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I arrived on a Thursday evening at the Will Rogers World Airport at Oklahoma City, OK, all primed to participate in the first National Mustang Club of America Show for 2007. I was flooded with great memories, because Will Rogers is one of my national soothsayers. I don't know if this was one of his statements, but if it isn't, it ought to be. "I tell things the way I remember them, which may not necessarily be the way they happened." So, let me tell you a story.

No National or Grand National Mustang Club of America event is ever perfect. There is always something that goes a little sideways, and sometimes there is something really terrible that happens. On the other hand, there are some shows that just "set the mark." If you ever wanted to be at a "mark setter" you should have been at the April 20-22nd OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL MUSTANG NATIONAL in Mustang, OK.

First of all, it was as if the whole city of Mustang, OK, had some part to play or at least the population seemed to be participating in nearly everything. The entire building housing City Offices and the adjacent property was turned over to the Mustang car show. The Mustang Police Department was on-site every day, and they were giving out tickets to every Mustanger who wanted one. (I'll come back to that one in a moment.) The City Manager and the public relations staff worked with the Show staff for months in making a myriad of decisions that resulted in a spectacular event. The mayor was beside himself with excitement. He even presented a Key to the City to your President, which doesn't really open anything, but it sure provides a lot of great memories. There was an Indian pow wow, with dances. Even unscheduled wind and blowing dust lasted throughout each day of the show. The Judges were spoiled rotten with a free lunch. The hotel, the restaurants, and the local newspaper went all out. And if you like music, the "DJ" was great, and if you loved the 1942 Broadway hit song OKLAHOMA, you got to hear it about every two hours.

Oh, you want to know about the tickets from the Police. Well, it seems that Mustang Car Owners want to have a ticket that says Mustang, OK, so rather than speeding or "burnouts", the police department took the significant information from your drivers license, and filled out a "real ticket" and then asked what it was that you were guilty of. I chose to be arrested for "Harassing a Peace Officer," and she chose to fine me \$1,000.

What seemed to lay behind this special show was a personality. Not just one person, but an entire club with one personality. It was the mid-west hospitality at it warmest. Whether it was the Show Chairman, the staff at registration, the parking crew, or the full-time-on-duty Police Officers, there was a smile and a genuineness that was engaging. This was no small event, either. The show site loaded up with two cars shy of 500, and perhaps the largest showing of 2005-2006 Mustangs that I have ever seen. Of course there were problems! But, I don't think that spoiled the weekend, because the good will and grace with which the Club handled the problems smoothed over nearly every rough spot. It was stunning when the Oklahoma Mustang Club (Mustang, OK) took a group picture of their membership, and something like 70-80 club members stood up for the photo.

I have seen so many Top Rated National and Grand National Shows over the past 10 years that I am constantly amazed that the shows just continue to shine brighter and brighter. Each Show seems to benefit from its predecessor. Where does it stop? Who knows! All I understand is that Mustang owners all across the United States, when they attend a National or a Grand National Show, have the privilege of participating in the show piece of the MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA. Mustang, Oklahoma, has launched the year 2007 in a stunning way.

See you in Louisville, KY; Concord, CA; Springfield, IL; and Augusta, GA.

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