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FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Every show on TV starts with a commercial, so why should I be different? MCA Board of Director elections will be held in September. Are you interested in being part of the future of the MCA, rather than just sitting back? Are you looking for a way to give back to the hobby you enjoy so much? Are you wanting to be even more active and involved than you are now? Well, have I got a deal for you! Run for office and become an integral part of the very best Mustang club in the world. The board needs you, regional clubs need you, the membership needs you.

Or... take the time to fill out the election ballot, which will appear in the September issue. In other words—VOTE!

Now, back to our regularly scheduled article...

Can you believe it's June? Nancy and Christopher are finally out of school. Summer is in full swing. The show, race, cruise, work on, repair season is in high gear. And the Mustang Club of America is right in there with you.

As if going to shows, representing and promoting the MCA, and keeping a real job were not enough to fill my calendar, I toasted the motor in my '66 this past weekend. Don't ask, just nod understandably. Many of you are probably thinking "been there, done that, bought the T-shirt...and the crank, and the rods, the bearings, the pistons, etc., etc., etc".

Hey, that just means we will be taking my kick-butt '08 to Sonic on week-ends. No, I still do not let anyone eat in the car. That's what those nice benches and tables are for. Besides, last time I let Christopher eat in a car, I found an almost entire thing of fries under the passenger seat of the '66 while cleaning for an upcoming MCA National show.

I know a lot of you have seen my '08 and know it's black, too. You would have thought I'd learn a valuable lesson about black cars with my '66, but, noooooooo, I have to own another black Mustang (I have to mention the '65 Mustang pedal car we have as a plant stand in the living room is black as well). Fingerprints really stand out on a black Mustang. With an 8 year old, I'm almost used to them. Plenty of wax ALWAYS on the car, a soft micro-fiber rag, and some spray-on quick-wax, and I pretty much keep fingerprints at bay.

And speaking of wax, what are all of you using? I see all the shiny clean, spotless, nearly glowing Mustangs at MCA shows/events and wonder if the owners (you guys and gals) work as hard and use the products I do to make the cars look so good. Me, I'm pretty much sold on a wax whose name starts with M and ends in S.

Fine scratches stand out like a sore thumb. I had cleaned and waxed 'til I was blue and just could not get the finish I wanted. I was close but not perfect. So, I got Joe and Sam Murphy to buff the car. I figured if they can win as many MCA awards and trophies with their cars as they do, surely they could help my Mustang.

I'm still not sure if Joe was telling me or warning me he did not want to see my Mustang "looking like it did" ever again. Heck, I thought it looked good until I got it back. OK, so I don't have the same touch as those two with a buffer.

Oh yeah, remember me mentioning using only that M-brand wax? Joe told me that's the only wax they use and the only way to go. At least I got that right!

And another thing; Black cars are hot. No, I mean HOT, as in the A/C has to work overtime to stay ahead of the Georgia heat and humidity. I guess it's a good thing Ford has always been known for good heating and cooling units. In June, July, and August it usually stays on high.

So, if you have a red, blue, yellow, you-name-a-color Mustang, awesome. That's why there are so many colors to choose from. The fact that you own a Mustang shows you're a winner! It also means your Mustang is guaranteed to stand out on an MCA show field, at a track day, during cruise night, or just sitting in the driveway or garage.

But, if you happen to own a black Mustang, then you already know you're hot... which is really Cool. And, you're bad... which is actually Good. What you have to do though is keep that black Mustang shiny clean (and waxed) so it's just as attention grabbing as the others. Hard and extra work for sure, but very rewarding.

And, as an aside, you have an awesome ability with the American vocabulary. Just look at that last paragraph. Now, if you will, please excuse me. I've got to find my dictionary...

See you at an MCA event,

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