



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Happy New Year! Wow, I can't believe it is already 1986. The past year really flew by. (I feel as though I spent most of the year running after my soon-to-be 2-year-old daughter.) I'm really looking forward to this new year. Hopefully this will be a great year for all of us.

Now for the business at hand. You have probably guessed by now that I am not Tracy Harrell. In case you missed last month's editorial, Tracy resigned as editor in order to spend more time with his family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracy on behalf of the MCA for the outstanding job he did as editor of the *Mustang Times*. He is definitely a hard act to follow, but I will do my best. I'm going to need a lot of help, though, from everyone.

One of the things I would like to see continue is the willingness of members to comment on issues involving MCA or the *Mustang Times*. I know you have heard it before but you're going to hear it again — this is your club. By expressing your opinions and concerns, the Board of Directors is better able to determine what actions should be taken. Now, I don't expect everyone to rush right out to grab a pen and paper, but please consider letting us hear from you once in a while. Don't hesitate to let us know if you have a question or if you are concerned with something in particular.

During the past show season there has been a great deal of discussion and argument over the Street Driven class. Many people, including the Board of Directors, wanted something done to make the class more of what it should be, but no one could really come up with a concrete solution to the problem. As this column is being written, the Rules Committee is meeting in order to solve this problem along with several others that have plagued our shows and rules. Word has it that some good

solutions have been formulated in the Street Driven class.

I'm going to get on my soap box for a minute now to say how disgusted I am over the entire situation involving the Street Driven class. I honestly cannot believe that grown men and women will lie and cheat just to win a trophy. What kind of example are we setting for the future Mustang owners? This is supposed to be a FUN HOBBY in which we are all so heavily involved. There is no room for lying and cheating. Enough said; I'll get off my soap box for now.

Don't forget to make plans to attend as many National and regional shows as possible this year. We really have some good ones scheduled. I'm looking forward to seeing all my friends again and hopefully making new friends. You can't miss me; I've got one of the heaviest Southern accents around!

Teresa

MTV WINNER

Here's something for all you MTV watchers: MTV and Britannia Jeans recently sponsored the "Back to School" contest giving away a 1965 Mustang convertible as one of the grand prizes. Lucky Doug White of Oklahoma City was the winner of the blue convertible which had been used in some of the Britannia Jeans commercials. After a whirlwind weekend in New York, White was quoted as saying, "Luck, luck. But I still had a great time." (We should all be so lucky.)

Thanks to Dick Hastings of Edmond, Oklahoma for the clipping from *The Sunday Oklahoman*. — Editor

HERE WE GO AGAIN

by Teresa Vickery

While searching through the material received from Tracy after his resignation as Editor I came across a page of the Old Fort Mustangers newsletter, the *Ponytalk*. Of course I was curious to see what information was on the page so I began reading and came across a sentence I could not believe. The following sentence is from a short article entitled "Why MCA?": "As a regional group, we don't require MCA membership in order to belong to the OFM's. The MCA only requires that all the officers belong and hope the members do..." WRONG! The National by-laws on regional groups Article A, Section 4 states, "Membership in good standing in the National Club shall be a prerequisite to membership in a regional group". That by-law applies to everyone, not just regional group officers.

It seems we constantly run into this type situation. Someone probably passes along incorrect information and no one checks with National Headquarters to see if this information is complete and accurate. If all members of our regional groups were also members of the National Club we would probably have close to 10,000 members.

Think about it. Next time you're at a regional group meeting, ask the fellow seated in front of you if he is a MCA member. If he or she replies no, hand him a membership application and pen!

