

'Guard' Pays a Visit to GM Tech Center Car Show

By Gerald Scott

How about a hand for UAW-GM employee Ron O'Shea and his contributions to the GM Tech Center Employee Car Show last week in Warren?

O'Shea was in uniform representing the UAW Region 1 Color Guard, which marched in formation and planted U.S. and state flags along the main stage at the car show.

Then, O'Shea also sang the National Anthem to kick off the event – all in a day's work, he claimed.

"I work out of the Link Building, I'm the Joint Activities and Quality Network Rep for the UAW," he said. "I have 33 years in at GM.

"I've been singing for quite a while, I've got a few events under my belt – I once sang at old Tiger Stadium for the Toronto Blue Jays game. So I did both, the U.S. and Canadian anthems. That was in the 1990s before it shut down.

"We had a Medal of Honor recipient from the Korean War being honored that same day, so it was a really big event."

But that's not all.

"I also got to do it at Cobo Arena with Gordie Howe, my dad and my two boys on Father's Day, that was an event."

O'Shea is a U.S. Air Force veteran and he enjoys the support he gives now serving with the UAW Region 1 Color Guard, which performs at a variety of public events.

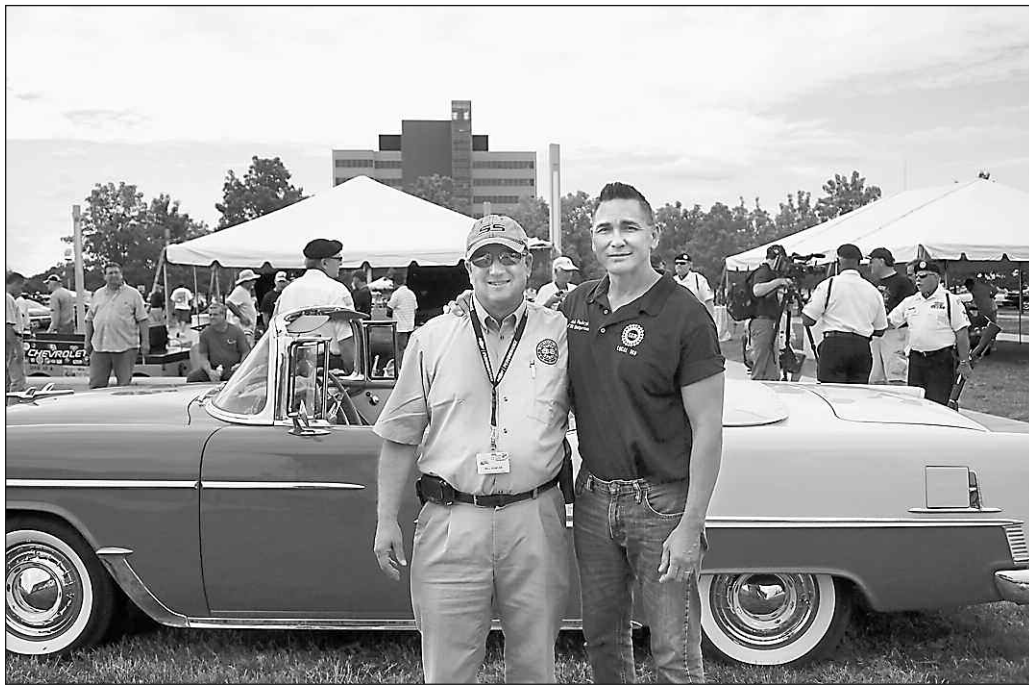
Meanwhile, the GM Tech Center car show was a chance for O'Shea to shine on behalf of UAW-GM, and shine he sure did.

The annual car show actually has an opening ceremony at the main stage, a ceremony that included the marching in of the flags by the UAW Color Guard, the singing of the National Anthem, the playing of "I'm Proud to be an American" by visiting DJ Rockin' Ronnie and then the brief welcoming comments from UAW shop chair Andy Pawlaczyk.

A number of GM-related vendors had booths at the show, such as GM Performance selling T-shirts and sweatshirts with motorsports logos on them while GM



UAW-GM employee Ron O'Shea, second from left, sang the National Anthem as well.



Tech Center Employee car show organizers Bill Duncan, left, and Andy Pawlaczyk at the kickoff.

Men's Club members were selling scale-model cars, all in an effort to raise funds for fa-

vorite UAW and GM charities.

Each employee paid \$2 to enter a car in the show, and

that money will eventually be donated to favorite local charities as well.

'Red Tails' Mustang Honors WW II's Tuskegee Airmen

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"The perseverance and excellence displayed by the Tuskegee Airmen are qualities we also celebrate at Ford," said Edsel B. Ford II, a member of Ford's board of directors.

"With this year's beautiful 'Red Tails' edition Mustang, we've captured the recognizable symbols in honor of their important role in our history, and paired it with the innovation our Ford design and engineering teams build into all of our products.

"Through this project," Ford added, "we take great pride in continuing our support for EAA and the Young Eagles organization."

The Ford "Red Tails" Mustang GT celebrates and commemorates the contributions of the Tuskegee Airmen, composed of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group, during World War II.

This courageous squadron of P-51 Mustang pilots was the United States' first African American military airmen. Known for the red tails of their planes, the Tuskegee Airmen saw combat in more than 1,500 missions in World War II.

The one-of-a-kind Mustang is secured under VIN 00051 in honor of the P-51 Mustang planes flown by the Tuskegee Airmen.

The design of the modified 2013 Mustang GT 5.0-liter glass-roof coupe unifies the creative connection of the World War II fighters with a contemporary flair for the serious collector.

The exterior showcases a unique polished aluminum nonproduction finish paint, accented with Race Red and School Bus Yellow, consistent with the P-51 fighter plane's red tail cues and the logos and markings of the United States Army Air Corps, 332nd Fighter Group and Squadrons.

Unique interior details of this "Red Tails" Mustang include a modified navigation screen, instrument cluster and rear seat-delete.

The car's Recaro seats in-

clude the embroidered "Red Tails" logo and floor mats embroidered with the 332nd Fighter Group logo.

Additional features include a "Red Tails" script in the illuminated sill plates and puddle lamps that project "Red Tails" imagery when the doors open.

With a Ford Racing 2.3-liter twin-screw Whipple supercharger, handling pack, unique side exhaust, performance quad exhaust from SVT, Forgiato 20-inch aftermarket wheels, GT500 Brembo brakes and rear diffuser, the "Red Tails" Mustang exudes power and performance.

Spectators to See 'Dogfight' at Air Show

By Gerald Scott

Air show fans of Southeast Michigan, unite.

Unite around Thunder Over Michigan, that is, with the air show at Willow Run Airport Aug. 4-5 being the only major air show in this area this year.

Selfridge air base does a biennial show landing on the odd years, so no east side air show this year.

That leaves Thunder Over Michigan at Willow Run, a show that's been growing every year and one supported by the resident Yankee Air Museum with their collection of great World War II-era aircraft.

A show highlight this year will be the appearance of a British Aerospace Sea Harrier fighter jet – an aircraft that can take off vertically, something you don't see every day, even at an air show.

Otherwise, visitors to the weekend show will be able to tour static displays such as of the F/A-18 Super Hornet, MH-53E Sea Dragon, P-38L Lightning and a P-47 Thunderbolt.

Note that adults are not the only ones who will have a fun time at the big, sprawling air show, full of aerial stunts and static displays alike.

One of the most fun attractions for children promises to be the Kidz Zone play area, which features aviation-themed inflatables and other such recreation equipment.

Mustang Chief Designer Darrell Behmer, Design Manager Melvin Betancourt and Chief Nameplate Engineer Dave Pericak led the design and engineering teams that developed the "Red Tails" Mustang.

The Gathering of Eagles annually draws more than 1,000 aviation enthusiasts in support of Young Eagles and other EAA programs.

"Ford is a longtime, committed partner of EAA and AirVenture, bringing value to those who make Oshkosh the pinnacle of their aviation year," said Rod Hightower, EAA president and CEO.

"These specialty vehicles allow EAA to provide support to its valuable programs and dedicated members in helping us grow the next generation of aviators."

The "Red Tails" edition joins four other one-of-a-kind Mustangs created by the Ford design and engineering teams for the EAA Young Eagles Auction in recent years, each generating excitement among aviation and automotive enthusiasts alike.

Ford vehicles sold at auction during past EAA AirVenture events have collectively raised more than \$1.5 million to support Young Eagles.



One of the few B-25 Mitchell airplanes that still flies.

Purchasing a \$10 wristband provides all-day access to the Kidz Zone. There will be a Blue Angel aircraft carrier obstacle course, Blue Angel and Thunderbird bounce houses, a space camp slide combo and the extreme air power-jump.

Air show visitors can also test their aviation skills with the U.S. Navy simulator and test their strength with the U.S. Marine Corps rock wall climbing display.

Gates for the air show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day with a World War II battle reenactment starting at approximately 11 a.m. followed by aerial performances until about 4 p.m.

Sunday's lineup of air show performers will be a repeat of

Lee Named V-P of GM Global Mfg., Leads 60 Plants in 15 Countries

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Lee will also retain his position as president, GM International Operations, overseeing regional markets, which account for 40 percent of GM's global sales volume and include China, Russia and South Korea. Lee continues reporting to GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson.

The move, say GM officials, underscores the reality of GM's manufacturing footprint and regional operations around the world. GM and its partners currently build vehicles in 30 countries for more than 100 global markets.

Seventy percent of GM products are built outside of the United States in accordance with the company's

longstanding philosophy of building where it sells.

Lee will have responsibility for GM's manufacturing operations globally, supervising the regional manufacturing leaders who will report to him, while collaborating with the leadership of the company's regions in North America, South America and Europe.

In his new role, Lee will also be responsible for global manufacturing engineering, labor relations, safety and manufacturing strategy and planning.

With Lee's appointment, Diana Tremblay transitions to North America vice president, Manufacturing, also effective immediately.

She reports to Lee.

Dream Cruise Revving Folks Up

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come, first-served seating, but almost everybody has food tents, food and beverage price specials or related special viewing areas.

What the big restaurants, eateries and grills aren't doing of late is renting out their entire parking lots to car clubs – it's hard to generate turnover and profits if one club has landed in your parking lot all day long and isn't moving, even if members are buying your goods.

Said Larry Payne, Jr., manager of Duggan's Irish Pub in Royal Oak, "We're doing what we always do for the Dream Cruise, except we're opening two hours early. We'll have the beverage tent outdoors with nostalgia food. The band Funtown will be playing all day long."

Official Cruise media partners Channel 7 TV and WOMC-FM radio also broadcast from Duggan's, making Duggan's the informal media hangout for the day.

Elsewhere up and down Woodward, at Sam's Shell near Normandy in Royal Oak,

owners Sam and Bob Bahoora have become a "ground zero" site to park and hang out on the east side of the avenue.

The Shell station has vintage dragway – dragstrip photos for sale along with heritage motorcycle photos. There are also T-shirts for sale (\$23) that read "I Cruised Sam's." The Shell station has become so popular over the years that it was once featured in the *New York Times*.

At Little Daddy's, it's first-come, first-serve eating while the Fox Grill will host the Rally Sport Region of the Porsche Club of America for a gathering of 20 or more Porsches on the Friday night prior to the Cruise itself.

The Corvettes on Woodward major 'Vettes club cruise is based at the Radisson Hotel on the west side of Woodward in West Bloomfield while the Pancake House in Royal Oak will be hosting a function to benefit the Rainbow Connection charity along with a tent for a private party.

Also, the Athens Coney Island at 14 Mile and Woodward will be rented out by a local Buick-GMC car dealer while the Potbelly Sandwich shop further south on Woodward is opening at 7 a.m.

There, general manager Kevin Naumann expects to sell out of his popular breakfast sandwiches on the morning of the cruise.



Rick Mamman's 1993 Porsche 993 will be on display at Fox Grill.

Porsche Club to Gather At Fox Grill for Cruise

By Gerald Scott

The Woodward Dream Cruise pretty much defines itself as the showcase of American muscle car prowess – the Corvette, Camaro, Mustang and Charger from all eras dominate the scene.

But that doesn't mean there isn't room for a little upscale, premium-vehicle refinement.

As such, the Rally Sport Region of the Porsche Club of America will be hosting a mini cruise at the Fox Grill in Bloomfield Hills on the Friday night prior to this year's Dream Cruise on Aug. 18.

"We have a great group of people, socially well-balanced, anything from mechanics and young computer geeks all the way up to the stereotypical lawyers, doctors and people who can write the checks for the newer cars," said Rick Mamman, president of the club and Cruise event organizer.

Mamman is a veteran auto parts fabricator and longtime Porsche car brand enthusiast.

"My main skill set is metal-shaping so if you want a new body made for your car, I still maintain some of that equipment. A lot of race car parts, a lot of old aircraft parts, and a lot of medical components, that's what I was doing to pay the bills while everyone's cars languished slowly (during the economic downturn)," Mamman said.

"I spent my early years in the U.S., when I came down from Canada, racing for IMSA,

race car fabricator for IMSA Series – not coincidentally on Porsches."

Mamman is a pal of Fox Grill manager Nigel Barnett, so, of course, one good thing led to another as far as a Porsche-themed Woodward Dream Cruise goes.

"I've known Nigel since he was a CAD designer way-back-when, and he actually came up with the idea – he said why don't you hold an event here? I said, 'Well, you're on Woodward, I guess the best event would be the Dream Cruise,' and boom, there it is," Mamman said.

"We do have support from Motor City Porsche (in East-pointe) coming in, he's going to bring in some vehicles to park them there for display.

"But mostly it's a good opportunity for our people to get out on Woodward and have somewhere to park the cars and not get stuck in a lot of traffic – you can get in off of Long Lake."

Parking space limitations will peg the gathering at 20-plus cars and having the event on the night prior to the actual Cruise gives the club a little bit more leeway and breathing room.

"Woodward, on Saturday, is one big lake of (overheated) anti-freeze," Mamman pointed out of the Woodward Saturday cruise.

"So, you just don't like to sit there idling in hot weather."

Look for all the Porsches the night of Aug. 17 at the Fox Grill.