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It is so seldom that I ever get to greet 12,500 hearty Mustang lovers with a Joyous Holidays and a Happy New Year. Here is wishing you the peace and joy of this gracious season of the year.

There are two additional things on my mind, and they are both seasonal.

First, let me suggest someone that I think should be awarded the Mustang Angel Award of the year. Most of us experience an angel in our lives at some point. Maybe it is a person who brings a warm bowl of soup when the rest of the world is falling apart all around us. Maybe it is family, or friends, or the smile of a child. Can you think of that special someone who has touched your life?

You may ask, what is the Mustang Angel Award? Well, it is something I made up just a few days ago. I have been aware of a person who has made a major impact on the Mustang Club of America, and the Mustang Hobby, this year. There has got to be any number of people, if I put my mind to it, who might qualify as an "impact giver" to the hobby. But for the moment, I am overwhelmed by what this individual has done.

This person is Steven McCarley, the Vice President of the Mustang Club of America. Last January, I asked Steven to assume the leadership of the Ford/Other Club Liaison Committee. I wanted him to work with Ford Motor Company, to develop an even stronger relationship than MCA and Ford had ever had. And so he did.

Steven began working with the Mustang/Thunderbird sales team, and then began meeting regularly with the Ford Product Manager. As the year began to unfold, FORD renewed their financial support of the MCA budget at a high six figures a year (with a three year commitment). There are few car companies in the world that have such a large, home grown, independent organization, as Ford has in the MCA.

The MCA budget is membership driven and basically membership funded. The funding came at the right time, because the costs of magazine production and postage were catching up on the Club.

But the beat goes on! The Ford Product Manager asked Steven and our Editor Mary Jean Wesche, about our membership cards, and when he saw them he said, "Here's the funds. Go buy a new embossing machine."

Now Ford has told Steven that it wants to do a test market in December (in one State) where they place a MCA membership application in the hands of every new Mustang buyer, and offer to pay for the first year of their membership. And, if the program is a success, as they believe it will be, in 2008 Ford will offer to pay every new Mustang owners MCA membership, if they so choose. And, in addition to all of this, Ford Motor company will be joining MCA in funding and putting on the 45th Anniversary in 2009.

To cap it all off, Ford wishes MCA to participate with them in their major display at Barrett Jackson in Phoenix in January 2008.

For these reasons, and many more, I award Steven McCarley the Mustang Angel Award for 2008. Of course, he will deny ever thinking of himself as an angel, but let's call it poetic license.

As I have said earlier, I had one other seasonal thing on my mind. It is this. I would like you to personally become the "Mustang Angel" for your family and friends by driving safely this month. The holidays bring the first snows to many states. The other drivers may have had too much partying. Only you can control your speed and behavior on the road. Your life is the best gift you can give those you love. And remember, in these days of high fuel costs, you can save money by driving at the posted limits. The faster you go, the more fuel you consume and the more money you spend, to say nothing of the higher the risk to your life.

Happy Hanukkah  
 Merry Christmas  
 Happy New Year

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