

Dear Mary Jean,

Mark and I send our thanks to you, the Derby City Mustang Club, and our MCA family for your love and support shown us during Mark's emergency stay at Baptist Hospital East, while attending the Kentucky National show on Memorial Day weekend. This was an experience we will never forget—being 700 miles from home, members and friends of MCA opened their hearts to us for comfort until our family arrived. We returned home safely and Mark is improving daily.

Thanks also to everyone who prepared our Mustang on Saturday morning for judging—that was totally unexpected.

We are so happy to be members of such a great club.

Love to you all and may God bless.

Mark & Beth Cooper

Hello Mary Jean,

I just received my April issue of *Mustang Times*, and I couldn't help but notice the Michigan *Mustang Times* license plates on Brian Mapes Coral Mustang. On the rear on the Mustang is the current "Old Blue" Michigan *Mustang Times* plate, and on the front a 1968 Michigan *Mustang Times* plate, green with yellow lettering.

I also live in Michigan and I do have a collection of Michigan license plates. I was wondering what information you could pass along about the Michigan *Mustang Times* license plates. Naturally I would like to know if these plates are available to the members. Are these plates cardboard, plastic or metal? I'm sure you could do a whole story on these plates, starting with who makes them, where they are made, what they are made of, and if they are given to the Mustang owner after the pictures are taken.

I did enjoy the pictures of the "personalized" plates that were in the *Mustang Times* a few years back.

Finally, thank you for the time you give to the club being the editor. I'm sure at times, (*Mustang Times*) the task must seem overwhelming. When I was young, I saw a sign that said "A Job Well Done Deserves Recognition." This would certainly apply to you!

Gary Gerweck

Hello Gary,

Thank you for your kind remarks. I do enjoy what I do and try to make the magazine enjoyable for all the MCA members.

Brian Mapes' plate was "altered" in Photo-shop so that his vehicle wouldn't be quite so easy to find.

As I worked on "My Mustang" for the May issue, I discovered that the Mustang Club of Maryland and the Mustang Club of Oklahoma have license plates issued by their DOT. We'd love to hear from other clubs who have DOT plates issued by their states.

Just to let you know, I do plan to do a couple of pages on license plates at the end of the summer since several members have asked about having one in Times. It's been fun to photograph personalized plates at shows this year. Choosing which ones to publish will be quite interesting.

I hope to meet you at a show soon.

Mary Jean

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Regarding your May editorial, you did not mention the best Mustang ever—the already forgotten '07 Shelby GT. I have waited over 40 years for Ford to build this car. I ran a '66 GT 350 in vintage races for more than 10 years in the '80's. I have owned over 50 vintage Mustangs since 1964. I was enamored by the 4 cam, '96 Cobra and had one of the first ones in GA. I was looking for the ultimate open track, autocross, and occasional street driver package. \$3,000 in mods later I was still another \$3,000 from a competitive car and

it still had engine management issues. The best the Cobra did at Road Atlanta was 130 on the back straight. My '66 Shelby would do 145 with a 4:11 and 4 speed. I swore off new cars and SVT at that point.

Ford had a ride and drive in Atlanta when the '05 Mustang GT was waiting in the wings. It was basically a second gear autocross at Turner Field. I fell in love with the retro styling, handling, and performance. I was on two lists for the GT 500 when it was \$39,000. Price increases and dealer premiums put it out of my range. After I saw my first one I got over it. It sits too high, not enough of the Shelby look. The GT-H got my attention, but it is an automatic. I researched packages Shelby added to the Hertz and was looking for a base GT to modify when I came across a White '07 Shelby GT at Jacky Jones Ford. It was love at first sight and they didn't hold me up on the money. Jacky put on a set of chrome Shelby 10-spoke replica wheels and 0127 was mine. It is the "real" Shelby in the crowd. GTs are sent to Shelby's factory in Vegas where he adds suspension, warms up the small block engine, adds some stripes, a hood, and side scoops. It's 1966 all over again with amenities; power steering, brakes, air, cruise, leather, 6 disc CD and 28 MPG on the highway. The best part of my job restoring classic Mustangs is driving the Shelby to work. I get to play on the interstate ramps and mountain roads everyday in Georgia.

Lee Mathias

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