

Reunion Invitation

I have a response to Allen Dodson's letter (April issue) about a reunion with the Mustangs Across America participants.

Allow me to invite anyone who has the need to drive to join me on my trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, this June. We MAA participants from east of Colorado are going to caravan during the week before the Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup hosted by the four Mustang clubs in Colorado. I believe they plan a driving event and a show 'n shine June 13-14.

The caravan to the show itinerary is as follows:

June 9 (Monday) - Bryant, Arkansas, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, (301 miles).

June 10 (Tuesday) - Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Hays, Kansas, (351 miles).

June 11 (Wednesday) - Hays, Kansas, to Golden, Colorado (351 miles).

June 12 (Thursday) - Golden, Colorado, to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, (152 miles).

The hotel of choice on the road is Holiday Inn. After the show we will be splitting up and returning home by many different routes so there will not be anything planned for the return trip.

I have also been in touch via the Internet with some people west of Colorado and they also are planning to make the trip to Steamboat Springs. We will be getting together with them and it might turn into a party (who knows?).

Thom Kennedy has set up a bulletin board for anyone who needs to communicate with the Steamboat Springs travelers. The address is <http://www.dtmn.com/www-board/wwwboard.html>. He also has created one for the show information and show flyers: <http://www.dtmn.com/Rocky-MountainMustangRoundup/>. If

you want to see some familiar faces of those who went on the Atlanta tour check out this address: <http://dtmn.com.maa/>.

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Central Arkansas Mustangers

Seeking McLaren Mustang Data

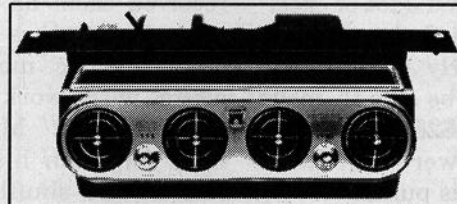
Late last fall our garage became the stable for a very special 1980 Mustang hatchback. The car was one of the first third generation cars to be massaged by an after-market tuner. In this case the tuner was none other than the McLaren Engine company. Ford needed a boost to get its high performance image back and McLaren was chosen for the task.

The 1980 Mustang was available with a choice of four, six, or

eight cylinders and a turbo four-cylinder as the "performance option". The four-cylinder turbo was lighter than the V8 but had the same output. Ford was trying to sell the turbo as the future of performance and so decided to use that engine as the basis of this extraordinary car. McLaren built a prototype and two race cars for the IMSA GT series. To get the public involved and give the Ford dealer network something to build showroom traffic with, a run of 250 IMSA look-a-likes was planned. These cars were to be based on the turbo hatchback with the engine massaged by McLaren.

The cars were given a new front clip that included a front air dam, lightweight hood with vents for radiator cooling, and wide fender flares. Similar flares were added to the rear of the car. The flares covered BBS wheels shod with Firestone 255/55 15 HPR (High

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Performance Radial) tires. Special shocks from Koni and large sway bars completed the suspension.

Inside the car, Recaro buckets replaced the Ford seats in the front and matching material was used to reupholster the rear seats. Stock gauges were replaced by Stewart Warner units and a Racemark steering wheel was added. A roll bar with rear supports following the roofline was also installed. A custom paint job with "McLaren Mustang" painted on the rocker panels completed the car.

The car generated a lot of excellent press for Ford; however, it was apparent early on that the dealers would not be able to move 250 cars priced at \$25,000. Only a very few cars were produced before the plug was pulled.

I'd like to ask if any club members

have any resources that would indicate how many of these McLaren Mustangs were produced. The best information I have collected so far indicates that 10 cars were made. The car in my garage has a McLaren factory number of 009. Oh, by the way, the car has 289 miles on it.

Any information I gather on the car will be shared with anyone who would like it.

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We hope you will share whatever information you obtain with us here at Mustang Times. In the meantime, would you consider submitting photographs of your McLaren and information you have thus far with us for publication?
--Editor

Trivia Pursuit

Here is a photo of two 1966 coupe versions of a Ford dealer promotion. My brother and I received them as Christmas presents many years ago. Both cars have electric motors that run along with working headlights and taillights. My brother must have forgotten his or thought it lost in the shuffle. (That's my story and I'm sticking to it, that is

unless he reads this.)

Getting these as presents and being at the 1965 New York World's Fair, where I almost got to drive my first Mustang at age nine, started my interest in Mustangs.

I am currently trying to compile a list of Mustang trivia questions for our club, Michiana Mustangs. I hope to keep the Ford Mustang first in our thoughts and have some fun besides. Do you know of anyone who may have started a list of trivia questions that may help us out?

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We're willing to bet that there are several clubs out there who have undertaken the same type project you describe.

We encourage our groups to share their information with you, but in the event you don't receive any response from this request, you might try turning this into a club project and do a mass mailing to all the MCA regional groups requesting any trivia material they have on file.

If you have any tidbits of trivia to share, contact Vic care of Michiana Mustangs, 53308 Old Farm Road, Elkhart, IN 46514.

--Editor

