

Looking Ahead



By the time you read this, the Holidays should be over, and Show Season should be starting. I don't know about most of you, however I, for one, will be happy to get back out on the showfield and around Mustangs and "car people." It's been a long, dry winter. (Well as much of a winter I could have living in Florida. My sympathy to those in blizzard country.)

Please read the "Just In" column and take note of a key chain that the MCA has for sale. We're doing this to raise money for the Mystical Build '67 for Susan G. Komen. These adorable key chains are only \$5 and all proceeds will go toward the project vehicle. We'll be starting that build in January and you will see it covered on the pages of this magazine. Additionally, I intend to begin a "Foundation" of sorts for those of you who have generously offered to donate money to this project. I plan to put all information out on the MCA website and in the magazine about this soon!

There are some very special things happening in this issue. First, we have a fold-out center spread, compliments of Ford Racing. It's a miniature of their poster for the new series: the Ford Racing Mustang Challenge for the Miller Cup Presented by BFGoodrich Tires. Having met with a few gentlemen from Ford Racing at the recent PRI show, Josh Bolger and I have put together several pages of exciting information regarding this series. I'm so excited about this because I have such a deep passion for road racing—and in a Mustang. In my mind, there're only few things better. History repeats itself once again at Ford! I have to share that there's one especially exciting memory of my Trans-AM Mustang racing days as a Pit Chief for SCCA, and that was watching Dorsey Shroeder driving a Mustang, hard, across the start/finish line at the St. Petersburg, FL, Grand Prix—at speed, sideways.

As you read these pages covering this new series, send your thoughts to us about this new series. Miller Motorsports Park in Utah (in close proximity to the membership of the Northern Utah Mustang Owners Association, those fortunate people!) will be the training venue for drivers planning to race these special Mustangs. Additionally, the preliminary schedule is included in this issue as well. Note that one of the venues is especially familiar—Barber Motorsports Park outside Birmingham, Alabama.

Speaking of Barber Motorsports Park, how about joining the Ford Motor Company's 45th Anniversary Celebration of the Mustang on April 17-19, 2009, at Barber Motorsports Park? That's right, it's official. I know there've been rumors of all sorts of venues, but the dates have been confirmed and Ford is beginning to talk to the MCA BOD about plans for the upcoming celebration! I, for one, think that's a fantastic place to hold it and in April the weather should be just about perfect!

There's so much excitement building about the upcoming season. This year the MCA is involved with Barrett-Jackson in January. We have our Annual Meeting at the end of January in Atlanta, hopefully many of you are attending. NPD hosts their annual show at Silver Springs in Ocala, FL. That show always brings in a huge crowd from all over the USA. It's always a great way to begin the year! Before you know it, the first National show in Pensacola will be here.

I hope more of you plan to attend an MCA National this year and share in the fun with us! I'll be in several new places this year in an attempt to give you coverage of all the different aspects of the MCA. Look for me and stop me to say hello!

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