

FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

You heard me say this before; when I was elected President I didn't think the January installation board meeting would ever come. Now, two years later I can't believe how fast time flies—it's already time for me to hand over the reins.

We have quickly blown through the past two years. Fortunately, I can say the MCA has improved during my tenure. And, I don't have to say we wasted time, did little or nothing, or sat on our laurels. No, not because I was the President, but because the board progressed, the various committees did excellent work, and the membership supported and encouraged improvement and change. Because we all worked as a team, these past two years have proven to be most worthwhile.

Our membership numbers do not show a leap (I'm probably most disappointed in myself in this area) but we also don't show a decline either. Many clubs, organizations, businesses, etc. simply did not survive these past two years. Lean times, tough economics, and hard decisions cost many. I'm so thankful our MCA is a strong and dedicated group!

Have you visited our new web-site? I don't want to use adjectives MJ would have to censor so I will just say thanks to John Dettori and John Farmer (and the entire web committee) for a job well done. They did all the work and I get to say it happened during my watch!

And I don't want to take away from each issue of *Mustang Times*. Mary Jean and Pate Marketing Group, along with assistance from Austin Craig, have made *Mustang Times* one of the premier Mustang publications. It is seen and read everywhere; in our households, overseas, in businesses, in the halls (and offices) at Ford, and at various events.

Inside *Mustang Times*, I hope you noticed the great variety of National sponsors and event and/or award sponsors coming to the MCA. Ford, Heacock Classic, National Parts Depot, Shelby, Kicker, Auto Trader, Mustangs Plus, Ssnake-Oyl, and numerous others just starts the list. Many other vendors help by coming to MCA events to showcase their wares also.

I really hope you attended MCA events last year and this year. In 2009 we celebrated the 45th Anniversary of the Mustang. It was an absolutely awesome way to showcase our 45-year affair with Mustangs. And the MCA has now been around for 35 of those years.

We've had Nationals and a Grand National all across the country. I've attended a National in Florida, California, Oklahoma, and a Grand National in Washington, to name a few. At each one I've been fortunate to meet new people, make new friends, and see really nice Mustangs. The MCA has what I consider the finest collection of Mustangs in the world, bar none. And we have the best people to back up those Mustangs as they are shown, driven, road-raced, drag-raced, restored, or modified. People and friends are what really make up the MCA.

Friends like Rick Umberger, Ed Hockaday, and Austin Craig have made me laugh so hard my sides hurt. Others have done the same, and more.

The renewed relationship with Ford is, I think, what makes me most proud. The MCA and Ford working together just solidifies the idea we'll be playing with and celebrating Mustangs for a long time. I can't say enough about Robert Parker and the things he shared with me and taught me. He also introduced me to a new friend, Fritz Wilke, whom I've yet to out run...

That relationship continues with Dave Pericak, Jim Owens, and Steve Ling. Remember these folks as they are the ones keeping the Mustang flame lit and burning brightly.

I've been privileged to drive some really cool Mustangs these past two years. Ron Bramlett let me drive and race a couple of his R-model Mustangs. Ford put a couple of their products on the line and let me put them through the paces. When they toss you the keys and say "see what you can do," you go for it. And, it helps to return it in one piece! And Shelby! When the President of Shelby American, John Luft, and Gary Patterson, the VP of Fun introduce you as a "team driver," you're automatically 10 miles per hour faster. The SuperSnake was fun, the new GT350 was off the charts!

Look forward to 2011 and an even better MCA. I'll be beating the drum loud as ever. With Steve Prewitt as President, Ed Hockaday as Vice President, Ron Bramlett as Treasurer, and Bo Lawless as Secretary will surely lead us to bigger and better things.

As I stated, my time as President has flown by. Thank You for allowing me to be the President of this great organization. Thank You for the calls, E-mail, and letters. And, Thank You for the supporting me, the board of directors, and the entire Mustang Club of America.

For the last time, I get to sign out with....

Steven McCarley
National President 2009-'10

Steven McCarley



C. Steven McCarley
President

Phone: 770.957.7501 • Cell: 404.213.9693
Email: gzcrcracer@bellsouth.net



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
Beverly Bragg.....	Pensacola, FL.....	2010
Rodney Brown.....	Stokesdale, NC.....	2010
Craig Chesley.....	Tyler, TX.....	2011
Austin Craig.....	Parkland, FL.....	2010
Randy Cunningham.....	Hueytown, AL.....	2011
John Dettori Jr.....	Smithtown, NY.....	2011
John Farmer.....	Arlington, TN.....	2011
Bob Frender.....	Tacoma, WA.....	2011
Chris Hall.....	Ottsville, PA.....	2011
Charles Hampton.....	Anderson, SC.....	2010
Billy Hensen.....	Mustang, OK.....	2011
Ed Hockaday.....	Houston, TX.....	2010
Jim Keenan.....	San Antonio, TX.....	2011
Benita Lawless.....	Evans, GA.....	2010
Rick Lawless.....	Evans, GA.....	2010
Kerry Lawrence.....	Long Beach, CA.....	2011
Jeff Mays.....	Sugar Hill, GA.....	2010
Deb Miles.....	Monroe, NC.....	2010
Pete Sigwardt.....	Katy, TX.....	2011
Laurie Slawson.....	Tucson, AZ.....	2011
Rick Umberger.....	Milledgeville, GA.....	2010
George Valeri.....	Worcester, MA.....	2011

MCA SPONSORS



The Official Performance Audio System
of the Mustang Club of America



COLLECTOR CAR INSURANCE

