

UNBELIEVABLE

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January through March of each year is generally when the *Mustang Times* receives the largest number of updates for the regional group listing. This year has been no exception.

It is important that our regional groups keep National Headquarters updated on officer changes so MCA material can be forwarded to the correct person(s). There is one thing about the updates received this year that I find extremely disturbing. Out of all updates received during a three month period one third of the updates listed either a president or national director is not currently an MCA member. These names, of course, will not be listed in the *Mustang Times*.

I would like to know exactly what is going on. Can't these people read? Our by-laws state that all regional group members are required to also be MCA members. If you don't believe me just look over the by-laws published in this issue. National Headquarters has been painfully aware for some time that the majority of our groups do not follow the by-laws 100%, but to have the nerve to send in an officer listing with non-MCA members; I can't believe it!

MCA asks very little of the regional groups. The National Club does not try to dictate every move of a regional group. The National officers and directors expect the regional groups to handle matters to the best of their ability and to enjoy the pursuit of the Mustang hobby. If you compare the by-laws that specifically cover the regional groups to those that cover the National Club you will see there are quite a few restrictions placed upon the National officers and directors and very little on the regional groups.

I get the impression that some of these groups want to be completely independent while at the same time advertising they are part of a national organization. During the years there is

a great turn over of members in a regional group and also of officers. Folks who are interested in becoming officers of a regional group should consider whether or not they are willing to live up to the "promise" originally made when the group was chartered by MCA.

I absolutely cannot understand why there is a problem. One group went so far as to take a vote on disregarding the by-laws and then sent a letter to National Headquarters stating such. We don't need groups like this. If you don't want to play the game by the rules then have the guts to get out. Some of these groups don't deserve the privilege of using the Mustang Club of America name.

We have a great organization that continues to improve all the time. There is no limit as to what MCA can accomplish if, and only if, we have the complete support of our regional groups and members. We don't need groups who want to do their "own thing" and ignore the club they are associated with. The bottom line is — if your regional group does not want to abide by the by-laws and live up to the accompanying responsibilities, then have the decency to send in your charter and go your own way.

Teresa

FEATURE AND TECHNICAL ARTICLES NEEDED

Many people have requested that more technical articles and feature type articles be published in the *Mustang Times*. In order to do this I need your assistance. This is the time of year when restoration projects are underway or nearing the completion stage which means this is also a good time to pass along some of the short-cuts or simplified methods you found while working on your pony. And since the shows are now starting up this will be a perfect opportunity for

you to photograph that new beauty for the *Mustang Times*.

Come on folks, let's get busy. I don't want to send you 44 blank pages each month!

Editor

MORE MUSTANG ROMANCE STORIES

by Brad Bowling

I know that there are more stories out there that might illustrate the romantic aspect of the Mustang. A lot of people had first dates in a Mustang. A lot of people had first dates *because* of a Mustang. Some even got married because of Mustangs.

Did you go on your honeymoon in a Mustang? How are Mustangs involved with you and your spouse? Or boy/girlfriend?

I hear these stories at shows all the time and I think that they show the most human side of the hobby; the bringing together of people with similar likes and ideas. Send us either a complete article or (as Joe Friday would say) "just the facts, ma'am" and we will write it. Also, any black and white or color pictures you have to illustrate your story would be good. Send these to:

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