



A NEW YEAR!

It's almost Christmas as I'm writing this editorial, and already plans are underway for the upcoming show season. The first show for the MCA will be at Silver Springs, Florida, when Rick Schmidt and NPD once again host their annual round-up. It's quite an event, with free registration given to the first 1,000 cars entered. Being an all-Ford event, this is always a fun show to attend. Last night I found out that more than 1,000

autos had been registered for this show by the end of August! This show is held the first weekend in January. August! That was months ago. Just goes to show, planning is of utmost importance.

Have you taken a look at the calendar of this year's MCA National Shows? If so, and you've already decided to attend one or more, my immediate suggestion is to make a reservation at the host hotel as many of them are close to selling out! I guess more people plan ahead than I thought. The venues for this summer are all over the USA. I hope all of you are as excited for the show season to begin as I am. There are shows this summer in places I've never been. Not to mention the fact that all of the clubs are working feverishly and diligently to put on better and better shows. Did you know there's a committee for National Shows? I'm sure you did. But, did you know that that committee has members who travel to the clubs sponsoring National shows and gives a presentation to them, assisting them in producing an outstanding event? The show committees of each of the clubs hosting Nationals this year have been attending other National shows for more than one year now. Elizabeth Cofer in Concord, California, is a good example of this. She's on the National Board of Directors and she's been at many National shows this past summer with members of her club's show committee. Elizabeth is also the President of her local club. That's just one example of how dedicated our club members are.

Let's try to have a year where we all keep the National office informed of our club's activities. First in that statement is to ask that if your club is electing new officers, please let the MCA office know. If you can't go onto the website and key in the new information or update the information which is already there, send a notification to the MCA office. They'll be more than glad to keep your club's info updated. That also means if you have a new Regional Director, the MCA's office needs to know that as well. We can only reach you if you give us good contact information.

Let's also have a year where my files are flooded with "Show Notes," "Regional Spotlight" articles, and a huge selection of choices for "My Mustangs." What I'm basically saying is the files are nearly empty once again. Please send any editorial information to the editorial offices or you can email me directly at editor@mustangtimes.org. For those who don't have my direct mailing address, here it is:

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I, for one, find the end of each year sad and happy at the same time. Time has a way of going by quickly—sometimes too quickly. I will vividly remember the shows I attended this past year, and the people that I was fortunate to meet. Yet at the same time, I look with anticipation to going to new places, meeting more of you, and creating more memories. If you are at a National Show this summer, look for me, and introduce yourself to me. You never know, you may show up on the pages of Mustang Times. That's why I'm out there; to meet each of you, see your Mustangs up close and personal and take photos of what's happening in the club, and relating the experiences in the pages of your magazine. So, look for me. I'll be the one with the camera and a smile, and maybe a funny hat every now and then!

My hope for each of you is that the holidays were happy and a time of peace and joy! My prayer for each one of you is that you have a prosperous and healthy year in 2007; that your year is full of fun times; and that you make new friends and happy memories everywhere you go!

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