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I saw a television ad the other night that almost capped them all. In these days, when the cost of fuel has risen to a level that doesn't even match logic, here is this guy who is peddling "home windows" and the thrust of his message is that 'if you can't afford gas, why not buy 'new home windows' and be warm this winter. It seems like everyone is playing off the high "cost of gas and diesel" tune, but no one is trying to solve the fuel crisis.

I'm not so sure that I am much better at finding a solution than anyone else. So, I thought I could at least give you some interesting information. As you know, the cost of fuel, for several weeks, has steadily increased at 1-2 cents a gallon every day. It is no news to anyone that the price of regular, not counting the variance for State taxes, has seen the mid-\$4.00's in some areas. Many of you may not be aware that during this price increasing, two National Mustang Shows have occurred: one in Pensacola, Florida, in March, and the second in June in Columbus, Ohio. Both shows far exceeded their anticipated attendance. In fact, Pensacola far exceeded any of their previous goals, and it looks like the Ontario, Canada, Show in August will go beyond its expectation as well.

Add to this another interesting fact. Lark Bragg, who is the MCA Board of Directors Insurance Committee Chairperson, told the Board that by June there have been as many Regional Show insurance certificates sent out this year as for the same time period in 2007.

I have been very suspicious about the impact that the cost of fuel, and all that that impact has on the economy, would do to show participation. At the moment, it looks like Mustang owners value their hobby far deeper than I ever expected.

That "hobby" confidence has stimulated the 45th Anniversary of the Mustang committee, as well. The committee has leaped light years ahead in setting up the website, making hotel arrangements, developing programs and preparing all that it takes to make this great event happen. On April 15-19, 2009, the Mustang Club of America hosts Ford's 45th Mustang Anniversary at Barber Motorsports Park, in Birmingham, Alabama.

I spoke about the Board of Director meeting in July, a moment ago. The meeting was in Birmingham, and following the formal sessions, the Board members took a tour of the Barber site. To put it mildly, everyone seemed "blown away" by the improvements to the grounds, the track and the facilities over what they remembered from the 30th Mustang Club Event in 2006. The 45th application form is published in this issue of *Mustang Times*. Soon, the 45th Anniversary website will be announced.

I am confident that the Mustang hobby will move forward ahead. To paraphrase an old religious saying, "It sounds like we have accepted what we can't change, and we are changing what we can."

Happy Mustangin'

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