

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I have been sitting here this a.m. thinking about something and I'd like to ask a question. Granted, I am a woman, but I do have the ability to see the unreasonableness of some things. Since the first rules were made on judging these Mustangs; they are being improved upon all the time and that's good. I know that if one had all cars separated out to perfection that the shows would be impossible to have because of so many classes. BUT, I still have my question!

If I'm not mistaken, you have two classes of Mustangs--stock and modified and the meanings of these words are reasonably clear.

I've heard the men talking about getting knocked for having fresh paint on their cars (the judges can smell it) haven't been painted long enough for the odor to disappear.

Now, my question..Say you have two cars in the same class (Stock) and one has bought the car new and has taken good care of it, everything is in original shape as it came from the factory and he drives it and naturally its bottom's dirty which is normal. The other one has put on a new paint job, painted his motor and undercoated his car. HOW can you honestly judge these two cars together? Competition is fine and fun BUT let it be on the same level. These two cars would have to be defined as Original and Unrestored. I looked the definitions up in "World Book":

Original: First-hand, not copied, occurring at the beginning

Restored: Renew, to bring back to a former condition, compensate for, make like new.

Most of us can't afford to park our cars so the undercarriage should not even be taken into account except for the correct parts underneath and rust. And, most men can tell when a motor has been painted. Factory paint on a motor was never that black and perfect.

Give originality exactly what it deserves and restored the same. They can't honestly be judged together. These guys deserve at least a pat on the back for keeping their cars in such marvelous shape without having them redone.

I think it's nice to be able to afford to tear a car down to bare nothing and then put it back together sanded and repainted. I know that it's a fun hobby. But, put it in its rightful class: Stock-Restored.

Thank you for listening. Think about it!

Wife (signature withheld at Editor's discretion)

P.S. I have never before ventured so far as to write on these subjects that are considered to be men's business and maybe I should have talked to \_\_\_\_\_ first and let him know what I planned on doing this morning (he'll kill me), but I'll take my chances because I don't understand.

Editor's Note: Thank you, Wife. This is a topic which has been discussed at great length and defined detail. To date, we have been unable to determine exactly what would qualify for "Unrestored". All owners make additions or changes to their cars at one time or another. We have not been able to come up with a workable solution to this question.

We would encourage more members to participate in this question. We would be most interested in your ideas.

Let us hear from you.

Dear Editor:

First of all, as a new member of the club I would like to say how much I enjoyed reading my first issue of Mustang Times. I think the Vendor of the Month is a real good column and I have already benefited from the first one. Glazier's Mustang Barn is very close to where I live in Pennsylvania. While home on leave from the Navy, two friends and I drove up there and put in a few orders for parts otherwise difficult to find.

Lee Benson  
#2697

Editor's Note: We would like to encourage ALL Mustang suppliers to provide us with a write-up about their business and also supply us with black & white photos. Send the story and photos to National Headquarters for publication.

Dear Editor:

In recent months of "The Mustang Times" you have requested reader contributions. This one may diminish your requests. Those of us who have corresponded with Bill Koivu will understand the humor of my limerick.

"Opus First and Last"

There once was a treasurer named Willie;  
His behavior was really quite silly.  
Our money he kept;  
But tradition he swept.  
Using Volkswagen paper's not dilly!

Often it is easy to forget that there is a tremendous amount of time and energy put into a club that many of us just enjoy. I say a big thank you to the officers, directors and individuals who contribute to make the M.C.A. the excellent organization that it is. We can't all contribute; but we all can appreciate.

Lynn A. Jost #2902

"Released for publication."

**QUESTION of the MONTH**

APRIL QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

WHAT IS THE CAPACITY (GALLONS) OF THE STOCK GAS TANK IN A 1967 MUSTANG 2+2 FASTBACK?

ANSWER: 17 GALLONS

WINNERS:

Dwight Harrison  
Lilburn, Georgia

J. K. Morris  
Jacksonville, Florida

MAY QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

WHAT IS THE TURNING RADIUS (CU. FT.) OF A 1967 MUSTANG?

The first two members who correctly answer our question of the month will receive a Mustang Club of America T-Shirt. These answers are to be submitted on a postcard (noting on this card also your shirt size) and mail to the National Headquarters, P.O. Box 447, Lithonia, Georgia 30058.

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

We hope you have all enjoyed these past three months issues of The Mustang Times featuring the 1967 Mustangs. We plan to start a three-month coverage of the 1966 Mustang beginning with the June or July issue. We are soliciting members for contributions and/or car pictures for the Reader's Page. A

Again, I would like to remind all members who have contributed a car for The Car of the Month, that we NOW must have both color and black and white pictures for this column. To our most recent members, in order for your car to be considered as Car of the Month, you are asked to submit approximately 6 color (prefer slides) and approximately 12 black and white photos along with a story about your car.

I would like to welcome two new regional groups this month. They are as follows:

Gulf Coast Region of The Mustang Club of America  
Route 9 - Box 265  
Pensacola, Florida 32504  
Bob McFeal, President

and

Mustang Club of Southwest Michigan  
P. O. Box 229  
Niles, Michigan 49120  
Jerry Sain, President

I'd like to wish each and every one of you good luck at the upcoming Eastern National Meet. From my last conversation with John Henderson, it is shaping up to be the biggest and best Mustang Club of America show yet. We should have all results for publication in next month's issue complete with pictures. See you there!

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