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High-Octane Action at Myrtle **Beach Speedway**

Day 2 of Mustang Week started just as the sun poked over the horizon. We made our way to Myrtle Beach Speedway just a few miles

from the official meet-and-greet location of the day before. More than 400 Mustangs gathered at the track for the opportunity to hit the high banks of the oval track for some legitimate hot laps at the Stiffler's Speedway Fun Runs.

The infield, on the other hand, was filled with vendors offering patrons the full scoop on the latest and greatest performance upgrades, styling products, and accessories for their specific Mustang. Gateway Classic partnered with BFGoodrich to offer an all-Mustang autocross with demonstration rides at the opposite end of the infield from the vendor area. Besides the Gateway Classic staff driving several of the demo Mustangs through the autocross, Gary Patterson from Shelby American was behind the wheel of a red S197 widebody Mustang that was an absolute beast through the corners.

- 1) Drifting and Mustangs go together like peanut butter and jelly, so what better place than Mustang Week to watch Vaughn Gittin Jr.'s Monster Energy Mustang rip around the track making it rain rubber and horsepower to pump up the crowd? One lucky fan got to experience all the tire-smoking action from inside the beast as Gittin drifted his S550 Mustang drift car in front of a sea of excited Mustang Week fans.
- 2) We were definitely drooling over this gorgeous Teal Metallic 1993 Cobra sporting its original factory wheels.
- 3) More than 400 Mustangs made their way to the Myrtle Beach Speedway to make a few hot laps around the track during the Stiffler's Speedway Fun Runs.
- 4) Mustang enthusiasts kept making their way to the Palace Theater parking lot for the Mustang Week meet-and-greet. From vintage ponies to late-model Mustangs and everything in between, the level of automotive eye candy was astronomical.
- 5) A commitment to getting the most out of your Mustang during the hot laps goes a long way, but we think this is on a whole other level. Pushing your car around a pit road, drenched in sweat because of the heat and humidity, takes a lot of heart.

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As if that weren't enough excitement for one day, Formula Drift champion Vaughn Gittin Jr. was in the house signing countless autographs and taking hundreds of photos with his fans. A few lucky fans even got to ride along with him in his fully prepped S550 Mustang RTR Stage 5 concept drift car during drift demonstrations for the crowd. We were pretty excited to see Gittin cut loose with a whole lot of tire smoke and sideways action on the high banks of Myrtle Beach Speedway.

Battle at the Beach Pro Dyno Shootout

Day 3 of Mustang Week started with our Muscle Mustangs & Fast Fords Battle at the Beach Pro Dyno Shootout, where 10 competitors came out to battle the gauntlet and spin the rollers with some serious horsepower. The competitors braved the early morning humidity for their chance



- 6) The crowd quickly gathered for the Muscle Mustangs & Fast Fords Battle at the Beach Pro Dyno Shootout. Before the day was over, hundreds of fans were hanging around checking out all the big power action.
- 7) Wes King's Terminator seemed to be a favorite among the crowd and it was certainly no slouch as it spun the dyno with one of the meanest-sounding exhaust notes all the way up to 793 rwhp.
- 8) Craig Partridge ended up being crowned the winner of the Battle at the Beach Pro Dyno Shootout with his 2012 Shelby GT500 laying down a blistering 817 rwhp and 729 lb-ft of torque. A huge thanks goes out to the Dan Desio and the entire Pro Dyno crew for making the dyno shootout possible.













to showcase the raw horsepower of their killer street-driven combos, and we can honestly say they did not disappoint.

Pro Dyno owner Dan Desio got the shootout rolling with a few words of wisdom as well as the layout of the challenge. Each contender received two chassis dyno pulls with a five-minute break between each run; if needed, each competitor was also allowed to make necessary adjustments during that time.

After the field of menacing steeds had run through the rollers, it was Craig Partridge's 2012 Shelby GT500 that took the top honors, pumping out 817 rwhp and 729 lb-ft of torque.

Mickey Thompson Drag Night at Darlington Dragway

The action moved from the Myrtle Beach Mall to the dragstrip at Darlington Dragway, where the Mickey Thompson Drag Night made for some good old-fashioned door-to-door racing action for the 2,500 Mustang Week fans in attendance. With just over 300 cars mixing it up at the strip, it was definitely a spectacle!

Mustang Week Car Show at Myrtle Beach Mall

The world's largest all-Mustang car show was hosted once again right outside of the Myrtle Beach Mall.
This year's sold-out show was clearly bigger than previous years. Even the sticky and muggy early morning

- 9) The Johnny Wiker of Johnny Lightning Performance turned some heads with his second-gen Ford Lightning drag truck, which features a 380ci stroker topped with a massive 4.7L Kenne Bell supercharger that pushes the truck well into 8-second territory.
- 10) Danny Watson's convertible 2003 Terminator Cobra needed a little help keeping the tires from slipping on the rollers as it laid down 682 rwhp at 6,300 rpm and 594 lb-ft of torque at 5,250 rpm.
- 11) Just about every inch of the parking lot was used to accommodate over 750 Mustangs that showed up to the meet-and-greet.
- 12) There is something awe-inspiring about a copper-colored Fox-body drag car.

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weather could not stop fans from piling onto the Mustang-filled blacktop. With over 500 cars and 12,000 attendees, the Mustang Week show has certainly snowballed into one of the largest, if not the largest, gathering of Mustangs in the world.

This year's show definitely had everything and anything imaginable for Mustang enthusiast to drool over, from drag cars to Restomod Foxbodies and even clean and classic old iron Mustangs. Suffice it to say

there was plenty of horsepower and eye candy for any true gearhead to appreciate. Walking a car show of this magnitude will leave you lusting over your next project build, and we could certainly feel the symptoms kicking in while we walked down the rows of inspiration.

Latemodel Restoration was the title sponsor at this year's car show, so it's no surprise that the fans took shelter under the company's booth when the clouds finally opened up

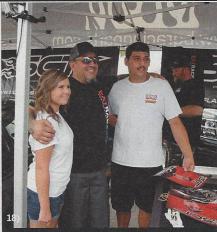






- 13) Hooters seemed to be the spot of choice for lunch, dinner, and drinks during Mustang Week. Many Mustang clubs, including Instagram clubs, gathered outside of Hooters all week long. Must be the delicious wings.
- 14) One of our favorite Mustangs from Mustang Week 2015 was this jaw-dropping SN95 built by Bryan Reid out of Dearborn, Michigan. This pony gets moving in a hurry thanks to a 8.2-inch deck height block with forged internals topped with a set of 195cc aluminum cylinder heads, and it's all backed up by a T-56 Magnum sixspeed manual transmission.
- 15) To the untrained eye, this might seem like a run-of-the-mill Fox notchback, but the truth is that this Grabber Blue four-eyed Fox is a real gem. From it's T-top roof to the custom Capri quarters and front clip and even the 17-inch Bullitt wheels, the attention to detail was second to none.
- 16) One of the greatest engines we heard all weak was the new 5.2L flat-plane crankshaft Voodoo V-8 in the new Shelby GT350 Mustang. We need one badly!





17) The Mustang Week judges made their way up and down the aisles of the car show with a fine-tooth comb to find the hest of the best.

18) 10.5 Outlaw racer and Mustang royalty Mike Murillo was out at the SCT Performance booth signing autographs and posing for pictures with fans next to his 2,000-plus horsepower twin turbo Fox known as Lafawnduh.

and showered onto the sea of pony pride. Of course, rain was not enough to keep the crowds away. Some owners even took it as an opportunity to give their car a guick once-over to make it look its best for the judges.

Mustang Week Cruise-In

The last day of Mustang Week saw us back at the Myrtle Beach mall to check out the final day's action. Along with the incredible Stangs we laid our eyes on throughout the week, Saturday proved to be even bigger with additional Mustangs scrambling to get on site as the sea of asphalt was replaced with 3,000 prime and polished Mustang specimens of every generation.

With over 11,000 people in attendance, we made our way around the parking lot until we spotted 4-year-old Caleb Cook. Caleb was out at Mustang Week thanks to the Make-A-Wish foundation. His dream of attending Mustang Week was coming true. Caleb's love for Mustangs inspired many over the week, and we are sure he got a kick out of Vaughn Gittin Jr. autographing the hood of his Power Wheels Mustang.

We asked the founder of Mustang Week, Rodney Melton, what his favorite part of the event was this year. He said, "This year's show was the biggest we have had, and the best



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The 2004 Grabber Green Mach 1 wasn't always the color of money, but Bobby Sherker is an avid automotive painter and performed a complete color change from Azure to Grabber Green. You'll notice the car also features a Cobra front bumper with a sleek exhaust cutout that allows the custom heat-wrapped exhaust to make its way to the outside world. It's not all show though as the aluminum Mach 1 block has been stuffed with Terminator forged internals while a 70mm On3 turbocharger with a Turbonetics waste gate and a Hellion front mounted intercooler let the 4V mod motor pump out 500 rearwheel horsepower with just 12 pounds of boost. Bobby tells us that the Grabber Green Mach 1 is capable of 707 rear-wheel horsepower with the boost turned up to 17.5 pounds. A set of 31-spline axles and Ford Racing 3.73 gears get the power to the ground while UPR Products coilovers as well as a tubular K-member give the Mach 1 its signature menacing look.



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thing to me was seeing the Make-A-Wish foundation help Caleb's dream come true and have fun like a kid should, along with all the people that enjoyed it too."

We cannot thank the Mustang Week staff enough for putting on one heck of a show each and every year. The hard work they pour into the event is surely born from the passion they have for Mustangs.

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Later that afternoon, the Mustang Week staff held the car show awards and the annual Mustang Week raffle to mark the end of the weeklong party that rolled through Myrtle Beach.

Muscle Mustangs & Fast Fords Editor's Choice Winner

Of course, the Muscle Mustangs & Fast Fords staff also got together and named the winner of our Editor's Choice Award Bobby Scherker of Waterbury, Connecticut, impressed us with his lean and mean Grabber Green 2004 Mustang Mach 1, which featured a single turbo 4V mod motor under the shaker hood. The car was stripped and rebuilt and received a fresh coat of paint shortly before making the trek out to Myrtle Beach. As if that weren't enough, the transmission in the Mach 1 decided to give up the ghost, but Scherker didn't let that stop him from having a great time. After a quick tranny swap in the hotel parking lot, the Grabber Green Mach 1 was back on the road making everyone green with envy.

We thoroughly enjoyed Mustang Week 2015. We're already planning for next year's big show, which will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the event. It would be a safe bet to assume that next year's show will be a monumental one, so be sure to mark your calendars for the week of July 18-24, 2016, for the ultimate Mustang experience!

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