

# NEW "GOOD OLD DAYS"



It's that time of year—Annual elections for the Mustang Club of America's Board of Directors. On pages 17-21 you will find photos and bios of those individuals who have submitted their name into nomination for a seat on the Board for 2009-2010. There are 13 positions becoming vacant at the end of 2008. So, after you read each person's biography, please mark your ballot for no more than 13 names. If you choose more than 13, your ballot will become void! Drop the postcard into the nearest mailbox no later than September 30, 2008. Any ballots postmarked after that date will not be counted. And, ballots mailed in the United States are postage paid. How much easier can this get?

A friend was recently commenting about "The good old days." Well, for me, these are the "good old days." These are the ones you reflect on tomorrow and next week and next month. These are the days that are keeping us young and excited about our hobby—the Mustang! My granddaughter, Emilee, with all her 10 years of wisdom, was giving me some advice! Emilee told me, "Grandma, someone famous once said 'Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift—that's why they call it the present.'" Out of the mouths of babes!

Think about that for just a few minutes. When you think about the Mustangs of the '60s, '70s, and even the '80s, and reflect on how good they were, how much fun they were, and some still are, etc... think about how much fun the newer Mustangs are. How much more safe, how much better technology, how much better the ride, the sound, and in some cases, the POWER! Even though I'm nostalgic about my first Mustangs, and about the Fox Body Saleen residing in my garage, and even though I'm always reminiscing about the fun driving the Shelbys we had, and the blast to drive my first Saleen, driving the Mustangs that are available now is really far better!

There is so much good going on in our hobby these days. So much excitement is building for the 2010 Mustang. Ford Motor Company is beginning to tease the public by bringing out the "cammo" car—a 2010 Mustang hidden by multi layers of padded "camouflage" to keep the lines and design really more hidden than you realize. There is a huge show being planned for April 16-19, 2009, at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama, when we will celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the Mustang. The weekend plans include many fun activities for everyone who attends. There will be track events and static events. Something for every aspect of our hobby. There are shows coming up next year in several parts of the USA, look for those venues to be announced soon. There are groups taking cruises around the United States, even groups of our friends from as far away as Australia are flying in to participate. There are new cars being introduced from Saleen, Roush, Steeda, and others. There are new aftermarket parts available every day to boost the power, look, ride, comfort, sound, and everything in between for our Mustangs. And, even in these days of budget tightening, we can still find ways to have a good time with our cars. Your local club is a good place to start to find a place to share your hobby. If you don't belong to a local club, log onto the MCA website and look under Regional clubs to find one in your area. Go to a meeting, meet new friends, and have a blast! You won't be sorry.

One final note, you might notice some differences in this issue. For one, we've used a slightly heavier stock for the cover, and UV coated to give the color more "pop." We've also added four more pages. Now, I'm hoping that you'll all send in more stories about your club's activities and shows. And, please send in more information for the "My Mustang" column. I had another email crash and lost everything that was on file. So, if you have something you want to see in print, please resend it to me at editor@mustangtimes.org. Or send it to the Editorial office address listed in the right column.

There are two shows left for this summer. I hope to meet old and new friends in Utah and Arizona. It's what it's all about—and the new Gold Old Days!

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