

Fox-bodied Trivia

I look forward to receiving my *Mustang Times* each month. You put together an excellent magazine -- keep it up!

I noted in July's issue the addition of "Third Generation News" dedicated to the Fox-bodied Mustangs. I know that you must keep all members happy but I'd enjoy seeing a salute to the 1986 model year and perhaps the Predator Mustang of which I've heard about but never seen.

Enclosed is a photo that you may keep of my 1986 Mustang Cobra GT (*watch for the photo in a future Snapshots section - Ed.*) It currently has 60,000 miles and with the exception of the passenger door, still sports the original Medium Canyon Red paint. It's a five-speed with no power locks, windows, cruise control, or air conditioning - just plain old fun.

In light of the winters here in Ottawa, it took me just about a year of searching to locate a clean pre-1987 Mustang that had not been beat up, beefed up, or smashed up. I purchased the car in April 1996. I wanted a 1985-86 GT because in my opinion they are the nicest looking of the Fox-bodied GTs.

I've replaced the original H-pipe with a new Ford unit and the exhaust with a Dynomax kat-back system. Also added is a K & N filter, a Pioneer AM/FM cassette deck, and a pair of subframe connectors just to tighten things up.

I was told that the 1986 GTs manufactured for sale in the USA were different than those manufactured for sale in Canada. The differences being the emission equipment, the speedometer reading in kilometers instead of miles and the word GT is replaced by COBRA on the left-hand side of the rear spoiler. Canadian models were also named Mustang Cobra GT. Perhaps your trivia experts

can verify this.

Bruce Carr
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Thank you very much for your compliments. It is thanks to members such as yourself that we are able to make improvements to our publication.

The authors of our Third Generation News column are full of surprises, but there is no doubt that we will see a column dedicated to the 1986 model Mustangs. Perhaps they might surprise us with information on the Predator Mustang.

In the meantime, do any of you third generation owners or trivia buffs have information on the Predator? Or can someone enlighten us as to the differences in Mustangs produced for Canada and those for the U.S.?

— Editor

Route 66 Blast

We (Steve and Shawna Bohn) participated in the 10th annual Route 66 Fun-Run April 25-27. This nostalgic drive and car show attracted people from across the U.S., Canada, and Australia with over 700 cars most of which were classics. Over a dozen Mustangs participated in the event which travels on the longest undisturbed remaining stretch of original Route 66 from Seligman to Topock, Arizona. Highlights of the event included balloon glows, a shine 'n show in Kingman, slow drags, and a bumper to bumper cruise between two Sonic Drive-ins purely for horsepower display and showing off!

"Route 66" television star Martin Milner was the master of ceremonies. A Corvette raffle helped raise money for Kingman's new Route 66 Museum. Corvettes

were a'plenty on the Run, but the Blue Oval was well represented with other vintage Fords.

Sunday's final drive from Kingman to Topock went through Oatman where Clark Gable and Carole Lombard honeymooned. Wild burros wander around this small, sleepy well-preserved mining town. Coinciding with the Fun-Run was the annual Harley run to nearby Laughlin, Nevada, where 10,000 Harleys ran wild!

I highly recommend this well run event to Route 66 nostalgia fans. Make your reservations early, though, because motels are booked solid!

Steve Bohn
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There's more than one way to ride a pony and your letter confirms just that. The quest to preserve historic Route 66 has been ongoing for some time now. It's wonderful to see that members of the Mustang hobby are interested in keeping this part of Americana alive and well.

— Editor

Aftermarket Woes

This is in reply to the article in the July 1997 issue about the V6 Mustang dual exhaust conversion. I too ordered the Pacesetter kit from Summit Racing in Akron, Ohio. The kit came in approximately two days to my home in northern Illinois. I called the nearby Meineke Muffler shop and was told that they don't install customer supplied equipment. Well, thinking that it was just that shop, I called one a little further away -- same answer. Okay, so Meineke doesn't install customer supplied parts.

I called Midas, Carx, Merlin, and even my own Ford dealership.

Mailbag

No one installs customer supplied equipment!

Please when doing articles like the aforementioned one, don't let on that all one needs to do is hop on over to the local shop and they'll put'em on with no problem. They don't!

Charles Spencer
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No doubt there will be variances among franchised shops from one area to another. And we admit to not being surprised at the reaction of your local Ford dealership. However, we must point out that the information contained in that article (Make Your Late Model V6 Sound Like a V8 by John Hall) reflects the encounters of Mr. Hall during the conversion process. In our sources listing you will note that the address for that particular shop is listed as opposed to a centralized phone number, etc.

However, you do bring up a very interesting point in that despite the array of aftermarket goodies available for our late model ponies, not everyone is willing to supply only the facility and labor. Apparently a lot of folks want the whole enchilada by selling and installing only their company's components.

This would be a good time to let your fingers do the walking through the phone book. If that search yields little results, contact your parts supplier for recommendations or try some of the Mustang shops that routinely advertise in various magazines. Remember too that your local Mustang club (or any type of car club) is an excellent source of information.

— Editor

Extended Family

I would like to thank the Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club for

being my family while I was so far away from home. In 1994 I met Bob and Rochelle McNeal who, out of kindness and friendliness, showed me that families come in many different shapes, sizes, and forms.

I moved to Pensacola, Florida, to change my life and career. These two people introduced me to something I did not know still existed, the American family. Through the MCA I found brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, moms and dads who, for reasons I can not explain, took a chance on a stranger.

I ask others in the MCA to put aside your current methods of building the MCA and go back to hellos and handshakes. A tried and true smile goes a long way. We are the MCA and as individuals make the everyday differences in people's lives! It is up to you to

give it a try. I bet you won't be disappointed in the results. Smile, say hello, invite someone to an event. Getting people involved is easy. It is time for all of us in the MCA to lead the way. There are many people who are just like me, looking for an extended family. Get in your Mustang and drive. Others will follow. Please don't be afraid to lead.

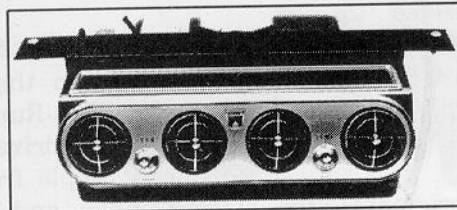
Thank you again MCA, Gulf Coast Regional Mustang Club and Bob and Rochelle for leading the way and for being my family. I will always remember your generosity and pass it on.

Scott Carr
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We appreciate the opportunity to pass along your message.

— Editor

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