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# MANESTREAM

MCA Members Write...

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## California Viewpoint...

In a previous issue of the *Mustang Times*, a letter to the editor expressed concern that California was going to recall the old black and yellow license plates issued between 1963 and 1970. My 1965 Mustang has the original license plates and I would be reluctant to give them up because they identify the car as truly a "California" vehicle.

So I wrote to the California Department of Motor Vehicles and asked them if there were any plans to recall these plates. Apparently this is not the case and I have a response from the DMV.

Hopefully this will alleviate the concerns of others who also have original California license plates on their Mustangs.

Steven A. Fuller  
MCA#14997  
Torrance, CA

*Steven, see Saddle Bag next month. We will pass this information you sent along to MCA members. Thanks for the update.* Ed.

## And Pennsylvania...

I'm not one to do a lot of letter writing, but after reading December's *Mustang Times*, I felt it was time for me to do so.

I can certainly understand where Mr. Brian Martin of Monmoth, Oregon is coming from. The election of our officers of the *North Central Mustang Club* was

never printed in the *Mustang Times* in early spring, nor was our show listed in the Calendar of Events.

Our President, Rod Dieffenbacher, called Kitty Wilmot personally with hopes of having our show listed at least once prior to August 7/8, 1993, but it was still not published in the magazine. In the December issue, our club doesn't even seem to qualify for a listing in the Regional Group listing.

In your letter to Brian, you say, "What about your input, Brian?" Well, as a chartered club of the MCA, I feel we have given you input, but it seems as though the only input the MCA wants from our club is our dues.

With the response we have had from the MCA, I can well understand how a person can become discouraged!

Terrance G. Klemick  
MCA#24118  
Montgomery, PA

*Terrance, thanks for your letter. We must offer our apologies for the multiple oversights where your club is concerned. In your position, I'm certain it would be easy to take it personally. Errors like this are unacceptable and, in theory, shouldn't happen. We ran a correction on page 56 of the January issue identifying your club. We hope this helps. We've no idea what happened to your event announcements. But be assured that if they're received in the mail, we'll*

*do everything possible to get them into the magazine in a timely fashion. Terrence, your input is valuable because this is how we improve. And we're happy to hear from you any time.* Ed.

## A Good Time At Indy

Just wanted to tell you that I really enjoy the MCA. I attended the sneak preview on October 17th at Indy. Bad weather, but a great show, neat car, lots of Mustangs to see considering the weather. I'm glad I was able to get a good look at the new '94 Mustang. Again, thanks!

Mike Sands  
MCA#25388  
Indianapolis, IN

## Likes The Magazine

Congratulations on an excellent club publication. The technical or "how-to" articles, and the "Ask Fred" column, are my favorites. I am a hands-on Mustang owner. I also wholeheartedly concur with the sentiments of M. Brian Martin of Oregon in the December issue. You simply must expand your activities beyond the Southeast. Think of how many Mustangs were originally sold and are still kept in the Western US. I don't know, but I'm guessing that a very high percentage of early model Mustang sales occurred in California alone.

The Mustang Club of America

Grant Trombetta  
MCA#24063  
Petaluma, CA

Grant, a couple of issues back, we addressed the issue of growth beyond the Southeast. There's the desire to grow beyond the Southeast, and a lot has been done to help that along. MCA Board members and officers have visited the West on several occasions as an expression of good will and in the interest of growth, but there hasn't been the follow up from the clubs out there that was hoped for. Follow up across the miles is tough, and it has to be a two-way street. As always, we seek your good ideas and suggestions on how the MCA can best grow more global in scope

And finally, it's always vital to remember that the MCA is an all-volunteer organization. The solid and dedicated MCA core has but just so much time to dedicate to club growth. That's why we need volunteers from all over the country who can help us grow effectively.

Ed.

### Date Codes = Answers

Can you tell me if the engine in my '66 Mustang, bought from the original owner, is original?

The warranty/serial number is 6R08C231456 and the build date code is 14C (March 14, 1966). The engine block casting number is C5AE-6015-E and the date code is 6F22. The odometer reading is 68,246 miles, yet the engine oil pan and valve covers are so cruddy that I'm wondering if the engine was pulled and swapped during accident damage repairs, unknown to the owner. I would appreciate your word on this.

W.S. Parkerson  
MCA#28481  
Laurel, MS

Well Sir, it looks as though your suspicions may well be correct. The date code from your block indicates a casting date of June 22, 1966, well after the scheduled build date code of March 14, 1966. The 1965 casting number is typical, which demonstrates that your block came from a casting where engineering changes hadn't taken place since 1965. Take a good look at other date codes on your Mustang - sheet metal stamping dates, manufacture date codes on the windshield wiper motor, heater plenum, and other areas to be certain it all jibes with the scheduled build date code. If so, then your 289 is likely a replacement of some sort. Engine castings were typically cast 2-4 weeks prior to vehicle assembly in those days.

### MISSED THE PRESS...

In last month's *Gold Card Judges*, we neglected to run Robert A. Pitcairn's (MCA#22228) new address. Robert is a Late Model certified Gold Card Judge. Robert's new address is:

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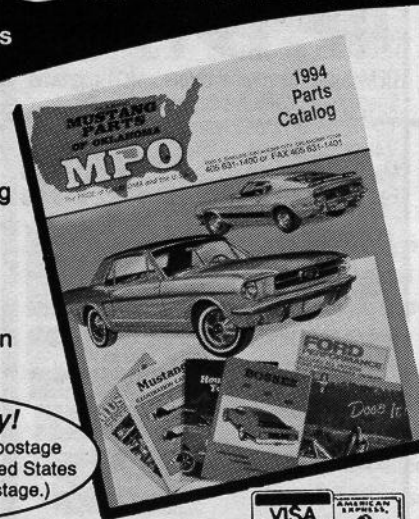
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