

A Short History of the Mustang Club of America

1976-1981

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In the beginning, Lee Iacocca made an automobile and Mr. Ford thought this automobile was *the* answer. After several modifications, Mr. Ford and Mr. Iacocca decided to call it "MUSTANG."

So it came to pass that hundreds of thousands of Americans had a sports car that fit their life style and their budgets. Lo and behold, "MUSTANG" was off and running.

But as the years passed, times changed and so did the "MUSTANG." The automobile was losing its charm with new design changes, smaller compact engines, and the European look.

Then, early in the year of 1976, two die-hard believers, Mr. Jones and Mr. Goddard, called a handful of "MUSTANG" disciples together at a place called Stone Mountain. On a small piece of brown paper, these believers signed their names and . . . THE MUSTANG CLUB OF AMERICA was born.

From this meager beginning just over five years ago, the "MUSTANG" following has grown into thousands, not only here in the United States, but around the world. These "MUSTANGERS," as they prefer to be called, travel many miles annually to get together at auto shows, swap-meets, or just friendly, informal get-togethers, for the singular purpose of showing and talking about their "MUSTANGS," "BOSSES," and "SHELBY'S."

Through this mutual fondness for what some unbelievers would call a CAR, the "MUSTANGERS" have made many new friends from all parts of the world, have visited new towns and cities, and have formed a sort of "Esprit de Corps" like no other auto club in the world.

Even though some day in the future, when the prices of "MUSTANGS," due to inflation, junkyards, and age, have caused some of the disciples to drop out and find other interests, they can all smile and say with pride . . .

"I WAS ONCE A MUSTANGER"