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One of the nice things about talking to yourself is that some things just need to be said, but you don't want to offend anyone. At least, that is the best excuse I can come up with.

Three recent "silent conversations" come to mind.

A. I was at the airport, waiting in a long "inspection" line, as the TSA checked out everyone. I wondered if I would ever get thru the line to catch my airplane to the Louisville Show. My guess is that everyone in the airport feels picked on but I bet the people who get the most abuse are the TSA inspectors. Everyone who flies must deal with the TSA, but I have yet to meet a really nasty inspector. Nearly every TSA officer is trying to go out of their way to be personable.

I was dressed in my MCA shirt, with my name embroidered on it. (A self-technique I use to make me behave.) An MCA shirt is a great way to elicit conversation. My TSA inspector responded to the bait by starting to talk about the new Mustangs. "Boy, you can really tell it is a Mustang behind you, when you look in the mirror and see those headlights coming at you." And my silent remark back to him wanted to be, "Yea, and when it goes ripping by you, that low rumble of the exhaust just tells you your Chevy has been passed by a Mustang." But, you win more with sugar than vinegar, so I carried on by being polite, and I said, "They are great cars, aren't they?"

B. What great shows we have had this summer? Among the very best—Oklahoma City, Louisville, and Concord. I am not sure which show it was, but one Show participant was telling me about the problems he had experienced with his car project. Actually, what I think he was telling me was that he was having difficulty dealing with the tension which results from not doing as well as he thought he should. The restoration had started some years ago. It seemed like he had just about done everything wrong, but somehow he got the car finished, and at the show. What I really wanted to ask him was whether he had posted and followed the three basic rules of restoration:

1. Never do your shopping first. What happens is that you end up buying duplicate parts, and wasting far more money than you need.

2. Avoid losing focus. What more need be said. This is a personal issue for me. Right now I am trying to restore two cars at the same time, and contemplating bringing in a third. Dumb! Dumb! Dumb!

3. Under planning. You see, the more lists you make, and the more time-lines your work out, and the more goals you list, the better you outline where you are going.

Well, the wisdom of silence won out again. No use telling him to go back and un-ring his restoration bell. So, we just talked about how neat his car was, and I urged him to keep up the good work.

C. I've also been mumbling to myself a lot since becoming President. I keep wondering why our MCA dollars don't seem to go as far as they did a few years ago, and worst of all, I wonder if what we are doing in MCA is what we need to be doing. I remember how hard Arley Whitsell and Jim Chism and Chuck Micele worked at keeping a balanced budget. The Board of Directors theme since the early 2000's has been a "Zero Based Budget" which translates into, "if you don't have the money, you don't buy." But, were we missing something in service to the membership? I've really been having quite a conversation with myself.

I wonder how many people read what I have been thinking about and I wonder if they would communicate their thoughts. I wonder if they would go to the MCA web site and pick a National Director from their area (or any area for that matter) and tell them what they think. It seems to me that the MCA must operate in the best interests of the membership. So I said to myself, "Maybe there are people who will take time to give the MCA leadership some thoughts!" But, then you didn't hear it from me.

Lovin' those Mustangs,

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