

SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB, INC.

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COMBINED CAR CLUB CRUISE

SYRACUSE SHELBY MUSTANG CLUB

and

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On a beautiful Saturday (August 7, 2010) afternoon, the Syracuse Shelby Mustang Club ("SSMC") and the Syracuse Corvette Club, Inc. ("SCC") joined together for their inaugural All-American Car Cruise.

Both clubs met at the Tully's Burger King parking lot, just off of Route 81 at 1:30 P.M. The "SSMC" organizer was Kathy Barany, a great lady who owns a 1957 Red Thunderbird, which is a gorgeous car. Her personalized license plate reads "KatBrd."

I organized the event for our club.

Ironically, Kathy and I were both pleasantly surprised at the large turnout. Both clubs had more cars and people than had signed up prior to the event. In addition to that, several Mustang and Corvette owners showed up that did not even belong to either club. The Internet is a great informational network.

According to Kathy's tally, there were 22 Corvettes, 22 Fords, and 1 Pantera (an Italian Sports car produced from 1971 to 1991). Go figure.

One point worthy of mention, as the "SSMC" membership application so clearly points out:

"The Club's name may infer Shelby's and Mustangs, but we welcome all persons who have an interest in Ford vehicles."

This fact was evidenced by the nice variety of Ford vehicles that were on hand. In addition to Kathy's '57 Bird, (First Generation), there was an Eleventh Generation T-Bird (produced from 2002 to 2005) on hand. WOW, Vettes are not the only vehicles that have a family of generations.

There was also a 1958 Ford Sun-Liner, which has a retractable hard-top convertible.

And of course, there was also a large variety of both older and newer Mustangs and Corvettes as well.

After the car owners exchanged pleasantries in the Burger King parking lot, all 45 cars cruised on down Route 281 to Bob's Barbeque in Homer, New York for the best in BBQ chicken and ribs.

George, (the owner of Bob's Barbeque) was expecting us and had a large parking area set up in a grassy lot.

The food was great, the weather was great, and the interaction of the two clubs was great.

"SSMC" members sat and ate with "SCC" members, which is what Kathy and I were hoping for.

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The consensus from both Club's members was two fold:

- 1) Why haven't we done something like this before?
- 2) Can we do this again?

My answer is a rhetorical yes to question # 2.

After everyone finished eating, several of both club's members headed for ice cream at different venues.

Stated succinctly, this event was a Great American Car Cruise with two of Central New York's premier car clubs.

You can't get much more American than Fords, Corvettes, Barbequed Chicken, Ribs, and pulled Pork.

Can you?

And by the way, they don't write songs about BMWs, Porsches, and Ferraris, but they do write songs about:

CORVETTES, THUNDERBIRDS, and MUSTANGS.

**LONG LIVE THE AMERICAN CAR CLASSICS AND THE GOOD
OLD UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**