

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear MCA Members:

The time has come for me to sit down and ask you, the Mustang Times subscriber this, "Isn't it about time you submitted an article to The Mustang Times? There are endless ideas and only your imagination can limit them."

The Mustang Times needs ideas and articles, now is the time to sit and write about what interests Mustang and Shelby owners. Jim Osborn can use the help I'm sure and it will benefit the "Times" as well. Write about what you know best (pertaining to Mustangs and Shelybs, that is).

Say you are restoring your Mustang from the ground up. Write a series of articles about it. This information is of benefit to other Mustang owners and you can explain and find the pitfalls of restoration and pass the info on to others. If you have an interesting lead on something, relate it to Jim or MCA Headquarters. If you find a rare or one of a kind Pony car, write about it, tell us your experience. We gotta pull together and make the Mustang Times a super publication. Advertisements aren't what totally make up a magazine, we need interesting articles and it's up to all of us to come forth and submit.

Is anyone going to the Shelby National Convention? By gosh, write an article about it! The Mustang Times needs information articles, perhaps "How" articles. There are many out there who can't tell a 1967 Mustang from a 1965. One purpose of The Mustang Times is to teach, articles on each year of Mustang as well as the Shelby would help many. Perhaps regional groups might want to write a biography on their group and how it started, perhaps an article on your area and the strong points. Each area has its interesting points, bring them out. Like I said, only your imagination can limit ideas.

I am a relatively new MCA member and I saw a need for a project or something that would get everyone's interest, that is where "In Search of Mustangs" was born. This project enables everyone to participate in a project. Project ideas are endless, so let's get on the stick and help MCA out, OK?

Thank you,
Jim Smart

"IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS" PART V

Hi, I guess most of you wonder what happened to us the last two months. Well, it has come to my attention that the articles submitted were lost in the mail, so at this time I must punch up a quickey article to keep you abreast of what's going on.

The oldest 64½ Mustang in our project as of March 22 is 5F07U101176 built 3-16-64. The owner Paul Moore resides in Arizona. Are there any older production Ponies out there? We'd like to hear from you.

There are many other interesting Mustangs that have been submitted, I'll cover them next month.

We have two 1968 Mustangs just 6 units apart! #8F01T137058 built 1-3-68 and #8F01J137064 built 1-5-68. The owners Glen Armstrong and Bob Ali-Carr are both of Oklahoma.

An idea forwarded to me by a concerned member up in Michigan is that the whereabouts of member's Mustangs and Shelybs be kept confidential for obvious reasons. This I agree with 100%. I'll modify this idea by using your name and state only. This way there whereabouts of your Mustang is not exact. If any member wishes to contact a certain owner/member, they can check their roster or contact me and I'll contact that owner and see if they wish to be contacted. This makes it safe and the theft of your pride and joy is far less likely.

For those of you who desire an answer to your nice letters, I ask that you please forward a SASE. Many desire answers and I honestly cannot afford to answer all. I'll gladly answer you, so feel free to write. For those that have written and expect a reply, hang in there, I'll write as soon as possible. I'm in the midst of preparing a Mustang and Shelby Show as well as planning to attend the Atlanta 80 meet in August. Hope to see all of you there. If all goes as planned, I'll have a booth set up specifically for the "In Search of Mustangs" project so you all can see the progress.

I urge all of you to submit all of your VID plate information to me. Please fear not, none of your VID information will be released without your consent! So let's hear from you, OK?

Many have written to me asking where they can have replacement VID plates (pre-1970) and stickers (1970-73) manufactured. Now I ask you, the reader of The Mustang Times. I've heard several ways, one of which is "Maryland Mustang". I'd like to hear from you, the vendor, if you can help us. "Maryland Mustang", do I speak the truth?

Finally, I would like to mention the "2nd Annual Mid-West Mustang & Shelby Show and Swap Meet" happening June 15, 1980 in Enid, Oklahoma. This is not just a local show but a large Mustang get together with over 100 Mustangs and Shelybs including Shelby Cobras expected. Last year brought in a large turn out, let's make this year even better! All regional groups are invited to contact us for information on this show and motel accommodations. We can help you so feel free to contact either Bob Miller of Mid-West or myself. Vendors, we would like to have you and to my knowledge, there is no charge. There is a huge market out here for you, so we'd like to see you attend our show. I'll be there with lots of information for you all.

Again, I would like to see 100% MCA response on this project. Out of over 5000 MCA members, I've heard from only 300 or so. Come on gang, let's push those pens and pencils and drop me a line. This project is only as successful as you the MCA member makes it. Let's be able to say we did it, OK?

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