

LETTERS TO MUSTANG TIMES

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(Editor's Note: If you have recently submitted a letter to Mustang Times but have not seen it published, please hang in there. Due to space limitations all letters cannot be printed as soon as they are received. You should see your letter in print in the near future).

Dear Mustang Times:

I would like to speak out against a letter you printed in the February issue concerning the "un American" Mustang intended for the 1988 model year. The fact that Mazda is building an automobile for Ford is nothing new. Ford, for example, wanted to know if it was possible to build the Ghia Roadster (a small 2 seat convertible prototype) on a Mazda GLC platform. Mazda helped design the transmission for the Escort/Lynx/EXP line (one of the best in the industry). Ford is admitting here that they cannot afford to develop, test, retool and certify another car considering the other ambitious plans they have. This isn't a statement of defeat but possibly an acceptance that the Japanese know more than we do about small cars. GM sure faced up to this with the introduction of the Sprint, Spectrum and Nummi Nova, and they have a much greater budget for development than Ford does. We will still have the SVO and the GT in rear-drive format so what's the beef? Ford already owns part of Mazda and that purchase didn't seem to raise the warnings of "doom" that this announcement did.

The Mustang was originally conceived as an economy car with some pizzaz, a semi-luxury car and an all out sports car. If the Japanese can build the former best, then let them before we fall hopelessly behind with our GT's and sports cars. Ford isn't, by any stretch of the imagination, going to build an "American" Mustang by 1988 to replace the Mazda built one, even if

they had an overwhelming response, there simply isn't time. I feel that the ideas of the Editor, Terri Mateer, and Matt Ditchey, on this particular topic, are as old as the cars that this club supports. Who knows, people may love the Mustang III as much as we love our old 'Stangs. After all, satisfaction is in driving a car, the country it's made in doesn't matter to your senses.

Sincerely,
Jason Paulmark
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Dear Mustang Times,

I recently received my June issue, and as usual was very pleased with it so far because of the cover car of the Helton's. A real beauty of a T-5!

I am currently stationed in Germany and was lucky enough to find what I feel is a rare 1973 T-5 Mach I only 30 minutes away! The purchase of this optioned-out Mach I was made only on the 6th and I'm very excited and pleased so far with it.

My plans are to keep it in the original condition it is in now, and fight the rust war over here until I return to the states in Spring of 1988 bringing the car with me.

Again, thanks for a fantastic issue.

Sincerely,
Dale Cole

Thank you very much for your kind words. I agree that the Helton's T-5 is a very nice car. I have had the pleasure of judging the car at a National show and know for a fact that it is nice. Whenever you have the chance, I hope you will send us some photos of your T-5 Mach I — Editor.

Dear Mustang Times,

I am interested in finding out more about "Highway Horseman of Southern California" listed under Regional Groups in the Mustang Times. Does anybody have a phone number and/or address? Are there any Ford dealers in Southern California who sponsor MCA

regional groups? I am also enclosing some technical questions which I hope you will include under the "Ask Fred Glazier" section of the Mustang Times. Also, I plan to send in some pictures with information on my 1967 coupe and 1970 fastback. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Stephen J. Cirafice
28 Desert Villa #7
Edwards AFB, CA 93523

Good questions. Does anybody know anything about the aforementioned regional group. MCA has been unsuccessful in obtaining a current address or phone number. As far as we know the group no longer exists. Perhaps some of our California members can give you information on Ford dealers in the Southern California area. I look forward to receiving your photos — Editor.

Dear Mustang Times,

I am writing because I am a member and I was wondering what kind of person would subscribe to the magazine? You know — what they do and whether they own a Mustang and what type they own. It may seem odd but I myself am currently living in Alabama after just recently moving from Indiana and that is where I left my 1966 pony car. I recently had it up for sale in the Mustang Times and changed my mind because the great looking Mustang is this poor boys toy.

Well after all of this writing I do have a question — Why does the Mustang Times only have black and white photos inside the pages?

Thank you,
Roger Williams

To give you a short answer — money. The cost of running color photos inside the Times is currently out of our reach. Hopefully one of these days we will include color inside.

You may be surprised at the type people who are MCA members. Probably just about every profession and lifestyle is represented in MCA — Editor.

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Dear Mustang Times,

When the Mustang was introduced to the American public on April 17, 1964 a full page ad was featured in many newspapers across the nation. In that ad was an offer for an authentic scale model of the Mustang which would be sent for \$1.00 if the reader wrote "Mustang Offer, Dept. N-1, P.O. Box 35, Troy, Michigan."

I would be very interested in seeing the model as well as purusing it. Can you give me any further information on this item? I would also be interested in buying the original ad if you can help me locate one.

Thank you,
Mary Edwards
13305 Old Barn Ct.
Midlothian, VA 23113

Dear Mustang Times,

I enjoy your magazine very much and have been a Mustanger since March of 1965 when my Father bought a brand new Mustang. I wrote you to see if you can help me on something concerning the promotion of these early Mustangs.

Didn't Ford make different promotion items for the new Mustang? As a kid I remember my father brought home a few iron-on patches promoting the new Ford Mustang. Also he obtained a few postal size cards that said "Mustang Designed to be Designed by You" with a picture of a red Mustang convertible in front and list of specifications on back.

The reason I mention these things to you is to ask if you know of these items

to be actual or was my memory wrong.

Thank you for your help,
Gus Reyes
1535 Kearney Ave.
Simi Valley, CA 93065

Ford did indeed have a variety of promotional items available for the new Mustang. I will hopefully have an article covering this subject in the near future. In the meantime, perhaps some of our members can share there remembrances and information with us — Editor.

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