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Since the last issue, the Mystical Build project has taken on a set of new legs. Many people have called and sent parts for the project.

I want to personally thank Joe Odine for getting the Mystical Build Foundation started. Many months ago, Joe handed me a cash donation which was used to open the Foundation's bank account. The Foundation had yet to be formally finalized when he gave me the money and said to use it as I needed it. He trusted me to put it to good use when all I knew was that Dynacorn had donated the body and that the project was a go. Joe, you have no idea how much your trust in me and in this project means. Since that time, other individuals have sent in contributions, as has the Lake Erie Mustang Club. All will receive a formal letter thanking them. The foundation is now legal, the tax ID number is assigned and contributions are tax deductible.

As for parts, for two years I've looked at a '67 Corral that was sent in when this all began as an April Fool's joke. That corral is what spawned the idea to actually go forward with this idea. Since then we've received carpet, roof rail seal weather strips, and various door and window handle hardware from individual members of the MCA.

Ford Racing sent us a 302, 345 hp crate motor.

Rick Schmidt of National Parts Depot and Ron Morris partnered to provide the suspension parts needed. Ron Morris carries the coil over kits which are available from NPD.

Dick Knight, Regional Director of Mustangs Northwest, has jumped in to help the project tremendously. He sent out a challenge to all MCA Regional clubs. Here's a copy of the email:

"I'm writing this in hopes that every MCA club will feel obligated to help in some small or BIG way. We have the opportunity in life to help in many ways, but here is a way to pay back in a big way.

Mary Jean, the editor of the Mustang Times started this build with the donation of a Dynacorn 1967 Mustang Fastback body. All of the proceeds are to go to the Susan G. Komen cancer research. Maybe we haven't all been touched with cancer, but we do know this is a very

worthy cause. Because of the cause I was able to have our club donate \$1000 in parts. I would like to challenge all of the other MCA clubs to do the same. Most of the clubs are non profit organizations and donate each and every year to some charity. Why not put \$1000 towards this build? If your club can't donate, maybe you know of a retailer or wholesaler that can and will donate. Sometimes all we have to do is ask and we shall receive. Just by asking Scott Drake, they were willing to donate to the cause, try another vendor and see what will happen.

I can't think of a more worth while opportunity to give back to society. Maybe some day this disease will be more controllable. Every time I look at my Mustang I have to remember a friend that died of cancer. He was a great inspiration to me while I was building my car, and helped me to stay interested in this great hobby.

LET'S ALL GIVE SOMETHING BACK!!! Every little bit will help."

Dick secured parts from Scott Drake and those have also been received. At the time this issue went to press, more parts were on the way, thanks to Dick's efforts. Included in the first shipment were the right front fender (Dynacorn sent the left front fender with the body), rear bumper, bumper guards, bumper pads, and braces, gas tank, sending unit, gas cap, master bolt kit, rear valance, back up light kit, and the tail light assembly. Additionally, some have volunteered their time to help with assembly.

As for raffle tickets, we've hit a minor

hurdle. Hopefully, that situation should be resolved by the time the November issue of *Mustang Times* goes to press. I want to begin the ticket sales ASAP. They will be priced at \$10 each, with possible discounts for multiple purchases. We're also working with PayPal to set up an account so purchases can be made online.

Here's photos of the parts we've received. I can't wait to show you photos of the actual work being done to the car. I doubt that captions are necessary for these photos. Just know that I was as excited as a child on Christmas morning looking through the boxes. I didn't want Merv Rego to have to open the crate motor just yet, but be assured when we do I'll be there with the camera in front of my face! Additionally, we didn't unwrap all the door and window handle parts, or all of the suspension pieces.

Merv & Pat Rego of Classic Creations of Central Florida are angels to keep these parts at their shop (not to mention the Dynacorn body) while patiently waiting to begin working on this project.

On page 46, there are photos of the latest batch of parts we received. I'm sure you all know what they are, and where they go. It's so exciting to see the pieces of the puzzle, even if they're not in the proper place just yet. I can just envision the parts all put together, turning the key in the ignition, and actually seeing the Mystical Build '67 come to life. It truly will be a dream come true.

We haven't put the information about the parts that are still needed on the MCA's website because it changes daily.

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Mystical Build Foundation officers Jim Silverman, Bill Birch, Robin Orr, and Pat Rego have each gone out of their way to assist in acquiring parts for the build.

Stay tuned, much work has been

done but we have a ton more work to do. They keychains are still available from the MCA office, and shortly Mystical Build logo apparel will be available.

To all who are supportive of this project in any way, my heartfelt thanks. **MT**

