

MUSTANGS ACROSS AMERICA BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR '09 CARAVAN DRIVE

Building up excitement for the Mustang's 45th Birthday, the Mustangs Across America caravan drive has over 345 cars signed up for the drive. The 2009 Mustangs Across America 45th Anniversary Drive has officially broken the record of 334 cars set in 2004 with the 40th Anniversary Drive.

The planned Mustang road trip is headed from Las Vegas, NV, to Birmingham, AL, to attend Mustang Club of America's big Mustang 45th Anniversary Bash. The planned 5-day road trip adventure winds its way across America's heartland, stopping for visits and fun in several cities and states while tracing parts of Route 66, Interstate 40 and into the South.

Records have also been broken in the amount of foreign participants who have signed up for the '09 MAA 45th Anniversary Drive. This year, more than 75 attendees are coming from more than 10 countries including Australia, Canada, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, which is an all time record for the event.

MAA organizes the convoy drive with a schedule of about 400 miles a day with planned staging areas, lunch stops, and overnight accommodations. The group works with local chambers of commerce, clubs, and sponsors to add local events, tours, and gatherings along the five-day road trip. Enthusiasts are welcome to join in the adventure for the entire trip or just for a short segment or two.

Registration for the MAA 45th Anniversary Drive is open through April 5, 2009. The official dates for the Mustangs Across America 45th Anniversary Drive are April 11-15, 2009. The group is planning to attend the separately organized event by Mustang Club of America from April 17-19, 2009.

For more information on the MAA 45th Anniversary Drive visit our website at www.MustangsAcrossAmerica.com; or send a S.A.S.E. to Mustangs Across America, 6517 S. Kings Ranch Rd. #116, Gold Canyon, AZ 85218

2009 BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

Host Hotel:

Courtyard by Marriott DFW Airport South
2880 Valley View Lane, Irving, TX 75062
Phone: 972-790-8990

Group Code MCA Rate: \$94.00 / night plus taxes
Includes complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet
Transportation to/from Meeting Sites

Free Shuttle to/from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport
Room choice of King Bed or 2 Queen Beds

January 10-11, 2009

Meeting held at Sam Pack's Private Auto Museum
2070 Diplomat Drive, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

March 14, 2009

Meeting at Grand Prairie Ford
Intersection of I-30 & Beltline Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75050
July 12, 2009

Meeting at Dallas Mustang Parts
10720 Sandhill Road, Dallas, TX 75238

September 12, 2009

Meeting at Grand Prairie Ford
Intersection of I-30 and Beltline Road
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

November 14, 2009

Meeting at Sam Pack's Private Auto Museum
2070 Diplomat Drive, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

All MCA members are invited to attend Board Meetings.

MCA JUDGES MEETING—OCTOBER 18, 2008

The MCA Annual Judges Meeting was held on Saturday October 18, at Sam Pack's private auto museum & Ford Parts Distribution warehouse in Farmers Branch, Texas. There were 17 MCA members present, including MCA President Bill Johnson, National Head Judge Wally Short, Late Model Head Judge Allen Stewart, and five Assistant National Head Judges.

After welcoming and introductory remarks the statistics of the 2008 national show season were presented together with lessons learned during the four shows to date. The members present provided lively, cogent, and in-depth discussion of each topic which culminated in a vote for each one, the results of which follows:

- Split class ODA (Occasional Driven) into 2 classes: 64 1/2 - 65 & 66 Y: 13 N: 0
- Split class ODH (Occasional Driven) into 2 classes, 99-01 & 02-04 Y: 14 N: 1
- Return Shelby to 3 classes as in 2007 Y: 15 N: 0
- Formalize Plan B protocol* Y: 15 N: 0
- Place "Dynacorn" bodied cars into Division 10 Y: 14 N: 1
- Allow Autographs on judged Mustangs** Y: 14 N: 1
- Continue 10-Year Authenticity Rule in 2009*** Y: 12 N: 4
- Reduce points taken for Autolite battery covers Y: 3 N: 11
- Allow early Judging (Friday afternoons) Y: 14 N: 0
- Use of Invisible Bras without penalty Y: 14 N: 0
- Display Class signage allowed**** Y: 12 N: 2
- Unsafe/overage tires Y: 8 N: 9
- White Grille Medallion***** Y: 14 N: 1
- Pins vs Watches Y: 15 N: 1
- Restomod defined (Popular Vote)***** Y: 16 N: 1
- Formalize approval of Abbreviated Judging Sheet (website) Y: 17 N: 0

Plan B Protocol:

- Must be initiated by National Head Judge + one other Head Judge
- Partial or completed judging sheets will not be scored
- Judging by simple walk-around, hoods/trunks closed, no undercarriage
- Judging sheets marked "gold, silver, bronze or no award" or "1st, 2nd, 3rd or no award"
- Plan B judging sheets, after scoring, will be destroyed

**Autographs (for all classes) must be in good taste, by appropriate Ford/Mustang personality, e.g., Carroll Shelby, Steve Saleen, etc. Autographs not meeting this criteria will result in a one-point deduction in concours, thoroughbred, and unrestored classes only

***Continue 10-year Authenticity Rule. Early this year, Joe Odine and Billy Henson began gathering and compiling data on this 10-year group of Mustangs, using catalogs, sales brochures, shop manuals, and similar sources from which to develop and maintain a library of items from which to develop draft judging sheets which will be approved at each annual Judges Meeting. Progress will be monitored by the appropriate Assistant and Head Judge.

****Display Class Signage is allowed to be placed on the dashboard only. Rationale is to preclude exterior signs from falling/blowing into adjacent cars, or injuring personnel (insurance issue)

***** White Grille Medallion will be awarded Conservator Class Mustangs after 10 showings following award of initial Conservator d'Elegance Trophy
***** "A restomod Mustang is a Mustang that has been restored and modified from original design using parts and products that were not available as manufacturer options when the Mustang left the assembly line as a new car." Restomods will be judged by popular vote (Div. 10).