

From Head Judge To Assembly Line Inspector...

Okay, consider yourself warned: Your National Head Judge was the final inspector on the Mustang line at Detroit back in March and got a first hand view of the Mustang assembly line, so I now know *exactly* how they are built. You won't be able to give me any trash now at an MCA show! I've got the facts!

Seriously, I had the rare opportunity to accompany MCA President Bill Dillard and 30th Anniversary Show Chairman Jim Osborn to Detroit May 22 for talks with Ford Motor Company.

It was the ultimate dream of a car lover — to actually see those Mustangs being built and to tour the assembly plant.

Ford no longer offers public tours of the plant, so getting a first hand view of production is a genuine thrill these days.

I was amazed at the quality control that goes into the production of these cars and at the dedication of the workers.

I was equally fortunate to be able to test drive one of the newest Mustangs at Road Atlanta recently and I can tell you this is a real Pony. It will run 140 miles-an-hour down the back straight away. But that's a lengthy story I'll leave for next issue.

Bill, Jim and I were given the red carpet treatment in Detroit and Dearborn, even getting to see such things as the cutting of the clay models used for designing new cars, how the company tests its products, and how they are assembled.

At one point during the tour we looked over a row of Mustangs which had all been fitted with different engines and components and were being tested to see how well the variations work. It was the trip of a lifetime!

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My thanks to all those who worked so hard to handle the judging at MCA's first 1993 National Show in Pensacola in March. Everyone worked quickly, got their job completed on time, and cooperated to make this a great start to the year.

Remember, if you are a certified or Gold Card Judge, I urge you to check in at the registration tent when you attend any MCA national event and volunteer to help with judging. With the large number of cars we are having at our events these days, we need all the help we can get.

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I want to remind everyone that the 1965-66 positive cable rule will not be enforced at MCA shows this year and judges should not deduct points for improper positive cables.

There are no MCA approved cables



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available at this time, so we are suspending this rule until the proper equipment is available.

On the other hand, I'd like to point out to owners of 1972-73 concours cars that original Mustang battery cables were black with screw in caps, not snap on with white case. Points will be deducted from cars which do not conform to this rule.

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We continue to have some questions from owners who may be the only car in a particular class at an MCA show but still receive a second or third place trophy.

MCA rules dictate that a car score a minimum number of points to qualify for an award. Even though your car may be the only Mustang in its class, the minimum standards — as described in the MCA Rule Book — must be attained.

Your car is still in competition — even if it is only competing against itself. Everyone suffers if we give first place trophies to cars don't meet minimum standards and we simply don't intend to do that.

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I'd like to remind MCA Regional Groups planning National and/or Grand National events to be sure to allow enough time for judging.

We have a number of two-day shows this year, but we still need the equivalent of a full day of judging to do a good job. I hope our Regional Group officers will take that into consideration when planning MCA-sanctioned events.

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I enjoyed watching a husband and wife team and a father and his three sons judging at Pensacola.

The Mustang hobby has always been a family-oriented pursuit, and this is just additional evidence.

Dr. Robert Gadlage of Atlanta — owner of an early model Mustang — judged with his three sons — all of whom own late model Ponies.

It's great to see that our hobby is also a means of providing quality time for families to spend together.

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One of the most asked questions I hear at shows is how do I become a Gold Card judge?

First of all, you must be an MCA certified judge to quality. After judging at a minimum of three National or Grand National events, you must have at least two current Gold Card Judges provide you with a letter of recommendation as a prospective Gold Card Judge.

Once you have completed those two requirements, you are eligible to take the Gold Card Judges' test.

We encourage all of our certified judges to work toward Gold Card status.

Ford Issues Bulletin On '92 Mustang Vibration

Green Country Classics Bulletin

Ford Motor Company has issued a Technical Service Bulletin regarding repair procedures for any 1992 Mustangs that might have a vibration coming from the front of the engine.

This vibration is due to tolerance differences and misalignment between the water pump hub and the inside contour of the water pump pulley. Repair action is to replace the water pump with a revised unit. Vehicles that may possibly be affected are 1992 Mustangs built through June 1, 1992.

This is an eligible repair under the Ford "Bumper to Bumper" warranty coverage. See your dealer for further details if you think you have this problem.

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