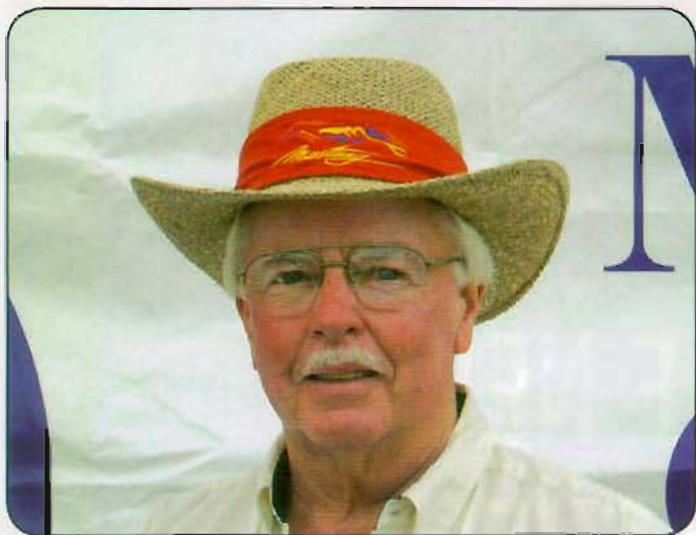


LARK BRAGG



Long-time MCA member and National Director Lark Bragg passed away on December 26, 2009, in Pensacola, Florida. He had been battling bone cancer.

Lark was usually the first person you would encounter at an MCA National or Grand National Show. He served as Assistant Head Judge for Classification. Thus, the MCA official with the southern accent, sporting a mustache, and wearing his trademark straw hat (usually with a red MCA band), shorts, and on occasion a Hawaiian shirt would be the first one to welcome you to the event, and assist you with your "green sheet." That was the most visible Lark Bragg. But, the MCA board knew Lark from many different angles. He also was the person on the Board responsible for the Insurance Program that the MCA carried, and served the Board in several other committees.

Lark was not afraid to voice his opinions and stand by his convictions while serving on the Board. While he may have disagreed on some issues, he was always passionate about the Mustang, the hobby, the MCA, and its members.

His involvement was invaluable on so many occasions, and he had much knowledge and information to offer and share.

Lark will be missed. He leaves behind his wife, Beverly, and several children and grandchildren.

MCA IMPLEMENTS EMAIL BLASTS

To better serve the membership, the MCA will soon have the ability to Email blast members with important news regarding the club, possible discounts from vendors, and late-breaking opportunities requiring quick responses that would be of interest to large segments of MCA membership.

To receive these Emails, the MCA will utilize the Email address that each member has in their profile. We urge you to update your profile by logging into the Member's Only section of the website at: www.mustang.org. Click on the "Edit Member Profile" link on the left side, where you can also update your Regional Club affiliation along with other personal information.

Every time you receive an Email directly from MCA, you will have the opportunity to opt-out of receiving future e-mails by clicking on a link within the e-mail itself.

Should you opt-out and later change your mind, you will need to contact Kristie at the MCA home office at mustang@mustang.org, or email the MCA Secretary at secretary@mustang.org.

PAT REGO RECEIVES IACOCCA AWARD



Photo: Donald Farri/Mustang Monthly

At the recent Mustang Round-up sponsored by National Parts Depot and held at Florida's Silver Springs, MCA member and former Board member Pat Rego was presented with the Iacocca Award.

Pat and her husband, Merv, are both Mustang enthusiasts and currently own and operate Classic Creations of Central Florida. Before moving to Florida from New Jersey where they owned and operated Central Jersey Mustang, Pat and Merv joined the North Jersey Mustang club, which was quite a haul from their home. That prompted Pat to start their own Mustang club in central New Jersey. Pat also joined the MCA at this time.

After relocating to Florida, Pat and Merv joined Imperial Mustangs of Polk County, where Pat has served as the club's treasurer for several years. Additionally, Pat has been responsible for the club's highly successful Mustangs & Mustangs: Legend's Havin' Fun Mustang & Ford show held each April at Fantasy of Flight in Polk City, Florida. This show has had as many as 500 cars entered in past years.

Pat's daily ride is a '90 5.0L convertible (7-Up limited edition). A big-block '67 convertible is waiting in the wings that Merv plans to restore for her.

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We received the 1st contribution to the Friends of the MCA program. Look for a "permanent home" for the listing beginning with the March 2009 issue of *Mustang Times*.

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BOB TASCA SR.



Bob Tasca Sr., the father of the Cobra Jet and Thunderbolt Fairlane, passed away on January 8, 2009. He was hospitalized following a fall after Christmas and was taken to Rhode Island Hospital.

A devoted family man, Bob Tasca leaves behind his wife, Josephine, sons Bob Jr., Carl, and David, daughter Patricia, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bob Sr. was one of the most esteemed Ford Dealers, acquiring his first dealership in Bristol, Rhode Island, in 1953. After being destroyed by Hurricane Carol, Tasca moved the dealership to East Providence, Rhode Island. Having developed a wonderful relationship with Henry Ford II, Tasca became one of Ford II's trusted advisors. He traveled the world consulting Ford on performance engineering, production quality, and even marketing. He was instrumental in developing vehicle leasing. He penned "You Will Be Satisfied," in 1996, which gave his marketing and customer service philosophy—policies which are still in place in his dealerships today. He became a Lincoln Mercury dealer in 1971 and in 1986 was the largest volume and highest customer satisfaction Lincoln Mercury dealer in the world.

In 2008, I was fortunate to spend a full day with Mr. Tasca and some members of his family at his historic Tasca Ford dealership in Rhode Island. For in-depth information on Bob Tasca, Sr., and the Cobra Jet, read *Mustang Times*, May 2008, page 20-27.

In addition to his 2003 induction to the MCA's Hall of Fame, Mr. Tasca was also inducted into the Motorsport Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Super Stock Hall of Fame in 1995. He was recognized in *Time Magazine* in 2000 and was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame in 2001. Tasca has been presented with honorary doctorates from Roger Williams University and Providence College. He held an engineering seat at Brown University and served as a visiting professor at Johnson and Wales University.

The automotive world has truly lost a good friend in Bob Tasca, Sr. Our condolences to the entire Tasca family. We are sure they will continue the Tasca legacy.

Donations in Mr. Tasca's memory may be made to:
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