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# A New Era in 2008 Mustanging

**T**he approved results from the recent Judges Meeting and the Nov 10, 2007 MCA Board Meeting are in for the 2008 Show season. We are now entering phase one of a two year program designed to streamline and modernize our past very large Class structure. This year, we had a record high of 85 Mustang Car Classes. With Ford turning out new special Mustang models, as it seems in the blink of an eye, that we would be derelict if we didn't slow down the virtual run away in the large number of car classes. As I told the 38 Judges at the Rules meeting in Atlanta, GA Nov 3, 2007, "we are a train wreck waiting to happen". That's not to say our previous Class structure didn't serve us well, but it has become cumbersome and difficult to manage with the influx of new models. Many types of Judging sheets, log books and records to maintain, were getting too voluminous for the Tally room personnel to easily maintain and score.

In January of this year, MCA President Bill Johnson appointed me the high honor as being your National Head Judge. I accepted this position with a pledge to carry out my duties with the highest integrity and top priority to MCA. My first act was to appoint the best early and late model Head Judges in the country. I found two individuals who also agreed to serve unselfishly in the betterment of MCA. They are Charles Turner and Allen Stewart. We were also very fortunate to have Bob Perkins with us again as Technical Advisor to MCA. Immediately we formed an Ad Hoc (One time Blue Ribbon Committee) to look at the current overall MCA Class Structure with a goal of restructuring our Show Classes in a fair and simple manner that will be manageable, understandable, and last into the next decade.

I am pleased to announce that the results are in and we now have 60 Classes in a simplified format that is easily understood and broken down into XI Divisions. Please turn to page 42 for the approved 2008 MCA National Show Classes. You will immediately note that Classes are now in an All category. This may disturb some Mustangers who feel that Convertibles and Fastbacks will have preference over Coupes. Not True! Our Judges will be instructed to Judge strictly by the rules with absolutely no favoritism whatsoever. Fairness is the keyword and this will be watched over closely.

Highlighted here are the major new Classes you will see offered at next years National/Grand National and approved changes.

**New**

- Drag /Race Class (1964 1/2 to 2008 with very specific entrance requirements. Popular Choice. MCA has a Sponsor
- Display Class (All years) For those that only want to park & show their Mustangs. No voting.
- Youth Class. (All years) For members under 25 w/valid drivers license. Popular Choice.
- Restomod Class ('64 1/2 to 1973. Popular Choice. MCA has a Sponsor.

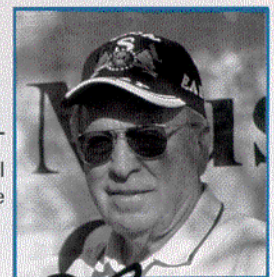
**Change**

- Conservator Class (1964 1/2 to 1998) Now \$20 entree fee to go to Host Club. Award will state "Conservator."

**Class Consolidations/  
Restructuring**

- Consolidate Open/Closed into ALL.
- Restructure Modified's from previous 6 to 4 Classes (All years) -not counting Drag/Race or Restomod.
- New Specialty Division for Roush, Cobra & Saleen (Occasional Driven Rules).
- Remove the Authenticity Judging for 2 to 9 year old Mustangs to comply with 10 year old Concours Rule. Applicable to old 4th & 5th Generation car classification.
- Expand Concours Driver-Trailer Class PS, to include 1st & 2nd Generation
- Place "How to Become a Judge" in MCA Rulebook.
- Adopt new "Abbreviated Judging Sheets" for Regional Shows.
- Add "Color Field" to Judging Sheets
- Approved a Gold Card criteria tracking report.
- Approved a new "Concours Prestige" awards for Concours Trailered & Driven to be awarded at Grand National. MCA has a Sponsor.
- Replace old Authenticity (Blue Grille Medallion) award with a new design award. MCA has a sponsor.

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