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I have a growing fascination with discovering my family history. I love history anyway. Through the urging of my kids, I began to look seriously into my past. It is with fear of what you might find, and excitement over what you do discover that you approach your genealogy.

My grandparents, with whom my father, brother, and I lived during the years of the "great depression," and who loved my brother and I through the awesome loss of our mother at my age of 3 1/2 years, told us wonderfully tall stories of our history. Grandpa joined the U. S. Cavalry during the Spanish American war of 1898 and served as a "horse doctor" in the western United States. His father had emigrated from Sweden (what else would you expect from a Johnson) to Rock Springs, Wyoming, and Grandfather's mother, also from Sweden, came to Arkansas. Grandpa tells wonderful stories of how Grandma was of Cherokee blood, and that she came west in a covered wagon. There is little proof of Grandpa's stories, except it always meant for lively dinner entertainment. Grandma and Grandpa met in Boise, Idaho, and eventually moved with the Johnson clan to live in several small villages up the Skagit River, from Sedro Wooley and Mt. Vernon, Washington. It is fascinating to find details about the family who left all the security in the "old" country, and on the East Coast of the USA, and became the pioneers who settled the West in the mid-1800s.

It is only natural that my interest in history leads me to look at the history of the Mustang Club of America. In April and May of 1976 there were many Mustang Clubs organized at the urging of Ford Motor Company. In the late 1960s, Mustang clubs were organizing coast to coast. After Ford pulled its sponsorship of Mustang Clubs, many clubs continued on their own.

One novel group of Mustang lovers organized a group in Atlanta, Georgia. They took the initiative to call themselves THE MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA. Here is one of the early letters written on "National Headquarters" letterhead in May 1976.

*Dear Mustangers,*

*Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 6, 1976. It will be our first tour and picnic, which will carry us to beautiful Callaway Gardens at Pine Mountain, Georgia. We will assemble at Richway intersection, Interstate 285 and Old National Highway (south west of the Atlanta airport) at 9:30 a.m. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. sharp, so shine up your pony, pack a picnic lunch for the whole day outing and fun. Pictures will be taken of the tour for "The Mustang Times." There will be a door prize, too.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stan Jones Acting National President*

*The first Grand National Meet Aug. 21-22, 1976, at Stone Mountain, Georgia.*

There were numerous clubs in Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida holding Mustang events and meetings, even earlier than 1976. In fact, Mustang fever was truly a national phenomenon. Just a year after the MCA group organized in Georgia, the Mustang Owners Club California started forming in 1977 in Los Angeles. And, it was just three years later that Mustang enthusiasts in Seattle came together to form Mustangs Northwest. Albuquerque, New Mexico, formed the Rio Grande Mustang Club in 1982, and became one of the first Regional Clubs with 100% MCA membership.

Nancy and I joined Mustangs Northwest in 1985. In 1987, I was assigned to be on the Judging Committee. I remember how the group would work every other week, for two months, to upgrade our judging rules. We could hardly wait for the January issue of the *Mustang Times* to publish the latest edition of the Rules. Then we would write to the Mustang Owners Club of California to get their rule changes for the year, and between the two sources produced our rules for Roundup. This was many years before MNW became a MCA Regional Club.

## WHAT IS YOUR CLUB'S HISTORY?

I talked with MCA Historian Randy Jacobson to see if there was a list of when our current 180 Regional Clubs joined MCA. He said there is little to nothing. I was shocked. So, I would like to throw out a challenge. I would like every Regional Club to submit a one-page history of their club, with emphasis on its organization date, founding members and officers, and events during the beginning years. I would like the Club President and/or Regional Director to mail or email the page to the MCA Business Office, and it will be forwarded to the MCA Historian, Randy Jacobson.

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