

As this issue is on it's way to the printer, I'm sitting with a blank computer screen staring at me. It's Editorial column time. And, after looking through the photos from the Mustang, Oklahoma, National Show, one of the photos left me speechless! Well, almost!

First, I've been to Mustang, Oklahoma, before. In 1996 I accompanied Mustangs Across America on its journey to the MCA's anniversary celebration in Atlanta, Georgia. The people of Oklahoma are so friendly. You meet them and feel as though they've been your friends for years! The MAA trip was one of the most fun experiences I've had. I met some awesome people who are still my friends today. Driving to the show from the hotel brought back a flood of memories. That got me thinking, Isn't that what much of this hobby is about? Memories?

Where were you when the Mustang was introduced at the New York's World's Fair? Were you in grammar school, high school, college, married, single, or were you even born yet? Where were you when you saw your first Mustang? What was your impression at the time? Love at first sight like most of us? Where were you when you learned about the Mustang Club of America? Where did you hear about your local club (I hope each and every one of you belong to a regional group)? Why do you drive a Mustang? Why do you collect Mustangs?

Make you think? Tired of the questions yet? OK, I think you get my point. At least I hope you do.

This past week I've been driving a press car. Not just any press car, a 2007 Shelby GT500! At the Oklahoma National I saw a GT350 that was a carbon copy of the Shelby my husband, Ken, owned when we met. Actually, I wonder if I hadn't known what a Shelby was, would he have continued to talk to me. Anyhow, we have much in common in life and in the Mustang world. We had matching Grabber Shelybs, one '70 350, one '69 500. You've all heard this before. Driving this "new" Shelby, brought back a flood of memories about those early Shelybs, although the driving experience is totally different!

Attending and covering the Centennial National show brought back such fun memories. And, they all surround the one thing we all have in common—the Ford Mustang!

On the flight to the MCA National Board meeting this past weekend, I met a man on the plane who recognized me from the photo below. Scared the tar out of me. I sat next to a gentleman who asked about the shirt I was wearing. The logo is the *Mustang Times* logo and it didn't have my name on it. I was wearing a "Fordite" pendant around my neck. He noticed that, too! Asked all kinds of questions. He then proceeded to talk to me about a '67 that he's restoring for his wife. He lives in California and was planning to take it out and really drive it. Don't know for sure where he'd planned to do that, but he had a huge smile on his face just talking about it. How cool is that? Don't you meet Mustang people everywhere you go? Hasn't the experience enriched your life in many ways?

I'm planning to make more memories for myself, my family, and especially those wonderful grandchildren. My little Mustang fanatic grilled me yesterday on the car I'm cruising around in for a couple more days. She's eight! Her name is Ashlee; you'll hear more about her. I'm planning to get her into driving school the day any one of them will take her.

This is a wonderful hobby—full of fun cars, fun people, and happy times. What a better way to keep the hobby alive than to share those memories with loved ones, friends, and heck, even total strangers! They won't be strangers for long. Soon they'll be friends for life!

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