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**FINDING CORRECT ANSWERS**

**A**t some point in our ownership of Mustangs, questions come up that need to be answered. These questions bear relevance to all types and varieties of Mustangs. But, where do we go to look for our answers? How do we know that the answer we received is the right one? Or, how long can I expect to wait to get the right answer?

Going back, not so long ago to the 1980s and 1990s, it could take days, maybe weeks to get an answer to a simple question! Our good friend and long time MCA Judge, John Murphy from Pawnee, IL, can attest to this! John was relentless in his search for authenticity data back when folks did not have a lot of information to share. Fast forward to about 10 years ago, with the internet being accessed by more and more folks; discussion forums began popping up to share views on just about anything one can imagine. Through this, there have been dozens, if not hundreds, of forums specifically dedicated to discussing different years of Mustangs, from Concours details to wild Modifications. What used to take weeks to get an answer for now could take a matter of minutes and doesn't require that you call 10 different resources to get a consensus. Things have gotten a lot easier for us, that's for sure!

But, going back to the original questions—where are the best places to look for answers, especially for MCA members?

Not all questions can be easily answered by just going to an internet forum. For starters, the MCA website is a great resource to get basic questions about judging answered. All documents related to judging and also the complete MCA Rulebook can be accessed by MCA members online at [www.mustang.org](http://www.mustang.org). Additionally, on the website in the judging section is a complete listing of all MCA Gold Card Judges. Phone numbers, addresses, and usually email addresses are available to members. Notwithstanding these two great resources, as many of our readers already know, MCA hosts from 4-5 National shows every year in different areas of the U.S. (and sometimes Canada!) These are excellent venues to observe some of the best cars in the country, talk to owners, take some pictures, and exchange contact information with others in the club. For those members that might not be able to fit an MCA National into their schedules, they still have the internet to fall back on and also our "Ask the Judges" forum here in *Mustang Times*.

Any MCA member may send in their questions to the MCA office or simply send them to one of the Head Judges. We are more than happy to help out and if we don't know the answers ourselves, you can bet that we will find out!

While we live in an information age now, we realize that not everyone may know where to look to find answers to their questions. But, by being an MCA member and gaining access to all the available judging resources, you've made a wise decision that will pay dividends for years to come and help avoid costly mistakes. Rest assured, the MCA judging community is more than willing to help. Just ask! :-)



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