

Third Generation News

Welcome to "Third Generation News", a brand new segment of our publication. Third Generation Gold Card Judges Stewart Jones and Terry McCoy have put their heads together to present us with enough trivia on the 1979 through 1993 Mustangs to make a novice hobbyist an expert in no time.

In one issue we will tease you with several questions concerning these popular Mustangs and follow up the next month with the answers. (Yep, we're going to make you wait an entire month before you get your test score!) Little known facts and figures surrounding various models within the 15-year production period will also be included.

If you own a third generation pony, send us a photo and we may include it on one of these pages. We prefer black and white prints, but color is acceptable. Please include your MCA membership number as well as a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we may return your photos more promptly.

Countdown to 20

Big-block Mustangs added plenty of fuel to the high performance craze of the late '60s and

early '70s, but all too soon reality set in as emissions standards became strict, insurance rates skyrocketed, and gasoline prices made us all wish we had a herd of dinosaurs hiding in our backyards. Downsizing and the lack of horsepower had many performance-minded Americans desperately searching for some type of drive-by-the-seat-of-your-pants machine by the late '70s.

A glimmer of hope was found in the introduction of the Fox-bodied 1979 5.0L Mustang which ushered in a performance era that would yield a number of interesting high-tech and collectible Mustangs. (This era, comprised of the years 1979 through 1993, is commonly referred to as the Third Generation of Mustang.)

For the second time a Mustang paced the field at the world-famous Indianapolis 500 further showcasing the new

design and technology of the 1979 pony.

It's hard to believe that in less than 18 months the 1979 Mustang will be 20 years old. In 1999 we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the introduction of Mustang and the birth of the Third Generation.

— Stewart Jones & Terry McCoy



1979 Pace Car owned by Karl Zrnich

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. What year did Ford introduce the 5.0L H.O. in the Mustang?
 2. The Cobra first became an option in what year?
 3. What year did Goodyear first introduce the P225/60VR15 tire on the Mustang?
 4. In what year did Ford offer the luggage rack on the convertible as standard equipment?
 5. What year did the 5.0L with mass air first appear on the Mustang as an option?
 6. What was the first year for a two-tone dash (black/white) on the Mustang?
- (Answers in next month's issue.)

Did You Know? Topic: 1979 Mustang

1. First year for the 5.0L
2. Also last year for the 5.0L
3. First year for any American car to have a serpentine belt
4. The 5.0L Pace cars did not have a "5.0" emblem
5. The four-cylinder cars only have a "turbo" sticker on the hood scoop
6. First year for the third generation
7. First year for the Fox body

Pace Car Registry

Do you own a 1964/79/94 Pace car or a 1979 Pace truck? If so, be sure to register it with the Indy Pace Car Registry of Mustangs.

Contact Bill Puck, Registry Coordinator, P.O. Box 261251, Lakewood, CO 80226 for complete details.