

# Looking Ahead



You will note in this issue that we've highlighted three driving events that were held by Regional Clubs of the MCA over the past year. Personally, I think driving events are more fun than most in the MCA realize. Actually, in addition to being fun, I feel they should be a must for anyone who wants to handle a Mustang at high speed. The public roads and highways are not the place for this type of driving.

I encourage everyone to participate in Driving Events, especially ones where there are Novice classes and classroom instruction. And when your children and grandchildren are of age, enroll them in one as well. These schools are so important in learning the handling capabilities of Mustangs. And, they are important in learning how to drive out of dangerous situations. The fun aspect just tops it all off!

I've been fortunate to experience both aspects of open track events—from the driver's seat, to serving as a track safety official and as an event steward. I highly recommend a weekend on a road course to each and every member of the MCA.

As you read the stories written by attendees and instructors, just imagine yourself behind the wheel of your Mustang, maneuvering the esses, the chicane, or even the banking at a racetrack. Then imagine how you would feel if you attended a driving event and learned how to handle your Mustang in wet conditions or dry conditions, or when you've decided Dorsey Schroeder should be afraid of your driving as you negotiate the twisting turns on your way home from work. Wouldn't it be nice to know that, should you find yourself in one of these unfortunate situations, you'd be able to drive your way out of trouble? And, that you may well have saved your life, or that of another? For that reason alone, driving schools are a MUST!

The MCA supports all events of its Regional Clubs; these Driving Events have been overlooked as far as coverage in the *Mustang Times*. For that—I apologize. From now on, that will not happen! There are members of our wonderful club who enjoy trailering and showing their Mustangs. There are members who enjoy driving their Mustangs on a daily basis. And there are those who drive them only occasionally. We highlight shows, picnics, club activities of all types, but we've ignored the Driving Events for far too long. They are a vital and growing aspect of this hobby. Just take a look at the Fun Ford Weekends, or NMRA events. Even local Solo events have Mustangs participating.

Mustangs are the perfect car for road courses—in my opinion. I have no problem with drag racing on a drag strip (we don't advocate street racing). However, I prefer to handle my Mustang turning right and left while pushing it to the limits of its and my capabilities. If my Mustang were set up for drag racing, I'd enjoy that too! Hopefully, you get the idea! This club is inclusive for all aspects of the Mustang hobby, from the person who isn't an owner to the person with multiple Mustangs and varied interests!

On a recent Total Ford Performance webcast, I promised to give a glimpse of the new Bullitt Mustang. What a privilege be a part of the Bullitt Launch in San Francisco along with Greg Autry of International

Mustang Bullitt Owners Club! The car is awesome and I'll highlight it in the January issue. For now, here's a photo to peak your interest!

I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! And for those who celebrate Hannukah, and Kwanza, Happy Holidays to you too!

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