

# SPECIAL AWARD PRIMER

**“ NO POINTS FOR ANY AWARD LISTED HERE CAN BE EARNED AT AN MCA ANNIVERSARY SHOW SUCH AS THE 45TH, WHICH RECENTLY TOOK PLACE. ”**



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**T**he 2009 show season is off to a great start. Many of you are putting finishing touches on your Mustang in preparation for the MCA National Shows. This show season is a bit different. This year we have a Mustang anniversary show, three National shows and no Grand National Show since we have the Anniversary show. Although we can work around the lack of a Grand National, it does impact the way we handle the Special Awards. Perhaps it would be best to start by acquainting newcomers to MCA National events and refresh regulars with the special award programs offered to members who enter their Mustangs in MCA shows.

First is the Grille Medallion Award. This award is given to provide recognition of MCA vehicles as National Award Winners, to keep "MCA" before the public, to satisfy a need of the general membership, and to ensure the return of high-quality Mustangs to shows. Blue Grille Medallions are awarded on a points system to concours entrants, Red Medallions are awarded to non-concours entrants. A total of 20 points must be earned in either of the categories by Gold and Silver award winners at National and Grand National Shows. With no Grand National Show this year there will be a loss of ability to gain the requisite points for a Grille Medallion.

The Conservator Class Award replaces the Retired Class. Its purpose is to provide incentive to members who have attained a high level of awards to maintain their Mustangs in the superior condition which earned them Grille Medallion status. Initially, a Conservator plaque is awarded to Mustangs that have achieved a requisite point standard and are judged on their continued state of authenticity, condition and cleanliness. At each subsequent show an engraved tag is awarded and affixed to the winner's Conservator plaque. When 10 tags are won, an engraved silver cup will be presented as the highest accolade bestowed on an MCA member. It is the Concours d'Elegance Award. National Parts Depot is the Conservator Class Awards Sponsor.

Modified Mustangs are an expression of an individual's extension in terms of original concept, design and quality of a unique automobile and in recognition of those who created this special breed of Mustang. The Pinnacle Award is given Mustangs with the highest total points in each Modified Class. Designed to be awarded at Grand National Shows, this year it will be given at the last National show of the year.

The Unrestored Mustang is of historical value and one that can be referred to by Mustang enthusiasts as a model when restoring their Mustangs to Concours level. In recognition of Mustang owners who have conserved their original Mustang to the highest degree possible, MCA will honor those individuals with the Platinum Award. The Platinum Award is sponsored by Mustangs Unlimited and is based on a sophisticated scoring system computed, in part, on the age of the vehicle.

The Thoroughbred is the ultimate restored or original Mustang. Owners of these vehicles have excelled beyond the established Concours Gold standard. Bob Perkins, MCA's Technical Advisor, originated the idea of honoring these individuals with the Authenticity Award. This limited award, sponsored by Jacky Jones Ford, is typically given only at Grand National Shows but this year will also be presented at the last show.

Last is the Concours Prestige Award Program. This special recognition award is for those top Concours Trailer and Concours Driven Mustangs, including Shelby, Cobra, Saleen and Roush, with the highest cumulative points earned over the show season. Snake-Oyl sponsors these awards, which are normally presented at Grand National shows but this year will be presented at the MCA National Show in San Fernando. No points for any award listed here can be earned at an MCA Anniversary Show such as the 45<sup>th</sup>, which recently took place.

The new MCA Youth Group Program was developed to promote all classes of Mustangs to young enthusiasts to ensure the future of Mustangs in general, the MCA in particular, and to encourage young members to participate in National and local shows.

Visit the MCA website at [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org) for a complete list of rules, applications, and criteria for any of the awards listed. I look forward to seeing you this summer.



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