

**DEAR MARY JEAN,**

Being located in the Northwest corner of Pennsylvania, members of the Lake Erie Mustang Owners Club (Erie, PA) find it difficult to make the trip to FL to donate time to the Mystical Build project. However, LEMOC is very much in support of the project and the goals of the Susan G. Komen foundation.

While we realize many donations of parts (and hopefully labor) are coming in, we also suspect there will be a need to purchase various parts and materials to complete the project. So, the LEMOC membership has decided the best way for us to assist in bringing the project to completion is through a cash contribution.

We look forward to seeing the '67 Mystical Build Mustang in Birmingham, AL, in April, 2009.

Best Wishes from LEMOC!

Jerry Seamans, Regional Director

**DEAR MARY JEAN**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the MCA members who attended our No Borders Mustang InterNationals. All the members of Golden Horseshoe Mustang Association worked hard to ensure the Show ran well, but without MCA members making the effort to come out, there would be no Show. You made the effort to bring out your beautiful Ponies, and we appreciate and respect that. You helped to make it a great Show. Thanks to all!

Steve Davidson Co-Chair

No Borders Mustang InterNationals

Steve,

*It's those of us fortunate enough to have attended the No Borders InterNational that should be thanking you. The show was incredible. I, for one, had a blast!*

-mj

*Editor's Note: Look for complete coverage and show results of the No Borders Mustang InterNationals in the October 2008 issue.*

**DEAR MARY JEAN,**

After just returning from the national show in Canada and taking a few minutes to read my latest issue of MT, I felt compelled to write and applaud the sentiments expressed in your and Allen Stewart's editorial.

Being a judge and car owner I understand

the frustration of not receiving an award or not receiving the placing I felt I deserved. I found myself getting frustrated with the classification process and feeling "I could have done better in this or that class." It was at that moment I decided that rather than complain about the situation I needed to educate myself. So, I wrote in to take the Judges' Test. Even as an open-book test it was one of the hardest tests I have taken. The MCA wants to make sure that the people judging our cars know what they are looking at and what they are looking for.

I especially appreciated the article by the person who had their car judged in Florida and in Ohio and the problems they faced. It wasn't that they brought to light a problem, it was the solutions offered that impressed me.

The MCA is at an exciting point. I see and feel a wind of change coming and we, the members, need to make sure the change is a positive one. It isn't the President of the MCA's club, it isn't even the Board of Directors club, it is OUR club. Are there things that need improved in the MCA? YES! Do we need improvements on Classification? YES! What about changes in judging? YOU BET! Nothing is perfect, we can always be better. But, we the members, need to stop complaining and causing discord within the MCA and start telling the board, the president, and the head judges the problems we see and start offering solutions!

Working together we can make this one of the best car clubs and we will see our membership numbers grow by leaps and bounds. We will be forced to find bigger show grounds as more and more people will be bringing their cars out for all of us to enjoy, and most importantly, we will all be having a good time with our families and friends.... the way it should be.

Robin Orr

**DEAR MARY JEAN,**

In 2008, MCA added several new classes targeted to the youth of the Mustang hobby. The LMA (2007- present), LMB (all youth 64 to present) along with the Group B class, ME Restomod, and MF Race/Drag are very exciting classes. If there would have been an MCA show in 1968, I think it would be far different than what we see today. Maybe we would see Wally Short as a young man showing his '65 Fastback, sporting a set of Hooker Headers, Thrush Glass Packs, a Holley 650 double

pumper, chrome reverse wheels, and a set of raised white letter F60's. He just might leave the show field with headers uncapped, blowing the car sideways in a cloud of tire smoke. Now that would be something to see wouldn't it? What I am getting at?

The new classes that have been added are meant to appeal to the youth who are not as interested in keeping the factory plastic still on the seat. Instead, today's youth is about being cool and being seen. When you walk through these classes and study these cars, you instantly see the creativity and individuality of the young owners. I suggest the MCA reconsider the way these new classes are recognized. These new classes are currently judged by popular vote, to be voted on by other MCA members at the show. I know as participant in several MCA events, it is hard to find and make the time to go vote on these classes. If popular voting is happening at the same time I'm primping my car and preparing to compete, I'm less likely to be walking around giving the popular vote cars the time they deserve. This could explain the fact that the number of vote slips turned in reflects less than 10-15% overall participation.

I'd like to see MCA turn these classes into judged classes with the help of "junior judges" picked from the youth class. Judging their cars and including them in the learning/judging process would get our youth more involved and capture their interest and their passion to keep them involved in our hobby. After all, it is the youth of today that will keep our hobby alive for years to come.

Thanks to MCA for the newly added MCA classes. I look forward to the evolution of the classes and to the cars that our youth bring forward as well.

David N Stahl

David,

*Thanks for sharing your thoughts. It's really great to see the youth participating in MCA National shows. Hopefully, this number of entrants into this class will grow as the word gets out.*

-mj

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