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Fordnutz-Cascade Can-Am Cougar Picnic Sum up



Far left, Tony Fisher's 68 XR-7. Centre, and above, some of the Fords and Mercs.

Story by Scott Ferguson, Photos by Heather Whitaker

Here's a little history and tradition behind the Can-Am Cougar Picnic. It was started back in 1988 by the Cascade and West Coast Cougar Clubs (now Fordnutz). The tradition behind the event is to have a co-operative event between our two clubs, in recent years we have alternated the organisation of the show between our clubs and the border. This year it was our turn. I got back from, a visit at, the home of Jim and Elaine Pinkerton on Friday afternoon (Sept 10), the day before the Can-Am show. I wasn't too worried because one of the great things about the Fordnutz Cougar Club is the amount of planning that, the Executives and members, put into our events, so as to limit the possibility of problems on show day. Anyway the weather was perfect and all the volunteers were at the site between 7 AM and 8 AM as scheduled to set up the show. We began to park the participants in their classes and everyone began to go inside of Garry T's Restaurant to enjoy the free breakfast buffet. Fordnutz does one show each year at Garry T's to help promote the restaurant and to have a great time, which we always have plenty of. We were honoured by the attendance of Steve Eitzen at our show, Steve even volunteered by directing traffic and keeping the area safe for pedestrians. After the show a number of us went back to the hotel to freshen up, we were joined by Gary Weisenberger, who is in town on a work assignment, We then walked over to the restaurant. I guess we overwhelmed them (there was more than 15 in our party), because the only space they had for all of us was outside on the patio, which was fine for us. We swapped stories and experiences and generally had a good time, until a rookie waiter spilled a full mug of cranberry juice on Gary and I, then on his next trip out spilled a glass of ice water on Lucille Both. That didn't keep us quiet too long and we continued to have a great time.