

Better Late Than Never: Show Season Underway!

It's been a long time in coming this year, but the MCA National Show Season is finally upon us.

Things get underway with what I expect to be a record-setting MCA National in Indianapolis July 16-17. I say record-setting because there appears to be a good chance that the Indy Show may well be the largest MCA National ever staged.

The Mustang Club of Indianapolis attracted 315 cars to its Regional MCA Show last season and the turnout is expected to be larger for the National Show this month.

The prospect of being able to take a couple of laps around Indy Speedway in your Mustang is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of us, so the Indianapolis folks have had no problem generating plenty of enthusiasm for their show.

I'll be there, and I hope to see many old friends and make a lot of new ones later this month.

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My thanks to the Suncoast Mustang Club of Florida for the hospitality they extended to me and MCA National Head Judge Ricky Simmons during our visit to their show last month.

The Suncoast group has an absolutely beautiful location for a Mustang Show — the St. Petersburg Pier.

The event attracted more than 165 cars for a one-day outing. It was a pleasure to meet many new Florida MCA members in St. Pete and I congratulate the Suncoast Club for putting on a truly outstanding and fun-filled event.

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While in Florida, Ricky and I had an opportunity to stop by and visit with the peo-



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ple at *Mustang Monthly*, and I also appreciate the hospitality they extended to us.

The publishing group has a mind-boggling set up, with state-of-the-art electronics and such amenities as a complete, indoor shop where writers can go through the mechanics of a how-to or technical article step-by-step.

The people at *Mustang Monthly* were great hosts and I sincerely appreciate their invitation to visit their plant. Not only did we get a rare, inside look at the publishing business, we had an opportunity to exchange "war stories" about the Mustang hobby in general. As is usually the case when Mustangers get together, we spent most of our time talking about the people in the hobby and how much we enjoy socializing with others who share our love of the Mustang.

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The final show schedule for 1993 was just announced in last month's *Mustang Times*, but we've already gotten our first application for the 1994 Grand National!

It might seem early to you, but now is the time to begin making plans if your regional group is interested in hosting an MCA-sanctioned show in 1994.

With that being the 30th anniversary year of the Mustang, the Board of Directors expects a record number of applications for 1994 events. I personally hope that we'll have applications from the Midwest and West — as well as the South and Northeast — so as many of our members as possible have an opportunity to participate in an MCA National event during the 30th anniversary year.

If your regional group is giving thought to applying for an MCA National in 1994, I urge you to get busy now and get your application in as soon as possible. There's no doubt 1994 will be a year to remember for Mustangers all over the country.

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We're still inching up toward an all-time record high membership at MCA and MCA

Treasurer Bill Koivu tells me that we could reach that milestone within the next few months.

MCA's membership has continued to grow steadily for several years now — despite the slow economic times we've been facing of late. The interest and enthusiasm of our late model owners is no small part of that growth, and we have seen them become more and more involved in our national and regional shows in the past year.

Let's put MCA over the top! I'm reminding you of my challenge from last month: I am urging every MCA member to recruit one new member this year. If you'll accept my challenge, and get to work today, I'll be able to tell you in a month or two that MCA has reached a new membership record. And with the 30th anniversary celebration of the Mustang less than 21 months away, the sky is the limit!

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Just a reminder to our 100-plus MCA Regional Groups. We have had tremendous response to our plans to offer MCA President's Awards to outstanding clubs for their activities during this current year, and I have talked to a number of club officials from various parts of the country who are planning to participate.

We have previously published a list of criteria involving various club activities and any group scoring 100 points off this list of requirements will receive a 1992 President's Award.

I hope your group is planning to participate. We at MCA look forward to recognizing our regional clubs for their efforts.

If you need a copy of the criteria (and it's still not too late for your group to earn enough points for a 1992 award) write to: President's Award, c/o MCA Headquarters, P.O. Box 447, Lithonia, GA 30058.

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The next few months will be busy, to say the least. After this month's kickoff in Indy, we'll have the 1992 Grand National in Atlanta, an MCA National in Oak Ridge, TN, the final show of the season in Lynchburg, VA in October and the 1992 MCA Judges' Meeting in Tulsa, OK in November.

I'll be at each and every one of those events, and I hope you'll look me up and let me know how the national organization is doing, how we can serve our members better, and what you would like to see us do in the future to make the Mustang hobby for enjoyable for everyone.

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