

WEEKEND IN PHOENIX



MCA'S ACTION-PACKED WEEKEND IN JANUARY 2011



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The MCA's Installation of new officers and Board of Director members always takes place at its Annual Meeting, held every January. The officer installations are held every-other year, as officers typically serve a two-year term. Members of the Board of Directors rotate their terms so that all Directors' terms don't expire the same year. On January 20-22, 2011, the MCA held its 2011 Annual Meeting.

In conjunction with installation of officers and board members, the Board of Directors' January Meeting was held

on Sunday. Also ongoing during the busy weekend was the Barrett-Jackson Auction, at which many members of the MCA participated! The folks at Barrett-Jackson gave the MCA a booth in the hall just outside the arena where the auctioning was ongoing. It was a piece of prime real estate at Barrett-Jackson.

Friday was full of activities at Barrett-Jackson and at the host hotel with several committee meetings and new Board members orientation held during the afternoon. Installation of officers was held at the Friday evening banquet.

Outgoing President, Steven McCarley passed the gavel to newly elected President Steve Prewitt. Steven will take the position of Past-President and will

still be serving on the Board of Directors' Executive Committee. Mustang Brand Manager Jim Owens was the guest speaker. After Jim's insightful comments, the swearing-in of the new Board of Directors took place. If you've never been to an Annual Meeting, I urge you to plan to attend at least once. It's a great chance to meet the people leading our great club, and a chance to congregate with fellow Mustang enthusiasts and have a grand time!

Several MCA members, Officers and Board members, along with their spouses, gave of their time to staff our booth on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. And, for those questioning what the MCA would be doing at Barrett-Jackson, let me

relieve your doubts. The booth was busy the entire four days; we signed up many new MCA members, even signing up two 5-year memberships.

Ford had a huge presence and a massive display at Barrett-Jackson. Many outstanding vehicles crossed the auction block, look for an article on the auction itself in a future issue. I did want to show you the one-of-a-kind Grabber Blue with Black Boss 302 Laguna Seca, which was auctioned for charity. It sold for \$450,000—much higher than the General Motors' Camaro, delighting the Ford Executives that were present.

New Membership Chairman, George Valeri, and Horace Collums from Houston, TX, spearheaded the scheduling. Horace has taken the lead of Head Cheerleader for the MCA. He seems to be everywhere, promoting the club and signing up new members. Members of the Copperstate Mustang Club of Phoenix manned the booth on Sunday, allowing Board Members who took turns the other three days to attend the Board Meeting, which was held at the Marriott Airport hotel.

Keep reading *Mustang Times* and checking the MCA's website for information on the 2012 Annual Meeting. I hope to see you there! **MT**



▲ The MCA's membership booth at Barrett-Jackson resided on some prime real estate and was attractively set up.



▲ Chris Hall, MCA Board Member and Chairman of the Youth Committee, was captured at one of his rare downtime moments.



▲ Steve Prewitt served as Master of Ceremonies for the Friday-evening Installation Dinner.



▲ (L-R) Board Members Jeff Mays, Austin Craig, and John Farmer paused from their conversation for a photo op.



▲ Mustang Brand Manager, Jim Owens, was the guest speaker at the Friday evening banquet and installation.



▲ As you can see, mini-meetings were held throughout the weekend at Barrett-Jackson.

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▲ MCA Vice President, Ed Hockaday, checks over the Boss 302 Laguna Seca's undercarriage. Rumor has it that Ed has a Laguna Seca Edition on order.



▲ I gave in to a request for a photo at the MCA's booth with Horace Collums, Pinkie's owner, from Houston, TX.



▲ This MOMO chair would so work at my office. No, Bryan, I didn't put it on the company credit card, but I was tempted!



▲ (L-R) Patrick Mahoney, "Shorty" Brown, and Chris Hall greet potential MCA members at our booth.



▲ (L-R) Board member Rick Umberger and VP Ed Hockaday helped staff an additional MCA table in the Ford display area.



▲ The One-Of-A-Kind Grabber Blue with Black Boss 302 Laguna Seca, which sold for \$450,000 for charity.



▲ Bill Goldberg graciously agreed to a quick photo with me, President Steve Prewitt, and Treasurer Ron Bramlett.