

Trials and Tribulations of a Mustang Owner-Enthusiast

by Bruce Andrews

Having to wait almost 20 years for people to realize what you have known all along.

The satisfaction of having survived 20 years of "Why don't you sell that old car and get a new one". Now they know!

Having your spouse insinuate that selling your Mustang would solve all your financial worries. Not that you would get that much money for the car but you would stop spending each month for necessities such as styled steel wheels.

Not knowing if you are getting arthritis or just stiff from spending so much time lying on the garage floor.

Earmarking your income tax return for specific Mustang parts.

The "payroll deduction plan" takes on new meaning. No longer a savings

bond program, you now send an allotment to the closest Mustang parts and repair place. If you don't owe the money now, you probably will soon, so you automatically include it in your budget.

You return to your parked car and are relieved to find the piece of paper under your windshield wiper is a note from someone wanting to buy your car and not a ticket or a note that someone hit your car.

Returning to your car to find your hubcaps ripped off, but the Mercedes next to you is untouched. Remember when you could leave your keys in the car and no one would steal it?

Having a movie star, etc., sell his Rolls and buy a Mustang to drive.

Looking at the calendar of Mustang shows, then deciding when and where you will go on vacation.

Your three-year-old can tell the year of most pre-1973 Mustangs, but does not know his address or phone number.

Stopping at a stoplight and having an older couple point, comment and reminisce about having a Mustang just like yours years ago.

Having teenagers admire your car but also commenting that "it's too bad the driver is old" (like 35).

Defending the opinion that the auto manufacturers have not come up with anything as appealing in 20 years — acutally this may not be that difficult.

Having people say "Why that's more than it was worth new" when people ask how much you would sell you car for (or more likely how much you paid for your car or have "invested").

Your local Mustang parts dealer knows you by first name, sends you birthday, Christmas cards, etc.

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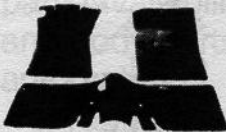
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It rains on the way to the Mustang show, after you have spent hours cleaning your car. Also on your way, you are forced to drive in close proximity to 1. a gravel truck or 2. someone on a mind altering drug, or 3. a little old lady who is obviously having difficulty seeing above the steering wheel, (or seeing at all). She has a tendency to make unannounced lane changes. etc.

**Consider a
Repro Oil Filter**

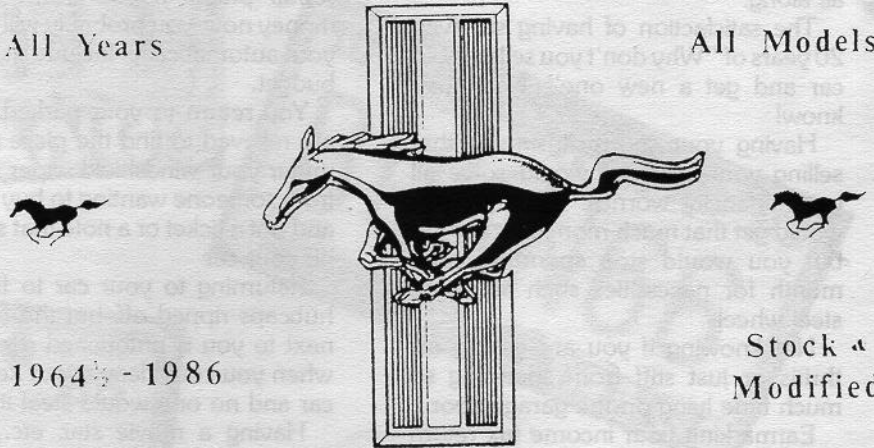
by Rick Mitchell

Many of us strive to detail our Sprints to look exactly the way they did when new in 1966. The same is true for the engine compartment, including adding hoses marked "Motorcraft," using correct clamps and so forth. Then when our detailing job is done each spring, we'll do a new oil change for the motor to complete the job using a new Motorcraft FL-1A oil filter and not think twice about it. By the MCA rules, this is a perfectly allowable thing to do. But the FL-1A is a 1985 oil filter! To solve this problem, many vendors are coming out with original type reproduction oil filters to give a 1966 engine its correct looking filter. The correct oil filter for our Sprints is the 1965-1966 Gold Rotunda 6000 mile filter, which retails for \$10 to \$12 per filter. If this seems too expensive for you, many vendors also sell a '65-'66 Gold Rotunda decal. To use this, take a standard FL-1A oil filter and spray paint it gold and then add the decal. These repro oil filters install and act the same way as a standard oil filter, but they add a nice touch when showing your car, especially if your engine is fully detailed. Think about this the next time you plan to do an oil change. It adds a finishing touch to your engine detailing.

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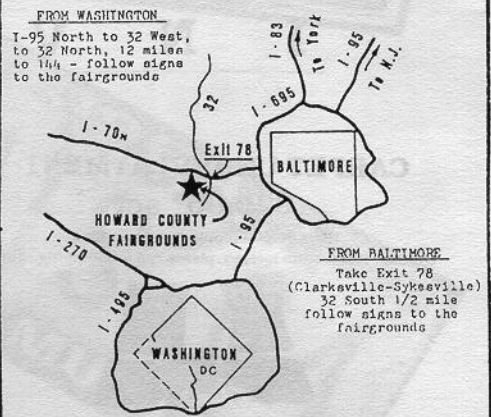
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