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Fordnutz Cougar Claw In Show Summary



Above, The row of Judged Cougars

Far left, the Pinkerton's Cougar 1. Centre, Dave Stevenson's 70 Boss 302 Mustang

Story by Scott Ferguson, Photos by Alan Haaland and Robert Nowland

When I got up at 5 AM, on the day of our Claw In show, it looked a little cloudy. I wasn't too sceptical because I had done my research. The historical books have almost always recorded no precipitation during the second weekend of August. But then the weather this year has been very unpredictable to say the least. I wasn't too worried though, Jim and Elaine Pinkerton had brought Cougar 1 up for a display. If Cougar 1 could make it with the threat of cloudy skies then anyone should be able to make it. I was at the show site at 6:30, followed closely by some of our dedicated volunteers to help to set up the show site. I handed out the maps of the parking lot describing where the different cars were to park. The judged cars were all parked on a grassy knoll, as was Cougar 1 and a 1999 Cougar that was being displayed. Well to make a really long story shorter, we had more than 70 vehicles in the show, which was down from the 80 we had last year. I was hoping to have 100 this year, and we probably would have had much more than that if the sun had popped out through the clouds earlier than it did. We had several hundred spectators visit, in part due to the plugs we were getting from the local Oldies radio station (CI SL 650) about our event. I was so busy at the show that I didn't get to take any pictures, some of our members and non members are coming to my rescue by sending me copies of their photos. The results of the Cougar Club of America elections were announced to cheers from the participants. Voting for the election had been taking place during July and the results had been tabulated the first week of August. The official announcement from the CCOA releasing the number of votes, etc. will be in the CCOA 3rd quarter newsletter, out in October. We had more than 60 door prizes to give away, which took a little longer to do than we expected. We also handed out certificates to thank the volunteers, most thought that was a nice touch.