

# Latin Lesson



**A**lthough it's been years since I studied Latin with Sister Concetta, I actually remember a quote from Lucretius De Rerum Natura (iv 637): *quod aliis cibis est aliis fuit acre venenum*. Translated it means: what is food to one person may be bitter poison to others. Later, Euripedes was quoted as saying, "One man's meat is another man's poison." I believe they're saying their thoughts are the same. This quote has been used many times since, and it applies to all aspects of our lives. But, does it have to?

Why the Latin lesson? Well, in our hobby, I hear people ask, "Why does the MCA have to have static, judged car shows?" "Why can't we have a show 'n shine?" "Why do we include late model Mustangs?" "Why don't we focus only on vintage Mustangs?"

The MCA does and always should encompass all years of Mustangs, from 1964 1/2 on up. It should also include McClarens, Saleens, Roush, Steeda and Foose Mustangs, unrestored or highly modified, works in progress, works not yet begun, or the pristine untouched-by-human-hands showpiece. Why do we have to favor one over the other?

If you come to a show why turn your nose up (or down) at something that is not necessarily your favorite? Maybe what you have is not someone else's favorite, but would you like to be snubbed? I think our hobby has room for everyone and everything. Not all shows can be totally judged shows, just like all shows can't be totally show 'n shine, popular vote, peer judged, etc. Let's embrace each other's differences!

The same thing applies to this magazine. We try to cover all types of Mustangs from every aspect of the hobby. That may include drag racing, road racing, a car in a barn that's going to be restored, or maybe a pristine restoration! I certainly hope that we satisfy everyone's taste throughout the year. While I understand that you can't be happy with every page in every issue, I hope we've covered your interests at one point or another.

The basis for this club is that we all have a common interest—the Ford Mustang. And, we should accept each other for what we are, what we like, etc. You know, the Golden Rule? I'm sure your mothers have mentioned it once or twice. Personally, I find it enjoyable to go to shows and see different Mustangs. Just because I see one that isn't what I would personally drive doesn't mean I don't have a good appreciation for the other person's choice. I love seeing people share the hobby while expressing themselves. Let's face it, if we all agreed on everything, all drove the same color vehicle, the same model, with the same options, what would we need any club for? Why get together with Mustang friends if their car is identical in every way to yours? It's the difference that increases the interest and the fun. And, that's what we'll continue to try to do with *Mustang Times*. We may not succeed to everyone's liking, but that doesn't mean we won't try!

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In this issue, we have a new department called Ford Performance Corner, authored by John Clor of Ford Racing. I'm sure you will all enjoy reading this new column from a fellow Mustang enthusiast! Look for his inaugural column on page 48.

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Also, there is an update on the Mystical Build '67 on pages 42-44! Please continue to keep the project in your prayers. Key chains are still available from the MCA office, and as you'll read, apparel will soon be made available as will the raffle tickets! As the song by the Carpenter's goes, we've only just begun.

You will notice that our address is changed. Bryan and I have moved our office to a new building, just down the street. Our new address is 2500 Drane Field Road, Suite 111. Since we're all moved, as you're reading this I'm most likely sitting on my sofa recovering from knee replacement surgery. My goal is to recover sufficiently to be at the Phoenix National show later this month. That was the only way my doctor could convince me to have the surgery done! So, if you email and/or call the office and don't get a reply quickly, hopefully you'll understand!

See you on the showfield!

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