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IT'S SHOWTIME!

The first National Show of the 2008 Season is now behind us. The Pensacola staff outdid themselves again! The new venue was spacious and easily accessible. This event is like "Spring Break" for Mustang people.

On Saturday morning in Pensacola, I did what I usually do when I arrive at a show site. I walked out among the cars on the field, and just stood there! I love to be where all the cleaning, and the detailing, and the fussing is going on. I'm not sure that I can accurately categorize the detail techniques that people use, except to say that there are the "part and goers," the "forgot to wax before I left" crew, the "fussers," and the "obsessive compulsive cleaners" (most familiar to me, because I'm a member!).

As I stood there on the field, watching the worker bees buzz around their cars, I had a whole new "AH HA" moment. It suddenly dawned on me that the perfect person to do the dishes and clean up the kitchen after dinner is a fuss-budget, like me, who loves to detail his or her car to far better standards than Ford ever produced. 'Guess what?' I ask of myself, 'your wife has you nailed.' Her humble servant thinks he is doing his wife a favor by cleaning up the kitchen, while what he is really doing is working out his cleaning and detailing skills. And she is making capital on it.

Saturday evening, after an exhausting day of judging, I returned to the hotel and flipped through the channels on the TV. I found the Barrett-Jackson auction going on in West Palm Beach, Florida. It is amazing to witness the professional detailing that goes into the cars that go across their stage. Having been to a couple of Barrett- Jackson events, I'm here to tell you that there is just as much personal detailing that goes into the cars at a National Show as there is at a professional auction. Maybe there isn't a high-dollar payback at a Mustang Show, but there is personal pride. There are Gold, Silver or Bronze, or 1st, 2nd or 3rd, or Conservator awards, and the honor of receiving a trophy. You are a winner by your efforts! No one has to give you a certificate to prove that!

Speaking of certificates...the Mustang Club of America does not and will never provide any kind of written certification regarding any car in the Mustang hobby. The best documentation we provide is the signed judge's sheets listing the score, as viewed by an independent team of MCA judges. A three or four show "thoroughbred" winner might be able to brag that their car is authentic and composed of the original parts, and their consistent winning is somewhat the proof of that fact, but no where, at anytime, will MCA provide any letter of certification.

SHOWS seem to be at the heart of our hobby. In spite of the growing cost of fuel (gasoline and diesel) there were more cars at Pensacola than ever before. Last year's (2007) Show Season netted a large increase in attendance over the previous years. And the June 2008 Buckeye Mustang National at Dublin, Ohio, is already sold out. The Oakville, Ontario show at the Ford of Canada Headquarters is filling up fast. By the way, it looks like you may want to have a passport for everyone who goes to the Canadian Show, although the US Customs Service has extended the passport requirement until sometime this summer. As for the cars, just have your certificate of ownership and insurance certificate in the glove box. Oakville is our first MCA Show ever held in Canada.

I hope you enjoy showing your car, and just remember—your house partner loves your cleaning and detail skills.

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