

Looking Back



A good friend keeps quizzing me with trivia questions about television shows and movies. I rarely know the correct answer. When I was a youngster, I was occupied on Saturday mornings with activities that kept me out of the house. And, as I reflect on my youth, it seems we spent a great deal of time out of doors, playing in the back yard or at my grandparents' summer cottage on the lake.

How times have changed. Kids spend more time indoors than out, and more time watching TV or playing video games than playing with each other. But then, I would not want to relive my youth now, too much scary stuff going on. It's bad enough worrying about the grandkids' exposure to everything.

I attended a Catholic school, from kindergarten through college. And, I may get ugly letters for saying this, but in high school we had too much time off. We went on field trips, and had tons of holidays and Holy Days off. However, one really big field trip that I will never forget was to the 1964 New York World's Fair. We attended the Fair several times. And, yes, I did ride the Skyway Mustangs.

A few weeks ago I received an email from MCA member Gary Schweitzer. He offered me an article on the Skyway Mustangs for *Mustang Times*. I immediately phoned Austin Craig to talk about it with him. After all, he is the publisher. We jumped on the opportunity to have Gary's article. In fact, Austin was so in agreement about the article that he asked to answer the email instead of me. It's one of two main features in this issue. The other is on the recently held Grand National—Southern Exposure in Augusta, Georgia.

When I received the article and the accompanying photos, I was in awe. There's no telling how many hours, days, months, etc. went into the research and writing of the article, and collecting and organizing the photos and captions. The article spans almost 10 pages. I looked at the photos with a magnifying glass to see if I recognized anyone in them.

Seriously, the article brought back some really great memories. As you read it, I hope that many of you will relive some great memories as well. I don't feel so bad that I flunk the trivia quizzes all the time, I just learned never to play an entertainment version of Trivial Pursuit with my friend. I know I'd lose. I'm glad that I was outside or elsewhere instead of watching TV, or that I was reading a book or swimming in the lake. And, I'm equally glad that in high school we were out of school too many days—we would never have been able to sneak away from the Fair, go into Manhattan, and eat at Mama Leone's. (Oops, don't tell Mother Superior.) Actually, I'm glad that I was fortunate enough to attend the World's Fair in New York, and more than once. It was exciting to see that first Mustang, and I've love it every since.

Where were you during the 1964 New York's World's Fair? Did you attend? Have any photos? And, why don't we have those any more? Just look at the landmarks around the United States that we would not have were it not for a World's Fair!

One parting thought, there are still World's Fair Mustangs unaccounted for. I don't know about you, but it makes me want to go junk-yarding! That's a fun thing to to anyhow, especially when you stumble on some long-lost Mustang and score a part that you need to finish the restoration or make the repair. Heck, one might even be parked in your back yard or garage. You never know!

How cool would it be to find a Skyway Mustang these days? Take a look at the photos of the few Mustangs that are waiting to be restored. You'll be amazed.

All I have to say is, Gary, thank you for thinking of *Mustang Times*. And thank you for giving me a few weeks of reliving some happy memories. Send us photos of your Skyway Mustang when it's finished. Maybe we'll have photos of some of the missing ones by then!

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