

Participation Is The Key To Preserving Classes

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Well, the "unofficial" start of the 1992 show season is upon us with the Gulf Coast Mustang Round-Up in Pensacola late this month. Always one of the best attended regional shows in the country, the Gulf Coast Round-Up has come to symbolize the beginning of the season, even in years when the event isn't an MCA National.

It's still a while until the first National of 1992 — July 17-19 in Indianapolis — but the regional shows provide you with an opportunity to "fine tune" your show car before the nationals. And it also helps our judges get back in the swing of things after that long winter layoff.

I want encourage everyone who wants to keep his or her class to attend the MCA National and Grand National Shows this year. The escalating cost of trophies may force the deletion of some classes where the number of entries isn't sufficient to warrant retaining that class. The only way to be certain that your particular class won't be deleted come the 1992 National Judges' Meeting is to participate during the show season.

WANT TO HOST THE 1992 JUDGES' MEETING?

We have been very pleased with the enthusiasm expressed by a number of MCA Regional Groups interested in hosting the 1992 National Judges Meeting. Several groups have already sent in applications and several others are planning to do so.

If your group would like to be considered, you still have time to get your request in. But we hope to make a decision soon, so time is growing short.

If your regional group is interested in hosting the National Judges Meeting this fall, let me know now! Just write to me in care of the Mustang Club of America, P.O. Box 447, Lithonia, GA 30058.

KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING.

I have been receiving many letters relating to undercoating and a number of other possible rules changes. It's clear already that we're going to have a great deal of business to conduct at the Judges' Meeting this fall.

All your comments, suggestions and complaints are being read, catalogued and filed and all will be brought up for discussion at the judges' gathering later this year.

If you have questions, comments or criticisms and haven't written as yet, please do so as soon as possible. We want to have the broadest possible input from our members for the rules meeting.

LISTS OF CERTIFIED JUDGES NEEDED

All Gold Card Judges who administer judging tests to MCA members should be sending me the names and card numbers of peo-

ple who have received certification on a regular basis.

If you haven't done so, I'd like to receive your list of MCA members you have certified as judges as soon as possible. This is essential if we are to keep our records updated and organized.

Also, all new judging tests must be approved by the National Head Judge prior to sending them out to judging candidates.

Please remember to submit any new judging tests for approval before mailing them to prospective judges.

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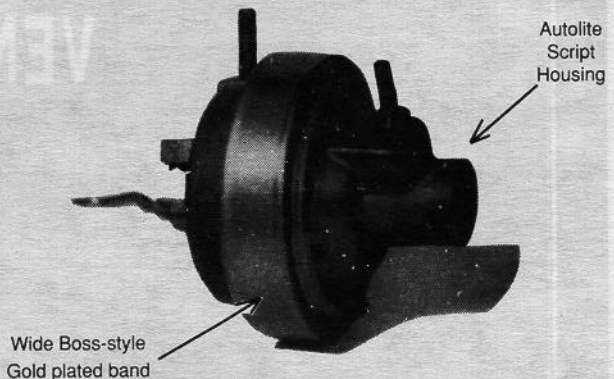
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