

WAY TO GO, INDY!

The Indianapolis Mustang Club recently held the MCA's first National show for 2010. I have just returned from that event in time to meet the deadline for the July issue. (Look for coverage of the Race to Indy National in the August issue). I'm not writing about the show because I don't want to spoil the coverage, however I am applauding the club itself.

The members of this club are a diverse group of enthusiasts, each with their own special gifts and interests. Some like static shows, some enjoy the people, some are devoted to racing, some addicted to speed (Bill Birch!), you get my drift.

This club didn't have as much time to put together a National show as most. They did this in less than one year, which is not easy. And, they came together and each handled their respective responsibilities well. Not that they have disagreements over the show and decisions as they were made. Let's face it, every organization SHOULD have Officers and Board members with differing interests, experience, and views. In fact, in speaking with one Ford executive at length, one thing he told me is that his team closes the door during meetings because they scream and yell sometimes, disagree profusely with each other over major and minor items, and yet, they know that by that exact behavior they produce the best product possible. They LISTEN to each other's opinions, and they don't put others down because they disagree. They "agree to disagree," and when all is said and done, they remain friends with no hurt feelings because nothing is taken personally.

Well, the Indianapolis Club is, as far as I'm concerned, the "Poster Club" for how to come together and put on a show. They worked hand-in-hand, each one of them had a part in the success of their event. They had a bar-b-que on Friday night that had a line of people waiting for food longer than any I've seen. And, several of us volunteered to help them serve, just ask Steve McCarley (whose new name is "Cookie Monster"), we pitched in because they were so delightful to work with! Robin Orr, National Director, and her husband David, Stacey Heacock (that's right, National Sponsor Heacock Classic), Rick Umberger, National Director, and I worked side-by-side with members of the Indy club members serving food, and had a blast in the process.

It's refreshing to be around people who, in spite of major differences in age, passions, thoughts, and abilities, come together and bring those differences together in a positive way! I wish every club in the MCA could see how they handled themselves and how they presented an outstanding event.

To all the members of the Indianapolis Mustang Club, beginning with their President, Dr. Millicent Moye (who also serves on the MCA Board), all their officers, and the three chairmen of the Race to Indy National, down to the newest member of their club—congratulations! I was proud to attend, and I'm in awe of all of you! Outside of being such a nice group of people, you could teach everyone in ANY club what membership and teamwork is all about!

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Look for more coverage of the 45th Celebration in the August issue, as well as full coverage of the Race to Indy National! By the time most of you read this we will have also attended the National Show in Raleigh, NC. But, there's one more show this year in the San Fernando Valley—the Western United States National!

As always, if you see me flying by in a golf cart (don't stand in front or back of any cart I'm driving,) stop me to say hello! Meeting you is a highlight of these shows for me!

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