

Round Up

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BARBER MOTORSPORT PARK

On Saturday 6th of April, we started with an early breakfast, packed our things, and headed to Barber Motor Sports Park. The road from our hotel to the event was a spectacular small road winding in the forest in the middle of a very beautiful lake district. There was no heavy traffic at this time, all formalities in Barber went smoothly again. We decided to drive through all parking zones and keep our dashcam rolling. Finally, we found our place next to Shelby club from Texas. So, there we were next to powerful Shelybs with our modest Eco Boost, all the same Mustang family! We swapped our give away stickers and CD records for homemade beef jerky from Texas. Thanks, Southwest Texas Shelby & Performance Mustang club!

Then we decorated our Eco Boost with our club flag and Finnish national flags. After a while the rest of our team arrived. They had to park our teams second rental car at the steam locomotive size GMC Denali in the spectators' parking lot and continued with one of the trailer buses, which operate non-stop.

A few weeks earlier I chatted with the President of Mustang club of Switzerland Mr. Rene Sutter, and I promised to search for him at the event when we got there. We found Rene just few cars away from ours. It was finally very nice to meet Rene in person. We had been e-mailing as friends for so many years. I also found some new connections from the worlds Mustang community. I talked with people from Brazil, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and from several local clubs.

In the vendor area near the MCA tent, we met the President of MCA Mr. Jeff Mays. Jeff had a busy schedule for the day, but when

he heard where we came from, he found us a few minutes. I told him that our team from Ford Mustang Owner's club of Finland included 45 people. He was surprised that so many people travelled from so far just to participate 60th anniversary event. I gave Jeff our Certificate of Appreciation for 60th anniversary event crewmembers because we hardly can imagine how much volunteer workforce is needed to run event like this! Special thanks for MCA 60th anniversary crew, well done!

At noon we had a little lunch, American style of course, a hot dog with fries. A little resting time in the car and off we go again, this time to see what was happening on the track. On the track there was a race event going on the whole weekend. The main purpose of the event was to give a safe racetrack experience for the average club members. At that time there were pack of 10 cars driving around track, approximately 10 laps. Then there was next pack of 10 and so on. After a while we jumped on board one of those trailer busses and headed to the main show area, to see judged cars.

There were all aspects from Mustangs, from fully restored originals to precision build dream cars. There was also M.O.R.E parking zone where different clubs could reserve their own area. I must mention that it was brilliant idea to make 400 60th anniversary give away stickers. The stickers worked as an ice breaker between us and other people. It was easy to start a conversation when you gave a few stickers first. After a while we spotted a guy with a huge camera. He was Mr. Donald Farr from Mustang Times, just the guy I was hoping to see there. I introduced myself and told Donald about interesting Mustang project 167, which is going on in Finland. It was very nice to meet Donald in person.

