

It's Begun...



Last issue I made an announcement about the project car that we plan to build. I promised to keep the membership informed of the progress. We have contacted the Susan G. Komen Foundation, filled out all the appropriate paperwork and submitted it to their National Organization. The approval came back from them just one week prior to this issue going to press for all proceeds to be given to the Suncoast Chapter of the Susan Komen Race for the Cure.

Naturally, I wasn't expecting any problems with them accepting the donation, but to have them as excited as I am about this, and to have them grant permission for us to use their logos in any promotional materials was such good news. We also plan to work with Ford's Warriors In Pink program.

I hope each and every one of you will support this project. It means so much to me to be able to do something like this, and as I stated last month, if you can't come down to help build, or you can't donate any materials, please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Letters have gone out to various corporations asking them to become a sponsor in any way they find feasible. Hopefully next month I'll be able to tell you who's on board with me!

As the summer season comes to a close as far as MCA National Shows and the Grand National is just a couple of weeks away, it's really difficult to believe this MCA show season is coming to its conclusion already. My mother used to tell me that time flies when you get older. Well, I must be getting close to Methusala's age, because it seems that every summer goes faster and faster. Although MCA's shows are done for this year (the Grand National will be over by the time you read this), there are many Regional events held all over the place until the weather makes it difficult. Rest assured that we still want to hear from clubs who hold events through the remaining months of 2007. I know of several that I would love to attend. And, don't be surprised if I just happen to show up at your event to take photos and maybe do a little show coverage. SEMA is scheduled for the last week of October. Look for coverage from the show, which is always exciting, in the magazine. Additionally, I will make a promise to all of you to do a better job at getting photos downloaded daily onto the MCA website from the Press Room at SEMA this year.

Bound into this issue is a ballot which accompanies more than five pages of biographies of candidates to fill upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors. Take the time to read each bio and, although you may not know these candidates personally, make a choice on who you think would best represent the interest of MCA's members. Choose no more than 12 and drop the ballot into the mail—postage has been paid for you. We need enthusiastic members and Board Members to help this club reach its full potential! And, we have much potential that is untapped! I can easily see the membership numbers grow into six digits. With the number of Mustangs there are on the roads and, since our motto is Ownership Is Not Essential—Enthusiasm Is, we should be closer to those six digits than we are now. We're growing, and it's exciting. Let's help our Board of Directors keep the excitement and fun into this club and make it the best it can be! And let's grow the club to the size it could be!

One last thought. You will read that MCA's dues will be going up soon. I can't remember when the dues weren't \$30. Most Regional Club dues is more than that. Don't let the increase stop you from renewing your membership, or encouraging more of your friends to join. It's a wonderful organization, full of wonderful people, and a hard working, dedicated Board. Help keep it going in the right direction!

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