

# HERE WE GO!

In the April 2006 issue of *Mustang Times*, the editorial was an April Fool's joke about building a 1967 Mustang. And, members of the MCA were asked to send me parts to aid in building this car. At the end, I stated that on April 1, 2007, I'd be giving rides in my new car. Well, not many people responded to that column. The few that did took me seriously, prompting me to write a correction in the next issue. However, one gentleman did send me a Grille Corral (NOS), which I still have. This idea has festered and has become a dream.

That Grille Corral has been in my office as a constant reminder of an idea which, though many feel is far-fetched, I now think of as a challenge.

In January of each year, I'm fortunate to be sent to an editorial conference sponsored by SEMA. The MPMC Conference's specific purpose of is to have editors meet with vendors to discuss Tech articles planned for the coming year.

With this dream always in the back of my mind (well, every now and then it surfaced enough to keep itself alive), I discussed my plan with various vendors at the MPMC conference this year. It surprised me that I was not met with blank stares, or comments like, "What are you, crazy?" Instead, I was given much positive reinforcement, and offers of assistance. Well, that's all it took. Ever since that conference, I've been formulating a plan to build a 1967 Mustang Fastback, from scratch, here in Lakeland, Florida, so I can get my hands greasy, too! I had bounced around ideas in my head of charities to which I'd donate the money I planned to raise by raffling off the Mustang. I planned what options I'd like to see in this project car. When I felt my plan was concrete enough, I presented my ideas to Austin Craig, MCA Board Member and Publisher of *Mustang Times*. Austin is one of the most positive influences in my life. He is my PR agent, my voice of reason, and my best advisor. Austin gave me a rousing thumbs up.

So, I'm announcing to you, all the members of the MCA, the following plan for the next 12 months (give or take) in *Mustang Times*.

**The plan's Objective:**

Design and build a 1967 Mustang fastback that incorporates current technology, resulting in a fun-to-drive car that captures the full essence of the Mustang Brand.

**Project Details:**

- The buildup of the 1967 Mustang will be documented with a series of articles in *Mustang Times* and on the Mustang Club of America web site.
- The Mustang buildup will be performed at Classic Creations of Central Florida, located in Lakeland, Florida.
- When completed in 2008, the Mustang will be exhibited at Mustang Club of America National and Regional events.
- The Mustang will be raffled off at the Mustang 45th Celebration in 2009.

And, after much thought and reflection, here's the final piece of the plan: All proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. I hope to partner with Ford's Warriors in Pink program as well.

Breast Cancer has touched the lives of so many people, including some members of my immediate family. To be able to do this, and give the money to the research and cure of this dreaded disease, is a blessing for me.

So, I'm asking for your help. Tell everyone you know what we're doing. And, if you decide you'd like to come to Florida for a vacation and help us in this project, please let me know. We're looking for everything for this project—from a '67 Mustang body to able bodies to assist with the manual labor. And, if you can't participate physically, please keep this project in your thoughts and prayers as it's a large undertaking.

We will keep you informed with regular progress reports.

Just think of me as your overly optimistic, slightly off-center Editor!

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