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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

The lights flash three times... blink... blink... blink. Then again, blink... blink... blink! "LAST CALL," blares out of the speakers. Maybe you've never been there, but I have. Don't be caught having not prepared for the Mustang 45th Anniversary Celebration. It's only a short time away and everyone who's anyone in the Mustang world will be on hand. Ok, you've been notified—LAST CALL!

Everyone knows I live in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Consequently, I drive in traffic every day. Not so good traffic I might add. Just the other day, a lady in a mini-van ran through the YIELD sign for her lane. I was already committed to the merge when she pulled along side me with two wheels in the lane, two wheels in the grass, and horn blaring!

I jerked my GT to the left and the rear-end broke loose. I counter-steered to catch the car and nailed the gas to plant the rear tires. Needless to say, a collision was avoided and I headed for home via I-75 South.

About five miles down the interstate, the driver of the mini-van pulled up beside me and proceeded to cuss me for dirt and show me I was #1 in her book. I don't think she was terribly impressed with my ability (or my Mustang's ability) to avoid a wreck but was certainly intent on letting me know I was in her way. All this because she ran a traffic sign!

This little incident got me to thinking about driving in general. Is it our right to drive or a privilege? Did we pass the driving test with flying colors or just sneak by? And, could I actually pass the driving test today?

Well, I tell you, if you use your favorite search engine and look for your state's driving test, you can verify your own knowledge by taking the driver's test right there. No, you don't get to actually drive around with the guys in blue, but you can judge your skill set when it comes to driving rules. Good grief, I took the test I feared when I was 16.

I did pass the test and it reminded me there are other things to do (and know) behind the wheel beside just gas it, brake, and steer. Go take the test for yourself. See how you do and then pay more attention next time you're out on the road. Are you a safe driver? Are you following the rules of the road? What are you noticing about the other drivers around you?

You know, each of us is so much more important than any material things we might have or get. But if driving in a more educated manner means anything at all, for me, it means it will not be MY Mustang that gets bent! I'm guessing you don't want your Mustang torn up either. We won't even think about actually being injured.

Be safe, be watchful, and be mindful that other drivers may not have the road knowledge you have. After all, you were smart enough to choose a MUSTANG to drive in the first place!

See ya'll in Birmingham in a couple of weeks!

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