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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Summer is in full swing now. School is out, the weather is (very) warm, and the days are long. Definitely my favorite time of the year. Having said that, the MCA is in full swing with shows, driving events, and other activities. I think I've been at home two weekends since the 45th in Birmingham. That's something like eight weeks by the time you read this. It's a good thing I really like Mustangs, traveling, and people!

One trip I made was to Memphis, Tennessee. The barbeque was hot and the beer was cold down on Beale Street. I ran by Graceland: 1. Because I'd never been there and it's the touristy thing to do (no, I did not sign the wall) and 2. I have always been an Elvis fan. I even checked to see if Elvis (he's not really gone) or one of his people would talk with me. I figured a shiny new Mustang would look way cool sitting there in the drive rather than a Cadillac. And think about this; if it ever did come on the market for sale, you have to figure the mileage would be really, really low! Alas, nobody would meet with me so I ended my evening with a Heath Bar Blizzard from Dairy Queen. Ed Hockaday, one of MCA's National Directors from Houston, Texas, got me hooked on those things. Try driving your Mustang one evening to the drive-in and see what kind of crowd you stir up!

Anyway, I attended a Mustang show while in Memphis, which is the real reason I was there to start with. Two clubs, the Mustangs of Memphis and Mid-South Mustangs, put on quite a show. Mustangs of Memphis is one of the oldest clubs in the MCA. I think they were the third regional club chartered way back when. And the Mid-South club is one of the latest clubs to ask for an MCA charter.

I got to see pretty much every year Mustang made at this show. Well, I don't remember a Mustang II, but other than my friend Billy Maddox in Tara Mustang Club (my local club), lots of folks don't remember IIs. This is unfortunate, because, except for the very first years, they sold more than any other. Maybe, we could find some if we look under the front of some street rods... but I digress. Like the weather, the Mustangs were hot in Memphis. There's lots of passion and commitment for the Mustang, for the Mustang Club of America, and the Mustang hobby in Memphis. I had a great trip and hope I get invited back in the future.

I also made the trip to Indy for the "Race to Indy" MCA National. On display were 500 or more Mustangs. Drag racing, an auto-cross, a show, and even laps around the O'Reilly Raceway Park oval made for great memories.

I met a young man, Steve Jones, while at the Indy National. I don't think Steve will mind me mentioning his name or telling his story. Steve lives in Canada and owns three Mustangs (I think that was the number). One of those is being built as a new Eleanor and Steve is excited about having it in his garage in the near future. Oh, did I mention Steve is confined to a wheelchair and does not drive? He was driving home several years ago from work and hit a Moose! Yes, one of those; big as a house! Anyway, Steve was badly injured and even today continues to recover. What Steve did not lose was his desire for Mustangs or his enjoyment of the hobby and the people in the hobby. I guess things are never as bad as we sometimes think. Truly amazing when a simple lesson in life slaps you across the face.

Travel around some this summer to an MCA show/event (if you can). Enjoy using your Mustang as you want to whether showing it, driving, racing, working on it, or just thinking about it. Eat some ice cream! Be thankful for the friends and freedoms we all have. Dodge the moose, whatever your moose may be! Thank someone in the military. Hug your family members... and your Mustang.

Thank Ya, Thank Ya Very Much...

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