

## Lincoln auto enthusiast shows award winning skills and drive

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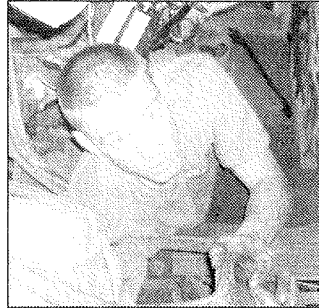
Where do you show off your pride and joy? Lincoln Senior Justin Cole has some pride and joy in his school for sure, but he's practically bursting with them when it comes to his custom 1985 Mustang GT.

With other members of his Auto Tech classes last summer, he found a safer place than Eight Mile to show off his vehicle and a way to help the Lincoln auto classes at the same time.

Under the supervision of then Instructor Joe Lazzarino, Cole and classmates organized a custom car expo in Lincoln's very own parking lot. They promoted the event with flyers at other local shows, turned out early a sunny Saturday morning in June, passed the day examining the work of other enthusiasts on their vehicles, and ended the day with a picnic celebration.

Most of the student participants did it because they like cars and they were willing to help raise funds for incidental auto shop expenses. Cole had personal reasons.

"My car has done a 10-second quarter mile legally and safely' at Milan, Uby and Lapeer dragways," boasts Cole.



**JUSTIN COLE**

"I'm proud of the way it looks, the way it performs, and the fact that I did the work."

What work did he do? Cole explains his car has a 351 Windsor engine, Rousch heads, and Comp Cams, and that it is lightweight balanced internally.

How did he know what to do and how to do it? Cole admits he was off to a good start in auto mechanics after years of working with his father on cars, but he credits Lincoln's auto tech classes with teaching him easier and more efficient ways of handling automotive performance problems.

Last year Cole took a 9th in the State MITES competition. He has a full-time Fleet Maintenance Technician position waiting for him after graduation at local Sabiston Building Materials. He plans to continue to study Automotive Technology at Macomb as well.