

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Now the time has arrived to put our ponies back in the barn, put the wraps back on them, and think about those few points that kept us from getting a first place at "that" show or the one before because the judges found the hidden dust, cobwebs, rusted bolt heads, nuts, or overspray that we forgot to take off. We knew these things were on our car but we thought we might get by one more time since it's a lot of trouble and takes time to remove and correct these things. The point of this is that during the past show season I think the quality of the concours cars was outstanding and competition is so tough that it is really hard to win a first place award. (And, on yes, the judges are tough also.)

This brings up another point of interest to me and perhaps to a lot of you. I, for one, have always believed that the Mustang is being judged and not the owner. I personally believe we are seeing this more and more year after year. I "tip my hat" to all you fine judges, especially from this past season for without you a show could not be successful. In my opinion that is the best way to get involved with showing your beautiful Mustang — become a certified judge. It's not too hard. All you have to do is be knowledgeable about the model year or years, write the national head judge for a judging certification test on the model years of your choice, answer the questions, send the test back to

National Headquarters, and if your score is of a passing nature, you will receive a judging certification card bearing your name and the class in which you are certified to judge. But don't stop there, when you attend a National show and the call goes out for judges, volunteer and get involved. That's the best way I know to really enjoy a show. We sincerely appreciate all you fine people who are certified to judge, but we still need more. As you probably know, that's one of the high hurdles we have to get over — finding enough volunteers to get all the Mustangs judged, all the scores compiled and in order in time for the awards. Wouldn't it be nice if we had enough people so the task could be finished in a few hours and we could enjoy looking at the beautiful Mustangs on display, talking to old friends, or whatever. So do yourself (and the Mustang Club of America) a favor, become a certified judge and join us in all the fun of getting out on the hot asphalt to judge these classic "Stangs". **WE NEED YOU!**

Now that all the National shows have been awarded for 1987, I am really looking for another great year on the show circuit. I think we will see more of the later year models in 1987, especially if we will all invite our friends who have those Mustangs to join us. I will also tell you that our judging rules committee meeting in early November has taken place. The

wheels are in motion to put together a set of guidelines for all to use in getting these later Mustangs ready for concours showing sometime down the road. Let's all wish them well in their most difficult task. Also there will be a few minor changes for the 1964½-1973 models so watch for the new rules so you can make the necessary changes while you have your pony in the barn.

I would like to welcome three new regional groups to MCA. They are the Mid-America Mustang Club of Independence, MO, the Pacific Regional Mustang Club of Chatsworth, CA, and the Mid-Mississippi Mustangs of Jackson, MS. To these groups we say welcome aboard and we wish you the best. If we can be of any help let us hear from you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May all your trophies be first place.

Until next time . . .

Horace

