

Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals to Celebrate Tenth Anniversary

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When a group of like minded enthusiasts launched the *Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals* show in suburban Chicago, many had their doubts. With so many car related events, it was certainly no easy task launching a highly specialized event that depends on spectators to survive.

“We knew we had to offer something that nobody else was willing to do” stated MCACN Managing Member, Bob Ashton. “And that is exactly why this show is incredibly successful with interest growing every year.”

When the show started, the all new Chevy Camaro and Dodge Challenger were fresh and receiving a lot of media attention. This is one reason the specialized muscle car format has worked so well. “We knew that the big three were poised to play on the history of the original 60’s and 70’s muscle cars, and that is exactly what we are all about, with an emphasis on the factory stock and original examples” Ashton stated. This is certainly not your typical Hot Rod show.

The decision to focus on the rarest and most sought after examples of American muscle cars and Corvettes was an easy one for Ashton and the team. Each of the group members are avid muscle car collectors, racers and enthusiasts that are extremely passionate about these cars. *And it shows!*

2018 marks the Tenth anniversary for the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show. Known for their fresh and different rotating special and

invitational displays, this year will see several that will clearly be the largest gatherings ever under one roof. A 50th anniversary display spotlighting the 1968 model year, dubbed The Class of '68, will have several "displays within the display" that are sure to be a hit. This includes a gathering of significant Hurst built 426 Hemi powered Dodge Darts and Barracudas. These purpose built drag cars are among the most sought after Mopars in the world, and the show will host more than a dozen. For the General Motors fan, the often overlooked Oldsmobile W31's from 68-70 will be on display. These "insurance beaters" were built as affordable alternatives, much like the Plymouth Roadrunner, and original examples are highly sought after. Other special displays will feature the ultra rare 1968 Hurst/Olds and Buick GS/X models.

Corvettes always play a key role in the MCACN show and several very special displays will be featured. The Corvette Legends Invitational will showcase the L/88 powered 68 and 69's, while the highly coveted Corvette Central Triple Diamond display and competition chronicles the history of the Corvette while recognizing the intense dedication to restoring and preserving these cars as they were originally assembled.

Ford fans will vie for the prestigious Pinnacle awards and certification, reserved for the best of the best that have already achieved SAAC and MCA Gold awards. Another display will feature the 1968.5 Cobra Jet Mustangs.

Premier Unveilings have become a signature feature for the show, and 2018 will not disappoint. Handpicked by the MCACN team, each of these cars is being shown for the *very first time* after extensive restorations and they come to the show from across the country. Not

just newly restored, each car has significant history and there are always great stories surrounding them.

The MCACN team takes great pride in presenting a variety of family friendly and kid features. The Kooolestuff Muscle Bike “show within a show” returns with rows of original Sting Ray, Krate, Spyder and other pedal powered bicycles. The Hagerty youth judging program gives kids a real behind the scenes look while the scavenger hunt, coloring contest, model car “Make and Take” and Hot Wheels races are fun for kids of all ages, and always free. And don’t forget, kids 12 and under *always get in free* with an adult!

The MCACN team recognizes that the continued success of the show depends on participants being able to tell the stories of these cars. “The cars bring us together, but it’s the people that make it such a great event. It seems that almost everyone has a memory or story that they can share, and we provide the perfect format for that” Ashton said.

With well over 500 cars along with a variety of automotive related only vendors coming in from across the country, and a majority of never previously shown cars including many from private collections, this show is an absolute must do. The Tenth anniversary Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show will take place Saturday, November 17, from 9 am – 8 pm and Sunday, November 18, from 9 am – 5 pm. Additional special displays and features can be seen on the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals website; www.mcacn.com.

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