

“The Future’s So Bright, I Gotta Wear Shades...”

As I prepared this issue, I’m also preparing to fly to Phoenix for the MCA’s annual meeting, which will include installation of the newly elected officers and board members. There’s much excitement building in the MCA officers, directors and, hopefully, our members at this beginning of a new year. Plans that have been established and actions that began last year will continue on for this year. The most noticeable is MCA’s presence at various non-MCA events around the country. Last year we attended shows in California; Tulsa, OK; Carlisle, PA; Georgia; Washington; and Boston. At least two of these shows were the World of Wheels events, and a few were Fun Ford Weekend events. It can be said that 2006 was a banner year for shows!

This year, there are many new events on the horizon in addition to our National and Grand National shows. We will continue to have a presence at other non-MCA venues. Penciled in on the agenda are Knott’s’ Berry Farm, Mid-America Shelby meet in Tulsa, SAAC’s National event in Utah, Woodward Dream Cruise, BeachFest Daytona, Fun Ford weekends in Florida and Virginia, and Carlisle All-Ford Nationals, just to name just a few.

You get the idea—we’re getting out there, and spreading the message about MCA around the country. There’s even an event in Canada that I’m looking into as well. In addition to these shows, we plan to have coverage of the MCA’s driving events. And that means attending and photographing the event for the Mustang Times. The driving events of the MCA are equally important as the car shows. We’re truly an evolving club. We will always hold true to the roots of the very core of the MCA, but that doesn’t mean we don’t have room to spread our wings!

On page 39 is an ad from ARMO. ARMO is the part of SEMA’s council. It stands for Automotive Restoration Market Organization. In this particular public-service ad, the subject is Take a Kid to a Car Show. Take a good look at that ad, really read it, and then contemplate its meaning. I won’t get on my soapbox again, now, but the message is one we all need to heed. Our children and grandchildren are the future of this hobby, and I for one want to see it carried on long after I’m gone.

You might notice that this issue has some different formatting. We’ve freshened it up a bit with new headings for all the departments, like this editorial column, Judges Corner, Driver’s Seat, etc. We hope you like it and that you find it easy to read. As always, your comments are welcomed.

Also in this issue, in the News department, is information on the Mustang/Thunderbird Club Center of Ford Motor Company. There’s a photo of Dave Marchand, who essentially is the Club center, accompanying that column for those of you who haven’t met him. This Center provides so much information to all the Mustang and Thunderbird clubs that I wouldn’t even know where to begin to explain. If your club hasn’t registered with them yet, take a few minutes to do it. You’ll be pleasantly surprised by the benefits.

Lastly, just so that you know it’s really still me writing this column, I’m continuing to ask for My Mustang, Show Notes, and Regional Spotlight submissions. You need to be aware that photos **MUST** be sent at a high resolution. That means setting your digital camera on its highest setting so that the photos will reproduce clearly and larger than 1-inch by 1-inch. If you need assistance, or are unsure if your photos will work, email one photo to me. I’ll check it out and let you know if there’s a problem. Also, look for an upcoming article on photographing your Mustang using various types of cameras. I enlisted assistance from every generation possible—yup, that includes my grandchildren! Sorry, had to include them. If they can do it, so can you!

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