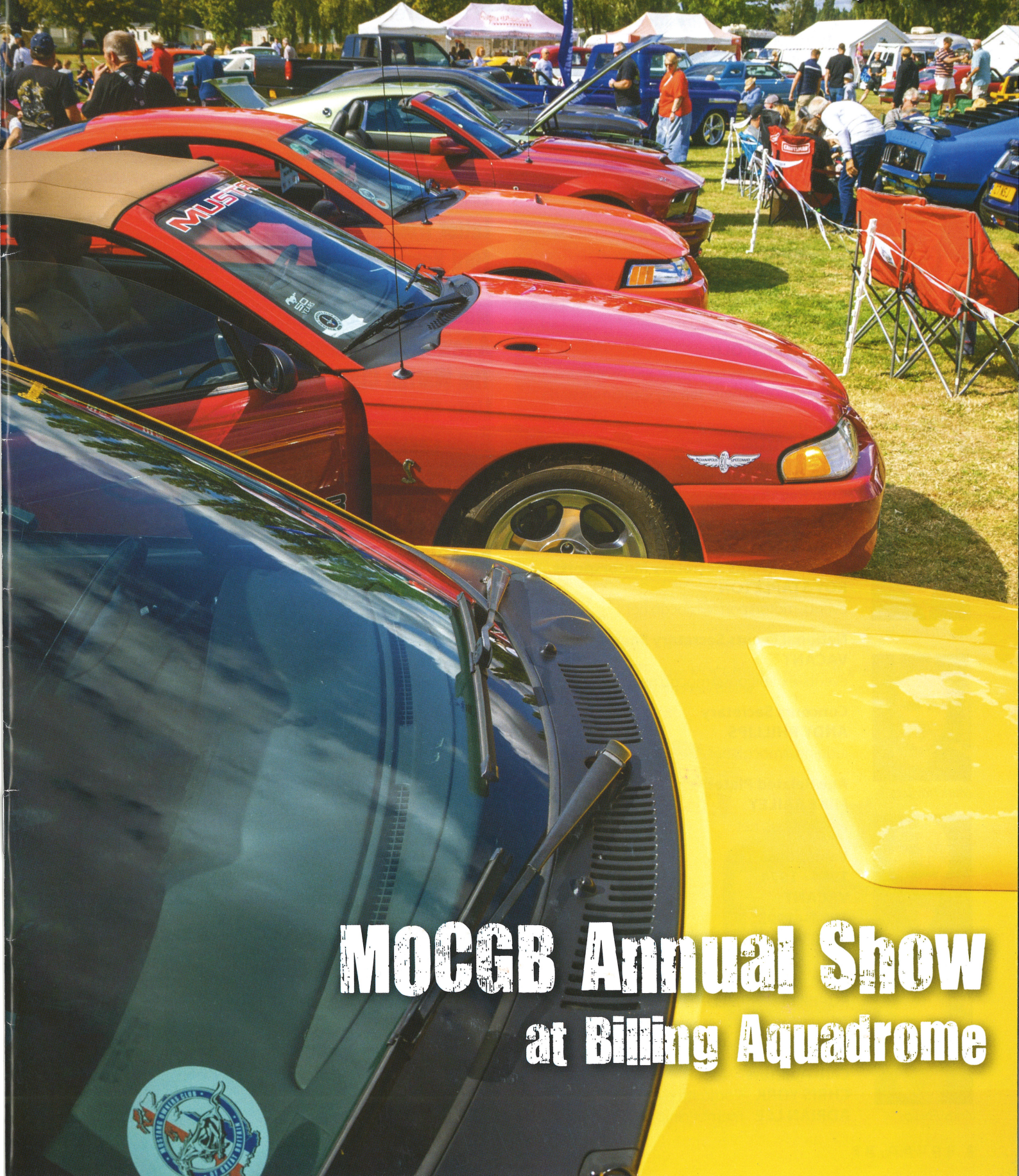


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MOCGB Annual Show at Billing Aquadrome



MOCGB attends The Mustang Club of Switzerland national event.



I'm sure it hasn't escaped anyone's attention that this year is the 55th anniversary of the Ford Mustang and in light of this Mustang owners' clubs worldwide are hosting events to celebrate this. We (the MOCGB) have already hosted several top events this year including an exclusive day at Santa Pod, Stangfest and more recently our national show at Billing Aquadrome.

In his role as club chairman Ian Kirby has been in contact with many of his European counterparts and as such received an invitation from The Mustang Owners Club of Switzerland to attend their national show and 55th anniversary celebrations. Unfortunately, Ian was unable to attend personally so handed the mantle over to me to organise an MOCGB presence.

The show was to take place on Saturday 2nd August at a showground in Zug, Switzerland. This is also the venue of the famous Old Timers show that takes place on the first Sunday of the month throughout the summer months and would be happening the day after the Mustang event so instantly I thought what a great venue for a road trip!

After a couple of months of planning I was able to amass 8 members in four cars (1 Mustang, 2 Challengers and a Camaro!) The trip would entail driving through France, into Switzerland for 2 nights to attend the two shows and then on to Konstanz in Germany, Lichtenstein, back into Germany, north into Luxembourg and then across Belgium, France and home. I will save the details of the entire trip for another article and just concentrate on the Mustang event for this piece.

We arrived in Zug on the Friday afternoon and checked into our hotel which was just 1 km from the show ground. There were already a couple of lovely Mustangs in the hotel car park although sadly we didn't get to meet any of the owners.

Next morning bright and early we headed off to the show ground. Our Swiss hosts had very kindly reserved special parking for the three non-Mustangs in our group by the entrance to the venue (only Mustangs were allowed in!) and Neil & Julie Cooper's beautiful S550 convertible was escorted to what was tantamount to pole position in the show ground!

After formal introductions were dispensed with the club President Rene Suter invited us in to a VIP gathering where drinks and snacks were proffered to us all, followed by a speech welcoming us to their event.

We then had some free time to have a walk around and admire in excess of 600 Mustangs, some very rare and all very beautiful and many of which had travelled from all over Europe.

Later that afternoon we had an official swapping of club flags, along with some very generous gifts from our new Swiss friends to all in our group.

I will let the pictures speak for themselves but suffice it to say we were made to feel so unbelievably welcome not only by their club officials who seemed truly grateful that we'd made the trip but also by every other Mustang owner who we got to chat to over the course of both days.

Andy Phillips





British GT4 Championship – Gallop to the finish

By Mike Rysiecki
Photos by Leigh Jones

The British GT Championship finale went to the wire in both of its GT3 and GT4 categories, where early season points-leaders fought hard for overall honours at the now traditional 'Donington Decider'. Mike Rysiecki was there to witness the tension as the teams and drivers gave it their all.

It all came down to less time than it takes to say "Ford Mustang GT4". One and a half seconds was all there was between the Multimatic Motorsports team and GT4 victory at the end of the British GT Championship's September season finale. Scott Maxwell and Seb Priaulx's driving was nothing short of heroic during an action packed 2-hour race where the car once again demonstrated its pace by finishing second overall in this ultra-competitive championship.

With hindsight, vice-champion is an extraordinary result for any 'out-of-country' team making their debut in a long-established national race series with a 27-year history. Right from the get-go Multimatic Motorsports had exceeded ALL expectations putting their American 'muscle car' up against the supposedly more refined European competition from McLaren, Aston-Martin, Jaguar, Porsche, Mercedes-AMG, BMW and Audi in their first year. Maxwell and Multimatic arrived from Canada with immediate impact at the season opener at Oulton Park where, after qualifying, the car was deemed by series officials to need additional 'balance-of-performance' weight and ride-height. The team are not one to complain and still won, when Maxwell and Priaulx showed how their unique combination of experience and youth could be powerfully blended to overwhelming effect.

Despite winning again on the series' previous visit to Donington Park, a couple of harshly imposed pitlane procedural penalties



I received an email from Michael O'Brien who you may remember submitted an article when he flew to the States for a spare part for his car, which was covered in a previous edition of Round Up.

He sent me a little summary of a few shows he has attended this year which I thought would be nice to share.

- 1) **June 1st American Speedfest.** Excellent show and very well organised fantastic cars and plenty of entertainment plus great food.
- 2) **June 16th Senlac Bodium Classic Car show.** Very nice show but sadly the weather was not kind and a lot of people left early afternoon.
- 3) **June 23rd Bannatyne Car Show in Battle.** This was their first attempt at putting on this show and it was a great success, they are now going to hold it yearly.
- 4) **August 26th Bexhill Hill 100 Classic Car Show.** Excellent show and the weather was fantastic. A lot of American Vehicles and my Mustang was of interest to many. I had the pleasure of speaking with Mr Mike Brewer and His Dad, had the usual photo taken. The Mayoress of Bexhill on Sea very kindly had a photo by my Mustang which was an honour for me.
- 5) **Sept 15th Tenderton Lions Classic Car Show.** Weather was fantastic, but sadly most of the American Cars were all over the place, if they were together it would have been much better.

At all of the above shows I did mention to Mustang Owners about the MOCGB so hopefully you will get some new members.

Michael J O'Brien Membership 1812

