



# FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

C. Steven McCarley.....	President.....	2010
Steve Prewitt.....	Vice President.....	2010
Randy Jacobson.....	Secretary.....	2010
Ron Bramlett.....	Treasurer.....	2010
Bill Johnson.....	Past President.....	2010

## NATIONAL DIRECTORS

Bill Birch.....	Indianapolis, IN.....	2010
Lark Bragg.....	Pensacola, FL.....	2010
Beverly Bragg.....	Pensacola, FL.....	2010
Chuck Brenner.....	Macomb, IL.....	2010
Patsy Brown.....	Stokesdale, NC.....	2009
Rodney Brown.....	Stokesdale, NC.....	2010
Jim Chism.....	Dickson, TN.....	2009
Elizabeth Cofer.....	Concord, CA.....	2009
Ray Coleman.....	Lewisville, TX.....	2009
Austin Craig.....	Parkland, FL.....	2010
Dave Currence.....	Goshen, OH.....	2009
Bill Dillard.....	Calhoun, GA.....	2009
Charles Hampton.....	Anderson, SC.....	2010
Billy Hensen.....	Mustang, OK.....	2009
Ed Hockaday.....	Houston, TX.....	2010
Benita Lawless.....	Evans, GA.....	2010
Rick Lawless.....	Evans, GA.....	2010
Kerry Lawrence.....	Long Beach, CA.....	2009
Jeff Mays.....	Sugar Hill, GA.....	2010
Deb Miles.....	Monroe, NC.....	2010
Millicent Moye.....	Indianapolis, IN.....	2009
Robin Orr.....	Girard, PA.....	2010
Jim Silverman.....	Brockton, MA.....	2009
Laurie Slawson.....	Tucson, AZ.....	2009
Rick Umberger.....	Milledgeville, GA.....	2010

### Regional Club Charter Committee

Chairperson—Jeff Mays  
770.271.4632 • dicastshop@mindspring.com

### Regional Club Support Committee

Chairperson—Rick Umberger  
478.451.5175 • fnumberg@windstream.net

### National Show Committee

Co-Chairperson—Chuck Brenner  
309.836.6606 • brenner@macomb.com  
Co-Chairperson—Steve Prewitt  
706.860.4535 • gtpony94@aol.com

## MCA SPONSORS



COLLECTOR CAR INSURANCE



www.mustangspius.com • 800-889-4289

**T**hird down, the ball is on the three. The University of Alabama offense breaks its huddle and comes to the line. Auburn's Tiger defense digs in for a stand, determined to hold. Wait a minute, that's a whole different story.

But it does remind me the Mustang Club of America is in both an offensive and defensive mode of operation. Austin Craig (an Alabama fan) and I (an Auburn fan) may not agree on our collegiate loyalties, but we do know the MCA has to be on offense as we try to grow the club and the associated activities. At the same time, we have to be on defense to protect the MCA and our regional clubs during these uncertain times.

Believe me, it isn't an easy job. I'm not sure everyone realizes the variety of issues we regularly face. To use a line from your current Vice-President, Steve Prewitt, "... Most MCA members do not know the struggles faced by the club... we've done a great job of insulating the membership..."

He's right. But, in truth, the national organization has done a not-so-good job of communicating on a regular basis. Sure, you know when the next MCA National show is, and where it will be held. Yes, you know which regional club is holding a show in July or August, or whenever. And, everyone knows what's for sale in the "Marketplace" department.

But, are you aware we only have 12,000 members (plus or minus a few)? Are you aware every membership cost more than it brings in? And, even though I introduced your officers and board members a few months back, do you realize it's already time to elect others to the Board of Directors? Bios should already be sent in to the Nominating Committee, and September's issue of *Mustang Times* will include the ballot.

From the e-mails and phone calls all the members of the Board have been receiving, the topics of conversation right now seem to be boundaries and membership. That's where the whole offensive/defensive thing comes into play. There has to be a happy medium, balance if you will, for everything in life. The MCA is no different.

We are trying to be aggressive in growing the club, bringing in new members, new regional clubs, new sponsors, and new dollars. We want the MCA to reach its full potential, covering the hobby and the United States with an MCA logo.

At the same time, we have to be defensive. Our regional clubs (and independent members) are so important to the MCA. It pains me to no end to hear we might lose a regional club or member. Communication here might save the day, let's work together.

None of the MCA Board members, or anyone else for that matter, can please everyone all of the time. No regional club can reach everyone in their area. And no Mustang owner can convince every Corvette, or Charger, or Camaro owner that Mustangs are the best. But you know what—we keep trying!

If you have a complaint, a comment, a compliment, or an idea, we all want to hear it. Don't walk away, don't quit—take action. You have my contact information as well as the contact information of every officer and board member. Help us grow the MCA through your ideas.

The current economy is not very conducive to growth. And I do not see a stimulus package coming from Washington to the MCA. Let's be like Ford and do it on our own! I know if we work together, we really can make the Mustang Club of America "the Mustang place to be."

Later,

STEVEN MCCARLEY



C. Steven McCarley

President

Phone: 770.957.7501 • Cell: 404.213.9693

Email: gzcracer@bellsouth.net