

What a fantastic lead up to the 15<sup>th</sup> Cobra Nationals.

On Sunday 21.9.2008 the N.S.W. Cobra Club was provided with the opportunity to thank one of our major sponsors, Brad Garlick Ford located on Victoria Road, Ryde for all the assistance that they have provided to our Club over the years.

The Almighty must be keen on high performance, legendary vehicles as he smiled on us for the entire day. The skies were blue, the wind didn't blow and the temperature was around 25 all day.

A big thank you from all our members to our newly elected Vice President, Don Dimitriadis for organizing this great day. It definitely won't be the last and from all indications, today will go from strength to strength. While we are thanking people, I should also mention Phil Lynn and Dave Morris for their help in organising and running the day and also to Peter Georgiou for his efforts in scrutineering cars which will be competing at the Nationals.

Another big thank you goes out to our lady members, Tracey, Kerry and Karen for their untiring efforts in selling our raffle tickets. As usual, they worked tirelessly all day. What a great job they done. The funds raised will assist in offsetting some of the costs incurred with the running of the forthcoming Nationals.

The Dealer principle, Nick Flaskas provided one of his huge Used Car sites for our members to displays their vehicles from 8.30am to 3.00pm. This resulted in hundreds of visitors entering the site during the day to look at our cars and enquire about Ford products. The local Scouts provided the B.B.Q and drinks and the coffee was supplied by Cafe 2 U. Proceeds from the gold coin entry donation goes to Ronald McDonald House.

In accordance with the advertised changes to the 'Nationals Show and Shine Event,' this day was selected as the perfect opportunity for our State President Phil and his selected committee to inspect and judge the 37 Cobras and 4 GT40's present on the day for the opportunity to represent our magnificent State at the Nationals around Wakefield in a couple of weeks time. For those who could not attend, the cars competing in the "national" show and shine will be finalized on the day of the National event.

Prizes were awarded for the following: -

- Top Three Cobras
- Best GT40
- Peoples Choice Award
- Brad Garlic's Choice Award

The recipients of those prizes were: -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Best Cobra – Dennis Russell.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Cobra Dennis Sammut.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Cobra Stefano Greco.
- Best GT40 – Dimi Terlecky,
- Peoples Choice – Phil Mizzi.
- Sponsors Choice – Audley Lloyd.

A big thank you also goes out to Meguiars who donated several packs of their outstanding Car Care products to the winners of the Show and Shine events.

Even though I couldn't participate in the formalities as my Cobra is still in the 'construction' stage, I still had a fabulous day. The highlight for me was meeting up with other 'User Names' from the Cobra Club Forum, people who I know through the Electronic Media, but have never met face to face. I hope to expand my 'Interstate Circle of Friends' at the forthcoming Nats.

Good Luck and a Safe Drive to All.

Regards 'Baz'.  
Barry Hayston.





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