

Dear Mustang Times,

I have been competing in the national shows as well as others for years. I enter my classic Mustang in street-driven class, and drive it to the shows. I believe we now are going to have *two* classes in the street driven category:

(1) Those who drive to the show site, then clean, polish, and vacuum cars — the way things used to be.

(2) Those who drive to the show site, *remove* nearly all small parts, *replace* them hurriedly with new parts like scuff plates, mirrors, etc., then put back the everyday equipment after the show.

How can a judge looking at brand new parts take off points from what was an incorrect or incomplete car the day before? On the other hand, the rest of us who do not replace parts at shows certainly should show the judges we are truly street-driven Mustang owners.

I hope you will print this letter so others who have a similar opinion on the matter will be encouraged to speak up.

Name withheld by request

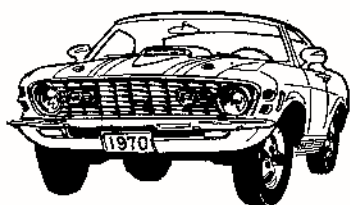
Dear Name withheld by request,

I am responding to your letter not as an official of Mustang Club of America but instead as someone who has been observing the Mustang hobby for a few years now.

It's very hard to know where to draw the line in the street-driven class. Some Mustangers drive their cars every day to work or to school and then try to show their ponies on weekends. Some Mustangs sit in garages for months before being brought out for a show weekend. If daily drivers and garage-stored cars do not see time on a trailer, how can a judge differentiate between the two at a show?

I agree that some participants carry things too far. Some shows feature "street driven" cars that arrived on trailers but seldom is anything done about that situation. That strikes me as being more of a violation of the rules for street classes than those participants who replace "street" parts with "show" parts to earn extra points.

Brad



Dear Don Perry,

I just wanted to let you know I enjoyed reading your "Publisher's Page" in the April 1988 issue of *Mustang Times*. You said a lot of things that needed to be said.

I have been an MCA member for eight or nine years and have appreciated the club and what it has done. Teresa and Bob Vickery and Bill Koivu and others have been responsive to my questions and needs. I have learned quite a bit about Mustangs, clubs, and people during my membership.

I was president of a regional group in Charlotte for a year and got a significant improvement in MCA and regional membership, but I stayed on the phone and was busy all of the time setting up events. I then became ill and had to cut back and the club went to pot. The people in this area do not seem to be participants on their own. They must be constantly prodded. I was a member of PFCA (Performance Ford Club of America) here and it never amounted to anything. The people seem to be plumb lazy and want everything done for them at no inconvenience to themselves. That is their tough luck because there is a lot of enjoyment to be had in club activity participation. If I were closer to Atlanta or could travel there as needed, I would enjoy being part of the MCA group. Unfortunately, that is not possible now.

I just wanted you to know there are some out here who appreciate what is being done by the club and I wanted for at least one of us to say "Thanks!"

Chris Ziegler

Dear Mustang Times,

As an MCA member and Mustang collector of many years, I would like to share with fellow Mustang enthusiasts the service of a real craftsman. He has done some beautiful body and paint work for me on many occasions and I would highly recommend him to any club member in need of restoration work in the West Coast Florida area. His name is Dick Burkhardt and his address is: Florida Classic Restoration, 9429 Denton Ave., Hudson, FL 34667. Phone number is (813) 863-7318.

Anyone dealing with Burkhardt will find him not only a true craftsman but a real gentleman as well.

Bob Keefe
Spring Hill, FL

Dear MT,

In December (1987) the First Tennessee National Bank in Kingsport, Tennessee was robbed. The getaway car was a stolen 1966 Mustang convertible. The car was recovered and the robbers were captured.

Just thought I would let you know that even bad guys have good taste in autos.

Jim Hughes
Bristol, TN

Dear Times,

I just finished reading MCA's *Mustang Times* magazine (March '88 issue) and I'm very jealous of all those Mustang owners, especially the owners of the early models. The monthly is great! Sign me up for a year's membership.

I have a 1987 Mustang GT with the works. It turns a lot of heads as well as wins at shows! Unfortunately, someone ran a stop sign and I just happened to be at the wrong place etc. . . .

This was last week and I haven't gotten over the accident. Now all I can do is wait for my insurance company to come over and give me an estimate on repairs. I know it won't drive the same even if the best body shop in the world did the job, which brings me to my question.

Since most of the damage to my car was in the front (both fenders, hood, bumpers, lights, etc.), how can I tell if there are any structural problems because of the accident? I couldn't get out of my door and the motor grinds when I turn to the left. I won't go into details and bore you but maybe one of our members would know.

Any advice?

Thanks for listening!!

Signed,
Die-hard Mustang Owner (Sob)
Steven See
Elizabeth, NJ

Dear Mustang Times,

Regarding the lady looking for a graph to cross stitch a Mustang in the August 1987 issue of *Mustang Times*: here is the address for a company that has a pattern for a '65 fastback in a booklet called "Classic Collection '65 Mustang." Write to Studio M, 14 S. Jefferson St., Fredrick, MD 21701.

I hope this helps her out.

Petie Bianca
North Ridgeville, OH

Dear Mustang Times,

As a new member of MCA, I enjoy your monthly magazine and I am learning much more about the history of my favorite car. Ever since the Mustang was first introduced in 1964 I have wanted to own one. I finally became the proud owner of a 1988 Mustang GT and it is certainly the most fun car to drive that I have ever had.

However, there is something I have been looking for and I hope that you can help me find it. The car has a factory-installed Flip Up/Open Air Roof. I would like to find a sun shade for the inside of the glass as it is sometimes too bright with the many sunny days we have in Colorado.

I have checked several catalogs of Mustang accessories but have not been able to find one. There must be someone out there that manufactures this type of product. If you would have any information, I would appreciate it.

E. M. Libot
Northglenn, Colorado

Dear E. M.,

I'm not aware of anyone who is manufacturing such a shade. Maybe some of your fellow late-model owners will drop Mustang Times a line if they can come up with anything. — Editor

Dear Mustangers:

After the year of The Great Southern Grand National Car Show we are relaxing. We appreciate all who joined us and participated. We enjoyed the show. We had a Street Machine Benefit Drag Race on March 6th that was very successful and lots of fun. We appreciate all who joined in on the fun of seeing just how much power some of our lovely Mustangs had. And Believe It Or Not it didn't rain on us.

This year we are joining in on the 1st Annual Auto Rama. An all club car show, a show where you can display your trophies and watch people enjoy seeing your car. We have 50 places inside the Coliseum to use and others can be placed outside. The faster you apply the better chance you have at getting an inside spot. The date of the show is July 23 & 24. The registrations must be received by June 15th. The rule is first come first served. We are also selling raffle tickets on a trip for two to Hawaii and a trip for two to Disney World.

This year's president is Chuck Uren, vice presidents are Jim Williamson and Eric Heinrick. The secretary is Linda Uren and the treasurer is Ben Powell. The Board of Directors include Chuck and Linda Uren, Jim Williamson, Eric Heinrick, Ben Powell, Jack Wilbanks, and David Triggs.

Linda Uren, Secretary
Mississippi Coast Mustang Club, Inc.

Dear MCA,

GT Performance Racing would like to announce once again "Mustang Rally '88". Our first annual Mustang-only car show and exhibition at the San Jose Convention and Cultural Facility. With the date of June 18, 1988 now confirmed this show will cater to Ford Mustangs years 1964 through 1988. There will be a show competition of 15 categories covering all years of this great car.

GT Performance Racing is going to be the primary sponsor of this show with Frontier Ford and KMEL as co-sponsors. This means of course that Graphics on Glass has pulled out but there is still plenty of funds to put on a great event.

KMEL Radio will have their own Rick Chase live at the show from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. signing autographs and passing out KMEL extra's. They are doing most of the advertising for the show so listen for it. Rick will also MC our mini-mini-skirt contest (\$150.00 first place!). Free tickets will be given through their radio lines to the correct caller.

Cash awards of \$150.00 plus a trophy will be given to each of the 15 show category first place winners. A \$30.00 value door prize will be given out every half hour throughout the show and many new items for your car will be on display and for sale. We have signed up two live bands and a D.J. service to provide entertainment.

Retail booths are available for \$150.00 for each 12' x 18' area. Fees must be paid in advance. Club spaces are available for \$25.00 per car not judged in the competition. The entree fee for competition cars is \$50.00 per car and the prizes are for individuals only. Space is limited so all spots are reserved in advance and all cars will be judged for acceptance. Rules for the show will be the National rules submitted to us by The Mustang Club of America (thanks!).

This show will be completely indoors! To reserve your spot send a color picture(s) and a check or money order for \$50.00 (competition) or \$25.00 (club). Experienced judges are needed so call and sign up right away. If your club would like to help out or you want more information call GT Performance Racing at (408) 629-1404.

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