

SIXTEEN AGAIN

I must admit I'm guilty. I'm one of those Mustang owners who lets my car sit untouched under the car cover for months at a time. It seems I'm always busy doing other things and just don't have the time to take my car out for a weekly "stroll". One bright sunny day, though, I finally took my pride and joy out for a ride and what a trip I had.

I was totally amazed at all the memories that came flooding back. I vividly remembered Christmas day in 1971 when I first looked upon my 1972 Mach I and the satisfaction I got telling everyone in my senior class at high school about my *new* car (that was before the days of everyone receiving new IROC's, Corvettes, Porsches, etc. while still in high school). Then there were college days and, unfortunately, my first "dent".

After that things begin to blurr somewhat. The long boring days of driving to work in downtown Atlanta were not very exciting (excluding the two wrecks I had, that is). While remembering those boring days, though, I am amazed at how easily I maneuvered the Mach I through rush-hour traffic. If you own or have ever driven a 1971-73 fastback Mustang you can appreciate the fact that these cars are nearly impossible to see out of. I remember quickly learning to keep track of the color and model of cars behind and beside me in traffic while "driving by the side-view mirrors". Compared to my 1984 brand X daily driver, the Mach I handles like a tank. It's amazing how much difference 12 years can make.

That's alright though; there will never be another car I will like as much as my "tank". The car is as much a part of me as my right arm. The best part of it all is that no matter how old I am I can get behind the wheel of my Mach I, drift back to December 25, 1971, and be sixteen years old again! Share some memories with your pony today!

Now to completely change the subject: As expected I have received several responses to last month's editorial column. Although the general consensus is to either burn me at the

stake or boil me in oil, I appreciate you taking the time to send in your comments.

Teresa

IN MEMORY

On February 24, 1987, Evelyn Wood, wife of MCA President Horace Wood, passed away. Evelyn was a valued member of the Board of Directors and MCA. Her friendly and helpful attitude was much appreciated by her associates and friends. We will miss her very much. This issue of the *Mustang Times* is dedicated to her memory.

ON THE TOP

1986 was a good year for the Ford Mustang with sales of 167,699. This means Mustang beat out 30 competing import and domestic car lines and increased its share of the small-sporty car market to 13.5% from 11.6% in 1985.

Source of information: *Automotive News*, February 2, 1987 edition.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Although MCA accepted the second generation Mustangs sometime ago, *Mustang Times* has seen little response in the way of photos and information. A great many of our members own and drive the newer model Mustangs. Even if you consider your post-1973 Mustang a daily driver, send us some photos and information for the Horse-show, a feature article, or perhaps a cover car article. Just make your presence known and your efforts will be rewarded.

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