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It is with a hurting head and heavy heart I write this. As many of you already know, and many more are just finding out, our friend Lark Bragg has passed away.

When you attended an MCA National, Grand National, or Special Event, Lark was most likely the very first MCA person you ran into. He was standing at the front of the Show Classification Line, wearing shorts, a bright sponsor-laden shirt, sneakers, and a straw hat.

How could you miss that outfit? Lark was probably the first to offer you a smile, a welcome Hello, and ask, "Did you drive all the way here?" (Wherever here happen to be). You could almost say Lark was the face of an MCA National/Grand National show.

I remember waiting my turn in line at a National in Pensacola. Lark greeted me with a hand-shake, a warm smile, and of course the mandatory question, "Did you drive here in your Mustang?" He laughed at me when I said I had to stop and change clothes twice while driving a '66 with no air from Atlanta (cold) to Florida (hot).

To this day, I still say, and believe, Lark was the first MCA official who was nice to me. That says a lot. If you think back, he was probably the first for you as well.

Many years ago, I read an article about a Salvation Army member dying and they had been Promoted To Glory! I like to think God had a backlog in Heavens classification line and needed assistance. Could not have picked a more qualified individual, but we sure miss him here...

Rest in peace Lark. Beverly, Jeff, and family, our thoughts are with you during these times. I feel certain everyone in the MCA has you all in their thoughts and prayers.

By the time you read this, the MCA board of directors will have met for the first time in 2010. It's hard to say 2010 is going to be a great year having opened this column with such news. But, in truth, it really should be a great year with shows, events, etc. to reach the Mustang Nation masses.

Let me be the first to invite you to an MCA event. I think you will have a great time and will want to increase your participation level as the year progresses.

If you know a person that served on the board last year, thank them for their service. Without them, the MCA would not be able to do business. The Bill Dillard's, Jim Chisims, Elizabeth Cofers, Jim Silvermans, Patsy Browns, and Millicent Moyes of the world do not come along every day. Their, and others, hard work truly do make the MCA happen.

Having said that, if you know one of the new directors, congratulate them. They have a hard, long year in front of them. But then again, they asked for it. Congrats all.

Please let me finish by reminding you how important each of you really is to your family, to your MCA family, and the Mustang Nation. I'm not sure if you would like a handshake, a hug, or a pat on the back. But, when you see me, let me know and I will gladly remind you of your importance here with all of us!

A Little Blue This Month,

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