

# MCA Welcomes Late Model Mustang Owners!

Mustang Club of America has long been known for its contribution toward the preservation and documentation of early model Mustangs. As a new generation of Mustangs and Mustang owners begins to emerge, MCA recognizes the importance of encouraging membership of this new group of Mustang enthusiasts.

Late model Mustang owners are just as taken with their Pony cars as Mustang owners were in the early '60s. Many owners of late models recognize that the current popularity of these cars will probably evolve into a new generation of collectible classics, just as their predecessor did.

Whether it is a four-cylinder model owned by a first time driver or one of the special edition cars, these Mustangs are hot. It is up to every member of the Mustang Club of America to encourage these owners to join us in support of our favorite car.

As a Late Model Gold Card Judge, I have been asked to write a column encouraging membership by late model owners. We at MCA want to make every Mustang owner, early or late model, welcome in our club. If you have questions or suggestions for this column, I will be happy to try to address them.

Since the current body style made its debut in 1979, Ford has introduced several unique models. These include: the 1979 Pace Car, the SVO (which stands for Special Vehicle Operations), the GT, a 20th Anniversary model, and the 1990 Limited Edition.

The return of the convertible in 1983 was another memorable decision for Ford.

During the next few months I hope to be able to give you some facts and figures about these cars, along with some general information which applies to all late models.

Some registries and owners' associations have already been formed to document ownership of some of the special model Mustangs that have come out in the last few years. I will profile these associations and registries in an upcoming issue.

In an effort to encourage membership of late model owners, MCA has adopted a new set of rules for judging late model cars at National and Grand National shows.

These rules will be used for the first time at the Atlanta National hosted by the Georgia Regional Mustang Club July 12-14 at John Bleakley Ford.

The rules call for late model Mustangs to be judged on originality instead of just cleanliness. It is hoped that the adoption of these rules will inspire owners of late models



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to preserve the originality of these new classics.

The new rules for late models were published in the June, 1991 issue of *Mustang Times*. The 1979-81 cars will be judged in trailered, daily driven, and concours driven classes. The 1982-89 cars will be judged in one class with a five point

## SVO Owners' Association Plans Nationals

The first Mustang SVO Nationals, sponsored by the new SVO Owners' Association, will be held August 31 and September 1 in conjunction with Expo Ford '91, according to David Larocque, national chairman.

Site of the event is Kil-Kare Draway in Xenia, OH. To reach the show site take Route 35 west of Xenia and follow the signs.

"The event will bring together owners of the 1984-86 SVO Mustangs," Larocque said.

The Performance Club of America is sponsoring the Expo Ford '91 during the same time at the dragway.

deduction for trailered cars and an ascending scale of points based on mileage. These cars will be divided between open and closed models. The 1990-91 cars will be a popular vote class. Saleens and McLarens will be judged separately.

In addition, any Mustang owner can choose to enter his or her Mustang in a new popular vote class designated for any car 1989 or older. This class will not be divided into open or closed. It is a general class encompassing all models.

The emphasis of all judged classes will be originality. Owners looking to show off their own unique modifications may want to enter their car in the modified class.

If you have comments, questions or suggestions for upcoming columns, send them to: Randy Church, c/o The Mustang Times, P.O. Box 447, Lithonia, GA 30058, or call me at (404) 778-3413 after 7 p.m. EDT.

Ft. Lauderdale (FL) Mustang is co-sponsoring the SVO Nationals in conjunction with the SVO Owners' Association.

The SVO Owners' Association is based in Espanola, Ontario, Canada. The recently-formed association is currently seeking owners of 1984-86 SVO Mustangs as members of the club.

For additional information on the SVO Owners' Association or the Nationals contact Larocque at (705) 869-1846 or write SVO Owners' Association, 473 Second Street, Box 164, Espanola, Ontario, Canada POP 1C0.

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