

MUSTANG NATION

Every once in a while, an issue of *Mustang Times* poses multiple challenges. Well, this was one of those issues. I love a challenge, that's something that anyone who knows me well can attest to. And, it's a good thing that my father instilled the belief that, "...you can do anything you set your mind to." Well, if my dad were alive, I'd have called him several times over the past couple of weeks.

There is much information crammed into the pages of this issue. And, because of that you will notice that there aren't many feature articles, and some departments were eliminated. However, before you start to grumble, let me explain.

The *Mustang Times* is the **news magazine** of the Mustang Club of America. That being said, bringing news to the membership of the happenings of the National organization is paramount. It actually makes me happy to bring you the information included in this issue. We have two pages dedicated to Club Information. You'll read about the opening of Nominations for the next two-year term on the Board of Directors, and the next two-year term for National Officers. You'll read about a contest being held for MCA members, and you'll read about plans for a Regional Directors' summit. This is the information that I feel is so important to bring to all of you, the membership that make up the Mustang Club of America. Also, Ron Bramlett has penned another Treasurer's Chest, see page 20.

We recently experienced the first National Show for 2010 in Pensacola. The GCRMC members are so proficient at putting on National shows, and this year was no different. There is coverage of the show in this issue along with the listing of awards.

I certainly hope you take the time to read and absorb all the information in this issue. Steve McCarley, in his column, tells all of you that Ford has given the X-Plan discount to all MCA members in good standing. The plans to implement that program are in the works now, the finalized plans will be fully explained in the June issue. In the News and Notes, there's a new item titled, "Did You Know..." In there is information about a Vintage Mustang give-away contest sponsored by Jockey. OK, I could make all kinds of comments, but I'll refrain.... And one major new information is on page 18. There, Vice President Steve Prewitt outlines plans for the aforementioned Regional Directors' summit.

Add to all of that, this bit of news about shows for 2011—there will be a year-long celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Mustang Club of America. Shows have been awarded and will be held as follows: April in Dallas, TX; May in Jacksonville, FL; June in Long Island, NY; August in Des Moines, IA; and the Grand National will be held on Labor Day Weekend in the Maryland/DC area. Full details will be forthcoming as they are finalized.

Our current Board of Directors is working hard to bring about changes and forward movement in the Mustang Club of America. Hang on, you're going to like what's happening. And, if you want to be a part of planning and implementing the forward movement, consider running for a position on the Board or for a National Office.

In the meantime, I hope you all are planning to attend the next MCA National in Mustang, Oklahoma! The club out there holds the record for largest number of cars at a National Show, and they're a great bunch of people to be around.

Remember, we are **MUSTANG NATION!** Let's enjoy it together.

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