



## Bruce Strachan enjoys a sunny Sunday at the RAF Aircraft Museum

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I HAVE been aware of the RAF aircraft museum at Hendon for some time but had never visited there until this gathering. I am not an avid aircraft enthusiast but I have always intended to go to the museum and so to have a Mustang club meeting there seemed the ideal opportunity to make the intended visit.

The weather for the trip to Hendon was ideal – not too hot or too windy –



and there was less traffic on the roads than I was expecting. Arriving at about noon, I entered behind a 2005 GT and as I turned into the car park all of the Mustangs were parked up in three rows. There were between 35 and 40 Mustangs plus a couple of trucks which made for a very impressive display for the visitors to the Museum.

This is a great venue for a show as there is easily enough room to display about 100 cars on the hard-standing. The added attraction of the aircraft



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# Mustangs flying high

inside the Museum makes for a full and interesting day. Many fine Mustangs were on display – Martin Cooper's 2005 GT with its newly-applied Le Mans stripes was parked next to Ken Baugh's black 1966 GT fastback and it clearly highlighted the size difference between the old and new models.

Graham Barrs' Cobra also gleamed in the sunshine. A very understated car in the metallic dark grey (sorry Graham I don't know the proper name) I had never noticed before how metallic it really is.

There were a couple of very nice early convertibles on display and the weather on Sunday was certainly ideal for these cars.



All things in perfect harmony

At meets such as this one, I always enjoy listening to the comments made by 'Joe Public' regarding the cars as I never realised until now that all Mustangs have seven-litre V8s!



Above: North American P-51D Mustang '413317 Donald Duck'

Left: Le Mans-striped Mustangs bask in the sun

