

The Joke's On Us

You may recall that in the October 1996 issue of this publication a full page article, taken from the Internet, appeared on page 31 concerning a group of missing 1984 Saleen Mustangs that were discovered in Japan. Well folks, the joke is on all of us.

We felt sure that this "new-found" information was bogus and set about obtaining the "skinny" on the missing cars. Just as we suspected the article was false.

We went straight to the lady in the know, Liz Saleen, to find out what this was about. It seems that several years ago the original version of this story was invented by someone close to the Saleen organization, further embellished, and set into motion as a joke for another individual who is close to Saleen. Why and how this updated version of the joke has surfaced is unknown. So don't go sellin' the farm to make the jaunt over to Japan to bid on these cars.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this inaccurate information may have caused any MCA members.

Judging Rules

Recently, MCA judges met to discuss the judging rules in two separate meetings in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Approximately 50 - 60 Mustangers attended each of the meetings to share their questions, suggestions, and concerns for upcoming changes to be made to the judging rules and judging sheets. Final recommendations will be compiled and presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Watch for additional information in upcoming issues of this publication.

A sincere "thank you" is extended to the Rio Grande Mustang Club and Tri-State Mustang Club for their generosity and hospitality in hosting these meetings.

Surfin' the Net

Activity for the MCA home page continues to grow with an average of 8,000 "hits" per week. Future plans include scanning in more show flyers, linking more regional groups and members, adding a list of vendors, and including MCA accessories information.

Collections Sought

Publisher Tony Garcia has been contacted by the Library of Congress expressing their desire to have on hand *all* issues of our magazine. This includes those very early mimeographed versions. While we have a fair number of extra copies of back issues we are far from being able to complete the set.

If you would be interested in donating a partial or complete collection of *Mustang Times* for the Library of Congress, please let us know.

Hall of Fame

Members have spoken -- the newest inductees into the Mustang Club of America Hall of Fame are Lee Iacocca and Bunkie Knudsen.

Candidates for this honor were listed on the ballot which included those MCA members running for Board of Director positions.

In this month's issue we have included articles on our previous two honorees -- Carroll Shelby and Steve Saleen. Watch for articles on Iacocca and Knudsen in future issues.



Mustang Museum

Plans continue to move forward in an exciting way for the Museum.

A business plan has been presented to Ford by the Mustang Museum Committee explaining the intent of the facility, how it would operate, what features it could include, etc. Reports are Ford officials were very impressed and receptive of the plan.

An Honorary Board of Directors is being established. This assembly will include many of the people throughout the automotive industry and hobby that are considered among the best "movers and shakers."

By now all Mustang clubs should have received a video which gives a great deal of information on this formidable project. If your club has not presented this video to the membership, please contact your officers.

Funding this multi-million dollar project is no small endeavor within itself. Naturally, sponsors are a great way to go to not only raise needed capital but to get businesses, clubs, and enthusiasts involved. We mentioned last month that MCA is the first Founding Sponsor. (The new logo as shown above will be proudly displayed in each issue of *Mustang Times*.) We have recently learned that several clubs have also promised sizeable donations to be made in the near future.

The Founding Clubs' Sponsor Program has two levels of sponsorship -- Platinum for a \$1,000 donation and Gold for a \$500 donation.

The best way for individuals to become involved is by purchasing an "I Support Mustang Museum" decal. These full color decals are available by sending \$5.00 along with your name and address to Mustang Museum Decal, c/o Penpoint, 432 Lakeshore St., Jasper, GA 30143. By purchasing a decal you will automatically be included in all future mailings of a quarterly newsletter devoted to news and information regarding the Museum.

If your club would be interested in promoting the Museum via the sale of decals at an upcoming event contact Robert Dudgeon at (405) 376-3115 for complete information.



Last month we mentioned that the Carolina Regional Mustang Club had promised a donation of \$5,000 to the Mustang Museum effort. At the November 1996 MCA Board of Directors meeting, the check was officially presented. Shown here (from left) are Tony Gowan and James Ray of the Carolina Regional group making the presentation to Bill Dillard, President, Mustang Museum Committee.

Survey Response Requested

Included in this edition of *Mustang Times* is a survey which has been requested by officials at Ford Motor Company.

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