

New MCA Judging Rules Debut In Florida

This month's first two shows of the new season — in Orlando and Pensacola — will see us judging our Mustangs with the newly revised 1991-92 rules.

The rules' revision process started last October when MCA held its National Judges' Meeting at Bob Perkins Restoration in Juneau, WI.

I would again like to thank all those MCA members who made the trip to Juneau to participate in the meeting and to voice their comments and share their expertise regarding our national judging rules. And I would also like to thank Bob Deale of Atlanta for serving as a sort of "recording secretary" at that meeting and helping draft the revisions in time for the publication of our new rule book.

Obviously we are not able to please everyone when we meet and discuss rules revisions, but I think the changes we made were for the better and I believe that we have the most explicit, technically correct rules of any car club in the nation.

I was also pleased with the resolution of the so-called "Orange Peel" rule. The max-



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imum three point deduction adopted at the judges' meeting won't place a heavy burden on anyone and any Mustang with any orange peel at all shouldn't have the full three points deducted.

There was a great deal of concern expressed about this proposed rule before it was considered by the judges in Wisconsin and I feel the final decision preserved the integrity of our rules without unduly penalizing anyone.

I was also pleased that the judges created the new Senior Division. I strongly supported

this move and am delighted that these cars will be competing not against each other but rather against a point system. I, for one, would like to see that judging system extended to all our concours classes.

I have also reappointed Bob Perkins as national head judge for the 1991 season. I made that decision because I feel Bob is the most qualified man in the country to serve as MCA's head judge. His knowledge of Mustangs is simply amazing.

I have also named Ricky Simmons of Demorest, GA as assistant national head judge. In that capacity, Ricky will take over as head judge at MCA national shows whenever Bob is not able to attend, and will be available to assist Bob at shows where they can both participate.

There were a number of well qualified candidates for the assistant national head judge position and it was a difficult decision for me, but I believe that Ricky has the two qualities that made him perfect for the position — he has a remarkable knowledge of Mustangs and he is a fair minded individual.

Carl Henderson is another man with those two qualities and I want to again thank Carl for his tremendous help last year in serving as acting head judge at two MCA national shows. He did an outstanding job in both cases and I felt we were all fortunate to have someone of his ability and fairness step in when needed.

The whole point of our rules and our judging system is to preserve the authenticity of our Mustangs. I think our judging rules are the best researched and most technically correct of any such rules in the nation.

I hope you will agree, as you travel the show circuit this year, that our new rules reflect our desire to document the authenticity of our Mustangs and to provide a fair standard for rewarding those who have put their time and energy into preserving America's favorite Pony car.

Pennsylvania Remains Number One MCA State

Pennsylvania remains the number one state in MCA membership, according to the latest figures supplied by MCA Treasurer Bill Koivu.

As of February 1, Pennsylvania claimed 577 current MCA members, leading all other states by a comfortable margin.

Membership in MCA has continued to grow during the past year and approximately 14 new regional groups have been granted MCA charters.

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