

# 2010 Stampede

## The GHMA & GTAMC Annual Stampede Bar-B-Que and Car Show. An Awesome Event

By George O'Hearn

Another great team event is in the books. Our yearly tradition since 1995 for 2010 in my opinion and that of many that spoke to me, was a great success. We're still counting the dollars however we definitely did well for our charities. J.C. Saddington Park was the location again this year with and as always; what a great venue. Both clubs worked hard before the show with a joint committee of members and we distributed the work load and indeed worked well together. All in all, the volunteers made it all look easy so many thanks to everyone that helped and to all those that attended, supplied gifts and goodie bag stuffers including our many sponsors and vendors. It's a team effort for sure to pull off a show of this caliber in this economy.

When you host outdoor events, Mother Nature often has the last word and for this year's two day event, we heard her loud and clear. The Saturday tour of over 50 cars definitely got wet but none the less, had a great day. We toured the Caledon Hills with a nice stop at Boot Hill Auto in Erin. Unfortunately the cruise on the Queensway was pretty much a washout but spirits remained high and fun was had by all.

On Sunday, the weather was threatening rain early morning and indeed the park

was wet to start. In the end, we would have approximately 220 cars with 10 plus vendors and an absolutely beautiful day at the lake. We didn't sell as much food as we had hoped but we now have a good benchmark going forward. Once again our DJ was Bob McKerron from Cruiz Radio, <http://www.kruz-radio.com/Index.html> and as always, Bob did a great job.

This year we elected to give out 25 trophies based on participant judging instead of judging all cars by street driven rules. It made for a lot less work and a more relaxed atmosphere however some attendees missed the judging so the committee will need to consider that for next year. We withheld draw prize tickets until you handed in your vote sheet and boy did we get vote sheets. It took six people over an hour to do the tally. In addition, I gave a trophy to our youngest participant who had a small version of his Dad's 2006 GT 350 Mustang because he was just so darn cute.

We also had 10 very special trophies that were handed out based on a small band of judges. I don't have the names of all the winners however of note, Jack & Betty McFarlane won and deserved the award for the best His & Hers Mustangs so I'm sure this category will be back and have more participants in the future no

doubt. Don Gasunias won for best engine and why not with a beautiful engine bay and a 428 Fuel Injected monster in his custom 70 Mach 1. When I get the complete list, we'll attach it to a future GHMA minutes.

We had and gave away "draw prizes a plenty". I didn't count however we had well over 100 give-a-ways with two raffles and a big 50/50 that netted one of our members \$1,020.00. We raffled off in one raffle two donated Michael Irvine prints including his latest, BOSS Building. (Thanks Linda & Michael) In the second Raffle we gave away a 3 HP Air Compressor, (Thanks Mr. Mason) and a heated portable chair and a NASCAR jacket. All in all that made us over \$450.00 so many thanks. Our merchandise sales also went well with over \$1,100.00 taken in so it was also a success for our bank account.

So how about next year? We will be having a 2010 wrap up meeting shortly and start right away planning 2011. Send your ideas to either Steve Davidson at [SDavidson@whiteoaklincoln.com](mailto:SDavidson@whiteoaklincoln.com) or yours truly at [ohearn@cogeco.ca](mailto:ohearn@cogeco.ca). If you have any comments on judging, Saturday program, venues or would just like to be involved, let us know. We can always use new committee members.



**Nothing better than a sunny day and a display of beautiful cars.**



**Over \$2,000 collect by Carol Palmer & Linda Tulipano for the Charity 50/50 draw.**

**Thanks to the other Mustang car clubs for joining us for Stampede: Durham Region Classic Mustang Club , Niagara Classic Mustangs; Mustangs in Motion and the Pink Slips Car Club from Midland.**

