

Judges Profile

John (Jack) Botic
Assistant National Head Judge

Personal Data

Occupation: Licensed Air Frame and Power Plant Mechanic for Trans World Airlines since 1967

Marital Status: Married to Grace Ann since 1963

Children: John, 28; Laurie, 26

MCA#: 16547; member since 1985

MCA Club Affiliation: Vintage Mustang Club of Kansas City.

Offices Held: Treasurer 1988-1989, President 1989 - 1990, Co-Chairman 1994 National Show, Show Director 1995, and Head Judge 1991 to present.

MCA Gold Card: 1964-1/2 - 1965 - 1979 - 1993.

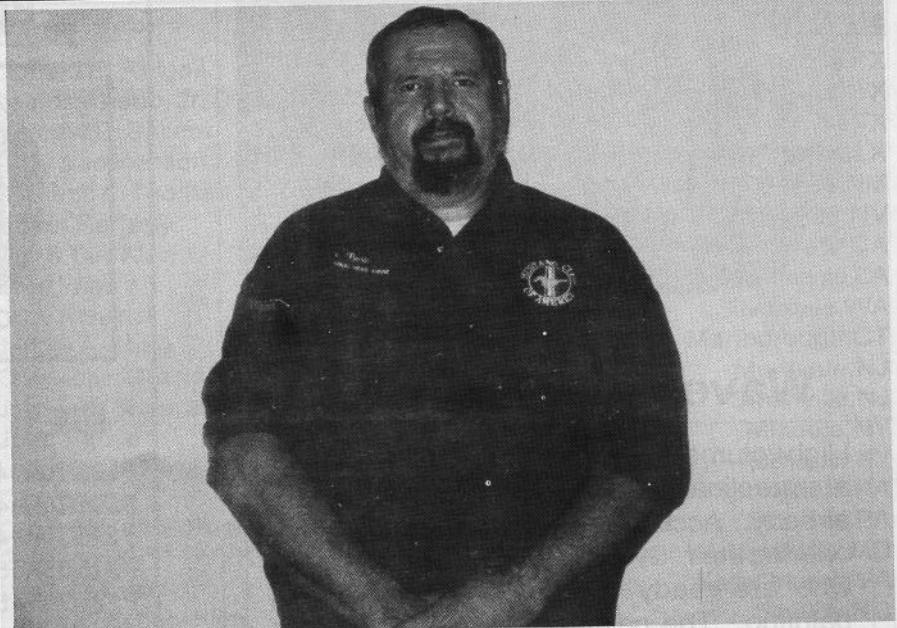
Hometown: Manor, Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh.

Current Residence: Shawnee, Kansas for the past 28 years.

Background

I have loved cars since I was old enough to drive. In my younger days I used to participate in off-road racing, and have raced all over the country, including the Mint 400 in Las Vegas; Parker, California, and the Baha. During that time I raced against some familiar names like Mickey Thompson, Rick Mears, Parnelli Jones, Malcolm Smith, & Ivan Stewart. In the late 1970's I got interested in street rods, and was active in the Rodtiques for a number of years.

I would like to say that I always loved Mustangs and always wanted one, but the simple truth is that it was actually my kids that got me involved



in Mustangs. They didn't want anything to do with street rods - they wanted a true American Classic. And the only car that would do was a 1965 Mustang Convertible!

When John turned 16 and learned to drive in 1983, we bought him a 1965 Convertible with a 289, 2V, automatic, air, power top, and Pony interior. This car graduated both John and Laurie from Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, but when they went off to college, the car stayed.

Grace and I joined the Vintage Mustang Club in 1985, and we restored the Convertible around 1984. It was that experience that motivated me to get involved in judging, and ultimately to become

a Gold Card Judge. You see, during that restoration I listened to a number of 'so-called' experts, and ended up either having to do a lot of things over or having to leave them incorrect. Right then I decided I would try to help others keep from getting burned.

Our old 1965 Convertible has become a cherished member of the family, and it has done a wonderful job of helping raise two fine children. It has given Grace and I a lot of pleasure on nice weekend, and a chance to meet a lot great people all over the United States. We have decided that it deserves another chance at restoration, and this time we intend to get it right. Look for us in a year with our concours correct 1965!

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