

PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year to each of you as we start a new year together. May this be the best year yet for all Mustang Club of America members.

I thank each of you for your vote of confidence in electing me your 1980 President. I will need much help from each of you, as will your other Officers and Board members during the coming year to keep our club on the move.

Since the start of the Mustang Club of America, I have met many of you and look forward to meeting all of you in the next year at all of our gatherings. If you have any thing that I or your other officers can help you with don't hesitate to ask us. My address and phone number follows:

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I would like to thank Jim and Sue Osborn and Company for a super fine job in running the Club for the last 18 months. I have enjoyed working with them and look forward to great things from them in the future. Again, Jim, many thanks for a superb job!

Congratulations to all newly elected Board Members, I am looking forward to working with you to make our great club even greater.

Don't forget the Eastern National Meet set for Memorial Day Weekend, 1980, in Knoxville, Tennessee to be hosted by The Volunteer Regional Group.

Certification and judging rules should be back from the printers and ready to mail out by February 15th. There will be a charge for the purchase of the Judging Rules; however, the cost has not been determined and will not be until the printing costs are received.

George White, President

EDITOR MESSAGE

To all regional groups:

In order to complete our Regional Group Contact listing, it is MOST NECESSARY that we receive the name, address and phone number of your regional group president and national board member.

Our national secretary cannot send reports to you unless she knows who you are and where to find you.

WE STILL NEED THE MOVIES! MANY OTHER GROUPS WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO VIEW THEM. PLEASE SEND BACK SO THEY CAN BE SHARED!

We solicit articles covering restoration and technical tips, model Mustangs, or whatever you might have. We also need Cars of the Month. Again, the requirements are 6 color (prefer slides) and 12 black & white photos-ABSOLUTELY NO Polaroids-along with a story covering your car.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Several months ago you were requesting handling tips for Mustangs...I think members might like to be reminded that Cougar disc brake setups, an option much more common to early Cougars than Mustangs by the luxury nature of the Cougar, are a nice addition to '67-'68 Mustangs. The changeover includes changing the spindles, master cylinder, brake warning light sending units and steel brake lines from front calipers to master cylinder, but all in all, a change well worth the effort.

As far as I know, the set ups from '67-'68 Cougars are suited for '67-'68 Mustangs (I have made the switch on my 67 fastback).

Joseph G. Sikora
Pottstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank The Mustang Club of America for featuring my Boss 429 Mustang in the October issue of The Mustang Times.

In my article, I failed to mention that we are trying to put together a Boss 429 directory.

If you are a Boss 429 enthusiast and want your Boss listed in the directory, please mail all pertinent information such as KK's, color, stock or modified, etc., to:

Jim Engle
21144 Robinwood
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Should you have any questions or require some facts about Boss 429's, you can call me after 6:30 p.m. at (313) 474-4764.

Jim Engle
KK 1299

Dear Editor:

As a follow-up to my letter last month, "In Search of Mustangs", I would like to report the following progress.

The search for interesting vehicle I.D. plates continues and the flow of mail, though limited, has brought some interesting finds. While you are sitting there munching on your favorite junk food or watching T.V., why not trot outside to the garage and put all your I.D. plate information on a post card or letter and send it to me.

So far, I have several close Mustangs as far as serial numbers and dates go, even a 1968 Shelby GT 500. Shelby owners, I'd like to hear from you too, so fell free to write in with your information. Any Shelby owners with interesting information for this article/series is encouraged to forward it to my attention. So far, only

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one Shelby owner has participated. Any Mustang owner with interesting information or story is also invited to write.

By far, the most interesting V.I.D. plate information I have received thus far is from Gary Schweitzer of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan. Gary has, as most of us know, an extremely rare find! A very early 1964½ (1964½ really, Mustang convertible. This Mustang, there is no question as to its being authentic. The V.I.D. plate shows: 5F08T383386 Date 15B DSO 842011, Color M automatic transmission and another rare item, an AM tape unit. Twelve Mustangs were specially built for display at the New York World's Fair in 1964, Gary's was one of them. His 1964½ was built 15 February 1964, just two weeks before the official start of production in March of 1964. If you notice, the V.I.D. number is 383386, which is high for an early production model, so there is no possible way it could have been a regular production model 1964½ Mustang. It was not built along with production Mustangs. When production started at Dearborn in March of 1964, the serial numbers started at 5F000100001.

Mustang production began at San Jose, California and Metuchen, New Jersey weeks later. Gary's 1964½ has a 200 cu. in. six which was not available on production Mustangs until Fall of 1964. The AM tape unit was not available until 1965 on production models. Any member out there who may think they have a prototype Mustang is encouraged to write. As of now, Gary has the oldest known Mustang. Quite a car, Gary. Thank you for writing.

Other interesting finds for '68 owners was a letter from Dan Elliott of Dahlonaga, Georgia. His V.I.D. number is 8F0LJ100002. Probably the oldest Mustang to be found anywhere. Will 100001 please step forward? Dan has the second Dearborn production unit built in the 1968 model year. Thus far, I think we've found the oldest 1964½ and 1968 models. Dan's Mustang was bought new in Jacksonville, Florida with a DSO 24.

We have found three Mustangs built the same day! Bill Simmons, 1968 Shelby GT 500 8F03S143544 with a build date of 05A (5 January 1968). Richard Peterson also of Georgia with a 1968 hardtop, 8F01C144186 with a build date of 05A as well. Both cars were built at the Metuchen, N.J. assembly plant the same day. We also have a Dearborn "F" code built 1968 Mustang hardtop here in Altus, Oklahoma with a V.I.D. 8F0LJ137064 built 05A. This Mustang is owned by Bob Ali-Carr. As you can see, the possibilities are endless for match ups. Just wait until the project is finished!

The final article on this project will have a complete listing of all, or mostly all, who participated and the I.D. numbers and Mustangs/Shelbys. It will start with the oldest 1964½ and run up to the newest 1973 model.

The Mustang Club of America, at last count, had over 5,000 members. There are still many of you out there to hear from. Let's make this project very successful. For those of you who wish an answer, I'll make every effort to answer either through a personal letter or through The Mustang Times.

The final article will cover a lot more! So far we've seen 3 Mustangs built on the same day, the earliest known Mustang, and even the earliest known 1966 Mustang owned by Laura Foster of Cincinnati, Ohio #6F07C100409 built 25 August 1965.

Again, I hope to hear from you. This project should interest many.

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