

And Now It's On To The 1991 Season!

Once again MCA has reached the end of another national show season, and once again we have seen some of the nation's most outstanding Ford Mustangs compete for trophies from the East Coast to the Southwest.

The season finale was held over Labor Day Weekend in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and on the shores of the Rio Grande River in New Mexico. Our dual Grand Nationals attracted competitors from at least 36 states and saw nearly 280 cars judged.

All in all, it was a super year for MCA and our affiliated regional groups.

My own home group, the Foothills Mustang Club of Greenville, SC, began the year with the first MCA national of the new decade and from there we saw competition in Lake Charles, LA and Kansas City, MO before the Grand National Weekend.

In each and every case, the host clubs did an outstanding job of organizing and coordinating these national events.

For me, it was a chance to renew old acquaintances and strike up new ones, and I can't tell you how much I enjoyed travelling to these shows and rubbing elbows with people who share my own love for the Mustang.

Charles Hampton MCA President

At every stop along the way I learned something new, and the chance to visit with the officers and members of our regional groups gave me a first hand opportunity to find out what MCA is doing wrong and what it is doing right. This input from our regional groups is essential if we are to keep growing and keep serving the needs of those who enjoy the Mustang hobby.

As I have said in the past, our group — which was doing well to hold its own a couple of years ago — has enjoyed a resurgence since the 25th anniversary year. We're growing month by month, and we're attracting a steady stream of new regional groups to our worldwide membership.

Already it is evident that 1991 will be an even greater year for MCA. The board has approved an impressive lineup of national shows for next year and we are all looking forward to going back to Kingsport, TN in August for the 1991 Grand National.

Over the course of the past year I have talked to many, many groups who are interested in getting involved in holding MCA-

sanctioned national shows. Some of these are new groups, others are clubs that have been with us for years. Putting together a national or grand national event is tough task and it calls for strong organization, dedicated members and a real zeal for the hobby.

But it is as rewarding as it is difficult. The Foothills Club, the Cajun Mustangers of Lake Charles, the Vintage Mustang Club of Kansas City, the Rio Grande Mustang Club of Albuquerque and the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club can all attest to the fact that these nationally-sanctioned events draw eager, happy, enthusiastic crowds. Sharing, after all, is the bottom line when it comes to Mustanging.

The MCA Board of Directors and its national officers all stand ready and willing to assist your group in planning and staging a national or grand national event. We're here to help, and we all feel it is important to spread the joy of our hobby to as many geographical areas of the country as possible.

After all, an immaculately restored Mustang is something to be seen and appreciated, not stored away in a dusty garage.

I've seen a thousand this past year, but I can't wait to see another thousand in 1991!



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