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REGIONAL DIRECTOR PERSPECTIVE

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The Mustang Club of America has more than 180 Regional Clubs. Each club has a Director tasked with representing their Regional Club at the National level.

My Regional club was chartered by the MCA on September 12, 2009, and on that day I was appointed Regional Director.

Did I know what I was getting myself into? I thought I did, but I was in for more than I could imagine.

What do I mean by this?

- First, I have the honor of representing my Regional Club on the National level.
- Second, I'm on the ground level of decision making at National Board of Directors meetings.
- Third, I was asked to serve on the MCA National Board of Directors Club Support Committee. By serving on this committee I am in the position of being able to provide input on items of business that potentially could impact Regional clubs.
- Fourth, and maybe best of all, the volunteers serving as National Officers and on the National Board of Directors have become my friends. Through my involvement, I've learned there are many different aspects of running a National organization such as this that make the Mustang Club of America what it is today.

I have been a member of the MCA for more than 10 years, but I've only been involved on the National level for about a year. To this day it has been a highly rewarding experience. Serving as a Regional Director gives one the best of both worlds—serving our Regional club and serving the National club. Over the past year I have attended National Board of Directors meetings and had the opportunity to vote on several different items of business that were brought before the board. That is one of the wonderful experiences that I have had by serving as a Regional Director. Regional Directors receive a copy of the agenda prior to the National Board meetings. When there is an agenda item that will be voted on, I am able to present it to my Regional club members and carry their vote back to the Board. If I am unable to attend a meeting, I can still vote by proxy.

One of the reasons the MCA needs all Regional Directors to attend the Regional Directors' Summit in October is so that

we all have a better understanding of what our responsibilities as MCA Regional Directors are to our Regional clubs and the National club. The MCA wants us to realize that our clubs have a vote on the business of running the MCA. This is part of what makes the MCA a great club, because essentially every member has a vote.

The Club Support Committee is designed to support all the Regional Clubs for MCA. Chairman Bo Lawless and members of her committee have been working diligently to get contact updates from all of the MCA's Regional clubs. Each Regional club is asked to update our Officer and Regional Director information prior to July 1st of every year. If you have not yet provided your club update information for 2010, you are urged to do so right away. This quick reference provides the contact information that this committee needs to easily reach each Regional club if and when it become necessary.

I have met some wonderful people this past year and have made many friends. I encourage you and your club to become involved on the National level. It continues to be a rewarding and learning experience.

Please consider joining me and other Regional Directors at the Regional Director's Summit on October 9, 2010, in Grand Prairie, Texas. The Summit will provide all Regional Directors with information that will allow us to represent our clubs to the fullest extent possible. And I expect that we will learn how the MCA plans to support our Regional clubs and what our clubs can do in exchange.

Help make the Mustang Club of America the source for all things Mustang and, by virtue of that, better equip our Regional Clubs to provide everyone in the areas we live the opportunity to be a part of the Mustang experience.

See you in Dallas in October!

Chris Neri

