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WHAT'S IN YOUR WALLET?

Have you seen the credit card commercial (no, I don't remember which card) that wants to know, "What's in your wallet?" You know, the one with the guy drinking his morning coffee, looking peacefully at the view across his deck and backyard? Suddenly, arrows, spears, and flaming bombs fill the air and land on the guy's yard, deck, and house. Barbarians are swinging axes or swords and screaming bloody murder. Mass destruction, chaos, and bodily harm, is everywhere you look across the landscape. Yeah, that one!

For some reason, I immediately started thinking about my old '66 Mustang; working on it out back, and restorations in general. I could see the fenders falling off because I didn't tighten the bolts correctly. Screws were missing out of the instrument panel. The passenger seat-track refused to move. The headliner started looking more like a circus big-top tent, and the rear diff sounds out an absolutely horrible noise. And worse, my fingers look like a bloody and bruised mess from trying to get that last header flange bolt in place and the nut started. Dad-gum working on these Mustangs!

Where in the world is the common thread you ask? I guess a huge credit limit on that card might make any or all of the above issues disappear. Or, maybe you're saying owning, playing with, and restoring Mustangs is just a huge battle. Why bother? You might just decide I've lost what little mind I do have and go read some other article.

Good deductions all, but then think back to the "in your wallet" part one more time. Well? Isn't there a Mustang Club of America membership card right there in YOUR wallet? I have to think there is, especially since you are reading the official monthly publication, *Mustang Times*. Do I have to mention that *Mustang Times* is an invaluable part of your club membership; a great way to show MCA to your friends, and just a flat out great read?

Just like you, there are so many MCA members, and each one of them has that membership card. Most can help you avoid the pitfalls, dodge the cheesy parts, or at least offer a band-aid for those busted knuckles. They will remind you that owning a Mustang really is all about having fun and enjoying the experience. Help, experience, and friendships are just around the corner; as are shows, cruises, track events, and smiles. The MCA is all of the above-mentioned things; the cars, the people, and the many and varied events. It really is about having some serious fun (and avoiding those battles).

So, roughly 13,000 people make up the membership. I usually see a couple of hundred each year at one event or the other. That means a whole bunch of you are not there. I won't mention you're not getting to see me. So, I'm inviting all of you to attend and participate in some type of MCA event in 2008. I know you will have a good time and be among friends and fellow Mustang fanatics. It would be great to see and meet you.

And, grab your wallet! After all, as I started this word project, "What's in your wallet?" A Mustang Club of America membership card?



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