

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have a 1971 Mustang Mach I with the 285 h.p., 4 barrel, 351C engine, automatic C-6 transmission and 3:00 to 1 rear end ratio. It also has the original trunk-mounted airfoil and the front air spoiler.

I would like to hear from any fellow club members who have information relative to the 1/4 mile time and speed and also the "flat out" top speed for this model Mustang when it was new.

I have located several tests on the 1971 Boss 351 with 4-speed, but I have not been able to find any performance data on my car.

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IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

Jim Smart, President, Texoma Regional

Hi! Many of us, at one time or another, has wondered, "Where is the Mustang that was built before mine or after it on the assembly line?". I've asked this question more than once. Well, friends, this is the opportunity to perhaps find the Mustang in question.

If you've ever looked at your Vehicle Identification Plate on your driver's side door of your Mustang, it contains a series of numbers. To most, these numbers mean nothing. To the average Mustang fanatic, these numbers tell a story, so read on!

Take the following example:

Serial No. 7T01C295675
Body 65A Color K Trim 2A Date 04V
DSO 17 Axle C Trans W

7 is 1976-Model year
T built at Metuchen, NJ assembly plant
01 is Mustang Hardtop
C is the 289 2V engine
295675 is the consecutive unit starting at 100001 which makes it the 195,675th 1967 Mustang to roll off the Metuchen, NJ assembly line

Continuing onward: Body 65A is 65 = hardtop and A is standard interior.

Color K is Nightmist Blue

Trim 2A is Black Standard Interior

Date 04V is 4 August 1967 build date
DSO is 17, delivered new to the Washington, D.C. area

Axle C - Ford had no listing for this Trans is "W" the C-4 automatic

You may ask, "Why is all this so important?". There are many out there somewhere who feel as I do and would like to find the oldest 1967 Mustang or whatever your favorite year is and to find Mustangs that were built near theirs on the same assembly line. This project to find these Mustangs and to help us all as well as the few that come across Mustangs that were built next to their or perhaps the same day or week. As many as 15,000 Mustangs were built in a two-week period at one plant. As you can see, the chances are endless.

Let's see if we can find the oldest Mustang in your favorite model year! This project is only as successful as we make it. We need total participation. Just jot down the data on your I.D. plate or plates..many of us have more than one Mustang..and send the information to me. I will compute all the information.

For any I.D. numbers I find close together, those Mustangs or Shelby's will be brought out in the results article. I will answer as many letters or notes as possible. As I said, any I.D. numbers that I find close together will be published, the oldest Mustang in MCA in each year will also come out, too!

In order for this project to work, I need total participation. ARE YOU INTERESTED? All inquiries and information should be forwarded to my attention.

"Talk to me, Mustang Club of America!"

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Congratulations to The Old Fort Mustangers in Fort Wayne, Indiana. This group becomes #36 in our growing list of regional groups. Anyone in the Fort Wayne, Indiana area is encouraged to contact this group for more information:

The Old Fort Mustangers
c/o John Baltes
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It is with great pleasure that I announce the 1980 Officers of The Mustang Club of America to you. They are as follows:

President	George White Smyrna, Georgia
V. President	Gus Winchester Lithonia, Georgia
Secretary	Brenda Wilson Lithonia, Georgia
Treasurer	Bill Koivu Stone Mountain, Georgia
Sgt. at Arms	Jim Wilson Lithonia, Georgia
Parliamentarian	Tom Gattis Conyers, Georgia
Chairman of Bd.	Jim Osborn Lilburn, Georgia

I would sincerely hope that you all will give your new officers the time and consideration and help that you have given me in the past 18 months. And, I hope you will continue to remember that these are non-paid volunteers and they will do the best job they know how.

The 1980 Judging Rules have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be going to the printer around January 1st. There are some interesting changes and two new classes (Unrestored and Special Interest). The new rules will be published, starting with the February issue of The Mustang Times.

Included in this month's issue (Pg. 14) you will find your ballot for Board of Directors nominated at our last board meeting. These members will serve a one-year term, beginning January 1 through December 31, 1980. Please show your confidence by returning your ballots to National Headquarters SAP.

In the last 18 months, I have made many new, wonderful friends. I am anxious to continue these friendships. Although I will no longer be your president, I will remain to be very active within the club. Without the help of so many of you, the Club would not be where it is today. I urge each and every one of you to get involved. This, or any other club, will only be what its members are, and I think we have some of the finest.

Sue, Mark, David and I would like to wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays.
KEEP SAFE!

