

Hi Mary Jean!

My name is Jay Louise. Last year I entered an essay-based contest sponsored by Castrol Oil. The "Mega Miles Contest" is held every year by Castrol USA. Three finalists are chosen by a panel of judges; on October 15, 2008, I was notified by their promoters that my 1992 Mustang LX and I were chosen as one of the finalists. To win the \$25,000 make-over for our car, the field was open to public voting to choose the winner.

I am overjoyed to tell you that recently, the promoters called to tell me that I was the Grand Prize winner! This coveted prize and the opportunity to restore my Mustang is something I would not have today if it were not for my family, friends, and all the MCA members across the country who took time out of their busy schedules to go online and vote for my Mustang.

I feel overwhelming gratitude for my fellow club members that I would like an opportunity to thank them in the *Mustang Times*.

All the best,

Jay

Jay,

Congratulations, what an exciting opportunity. Please let us all know how the make-over is going and send photos of the before and after, and even the process if possible.

We're anxious to see the finished product!
-Ed.

Mary Jean,

Recently, I organized a Ford Club get-together to just break up the Winter blues. Several of us started to discuss what is involved with MCA in obtaining a Grille Medallion for your car. That spilled over into what type of

show needed to be attended to be awarded the points, as there are a lot of shows listed in each monthly publication. The amount of points needed seems to also be a misunderstood process. I got to thinking, and realized that if this many Mustang owners were confused, maybe it would be worthwhile to write an article on this in *Mustang Times*.

- What does each class have to do and/or achieve to be awarded Grille Medallions?
- Are all classes eligible to obtain Grille Medallions?
- How do we identify a show in *Mustang Times* that awards points?
- Do we need to put miles on the cars between shows?
- Are there different Grille Medallions for each class?
- How many points are needed for each class, etc?

From my perspective I think Concours Driven is a much more difficult class than Concours Trailered. Why is the Trailered class in the more revered spot?

I've been an MCA member since 2000 and I can't remember ever seeing a article like this in *Mustang Times*.

Thank you,
Steve Tudino

Steve,

Although we published articles on the Grille Medallion, maybe we haven't given as much information as we could.

I will get an article explaining the Grille Medallion program published in the next couple of months. Although you asked several important questions, I think the most important one to answer right now is this: "How do we identify a show in the

Mustang Times that awards points?"

The answer is simply this: Points are awarded at all MCA National and Grand National Shows. (The only exceptions are Anniversary shows where some cars may be judged, but points are not awarded.) For 2009, points will be awarded at the following:

- **June 5-7 — Race to Indy National Indianapolis, Indiana**
- **July 3-5, American Stampede National Raleigh, North Carolina**
- **Aug. 27-30 Western U.S. National San Fernando Valley, California**

Each month, the left-hand page of the Event Calendar calls out National and Grand National shows planned for the upcoming show season.

You've made an excellent point. I promise more information will be forthcoming about many of the MCA processes. I will have someone from the Judging Community answer your questions so you'll receive accurate information. In the meantime, log onto the MCA website and check out the Judging rules in the Members' Only section. There's invaluable information posted there.

I hope your Winter Blues are over soon so you and your Mustang buddies are out in your cars again, cruising to shows.
-Ed.

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