

# I FOUND THE FUN!

I remember writing a past editorial titled, "What Happened to the Fun?." I found it this summer at the MCA National and Grand National Shows. For a long while, it seemed that everyone was kind of lost in all the minutia of National shows, preparing for the event whether as a member of the hosting club or a participant in one of the classes—judged or not! There was too much emphasis on the "work" instead of remembering why we participate in these shows—it's our HOBBY!

At many of this year's shows, I was able to see some good friends that I hadn't seen in a long time. And, at one particular show I went to dinner with a huge group of friends and laughed until I cried and we nearly got thrown out of the restaurant. It had been a long time since I had experienced that revelry at a show, and that in itself is sad! There is so much stress in our lives that it was spilling over into our hobby. I don't think I have to tell any of you that that's not good! But, in spite of the economy and all the ugly news that's on the TV, in the newspapers, and online, we have one of the best extra-curricular activities to take part in the world—the Mustang hobby and all the friends we made along the way. So, I say let's all remember the fun we started out to have and the fun that we want to have. I was totally exhausted from the flight in, show activities, and the airport "hassle" trying to get home. But, through it all I could still smile when I thought of all the friends I had seen over the weekend, and of all the new friends I had made.

So, next time you prepare for a show, remember to bring the smiles along with you and let's remember that we're all in this for FUN!

OK, I'll get off that soapbox and jump onto another one—ELECTIONS!

It's September and that means elections to the MCA's National Board of Directors. The biographies of all candidates, along with their photos, are listed beginning on page 18. And, stuck to page 19 is the ballot. You can safely remove it from the magazine without damaging the page. Simply read all the bios, make your choices, mark your ballot, then drop it into a mailbox. The postage has been paid for you. So, how hard can it be? And, if you don't vote you don't get to grumble about how things are going within the MCA! Now's your chance to participate. These men and women work hard at keeping the MCA "The Mustang Place to Be." They want to hear from you whether you have good comments or a complaint. If no one knows what's wrong, no one can fix it! But, first you have to VOTE for the Board members! Let's see if we can get every member to complete a ballot this year.

Along with the Board elections, ballots will be mailed to all Regional Directors for election of officers. I encourage every Regional Director to be sure to return a completed ballot.

All ballots must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2010!

One last note, there's a new "Department" beginning in this issue called "The Stable." We want photos and a write up of the place you park your Mustangs because we know there are some kick-butt awesome garages out there. Let's see what you've got! Send your story and hi-res images to me via email at the address below, or at the editorial office. The address is listed in the column to the right!

Your perpetually optimistic and slightly off-center editor,



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