

BCMC WINS HAYNES CONTEST

The Beach Cities Mustang Club, an MCA Chapter based in the Los Angeles/Orange County area of Southern California, recently won top honors in the 2005 Haynes Automotive Manuals Car Club Challenge. The goal was to sell the most repair books, and BCMC took the \$10,000 grand prize by selling 345 of the popular manuals.

Several of the 500-plus club members worked hard to sell the manuals. A few members made the trek to November's 2005 SEMA Show for the check presentation. Manuals were sold at car shows, cruise nights, and at BCMC meetings.

"We threw the club members a huge holiday party as thanks for their support of the contest," said BCMC President Jon Schultz, "It will be nice to have a strong club treasury, and we'll be using part of the prize towards charitable donations." Last year, the BCMC collected and delivered 2,000 toys to needy children, some of the prize money with also be applied to this year's efforts.



Left to right: BCMC Members Joann & Alan Miyamoto; Orié Zamora; Pam Magdaleno; George Brueggeman, VP of Marketing for Haynes Automotive Manuals presents check to BCMC President Jon Schultz; Heather Reynolds and Adam Pitale of Adam's Polishes.



Left to Right: George Brueggeman, Vice President of Marketing for Haynes Automotive Manuals presents check to BCMC President Jon Schultz.



Laurie Slawson Receives Retirement Plaque

In the September 2005 issue of *Mustang Times*, we showed photos of the National show in Lacey, Washington. At that event, Laurie Slawson was awarded a Grille Medallion for her 1968 coupe. She was slated to receive a retirement plaque that weekend for her '68 as well. The presentation was delayed but made at the Copperstate Mustang Club Regional Show in October 2005 by Wally Short, National Head Judge-1st Generation. Wally also surprised Laurie with a mounted certificate for her 1967-1968 Concours Gold Card. She was awarded her Gold Card at the Utah National in 2004. Laurie also serves on the MCA Board of Directors.

Congratulations, Laurie. We look forward to seeing your 1968 entered in the Conservator Class this year!

JUDGES CORNER CLARIFICATION!

On page 10 in the "Judges Corner" of the January issue of *Mustang Times*, there is one rule statement that might be misleading to the membership.

The seventh bullet wording states "Entry fee \$20. Previous 2005 and earlier Retirees-Free." The \$20 fee for the Conservator Class is correct but it was not intended that previously retired cars that switch over to the Conservator class would have free entry to the class. If Retired cars remain in the Retired Class, then they continue to have free entry, but if the elect to switch over, they will have to pay the \$20 entry fee like everyone else. We hope this clarifies the rule.



NPD NEW CLASS SPONSOR

On January 2, 2006, the MCA announced that National Parts Depot would be sponsoring the new Conservator Class. The Conservator Award is a beautiful wall plaque with a 1971 Chrome Grille Pony permanently affixed with appropriate engraving identifying this Class. Prior to the awarding of this coveted prize, MCA will engrave the name of the winner, Class of Car, VIN, show location, etc. Also permanently engraved in a prominent location will be—SPONSOR: National Parts Depot. The Conservator Plaque will be dynamic in the hands of the winner because at each subsequent National/Grand National show, the awardees can earn up to ten engraved medal tags (to be affixed to plaque) at ten future shows. Successful winners will be eligible for a beautiful Cup (to be designed). National Parts Depot has long been supportive of the MCA. We are proud and grateful to have them as a sponsor for this new class.



A REAL MUSTANGER!

MCA doesn't have a "Babe" photo in any issues of *Mustang Times*. However, if we did, this photo of Vice President Chuck Micele might just have to be the first one.

The photo you see was Chuck's Christmas card for 2005. We just couldn't resist sharing it with the membership.

By the way, keep Chuck in your thoughts and prayers. He fell and cracked some ribs. A day later he coughed, and he heard his ribs break.

Unfortunately, this will be a long and painful recovery. We all hope he'll feel better soon so we can take more beef-cake photos!



UP FRONT AGAIN

by Greg Aleck

Picking up where he left off in 2005, Grand American (Grand-Am) Cup champion David Empringham was 2nd quickest in the No. 4 Blackforest Mustang leading a four-pack of Ponies in the annual pre-season test days at Daytona International Speedway.

Preparing for the season-opening Grand Am Cup 200 set to run on Friday, January 27, the day before the 44th Annual Rolex 24 at Daytona, Empringham along with co-drivers Valerie Limoges, Tom Nastasi, Ian James, and Alex Penfold led the No. 51 Mustang GT of Sleath Racing, driven by Pete Halsmer & Mike Miller, who were 4th quickest in combined times.

Rounding out the top ten were the Mustang GT of Biskup Motorsports (No. 11) driven by George & Brian Biskup, in 8th, and the Champion Racing GT No. 16 of Brad Lehmann, Ian Lacy, and John Olson in 9th place.

All four teams along with others are scheduled to return at the end of January for the season-opening Grand-Am Cup 200.

TIDBIT TO REMEMBER:

If the question, "Are you trailering your car to the show?" is not printed on a National Show Flyer, please write somewhere on the entry form whether or not you are trailering your Mustang to the show. I know you think the editor has lost her mind, but trust me on this one—you'll be glad you did!

SVTOA REKINDLES TIES TO SVT AND FORD RACING

Effective January 1, 2006, operation of the Ford Special Vehicle Team Owners Association has been transferred to the Ford SVT Marketing team, under the direction of the Ford Racing Technology group. What this means is that, as the new roles and responsibilities of the Ford Special Vehicle Team are identified and defined in the coming months, the SVTOA will become more closely aligned with Ford SVT, Ford Racing and Ford Racing Performance Parts.

SVT actually conceived, founded and launched the SVTOA more than six years ago, and is excited about the opportunity to be again working hand-in-hand with one of its most loyal owner groups. While Ford Racing and SVT work to establish their new missions among Ford performance enthusiasts, they'll be watching the SVTOA Message Board to read your input on how

you think the SVTOA can be improved to build a more viable relationship between FoMoCo and its most valuable customers.

Please visit the SVTOA Message Forums at <http://www.svtownersassociation.com/svtoaforums/index.php>

Stay tuned to www.svtoa.com, as well as www.svt.ford.com and www.fordracing-parts.com, for news and information on this exciting new era for Ford performance as we draw closer to the introduction of the 2007 Ford Shelby GT500.

BARRETT-JACKSON 2006, DAY 1

Some auction results for Day 1:

1965 GT Fastback	\$24,840
1966 T-5 Fastback	\$27,000
1967 GTA Coupe	\$15,120
1969 Mach 1	\$48,600
1970 Boss 302	\$75,600
1973 Convertible	\$28,890
1994 Cobra Indy Pace Car	\$32,400

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

National Parts Depot® has branches in Ocala, Florida; Livonia, Michigan; Ventura, California; and Charlotte, North Carolina. We hope NPD® continues to expand.

However, Rick Schmidt has not opened a branch of NPD® in New York City, and for sure he's not employed by nor does he own the NYPD! Additionally, the NYPD does not sponsor the annual Mustang & Ford Roundup at Silver Springs in Ocala, Florida, as was mistakenly typed on page 20 of the January issue.

NPD® has been sponsoring the Roundup for 12 years.

Please accept our apology, Rick, and thanks for your continued support of the Mustang Club of America.

