



Mustang Museum, Inc. Announces Top 10 Sites

We received this information at the end of April. As you can see things are beginning to happen in a big way. Stay tuned for additional updates. ---Editor

Mustang Museum, Inc. (MMI) and the nonprofit organization's Site Selection Committee have evaluated the criteria of 25 candidate cities and named their "top 10". According to MMI President Bill Dillard, "Our primary criteria remains to ensure the viability of a facility - The Mustang Experience - in order to share our passion for the Ford Mustang, a global icon."

MMI Site Selection Committee Chairman Chris Hoverman announced the alphabetical list of cities which includes:

- Atlanta, Georgia
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Chicago, Illinois
- Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas
- Daytona Beach, Florida
- Detroit/Dearborn, Michigan
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Los Angeles/Anaheim, California
- Orlando, Florida
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The ten finalists were approved by the Board of Directors of MMI who met on Saturday, April 19, in Anaheim, California.

Hoverman said, "After reviewing the volume of information received in response to our questions, I was pleased to see the level of enthusiasm the civic leaders displayed. Yet, the process is far from over. We intend to announce the "final four" in September and then the 'Site Selection Committee will visit each city. Only after completing this investigative process will the victorious city be named as the home of The Mustang Experience. That announcement will be made in the first quarter of 1998."

Dillard continued. "The timetable is very important as we want to begin the design process as soon as possible and get a shovel in the ground in time for a gala opening of The Mustang Experience in April of the year 2000."

The Mustang Museum, Inc., is made up of automotive enthusiasts, Mustang business professionals as well as Mustang club members, Mustang owners, and Mustang enthusiasts who have invested their time, passion, and resources in order to bring to life the mission statement "Celebrate The Mustang Experience". This vision places the Ford pony car as the common object that brings together people of all backgrounds from all walks of life so they can share their experiences and passion for a true global icon.

Additional information regarding Mustang Museum, Inc., may be obtained by dialing (888) MUST-EXPerience.

Museum Musings

No doubt you noticed in last month's issue that the list of clubs and organizations contributing to The Mustang Experience has grown quite a bit. Many clubs have worked very hard to raise the necessary funds to be a permanent part of automotive history.

There are probably just as many clubs who are in the process of raising those monies needed to attain a level of sponsorship for this project. It occurred to us that circumstances surrounding

the methods used to raise these monies may just have a funny side to them. An example of this would be the explanation offered by Robert O. Smith, national director for the Southeastern North Carolina Mustang Club.

He told us that his group had purchased numerous windshield decals but additional funds were needed, particularly if Platinum level sponsorship was to be theirs. Mr. Smith admitted that he isn't really sure what possessed him to open his mouth, but he challenged the membership in attendance at their January 1997 meeting to raise funds and he would match them. Within a very short three minutes, a total of \$1,000 was raised. This is definitely a case of putting your money where your mouth is.

If your group has come up with an unusual way to raise funds or if there is a funny story attached to your donation, please let us know. We'd like to share these with the membership.

Oops! Department

Our first correction from April pertains to the regional group listing. We erroneously listed the Old Fort Mustangers as the Old Ford Mustangers. This is a case of the editor's brain and fingers not necessarily working in sync.

The second correction is for the gold card judges listing. Please update your copy of the list to reflect the membership number of Forrest D. Jackson (1964 1/2 - 65) as #30517 and, most importantly, a phone number of (870) 741-2969.

Update

We are pleased to announce that Magnus Karlsson of Orsjo, Sweden, is now a certified judge in the 1964 1/2 - 65 class.

We highlighted Mr. Karlsson's achievements in the April issue after he passed the 1966 tests and requested the 1964 1/2 - 65 tests. So far he is our only certified judge in Sweden.