

Tis the Season to be Jolly

An early start on Christmas? No, I'm referring to car show season; primarily the judging of cars during show season. Oh yes, those dreaded judging sheets that have a tendency to evoke emotion from the quietest of Mustang owners.

Show season seems to bring out the good and bad in all of us. No doubt the shows are fun. You have a chance to see friends from different areas and the opportunity to make new friends. Then there are the new cars on the circuit for you to scrutinize and the fact that you get to put your pride and joy on display for everyone to see. But once the judging begins, things seem to change.

Owners sometimes stand "nearby" while their car is being judged and question the ability of the judges. And later after the judging sheets have been received from the show, tempers go sky high. Let's face it no judge is perfect and I doubt there is a judge that knows everything. Unfortunately mistakes are made by judges which can cost an owner a trophy. But I haven't met a judge yet that did not try to do the best job possible. Although unintentional, I have made my share of mistakes while judging.

Before I retired my Mach I there were several occasions when I stared in disbelief at my judging sheets from a show. But since I know all too well what is involved with judging cars, I overlooked the "mistakes" and tried to look for the legitimate point deductions.

One way to cure a negative outlook on judging is to become a certified judge. This is an excellent way to learn how tough the job really is and in the process you help out the Club. Just remember to keep a positive outlook on the situation no matter how ridiculous the judging may seem. After all, judges are only human.

Speaking of shows, I will be attending the National shows in Greenville, South Carolina; Winchester, Virginia; and Albuquerque, New Mexico (Tracy Harrell will be covering the Valley Forge National for me). I hope to have the opportunity to meet and talk with as many of you as possible. I will, of course, be scouting for cover cars, feature cars and any unusual or humorous stories, so be prepared.

Teresa

1987 NATIONAL SHOWS

Now is the time to plan for the 1987 show season. Any regional groups interested in hosting a National show in 1987 should contact National Headquarters as soon as possible for the necessary petition forms. Deadlines for submitting petitions are July 1, 1986 for Grand National petitions, and August 1, 1986 for other National shows.



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