

MUSTANG IIS

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Mustang IIs are making a big come back and I, for one, am quite happy. The Mustang Club of America is seeing more and more of them participate at National and Regional shows. This is a great thing as I am now taking on the role of Head Judge for the 1974-1978 Mustangs. I have been the Occasional/Daily Driven Assistant Head Judge for several years, now and I hope to make a good Head Judge for Mustang II owners and still handle the Occasional/Daily Driven Assistant National Head Judge position.

My predecessor, Tom Podemski, did a fine job with the Mustang IIs. Tom recommended me to Charles Turner, National Head Judge. I am grateful for his recommendation.

While I was looking through my 1992 copy of "Late Model Judging Rule Book," the names Tom Podemski, Jack Botic, and Jeff Speegle popped out at me. These gentlemen are always on the show field and in the hotel parking lots passing along information they have learned over the years. I have learned and continue to learn much from these gentlemen. Hopefully, I will be able to pass down what I have learned to my fellow club members.

We expect another exciting show season in 2010. I predict record-breaking numbers at the National Events. A few years ago, we had around 500 in Mustang, Oklahoma. I am confident we will have at least that many when they host the Chisholm Trail Mustang National Show in June. I also believe the Mustangs at the Mansion (Biltmore Estate), a.k.a. Asheville, North Carolina, in September will be huge.

Pensacola, Florida, in March 2010 will start us out right, with the first Mustang II to be placed in the Conservator Class. Way to go Bill Maddox!

This is no small task, as I am building a Concours '78 and know first hand the parts and pieces are hard to find, as well as expensive. As all Mustang II owners know, the correct size tires are out of production so we will not be deducting points in that area—with the exception of Thoroughbred and Unrestored classes.

Classes for Mustang IIs? You ask how many could that be?

Let's break it down:

- Thoroughbred and Unrestored Classes- these classes are the finest cars in the

country and are not driven on 35-year-old tires.

- Concours Trailered, Concours Driven, and Concours Driven Trailered (if 500 miles from home) Classes.

- Occasional Driven, Occasional Driven Trailered (if 500 or more miles from home), and Daily Driven. (Hey, there are a few! One boy drives his to the local high school, even in the snow!)

- Modified Mustang IIs (including undercarriage, excluding undercarriage, trailered and driven).

- Race Cars—I know there are bunch of nice old bracket races and wheel standers out there. Bring them out and show them off!

- Youth Class.

One short story before I end my column: An Army Service man was in Iraq for at least one year and was scheduled to come home on July 2, 2009. Hours before the Raleigh, North Carolina, National Show, his wife and fellow club members Shorty and Patsy Brown got his Mustang II onto a trailer and pulled it to the show so he could be there with this Mustang II—Wow! That is what this hobby is all about—not only the cars, it's the people!

For me, personally, when I got home from Saudi Arabia in 1991 the first ride in my 1965 Mustang made me feel like, "I am free and I am home driving the coolest car Ford ever made—the Mustang."

See ya in 2010.

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