

75 Attend National MCA Judges' Meet

A total of 75 MCA members from numerous states gathered at Bob Perkins' Restorations in Juneau, WI in late October for the 1990 national judges' meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider, debate and approve changes in the official judging rules of the Mustang Club of America. The meeting was chaired by Perkins, MCA National Head Judge, and Charles Hampton, MCA President.

MCA members meet annually to discuss the club's judging rules for classic Mustangs, but changes are adopted only every two years. The 1990 meeting saw the adoption of a number of significant changes which will be put into effect during the 1991 show season.

A large contingent of MCA members gathered at Perkins' shop Friday evening, October 19, for an impromptu discussion and social session. Those attending took advantage of their early arrival to tour Perkins' restoration facilities and admire a number of classic Mustangs in various stages of refurbishing.

The official meeting began early Saturday morning, with attendees spending the entire day discussing, debating and voting on rules changes. The group met until 9:30 p.m. Saturday with only short recesses for lunch and dinner.

The judges' meeting continued Sunday



morning, October 21, and was adjourned at 11:30 to permit those with airline flights to return to Milwaukee in time for their return trip.

MCA Board Member Bob Deale, who served as recording secretary for the judges' meeting, said a number of "significant changes" were approved.

One of the most controversial items debated at the meeting was the so-called "Orange Peel" rule. The rule change was suggested at the 1989 judges' meeting in Atlanta and provides for a points deduction for restored cars which do not have orange peel in the paint.

Though the rule was adopted, the deduction for a lack of orange peel was limited to three points. The rule will be in effect beginning with the 1991 show season, which opens in at Disney World in Orlando, FL in early March.

The group also voted to create a new "Senior Class" — a category between the existing trailered concours and thoroughbred classes.

The purpose of the new senior class is to move "the best of the best" cars currently competing in the concours trailered class closer to the thoroughbred class.

Cars competing in the new senior class will compete against a judging standard but will not be judged against other cars in the class, Deale said.

The group also voted to create a new participant's class to permit Mustang owners who might normally be excluded from competition to show their cars in a popular vote category.

"The purpose of this class is to get the many Mustangs you see in the parking lots at a show into the event in a category where they will feel comfortable.

"The group wanted to make more people participants and fewer spectators," Deale said.

Inclusion of the participant, or popular vote class, will be at the discretion of regional groups sponsoring local or national events.

"Those attending the judges' meeting felt this was an opportunity to open our shows to some 'beginners' who might then be motivated to work on their cars and move up from the participant's class to other classes as time and money permit the restoration of their vehicles," Deale added.

The judges' meeting attracted representatives from throughout the nation, with California, Utah, Missouri, Wisconsin, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee and Alabama represented at the session.

Deale and Perkins are currently working to consolidate the many rules changes adopted at the meeting and a comprehensive report will be finalized during December.

New rule books will be available by January, Deale said.

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