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SHOW SEASON WRAP-UP

I don't know about you, but for me this past year has really gone by quickly. This year's show season has been a fun-filled and rewarding experience as well. We had one Grand National and three National shows spread across the United States with the last of these held on the awesome grounds of the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. The landscape design, created more than a century ago by Frederick Law Olmstead, a well-known landscape architect who designed, among other things, New York's Central Park, set a beautiful backdrop for a capacity crowd of nearly 500 equally creative and stunning Mustangs.

This season's shows had an average of 75 judges each who worked diligently to wrap up their assigned vehicles in the five hours allotted for that purpose. For those of you who were in that number, you know what a horrendous task that was. In last month's "Judges' Corner" column, Charles Turner urged greater participation in judging MCA national shows and challenged everyone to become involved. I certainly echo his invitation. This year we've witnessed a growth in later model vehicles and younger owners, which is a credit to the hobby and a portent of things to come. We will continue to educate and train a cadre of late-model judges, both certified and gold card, to ensure that the authenticity elements of these Mustangs be properly assessed as they enter into the concours judging arena.

This year, we expanded efforts to ensure consistency in judging cars both at and between shows. This was partially accomplished during show seminars, at each show's judges meeting, as well as consistency being a major focal point during this year's annual judges' meeting in Indianapolis this October. Jeff Speegle, our Assistant National Head Judge for Shelys, who conducted a hands-on seminar on consistency aspects of judging at this meeting, speaks about it elsewhere in this edition of the *Mustang Times*.

I look forward to an equally exciting 2011. Again we see National shows spread across the land of this great nation. The first will be in April in Dallas, Texas, followed by the Jacksonville show on Florida's east coast. The next will be in June on New York's Long Island. In August we will visit central Iowa for our fourth National Show. And wrapping up the 2011 show season will be MCA's Grand National just outside our nations' capital. This should provide venues for everyone to participate.

As we wrap up this highly successful show season, Charles and I have many to thank for helping making our jobs easier. Kudos go to our outgoing President, Steven McCarley, who gave us unlimited support with little or no direction; our Judging Secretary, Wanda Whitsell and her husband (and former MCA President) Arley who are retiring after a decade of doing what they do so well; all of our Assistant National Head Judges who made it happen; the host clubs who sponsored this year's shows and their respective staffs, and many others who work behind the scenes to ensure a great time for Mustang owners and their families at shows. And we would be remiss if we didn't cite our appreciation for our award sponsors: Mustangs Unlimited, Snake-Oyl, Jacky Jones Ford, Mustangs Plus, and National Parts Depot.

Charles and I want to wish the very best to our incoming MCA President, Steve Prewitt, his incoming executive board and the newly elected Board of Directors, for a successful 2011-2012 at the helm.

And, lastly, we want to wish each of you a warm and joyous holiday season, and a safe and prosperous New Year. I'm looking forward to it!

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