

THE MUSTANG DYNASTY

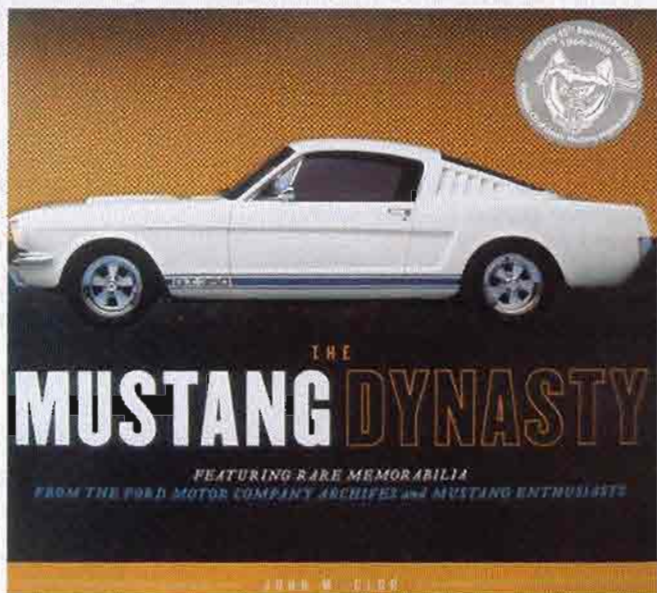
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FROM THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY ARCHIVES and MUSTANG ENTHUSIASTS

1964-2009 COLLECTOR'S EDITION

A book review by Austin C. Craig

Over the years, I have stocked my library with a number of Mustang and Shelby books. Some are quite good, others barely adequate in covering the 45 years of Mustang generations. It seems these days, with the advent of the Mustang 45th Anniversary Celebration, many books have been written.

The Mustang Dynasty, Mustang 45th Anniversary 1964-2009 Collector's Edition, is the finest Mustang book I have ever read.



Author John Clor, an extremely knowledgeable Mustang enthusiast, longtime journalist, *Mustang Enthusiast* and *Mustang Times* columnist who now serves as the communications manager for the Ford Performance Group, has set a new standard for publications about the Mustang. Whether you are a long-

time Mustang enthusiast or just became interested in America's Number 1 Pony Car, *The Mustang Dynasty* is a must read and will become a valuable addition to your Mustang archives.

In simple terms, Clor gets it right! He provides real context to the story behind every Mustang generation from the 1964 Mustang through the heralded 2009 Shelby GT500KR and beyond. His book is not just a rehashing of years of production information. Clor gives an insider's view of behind-the-scenes dealings, and several long held beliefs are challenged. Clor wanted to write the Mustang's history knowing what

he knows about how things really happen in the Ford product development world.

Supplementing this well-written and fact-filled text are 150 photographs, many never previously published. That is just the beginning; this magnificent book features 15 removable artifacts that will jump start a novice or a long time Mustanger's memorabilia collection. Included are reproductions of a number of interesting items including a brochure

presenting a 1962 Mustang prototype, a 1965 Owner's Manual, 1969 Cobra decal, and a 1979 Official Indy Pace Car bumper sticker, a "20th Anniversary" event invitation from Ford, and the *Mustang Dynasty* even includes an audio CD of Mustang engine sounds. A friend of mine once commented that the

firing order of a Ford V8 engine is very pleasing to the human ear. The Mustang engine CD validates that statement in a big way.

The text, photographs, and artifacts makes *The Mustang Dynasty, Mustang 45th Anniversary 1964-2009 Collector's Edition* a milestone for Mustang books and publications.

Not surprisingly, the 2007-2008 printing of *The Mustang Dynasty* was a sellout. This updated, limited-edition "Mustang 45th Anniversary collector's version will only be available for a limited time.

A quantity of 3,000 copies of this edition will be printed. Priced at \$39.95, the 160-page hardcover book can be purchased at www.amazon.com as well as www.svtoastore.com and by calling the Ford Performance Group at 800.FORD.788.

The Mustang Dynasty offers a well-written tribute to an American icon; in my opinion it is a "must read" for any Mustang enthusiast. **MT**

Editor's Note: Look for John Clor at the 45th Anniversary of the Mustang Celebration in Birmingham, AL. He will be at the MCA booth, signing his book.

