

Judges' Forum

by Ricky Simmons
MCA National Head Judge

As Always, We Convey Our Thanks To Those Who Work Hardest...

We have had a splendid show season so far this year. The 1994 show season came in with the biggest show of the year - the 30th Mustang Anniversary Celebration at Charlotte. Words don't express my appreciation for all of you who helped. The challenges were great and the duties extensive. Our judges deserve a big round of applause for their efforts at the Speedway that weekend. Our weekend went well, with a minimum of problems. The high point, of course, was President Clinton's close contact inspection of the troops and their concours show cars.

The Kansas City Nationals in Overland Park, Kansas went especially well, and we look forward to more exciting National Shows like this one. As I write this, the Stampede Nationals are getting underway in Mustang, Oklahoma. Imagine the excitement, an MCA National Show in a town called Mustang. We like it.

There are more MCA National Shows on the heels of Mustang. On July 15-16, we hope you'll join us for the next MCA National Show in Alton, Illinois. This is just up the Mississippi River from St. Louis. Alton was hit hard last year with some of the worst flooding in its history. This year, Alton has galloped back in a bold way with an MCA National Show, hosted by the *Southern Illinois Mustang Association*. We hope you'll attend.

In August in the cradle of Mustang activities is Kingsport '94, hosted by the *First Tennessee Regional Group*, another MCA National Show in the heart of East Tennessee. Kingsport has long been the host of many MCA National Shows, including a couple of Grand Nationals and what seems like dozens of Eastern National Shows back when we called them that. Saddle up and join us August 12-13.

September 2-4, of course, is the 1994 MCA Grand National Show hosted by the *Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club* in Pensacola, Florida. Pensacola is like going home because we've been there so often through the years. We're looking forward to this year's Grand National.

When we stop to consider the many MCA National Shows that are held each year, we can't help but want to thank all of the judges who give of themselves year after year. Judges are the folks a few of us love to hate because they push each of us to perform better. Think of the judge as a coach, the person who evaluates your performance as a restorer. When points are deducted for incorrect items, take heart because hundreds of others have been there. The judge's goal is your continued improvement.

Who To Contact For Judging Tests

1964 1/2 - 66: Bob Deale, 29 Brookcrest Drive, Marietta, GA 30068
1966: Carl Henderson, 1633 E. Thompson, Sapulpa, OK 74066
1967-68: Dave Zimmerman, 6 Tainter Street, Peapack, NJ 07993

1969-70 and 1969-71 Boss Mustang:
Bill Weaver, 304 Foster Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27001

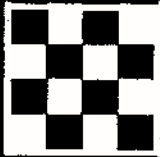
1971-73: Tom Podemski, 1525 W. Calvert Street, South Bend, IN 46613

1965-70 Shelby: Bruce Weiss, 731 Washburn Rd., Malbourne Beach, FL 32934

1974-78: Tom Podemski, 1525 W. Calvert Street, South Bend, IN 46613

1979-81: Randy Church, P.O. Box 318, Mt. Airy, GA 30563

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