

## Snakes on the Mountain – 2023 – Hosted by Michael Fountain

By Diana L. Duffee

After two months of no rain unfortunately the morning of the 2023 Snakes on the Mountain event it was raining. With light rain on and off to start and more steady rain predicted the turn out this year was very light. Michael and Susan put in a tremendous amount of work to prepare the property, have a DJ, packed many goodie bags, plenty of donuts and coffee. Michael opened one building for those in attendance to see a small fraction of his world record McDonald's collection. With the rain coming down more steadily the number of vehicles willing to do the drive dwindled down to less than a dozen. As we pulled out for the drive the skies cleared and for those of us that did the drive, we enjoyed a back road scenic drive that ended at Basta Pasta in Skippack. Everyone enjoyed lunch on the patio. Vipers won this year with 36 cars. There were 32 Fords and 2 Ferraris.

Thank you to Michael and Susan for hosting this year and all the folks that volunteered from registration, passing out goodie bags, designing the road course and hosting the donut and coffee area.

## SAAC-48 – PittRace, Pittsburgh

By Diana L. Duffee from her perspective

Wednesday late afternoon we head out from Skippack to Pittsburgh with trailer in tow with our '69 Shelby GT350 in 93 degree heat and rush hour traffic for our five hour drive. Down to the last 60 miles we blow a tire on the trailer, hummm..., is this how things are going to go all weekend???? Quick change with one of our spares, little ramp and impact gun (can you tell we have done this before?) back on the road hoping none of the other ones decides to blow before we get there. Rolled into the hotel parking lot a little after 10:00 p.m. without another failure.

Thursday morning starts out with a trip across the street to the NTB store which happened to have four trailer tires in stock for four new tires on the trailer. That done we fuel up and head out to the track. A beautiful sunny day with a strong breeze made for a great day for those that had track time or went to the mini golf/bumper car event set up by the Team Shelby folks. Stopping by the merchandise tent we pick up preordered item and see with people we haven't seen in years then hung around all day talking with people, catching up from not seeing a lot of them for four years. Wednesday night offered going to a car collection with snack food or a river boat dinner (Team Shelby). We decided to do the car collection so we met up with Jay and Terry and headed out. The collection was interesting with some of the cars being extremely limited production ones (see pictures) but the snacks, well let's just say we decided we needed to go get dinner.

Friday head out to the track, unload the car and just hang out. Another sunny day but a little warmer and not much breeze. Concours judging in the morning with only five cars being judged, one '65, one '66, one '67, one '68 and one '69 convertible. Others had track time and there was a poker run put on by the Team Shelby folks. Friday evening was the Shelby dinner with speakers which seemed to run extremely late into the evening as we were hanging out in the lobby area talking and went to the room at 11:00 p.m. and they hadn't come out of the room yet. Since we chose to go to dinner with friends we don't get to see very often then go to DQ for dessert we can't comment on how the Shelby dinner was or the speakers.

Saturday back to the track, unload the car again, this time for the car show. When I get to registration, I see a long line and figured I better help as there was only one person writing up the paperwork. So, for the next couple hours I helped register the car show entrants and I could see that there was only one person parking the cars which was Dan, our Club president, then I could see Dominic (my husband) step

in to help. Very curious as this was to be put on by the Team Shelby folks. Being on the asphalt it was very hot so not many people were just sitting by their car. We decided we wanted to get a head of the storm coming from the west so we loaded up the car at 2:00 p.m. to head home for our five hour drive. Very uneventful drive home which was a great thing. Later we found out we received the trophy for 'Best 1969 Shelby' (see car show results).

It would be interesting to see the count of old Shelbys that showed up for the car show. I would have to double check my pictures but I believe every year was represented.

We had a good time and was fantastic to catch up with old friends that we have met and know only through the Shelby Club.