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ne of the favorite campfire songs from my years as a Boy Scout, and summers at church camp opens with this line:
"There's a long, long trail a winding into the land of my dreams..."

We always sang it with tenderness. It was heavy with nostalgia and memories. It was the stuff that chokes your voice and dampens your eyes. So, I address you all with much emotion, as I write my last regularly scheduled "Driver's Seat." I've been sharing the joys of the Mustang hobby for some six years as your President. That's nearly 70-some articles. The trails have been long and the travels longer. The experiences Nancy and I have had will fill the land of our dreams for years to come. Our friends in the Mustang world have increased to the hundreds. What a privilege it has been.

I think that these years have granted me the right to reflect with some observations about the future of this great venture we are on. Whatever I write to you today, you can count on the fact that next week I will think of five more things that I should have said.

I really believe that this "venture" will go on for some years. It is hard to believe that in a little more than five years the Mustang will be celebrating its 50th year. Some of the surviving original owners of the first 1964 1/2s may be coming to the show in wheelchairs, but you can bet they will be there, just like they will be there this coming April 2009 for the 45th Anniversary.

Shows, whether they are local Regional, or National and Grand National, have been the heartbeat of the MCA over the years. Shows are still what draw Mustang people together. We must see to the growth and expansion of this element of MCA, but we must expand our horizons to growing track events and relating to other Mustang groups. New Mustang models will be forthcoming, as well as developments with the modified and restomod car owners.

We must see to the growth of the Mustang Club of America. And, we must continue to keep a strong control of the budget to support our membership. The dream for growing our MCA, by our new president Steven McCarley, is right on target. More power to him, and our new Board of Directors.

The leadership of the MCA comes from all walks of life, and all parts of the country. Over the years, I find that they have been skilled in business and wise in problem solving. They have taken on extra loads, while counting their personal costs to travel to Board meetings. Nearly 50 percent of the Board members expend up to \$6,000 a year of personal money to attend Board meetings in your behalf. We need to constantly thank the National Directors for their service. MCA is represented by leadership from all the corners of the United States, and we must keep it that way.

Regional Clubs are so important to the average Mustang hobbyist. Local meetings are the face and hands for most MCAers. The Regional Director is one of the key people in the MCA system. There is a growing consideration being given to a concept that was developed by the late President Jim Osborn some 10-12 years ago: He suggested that the United States be divided into geographical regions. The Regions would provide more show events, involve less driving and concentrate more involvement and responsibility on local Regional Clubs. The options and opportunities are boundless.

Whatever we do with the Mustang hobby, it must be up to the membership of the some 11,500 members who are active today. It is your club. As Captain Picard of Star Trek fame used to say,

"Make it so."

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