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# It's never too late

Let me talk with you about some very personal observations. One of the greatest privileges that the President of the MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA has is hearing from the Regional Clubs. If you want to get a feel about how a club is doing, just leaf through the pages of their monthly or quarterly newsletter. Some are printed on fine stock and mailed in covers, while others are printed on standard stock and have a presorted permit imprint. There are e-mailed newsletters, both brief and expanded. Nearly everyone is learning how to include photos and color. The fact is, they tell some great stories.

You see the events that are highlighted and the ads that support the newsletter. You see Christmas parties and summer shows. There are the northern-climate Clubs that may have put their ponies to sleep for the winter, but they are still so busy it is exhausting. It is fascinating to see the calls for Mustangs to pose for commercials and movies by the club in the heart of Hollywood. There are Florida clubs that raise money for causes all year long and mid-western clubs that celebrate down-home pot lucks on the strangest of holidays.

So many Regional Clubs do a really good article in the "Tech Corner" or the "How To" section. For the last couple of months I have looked forward to seeing the Carolina Regional Mustang Clubs' (Charlotte, NC) continuing series by Don Stewart on Big Block and Windsor engines. Obviously, I was hooked on Don's wealth of knowledge. I have noticed that clubs, small and large, have experts who are excellent mechanics and helpers. One of the privileges of belonging to a Regional Club is the resource of Mustang people who help each other.

But, let me tell you, it is the President's article that I really look at. The authors are exceptional, and that is probably what put them in that position. If you want to really know what a club is like, read one of their articles.

I've got to share with you one article that will live with me for years to come. The author is Pat Trine, President of Mustang Northwest, in Seattle. Here is his article from the December 2007 issue.

"With the holidays upon us, I find myself thinking more and more about my family, and how really fortunate we are to be blessed with the closeness that we share with each other. County singer Garth Brooks has a song, 'If Tomorrow Never Comes;' will she know how much I loved her? That song really hits home for me. It has made me look at life in a whole different light. There is not a day (that) goes by or a phone conversation that doesn't end with an 'I Love You' attached. Sometimes we have to learn life's lessons the hard way, and sometimes we just need a little nudge. No one truly knows what tomorrow will bring, so please take the time to tell that special someone how you really feel about them.

A simple 'I Love You' can make all the difference in the world to someone."

Let me give you the Paul Harvey follow up, "Now for the rest of the story." Pat and I were talking some weeks ago, and the subject of his article came up. Almost with tears in his voice he told me this story. A wife told him that her husband had read the part of Pat's article about telling someone special how they felt about them. He hadn't talked to his father for a long time, and he said, "Let's go visit Dad."

You see, you never know if tomorrow will come. It is never too late to say that you care—be it Valentines Day, a birthday, or any other occasion. The business of a Mustang Club is to care.

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