

"In Search of Mustangs"

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As we near the home stretch of this project, it is indeed a lonely one. What happened to all that MCA enthusiasm of 8 months ago? As the project stands now, we have nearly 650 entries of which most are 1964½ and 65 Mustangs. Mostly Dearborn built Ponies lead the list. The deadline is December 31st, 1980. I may extend that deadline but I seriously doubt it. If you want your Mustang or Shelby on this list to see where you stand, you better push a pencil and get it in to me by **DECEMBER 31**. Please, **do not send** your project info to Mustang Club of America Headquarters, this only slows it down and MCA has to send it to me. Send all your VID information to me — **Jim Smart, 1094 Elk Street, Altus, Oklahoma 73521**.

For those of you that are submitting articles to the *Mustang Times*, thank you! I'm sure Jim Osborn appreciates it and MCA members too! It is very important that we all pull together and help out and make MCA the best automobile club in the world and YES, we can do it! MCA lays just short of 5000 members. Let's build the membership and get that 5000th member, OK? Increased membership is produced not only by recruiting members but renewed memberships as well. This is accomplished by improving the *Mustang Times*, this is why your articles are so important! The *Mustang Times* needs new ideas, only we as a club can do it! Can I count on everyone to pitch in and help? Any articles you write, please send them to **The Mustang Club of America, P.O. Box 447, Lithonia, Ga. 30058**.

The oldest production Mustang, as well as convertible, is owned by Jack Cornely of Maryland #5F08F100122 built 5 March 1964. Anyone out there with an older Pony, let us know before December 31. The oldest Mustang and also a convertible is owned by Gary Schweitzer of Michigan #5F08T383386 built 15 February 1964. This is not a production Mustang but a prototype Mustang and was one of 12 displayed at the **New York Worlds Fair in 1964!** A photo in the new book out on the history of the Ford Mustang, sells for about \$28.00 and has a picture of two celebrities sitting in a white 64½ Mustang Convertible at the New York Worlds Fair. I often wonder if this was Gary's 64½ pre-production Mustang. If anyone knows, do let us know ASAP. It would truly be something to find out. Gary, I would like to find out more about your Mustang for our readers, perhaps you might either write an article or send me a biography on it. We'd like to know the progress of your Mustang since you bought it 2 years ago. It is indeed a one-of-a-kind.

Jack Cornely's 64½ convertible is the oldest production unit in our project as things stand now. It is the oldest convertible production unit as well. Many with 64½ convertibles have written in to see if they had the oldest convertible. Sorry folks, we've found it! The oldest known production convertible is also the oldest production convertible and the first production MUSTANG built, and it is #5F08F100001 Built 3 March 64. It resides in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan for those that wish to see it.

The final listing of all the Mustangs and Shelbys will be printed hopefully by April of 1981. This date depends on a lot of things. If letters start rolling in again with VID numbers and info, I will extend the date and the deadline for the project. Please try to bear with me on the length of this project. There are many factors which determine completion. One is the sudden drop in participation, this made me decide to extend

the project until more participated. It is up to you, the MCA member to participate! **All regional groups are urged to pitch in** and help us out on this project. It wouldn't take you that long and it would be the glue that holds MCA together - we need more projects like this! I've asked everyone before to participate and as I've said before, this project is on the 100% up and up. I'll ask this, what are you afraid of? There is no danger of your VID information ending up in the wrong hands. Once the project is complete, all information will be destroyed. If anyone has doubts, I'd like to hear from you immediately and I want the opinions of those that don't want to participate. To give you an idea of what the final listing will look like, please look at the following example.

5F08F100001 3 March 1964 DSO 33 Detroit Area
Ford Motor Company/Michigan

5F08F100122 5 March 1964 DSO 17 Wash D.C. Area
Jack Cornely, Maryland

5F07U123456 5 April 1964 DSO 65 Oklahoma City Area
John Doe, Oklahoma

5F07F128321 14 April 1964 DSO 21 Atlanta Area
Jane Smith, Georgia

I hope this rough draft gives everyone an idea of what to expect for a final listing. The list will go from the oldest production 1964½ Mustang to the newest 1973 Mustang. The list will also include the Shelbys which are few. As I said months ago, only your name and state will be printed. If anyone has any suggestions on ways to refine this list, I'd like to hear from you very soon! If there are any prototype Mustangs out there like Gary Schweitzer's, we'd like to hear from you. A separate list will be printed for such Mustangs. I'm counting on everyone to light the fire on this project and give it a boost before December 31. Let's at least hit 1000 Mustangs, OK? We have about 650 now. Wouldn't you like to see where your Mustang lines up? Cmon, push a pencil! You've probably been saying for months now, "Yeah, I've been meaning to send it in and I just never get around to it". Can you spare 5 minutes? Glue your eyes to that VID plate and send in **all** the information on it. Remember, we need the serial number, date code and the DSO number! Just the serial number doesn't tell us much, but we can still fit it in none the less. Your date code and DSO number help us all the more. I'm counting on all of you — let's make it successful, OK?

Til Next Time

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