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2009 JUDGING TEAM

Our newly elected MCA President, Steven McCarley, has announced his Judging Team leaders for 2009.

Steven asked me to accept a newly titled position, Chief of Judging, and I was honored to accept the gauntlet. This position carried more responsibilities than my former position as National Head Judge. Namely, in view of our country's present economic conditions, my new position required me to develop a program, among other duties, to solicit monies for the MCA Judges travel budget. This much-needed program was a duty that I knew would be tough, but I looked forward to this exciting challenge.

Steven also moved the two Head Judges, Charles Turner, 1st & 2nd Generation and Allen Stewart, 3rd, 4th & 5th Generation to National Head Judges. Bob Perkins will remain Technical Advisor to MCA for Authenticity. Because of the teamwork, of our Assistant National Head Judges, we will retain the same close-knit Judging team that we had last year. MCA members can be assured that when you enter our National shows this year, all will receive the best and fairest Mustang Judging on the face of this planet. That is our number one goal.

The 2009 Assistant National Head Judges are as follows:

Mike Murray, 1964 1/2-'66; Johnnie Garner, 1967-'68; Jim Cunningham, 1969-'70 & Boss Mustangs; Bob Wilson, 1971-'73; Chuck Wilkins, 1979-'93; Joe Odine, 1994-Present; Jeff Speegle, all Shelbys; Shorty Brown, all Modifieds; Billy Henson, Specialty Classes; Jake Jarrell, 1st & 2nd Generation Daily/Occasional Driven; Jim Keenan, 3rd & 4th Daily/Occasional Driven; Billy Biggs, All Daily/Occasional Driven; and Lark Bragg, Classification, all Mustangs. MCA members who participate in our National shows are fortunate to have highly qualified and dedicated Judges in our ranks who unselfishly give their time and effort to support this great hobby.

I must now report to the membership news that I find it extremely difficult to tell. It is with great reluctance, and deep regret, that I am resigning my positions as Chief of Judging and as a National Director on the MCA Board. My effective Retirement date was February 1, 2009.

The governing factor is my health, in particular, it is my back. I am facing major surgery, which the prognosis is iffy at best.

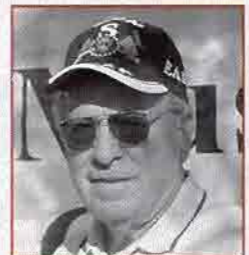
I really cannot complain as it has held me straight long beyond many contemporaries of my age. After all, I'm a World War II Vet and although I don't look it, I certainly feel it! I was truly hoping to make it through this year as I have been assigned a critical additional responsibility mentioned previously. In these hard economic times, this responsibility is of significant importance to the well being of MCA. I looked forward to the challenge and considered it a compliment to me in trusting my ability to gather in needed monies to carry out our long-term goals successfully. Thank you, Steven McCarley, and all of your Executive Officers.

As my last effort to contribute MCA's success, I'll continue laying out my developing plan to collect funds for the Judges Travel Budget. I call it, "SUPPORT YOUR MCA JUDGES." Fortunately, I have been successful in naming certain special awards and car classes and hopefully this logo will catch on, if adopted, and be utilized for many show seasons to come. I believe it embodies the essence of many advertising logos used by major companies. Soon, I will pass this Plan on to our Past President, Bill Johnson, with a request that he present it to the Executive Committee for their consideration and validation.

My wife, Janice, a life-long Mustang enthusiast, also wishes to thank the many many friends, that we have made over the years, not only for their support to me, but also for their dedication and loyalty to MCA. I have been Judging for 30 years which has included five wonderful years as a Head Judge, and all I can say that it has been so enjoyable and enriching to my life, more than I can ever express in words.

In closing, I will always be a lifelong member of this great organization, which has given me a sense of fulfillment in my golden years. Hopefully, with God's grace, I will be up and around and kicking tires again with all of my good friends that I miss so much already.

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