

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

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## TRACK & FIELD

Imagine a group of MCA Judges at a National Show and you're one of them. Instead of a car show field, they're on a running track and they're lined up around the track and ready to run a relay. As the gun goes off Assistant National Head Judge Joe Odine starts running down the track! Instead of a baton, he's holding more than 500 MCA Certified Judge's cards in two hands. You're the next guy in the relay and as he nears you start running, looking over your shoulder for the handoff. He gets closer and pretty soon you're running together and he tries to hand you all those cards. You drop a few and bend some, but you get most of them, and then you start running toward the next guy.

For the past few years Joe Odine has been the Test Administrator responsible for MCA's Judge Certification tests and, given the scope of the task, he has done a terrific job. Earlier this year he passed the baton to me, and it took time to understand the scale of the club's Judging Program. In round numbers, MCA has 12,000 members worldwide, and more than 500 certified Judges. There are 16 different tests that are used to test the knowledge of Certified Judges, and Assistant National Head Judges are responsible for the content and scoring of the tests. At any given time there may be 50 or 60 club members in the process of testing to become Certified Judges.

Together with the National Head Judges, we looked at the program and tried to determine the best way to improve on the process of certification testing for Judges, and we outlined some goals. We're working hard to implement these changes and wanted to share them with you.

### '09 CERTIFICATION TESTING GOALS

- Improve communication and delivery of Certification Tests.
- Promptly deliver tests, results, certificates, and Judge's cards to Certified Judges.
- Create a Judges' Registry to allow us to stay in contact with all Certified and Gold Card Judges.
- Update and standardize the format of tests.
- Deliver test applications and tests via the web and email.
- Provide judging clinics with the necessary tools to administer tests and issue certificates at National shows.
- Launch an e-newsletter for Judges.
- A stretch goal of web-based testing.

We feel we're making great progress. The records of all Certified Judges have been consolidated and accounted for in the

Registry, and the next step is to integrate the Gold Card Judges. We have updated the test application form and it is available for download on the MCA web site. We will be updating the web site and adding the names of all of the Certified Judges. Test revisions are under way and we hope to have "A" and "B" versions of all of the tests in PDF form by the end of this year. We are also contacting folks that didn't finish tests to determine their interest, and to help them complete the testing process.

### JOIN THE JUDGING PROGRAM— WE CAN USE YOUR HELP!

If you'd like to join the Judging program, you are welcome to get in touch with any of the Judging staff. Our names and contact information are on the web site. Attending a judged National or Regional show will give you an opportunity to work as an Assistant Judge, and there's no prerequisite. Just speak up the day of the show and don't be surprised if someone hands you a clipboard! You will assist a Certified or Gold Card Judge during the show and you'll get to see some great cars and meet terrific people.

When you're ready to take the next step and become a Certified Judge we recommend that you focus on the class of car where you have the greatest experience and interest. Go the Judging section of the MCA web site to download the appropriate rule book for your class, and complete the test application. Email your test application and we'll send you the appropriate Certification Test. The tests are open book and you can do them at home. Reading the rule book is important; each year the rules are updated to reflect new or changed information that we learn about the cars. The web is also a great source of information and you can use the archives of the various forums to help you learn. If you don't pass the first time, don't sweat it. You can take the test again in 30 days after you have had a chance to further study and prepare.

It is important to remember that the Judges are all volunteers. Most of us have day jobs and we do the best we can to serve the membership, and we can always use help. If you have expertise in a particular class of car and would like to help with the test revisions please send me an email. We look forward to having you join Judging program!

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There is a drop-down menu on the website's version of the application listing the various classes for which testing is available. You have permission to copy this page, or download an application from the website. Please clearly print when you fill in the application and be sure to specify which Class Test you're requesting. If you choose to download the test off the website, simply type in the appropriate information and email it back to Dave, or Send hard copies of the application via US Mail, or fax. Dave's contact information is:

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## CERTIFIED JUDGE TEST APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ MCA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ International Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

TEST CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

SHOW DEADLINE: Please expedite scoring by the date of this show: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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