

Second Class Story

We have received only a little feedback concerning the switch to second class mailing for the *Mustang Times*. This is probably a good application of the old "no news" adage for what few notes we've had have complained about slow or non-delivery of their *Times*. One incident really brought the point home: we received the October issue, which was mailed on October 12th, on November 3rd! (We mailed ourselves a copy just to check on delivery times). We also received our copies of another Ford-related magazine in a funny way; both the September and October issues arrived on the same day!

All of this is just to point out that second class mailing is nowhere near as reliable as first class. One month you may get your magazine four or five days after it was mailed, the next it may take three weeks. This is just the nature of second class mail: it is not handled with the alacrity that first class mail gets.

So please allow at least into the first week of the next month before requesting another copy due to non-delivery. In most cases, you will get your copy of the *Times* sooner or later. They are being mailed from this end on a fairly regular schedule of approximately the tenth of the month on the cover. This means that your copy should arrive in your mailbox around the middle of the month is the postal service does not delay it in the mail.

If you continue to have delivery problems with the *Mustang Times*, please let us know and also register a complaint with your local postmaster. This should alleviate the problem, if it isn't just that your postman is a Mustang enthusiast himself and is scarfing up your copy!

Your National Office

In May of 1981, we brought a new dimension to the Mustang Club of America. The club had grown to such proportions in its nearly five years of growth that it became necessary to establish an office and a telephone for the use of members conducting business with the club. At present, the office is open half a day each weekday morn-

ing, from 8 to 12 AM Monday through Friday. Holidays and national show days are excluded!

All mail addressed to the national club address (P.O. Box 447, Lithonia, Georgia 30058) is handled by this office, which is very capably staffed by Teresa Vickery, wife of the national head judge, Bob Vickery. In addition to answering the mail, Teresa also maintains the membership listing. "Mistakes are occasionally made," admits Teresa freely, "however, the problems that are brought to our attention can be easily corrected."

All change of address orders are entered by Teresa, who wisely requires that these be submitted in written form, rather than given over the telephone. Address changes in most cases will take approximately three weeks, but members should be aware that it can take up to six weeks due to just missing the mailing list print run.

Teresa also asks that we clarify a problem concerning membership renewal. Each member whose membership is due to expire will be mailed a renewal card from the national headquarters notifying the member of the expiration date. You are requested not to renew until you are notified to do so by the national headquarters. This will prevent a few of the duplicate payments and some of the confusion which have occurred recently.

This is but a brief summary of the duties cheerfully performed by Teresa at the national office. If you have a problem, Teresa says she is there to help. Give her a call and we'll guarantee that she'll do her best to help you out. You can find the telephone number and hours of operation on page five of every *Mustang Times*.

Groups Missing

If you have formed a new regional group of the Mustang Club of America, please forward to us the information necessary to construct your listing in the "Regional Groups" list which appears in the back of each month's *Mustang Times*. We are also approaching the time when most groups elect officers for the new year and we urge all regional groups to submit their

updated information as soon as it is known. A simple postcard will do. Sometimes it takes so long for the info to filter in to us that we only have a particular listing correct for a couple of months before the next year's elections are held.

If your group is not listed, please advise us with the club's name, president and national director and we will promptly see that the listing is added.

Query Contribution

The photos with this month's "Car of the Month" were furnished by a non-member who deserves a little mention. He is Roy Query of Columbus, Ohio who is one of the, if not the foremost automotive photographer practicing today. Roy's photos have appeared in *Motor Trend*, *Hot Rod*, *Super Ford*, *Car Collector*, and *Corvette News*, just to mention a few. He is also the head photographer for *Automobile Quarterly*, so needless to say we are honored to have a "Query" on the cover of the *Mustang Times*. Thanks, Roy!

Stolen Car Report

On October 17, 1981, a 1965 Mustang coupe, ivy green in color with parchment interior, serial number 5F07C359463, was stolen in Columbus, Indiana.

This car had new paint, a new interior, 289 engine with four-speed, and other very distinguishable markings that the owner would recognize.

If you have any information about the whereabouts of this car, please call Steve Fletcher collect (812) 526-9278 or 6796, after 6:00 PM call 587-5147.

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