

# ANTICIPATION

**D**espite the gloomy news we see every day, I'm looking forward to 2009 with great anticipation. Call me the eternal optimist, but there's so much happening in the Mustang Nation right now that I'm excited! Here are some things that have me looking forward with anticipation:

- \* Several of you responding to my whining, hopefully more will as well
- \* The 45th Anniversary of the Mustang celebration will be held in April
- \* The 2010 Mustang will be in showrooms shortly
- \* The 2010 GT500 was introduced recently
- \* Various manufacturers will be introducing their 2010 Mustangs, i.e. Roush, Steeda, SMS (Steve Saleen), etc.
- \* Show season is about to start
- \* Driving Events are getting underway
- \* We're building the Mystical Build Mustang
- \* I'll be shopping for a new car this year

OK, so the last one is a personal happening, but I felt like sharing!

Seriously, there's so much happening in our hobby, and despite the difficult economic times, we still can gather as Mustang enthusiasts and enjoy each other's company, enjoy looking over each other's Mustangs, or looking over the photo album of our "babies."

The 45th Anniversary show is just on the horizon. Plans have been underway for a long time. Steve Prewitt, 45th Anniversary Chairperson, has put in countless hours of planning and organizing this event. Hopefully, many of you will be there celebrating with all of us! The party in Homewood, Alabama, on Thursday night, April 16th, is sure to be fun! Homewood was host to the street party in 2006 for the 30th Anniversary of the MCA celebration. The town is beautiful, and the people are so happy to have Mustang enthusiasts party with them. They were so hospitable, having their eclectic stores and restaurants open late into the evening. And then there was the music and dancing, in the street! What more could you ask for. All of this was in the midst of several hundred Mustangs of every year and model.

The Ford Racing for the Miller Cup Series will be racing at Barber during our event. Many of us are not be able to attend one of their races. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to see them race. The Mustangs are beautiful, and the drivers are exceptional.

Show season is underway in many states, and will be underway in many others in March. I know for some of you, the weather may cause your season to start a little later than March. But, time is flying by and it won't be long. In addition to the 45th Celebration, some outstanding Regional Shows and the MCA Nationals for this year will be awesome. With National events in Indiana, North Carolina, and California we'll get to meet lots of you. I've been marking a map with pins of all the places I've been for Mustang shows. It is fun to look at it and see all the locations that share our hobby.

So, you see, there's much to look forward to with great anticipation! I love getting out on the showfield and meeting members of the Mustang Club of America and talking about our cars.

Why not share your interest and passion with just one friend and bring them into the MCA's membership. The more the merrier, as my Mom used to say!

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