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The best of secrets

I was speaking at the NoBorders InterNational Mustang Show on the first weekend of August, about secrets. I asked the show-car audience, "Aren't secrets a wonderful thing?" I told them that I don't know which is the best part of secrets: 1.) Knowing you possess a precious and private gift that is never to be shared; or 2.) Sharing a precious and private gift because you are the only one authorized to give it away? I am intimately aware of the value of secrets because my six-year-old granddaughter, Kylee, and I have several precious and private secrets, because we think that secrets are a wonderful thing.

I told the show participants that I was going to let the whole Mustang world know about a secret that the people in the greater Toronto, Canada, area have kept quietly to themselves. Here it is: "They have some of the most beautiful cars in North America." All these years the folks in Ontario have been going about their Mustang hobby, and they thought that secret of "beautiful cars" was going to be well kept. Sorry Ontario, the secret is out. Those Mustangs northeast of Detroit are gorgeous. Canada is gorgeous! It is not the barren land of the arctic. It is lush and grand, improving the landscape with blooming Mustangs of all colors and types. And the people are even more wonderful than their cars. I'm glad to share that secret with you.

Let me tell you some additional secrets. It is now out of the bag that the Mustang Club of America is really "of America," not just the United States. The No Borders InterNational show was the first MCA National Show ever held in Canada, and it also means that this was the first InterNational MCA National Show ever presented. Add to that the secret that this is the first MCA National show ever held on Ford Property—namely the Ford of Canada Headquarters.

Additionally, Barry Anderson (Toronto) is the first Canadian to ever be awarded Gold Card Judge Status ('71-'73), and that award was made on Canadian soil. Add another secret—Dwayne & Cathy Clifford are the first Canadians to be awarded a Grille Medallion ("Blue" for their 1995 GT Convertible), and this award was also given on Canadian soil. And, our National Head Judge, Wally Short of Albuquerque, New Mexico, presented all of these awards. Wally's family has Canadian roots, and he owns property on a lake in British Columbia.

The Oakville Show maintained the record for breaking attendance records first set at Pensacola, Florida, and maintained at Columbus, Ohio. There were some 349 registered cars. There also was a 15-minute sudden downpour Saturday afternoon, but it didn't seem to dampen the spirits.

Where do we go next, you ask? There are two huge events coming up: Park City, Utah for the Grand National Show over the Labor Day weekend. Then, on to Phoenix, Arizona, for National Show in October (see the application on pages 22-23 of this *Mustang Times*).

Let me tell you, if you are excited about your MCA, and want to make an impact on the future of this great hobby, be sure to read the bios for those running for Board of Directors' positions, beginning on page 16. For your opportunity to vote for the Board of Directors who will lead us through the next year, be sure to complete the enclosed ballot, and mail it in (no later than September 30).

I'm about to exhaust my secrets. Here is my last one (for now) and it is a biggie. The application flyers for Ford's 45TH Anniversary of the Mustang, presented by MCA, are now available. You can either go on-line to register, or copy and send in the application that you will find on page 11 of this issue of *Mustang Times*.

Don't you just love secrets?

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