

What Survey?

Out of 8,000-plus members, only an approximate 800 responded to the Ford survey included in the January 1997 issue of this publication. MCA officials had hoped to have a better response to show the guys at Ford Motor Company just how serious we are about our cars and club.

Hosting a Show?

If your regional group will be hosting a Mustang show this year, be sure to request copies of *Mustang Times* to distribute to participants and spectators.

Simply send a written request to the National Headquarters address indicating how many copies you think will be needed. We'll be glad to ship those out to you as quickly as possible.

Your Asked For It

You asked for it and we listened. Our magazine will now be shipped in poly bags to eliminate the problems recently encountered with nondelivery and delivery of only a portion of the periodical.

As we ease into this new method of shipping we will discard the outside wrapper and will probably be adding inserts such as renewal notifications, membership cards, vendor advertisements, etc.

Using some type of poly bag mailer has been the top suggestion and request received by the Publishing and Administrative Committees. We regret the inconvenience that recent mailing problems have caused and are taking steps to eliminate those problems.

We appreciate your input and hope you enjoy the change.

Attention Bargain Hunters

Do you revel in the joy of finding a good bargain? Does a sale make your pulse quicken and your eyes light up with excitement? Then we have a deal for you.

Anyone who pays for a four-year membership in advance receives the fifth year free of charge. Yep, that's right - buy four and get one free. (No strings attached, no fine print to read with a magnifying glass.)

Put an end to the hassle of waiting for your renewal notice and mailing in a check each year.

Just give our office manager, Marilyn Newcombe, a call at (770) 477-1965 for all the details.

A Sad Note

We received the following letter from Janice Short of the Rio Grande Mustang Club in early February:

"Our dear friend and long-time club member, Elmer Williams, died recently, at age 65. Elmer was club president in 1991 and 1992.

We will all miss this wonderful man. Mustangers across the country will remember his friendliness, kindness, generosity, and outstanding sense of humor.

Elmer loved the Rio Grande Mustang Club, and his blue 1966 coupe and his 1966 red coupe. These cars were winners at National as well as regional shows."

Our belated condolences to the family and friends of Elmer Williams.

It isn't unusual for us to feature Mustangs owned by MCA members outside the United States. What is unusual however, is when we receive a letter from a member in Sweden requesting his second set of judging certification tests.

Magnus Karlsson of Orsjo, Sweden is a certified judge in the 1966 class and owner of the two ponies shown below. He also requested tests for the 1964 1/2 and 1965 cars. Mr. Karlsson would probably fit the description of a "serious" Mustang.

(The huge Ford sign hanging on the garage in this picture is from 1939.)



Mustang Museum

Now referred to as the "Mustang Experience", plans are well underway to keep the museum project on the fast track to success.

In next month's issue we will bring you photos of nine selected architectural proposals from seniors at the Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan. The designs are mind-boggling.

As far as city selections go, the Committee is making some progress. They are looking for a 30-40 acre site and have contacted various cities to obtain information on cost, zoning, taxes, any incentives offered by the city, accessibility to restaurants, hotels within a 20-mile radius, tourist attractions within a 20-mile radius, etc. Plans are to have a site selected by the second quarter of 1998 with groundbreaking ceremonies to take place in 1999.

Ford has officially taken notice of the project, thanks in part to a newspaper article published by the *Detroit Free Press* during Auto Show Week (this was the only Ford-related coverage published).

A letter from Ross Roberts, Vice President-General Manager, Ford Division, Ford Motor Company to John Coletti, Vice President, Mustang Museum, Inc., states in part, "It is a tribute to the power of the Mustang brand that board members have volunteered their time and that hundreds of Mustang enthusiasts have made financial contributions. Also, I'm pleased to see that many corporations have pledged their support in an effort to create a museum to honor America's favorite sports car. The legend of this brand has endured through the years due to the passion of thousands of Mustang enthusiasts around the world.

To further support your effort in

developing plans and researching the viability of the museum proposal, I'm enclosing a check from Ford Division and the Sporting Brand Team for \$10,000 to help offset expenses that the Board may incur."

Meeting Schedule

Join the excitement and sit in on a Mustang Museum Board of Directors meeting.

Saturday, April 19
Buena Park, California
(1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
Anaheim/Orange Hilton
Suites
(714) 938-0932

Saturday, May 17
Charlotte, North Carolina
(1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
Hilton at University Place
(704) 547-7444

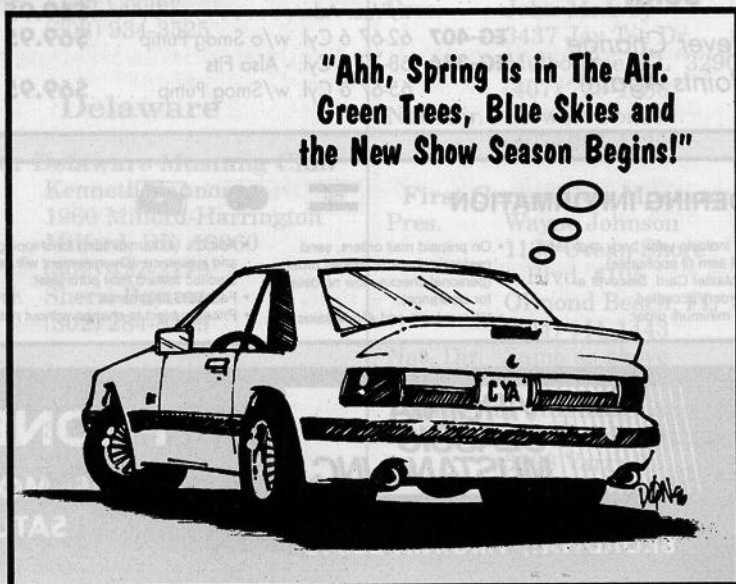
Saturday, June 28
Chicago, Illinois
(1 p.m. to 5 p.m.)
Airport Hilton

We will update the schedule as soon as possible.

Make plans to attend and witness firsthand what goes into making a dream a reality.

LOOSE BOLTS

by Don Bolt



"Ahh, Spring is in The Air.
Green Trees, Blue Skies and
the New Show Season Begins!"

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