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2008 MCA Show Classes Explained

Part 1

During the discussion leading up to the November 2007 judges' meeting, it was realized that the number of classes was reaching an unmanageable total. That meant all class divisions were looked at for possible class consolidation and realignment.

The overall number of modified classes has not changed but the original six classes were realigned into four, and two new classes were added. The main thing to remember is the judging rules and scoring did not change at all. The scoring did not change even though there are two driven excluding undercarriage classes as in the past, one driven including undercarriage class, and one trailered class. That means each modified Mustang is competing only against itself and not the other entries; therefore the scoring aspect that determines the winners has not changed. One significant change to the years eligible to participate in the Modified division is that owners of the newest Mustang (current year model) can participate in the Modified classes including the new Race Car class.

Some of the thoughts behind these changes are to balance out the number of cars per class so the judges can be better utilized. The "driven including undercarriage" classes have historically had low participation over the years, so it was decided to combine the two. The two trailered classes also have had low participation over the years thus they were combined for the same reasons. Some of you may question whether a 1964 1/2 Mustang being in the same class as a 1993 Mustang is fair. But as stated above, the actual judging sheet and scoring rules have not changed from the 2007 show season, so no car is competing directly against another entry.

Two new classes have been added to the modified division. One class is the Restomod™ class, which is for Mustangs from 1964 1/2 to 1973 that have at least one modification and the owner does not want the car judged. This class will not be judged like the regular modified classes, it will be a class participant vote that determines the winners. The second new class is the Race

Car class, which is for true competition Mustangs that are not legal to drive on the street. We are hoping that it will encourage the owners of these special and unique Mustangs to bring them to the shows so the general membership and spectators may see them. This class like the Restomod™ will not be judged; it will be a class participant vote that determines the winner.

The MCA judging community and other visionary MCA members decided to add one new division and one new class in the popular vote division to the MCA national show class structure. The new division is the Display Only class, which for a reduced fee will allow Mustangs of all years, 1964 1/2 to current year, to be parked in a designated area on the show site. This class will not be judged, and the owners may come in, park, show off their car, and then leave when they are ready at any time during normal show hours. It is hoped that by allowing these individuals to participate in the show and see what an MCA show is all about that some of them may in the future decide to put their pony in the judged part of the show.

The new class added to the popular vote category is the Youth Class. This class is for Mustang owners of all years, 1964 1/2 to current, between 16 and 25 years of age to have a place for their ponies. This class will not be judged but will be a class participant vote to determine the winners. This class was intended to allow the young hobbyist a place to show off their Mustang and is part of an effort by MCA to encourage and include youth of all ages in the Mustang hobby.

To wrap it up, visionary individuals in MCA are thinking that these new classes will help attract new people to participate in the premier American Mustang car club. The current leadership desires the MCA to include all aspects of the Mustang hobby and broaden the appeal for MCA national shows to include as many individuals as possible. These changes were done with these thoughts in mind.

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