

IT MUST HAVE BEEN A BLAST

By now, most of you should remember that I use my mother's "Mom-isms" often. Although I used to moan when I heard her say many of them, repeatedly, I find myself emulating her more and more. And, that's not a bad thing. One of her favorites was this, "Time flies when you're having fun." Well, if that's close to being true, this summer must have been a blast! As I write this editorial, it still feels like summer here, in Florida. Temperatures are warm, not as much as in July, but still warm, and it's mid-September. However, for the purpose of the MCA show season, Summer is over! I hate saying that, for lots of reasons.

I never stop being astonished at just how fast show season goes by. It seems like many more months between now and next year's shows than it actually is. However, when the season is in full swing, time has a way of slipping away! I don't know about you, but I enjoyed each show this year, albeit in different ways. Each show has its own "personality" and this year's events were no different in that respect. Although there is one more month of show coverage to share with you (Mustangs at the Mansion will be covered in the November issue), the National Show season is over! Wow, that's sad! It was great to see so many of you. I like the fact that you actually do stop me on the show field and say hello. It's tough when I know I've met some of you at prior events and I can't remember your names, but be patient with me, I'm getting old. (However, I do refuse to grow up!)

To those of you who weren't able to make a National or the Grand National this year, there's always next summer. The list of show dates and locations can be found on page 60. I would love to meet each and every MCA member at one time or another. Not likely, well, I am perpetually optimistic after all! Although there are three more months before 2010 comes to a close, much has been accomplished by the MCA Board of Directors and officers in the past months. Most noticeable is the new MCA website. If you haven't registered on the new site yet, I urge you to do it right away. (Just finish reading this issue of *Mustang Times* first!) Seriously, much information is already posted there, and there's even a forum for members to discuss all kinds of topics. It's addictive, trust me!

We've got the election results to tabulate and report, a Regional Director's Summit, a Judges' Meeting & Seminar, SEMA, and lots of planning for the coming year to do! But, it's all good... In the last two issues of the year, we'll have the Gift Guide and some license plates that I've seen over the summer months. I don't only photograph license plates on the show fields. I've been known to "shoot" one in the grocery store parking lot. And, after the SEMA show, I'll be sharing all the cool Mustangs that are on display, along with all the new parts available for our favorite vehicle. The wonderful thing about the SEMA show is that new parts introduced are not necessarily for just "new" Mustangs. It will have parts for every generation Mustang, whether you're into Concours, a nice daily driver, Restomods, full-out modification, or whatever... It's all there!

We've produced a 2011 MCA Calendar highlighting MCA members Mustangs. Get one while they're available. Order information is on page 6 along with a preview of the 13 Mustangs featured. (Yes 13, there's a cover-car, too!)

One last thing before I sign off for this month. If you're so inclined, write me a letter, send me photos of your Mustangs, photos of your cool garage, your local club's activities, your recent shows... You get the idea!

Your perpetually optimistic and slightly off-center editor,



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