

SOAP BOX PERSUASION

I am taking this opportunity to encourage all the MCA's Regional Clubs to seriously consider sending your Regional Director to the 1st Annual Regional Directors' Summit in October. I know this may be financially difficult for most, but at least consider paying for a portion of their trip if your club can't afford to cover the entire cost. It will be well-worth the time and expense. Personally, I think this is one of the most brilliant ideas. It shows how much the National Board of Directors thinks about the membership of the MCA and its Regional Clubs. What better way is there to gather as much information, bring your requests and have open discussions on the needs of individual clubs? And, if possible, your Regional Director has the opportunity to stay over on Saturday night and attend the National Board of Director's meeting on Sunday. After all, Regional Directors have a vote at Board meetings and this is an opportunity for those who usually don't attend to see, first-hand, the happenings of the Board.

While I'm up here on my soap box, I'm also asking how many of you, yes you—each individual member of the MCA, have gone onto the website and updated your personal information in your profile? How many of you are proud members of a local Regional Club yet have not indicated your membership on your profile page of the website? How many of you are proud of the Mustangs you own, yet have not listed the first one on your profile? OK, I can almost hear the comments being made as you read this, but I know that there are many members who have yet to complete this information. And, while I'm at it, I also can tell you that there are club officers of Regional Clubs who have not indicated membership in their club on their profile page. I won't call out individuals, but you know who you are. And, if you can't remember if you've updated your profile, it only takes a few minutes to double check. Log onto www.mustang.org, click on the member's only link and log yourself in. If you haven't changed your log on information, your user name is your MCA membership number, and your password is your last name. You can change it when you update your information, if you wish.

Bo Lawless has asked me to say "Thank You" to the more than 100 Regional Directors who have updated their club's information on the website. While there are still some whose information needs attention, overall it's impressive to get this great of a response. Bo has been working diligently to get this information updated, and she is grateful to those who have already responded.

So, you're wondering why we're "nagging" you so much about this, well we need the information to be able to contact the individual clubs with pertinent MCA information for your members.

One last comment, there is still a small window of opportunity for you to consider entering your name in nomination for a seat on the Board of Directors. The deadline is rapidly approaching. Read the News & Notes for all the details. What better way to be a part of the forward movement of the MCA—the Mustang place to be!

I hope to see many of you in Bellevue for the Grand National.

Your perpetually optimistic and slightly off-center editor,

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