black Cougar. Judi Kidner didn't want to get her newly-detailed cat dirty, so took Maureen's friend, Diane, in her Mustang. John Renshaw drove his 80 Cougar, Ken James drove Frank McKenna's 66 Galaxie convertible, Alex, Alex

Sr. and Olive Bronevitch toured in the 91 Cougar (Carla was working), the Botts came in their blue Torino and Patti, Dan & Kendall Cornelson had their beautiful 68 newly-restored Cougar. En route, Steven O'Connell's 70 Cougar shrugged off a vacuum hose early on, causing several participants to stop and render assistance. Although our group got split up, we all eventually made it to the Gertsch home in Surrey to partake of Gwen & Fred's famous hospitality and enjoy the incredible array of collectibles not only in the garage, but throughout the entire house. Lorne & Betty Pirson were already there, living close to our destination so opting out of the cruise portion of the trip. We spent a few hours drinking coffee, eating treats and exchanging stories until it was time to return to the hotel to prepare for the annual dinner. It was then we discovered that Robert Nowland's 69 RMS (which is once again purple) had a starter wire



Bruce Haaland's 69 Cougar Eliminator won best in class, Best of Show, and the Fordnutz Memorial Award.

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come loose, Frank & Shari Bott had carb problems and apparently Al Gibson had put his back out overnight by reportedly being very creative with a trapeze (not really, but it makes great copy, eh?). 33 of us carpooled to Del-rio's for a delicious meal and socializing. The open doors and windows provided a much-needed breeze to dispel the hot air usually accompanying our little group, but on that breeze came an unwelcome guest. Maureen Nordan was stung not once, but twice by a very aggressive wasp that finally met its match when it took on Dave Nashif who ended its miserable life. For a good portion of the gang, the camaraderie did not end with dinner as we returned to the hotel, donned our bathing suits and hit the



Mustangs galore...It's easy to see why the GVMA had best club turnout.

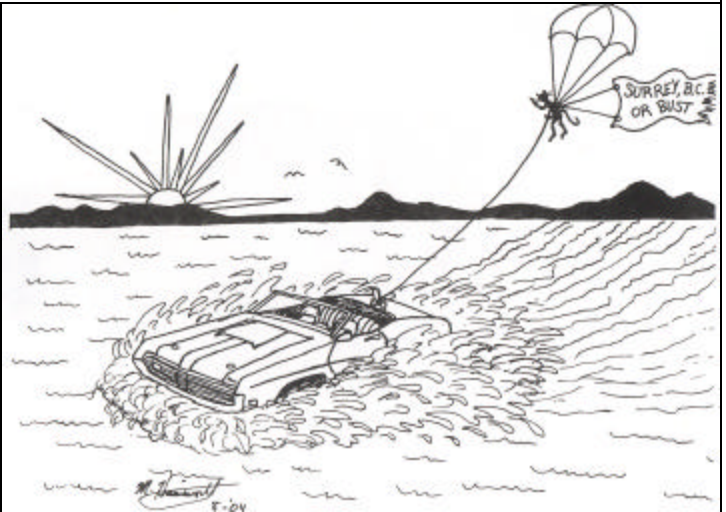


(L to R.) Rob Nowland's 69 XR-7 Rocky Mountain Special, Steve O'Connell's 70 standard, and Tom Wood's 69 XR-7 428 CJ 4 speed.

indoor pool. You couldn't exactly say we swam, as there was standing room only in the water due, no doubt, to the weather. Show Day began bright and early Sunday morning with set up going smoothly and the various team leaders open for business in record time. There was live music once again provided by Peter Dean (formerly Teen Angel), BBQ'd dogs and burgers compliments of the Boy Scouts, Ice Cream from Mr. Cool and tons of door prizes. The Gehlhaars from Olympia once again attended, providing us with the opportunity to light-heartedly acknowledge their anniversary. This year was the "pottery" year, but as we were unaware they were coming until the last minute, Fordnutz gave them a "do-it-yourself pottery kit" comprising of a lump of clay, a selection of plastic tools and advice to make their own damn gift as we didn't have time. Scott's birthday fell on show day, so it was not practical to have a party and gifts, but he did get a new, much-needed carburetor for the G and Judi Kidner bought him a mini lemon meringue pie at the informal

post-show dinner. Individual class winners are listed elsewhere in this newsletter as they're too numerous to detail here, but suffice to say nearly every single member came away with a trophy and Bruce Haaland's incredible orange 69 Eliminator won it's class, Best of Show and the Fordnutz Memorial Award. By all accounts, Claw In 2004 was a great success, so the volunteers get a much-deserved rest 'til next year and the events committee gets a month or two off before getting started on the 2005 preparations. Thanks again to all the volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

Those of you who are also members of the Cascade Cougar Club know Mike Hainsworth's cartoons featuring his "Cougar alter-ego" (who, as you know, usually finds himself in some misadventure). In this version Mike's Cougar is on a parasail behind a rare "Aqua-Cougar" with a banner that says "Surrey BC or Bust". Unfortunately he made a wrong turn at the Strait of Juan de Fuca as the sun was setting and was last seen heading out to sea.



...and the Winners are...(Claw-In 2004 Trophy Winners)

A. Cougar 67-68	2) Lorne Pirson, 1) Barb & Bob Lamb
B. Cougar 67-68 XR-7	3) Dave Deering, 2) Dan Cornelsen, 3) Dave Nashif
C. Cougar 69-70	3) Robert Nowland, 2) Steve O'Connell, 3) Tom Wood
D. Cougar 69-70 Convertible	3) Don Wicklund, 2) Terry Robertson, 3) Heather Whitaker
E. Cougar 71-73 Convertible	2) Judi Kidner, 1) Patrick Phillips
F. Cougar Special	2) Scott Ferguson, 1) Bruce Haaland
G. Cougar 71-Present	2) John Renshaw, 1) Alex Bronevitch Sr.
H. Shelby	3) John Yamamoto, 2) Bill Smythe, 3) Allen Cheng
I. Mustang Closed	3) Lorraine Stomperud, 2) Bill Sebel, 1) Oliver Pusch
J. Mustang Open	3) Cathy & John Janzen, 2) Ken & Linda Slaght, 1) Jim Jackson
K. Thunderbird Baby Bird	3) Mike Noble, 2) Fred & Gwen Gertsch, 1) Bill Handgraaf
L. Thunderbird 58-82	3) Glen & Lucia Holmgren, 2) Ove Sorli, 1) Al & Joan Gibson
M. Galaxie	3) Gary Martin, 2) Paul Bittroff, 1) Mark & Marlene Gazzola
N. Super Coupe	3) Miles Nerona, 2) John Watts, 1) Patrick Connelly
O. Ford	3) George Gill, 2) Bob Backus, 1) Ken Grahame
P. Mercury/Edsel/Lincoln	1) Harry & Loreen Robertson
Q. Modified/Custom	3) Ted Both, 2) Alex Bronevitch Jr., 1) Sherri Wrazy
R. Rod	Ian Thomas
S. Truck	James Wilson
T. GM	Jim De Vries
U. Mopar	Victor Tutte
V. Work in Progress	John Rehaluk
Wounded Cat	Clay Magnusson
Display	Frank & Chari Bott
Best of Show	Bruce Haaland
Club Participation	Greater Vancouver Mustang Association (14 vehicles)
Long Distance Canada	John Watts, Kamloops (400+ km)
Long Distance USA	Karl & LaDonna Gehlhaar, Olympia, WA (250+ mi)
Fordnutz Memorial Award	Bruce Haaland

We couldn't have done it with you...(List of Volunteers and Sponsors)

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

Volunteers

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

Set Up/Tear Down Scott Ferguson (Leader), Alex Bronevitch, Carla Bronevitch, Ove Sorli, Ian Thomas, Rob Waine, Heather Whitaker, Chris Glenat, Clay Magnusson, Mark Friesen.

Gate/Registration Al & Joan Gibson (Leaders), Judi Kidner, Connie McClinton, Heather Whitaker.

Parking Lorne Pirson (Leader), John Edwards, John Janzen, Ken James, Ove Sorli, Don Wicklund, Clay Magnusson.

Door Prize Table Scott Lohnes (Leader), Lorne Pirson, Mark Friesen, Betty Pirson, Ian Thomas.

Ballot Counters Heather Whitaker (Leader), Lorne Pirson, Don Wicklund, Maureen Nordan, Connie McClinton, Judi Kidner, Betty Pirson, Terry Robertson, Ian Thomas, LaDonna Gehlhaar.

Door Prize/50-50 Ticket Sales Alex & Carla Bronevitch (Leaders), Barb Lamb, Maureen Nordan, Ian Thomas.

We would also like to thank: Kim and Cindy Friesen and Grant and Maurlice Hadland, Hormos from Delrios restaurant, Mr. Cool Ice Cream, 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 your enjoyment.

Sponsors

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