

MAIL BAG

Following are excerpts from a letter Frantisek Snobl wrote MCA Office Manager Teresa Vickery, who has been coordinating all efforts to help him. She reports that many concerned members have already contacted her and urges other members who have located parts or wish to make a donation to contact her at national headquarters. Although, for relevance, the content of his letter has been edited, the poetic, inimitable style remains Snobl's own.

Many thanks for your letter which I received the day celebrated as "The International Womens Day," although a man I got a lovely gift, too.

My joy was endless and perhaps could be compared to the feelings of Robinson Crusoe — who — one day finally caught sight of a ship on the ski-line.

Your help — so quick and in such an extent (4 pages in your magazine) took my breath away. Stroking my Mustang I told him . . . "Old chap we are not alone any more" . . . I couldn't sleep a wink for the rest of the night.

Due to your help my black perspective in the "red-tape" country is becoming more colourful. The enthusiasm and love for your cars when reading those magazines cannot be expressed. For this reason you will hardly understand the conditions in which I live and repair my car. Both service and sale of spare parts for the cars of our own socialist production is often very problematic, too. There are no junkyards in our country.

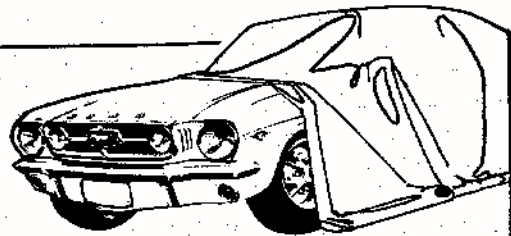
I live upon my Mustang; because of "him" I have sold my English motorcycle Matchless G80, 500, gramophone 70 LP records — which I've kept like in feather-bed for ten years — and many other things.

To make it worse, on the 14th of October last year the prices of petrol went up — 9 crowns per 1 litre; that means for one hour work I can buy 1.5 litre . . .

Once more let me express my gratitude for everything you do for me. I am indebted to you a great deal.

Frantisek Snobl
Brno-venkov
Czechoslovakia

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Still, We Get Letters

I am a housewife who appreciates Mustangs and would like to say from the April issue of *Mustang Times* how much I enjoyed the Restoration Revisited by Mel Fox. This article expressed the feelings of many Pony lovers. Also, in response to Mr. Snobl, the replies you published were very heart warming. My husband and I have belonged to the MCA for only a year and can say we are very proud to be associated with the club, but to find these caring and unselfish special breed of people who make up the club is most rewarding. Thanks to Steve Duerksen, Capt. Bruce Andrews, and Michael Bland for taking time to express their true feelings.

I wish to say a big THANKS to all who are associated with the publishing of the *Mustang Times*, you truly have a very special magazine that I enjoy from cover to cover.

Sincerely,
Jean B. Wiles

And More Letters . . .

Impressed I am, fellow Mustangers and human beings, with the response to Frantisek Snobl in his efforts to get his 1969 Mustang convertible back together. Rebuilding or restoring a Mustang here in the United States is tough enough, try that in a Soviet country where parts for a Mustang are unheard of.

My hat is off to Steve Duerksen of Minnesota for his very generous contribution to the "Snobl Cause." This is great! This is an excellent example to be set for the rest of us. Not only is the Mustang enthusiasm alive and well, but that human factor which makes for the nicest people you'll find anywhere . . .

Jim Smart
Salisbury, Maryland

. . . About Snobl

Human compassion is a wonderful thing. Most Americans have ample opportunity to share this with each other

in many ways. Yet, we sometimes become a little bit "greedy" and a little anxious to achieve so much in so short a time that we forget about the dreams of others around us. We need to occasionally stop and take a look around, to see in what direction our efforts could best help another in need.

Granted that every owner of a Mustang would love to see his/her car completely restored, this goal is not always accessible to all of us. Many of us fall quite short of it, but we don't give up. Sure, money is tight now, but think about it this way, what if you had a Mustang, little money and no access to parts? I am naturally referring to the article on Frantisek Snobl of Czechoslovakia. I think this is a fantastic opportunity for this club to show its "human" side and pull together 100% to help another fellow Mustang enthusiast in need, no matter who he may be or where he may live! Therefore, I am donating \$10.00 for starters to his cause, and I am challenging all MCA members to donate at least \$1.00, if not

more, to this cause. In this way, we can help a fellow human being to meet his dream, while we do something worthwhile as a club. PLUS, who doesn't want to see the "American Pioneer Pony Car" thrive, even overseas! I will be proud to hear of any member that will help in this cause.

Diane E. Smart
Salisbury, Maryland

We're Getting Around

Thanks for the literature you sent (*Mustang Club*). It is one of the best club publications I have had the privilege to read. As a Mustang owner in a foreign country, I need all the information on Mustangs I can get, and your magazine goes a long way in satisfying that need. I also have a problem in obtaining parts in Australia, mainly body panels, trim and accessories. Perhaps one of your advertisers is willing to export; if so, could they contact me? Also, is your club represented in Australia? If not, can I be of any service?

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I read your article on VID plates and feel that it can only help Mustang owners and is in their interest to give their VID number. It can tell you how rare your Mustang really is, thus giving you an idea of its value. Good for you, Jim Smart, sock it to 'em.

My Mustang VID plate no. is OF05M123770.

Enclosed is \$40.00, hoping you will accept this fellow Mustang into your club.

Could you tell me if Ford made any right hand drive Mustangs? If so, where were they sold and in what year?

Sam Stratti
Sydney, Australia

Addresses forwarded of MCA member Kevin Musgrave, prex of Mustang Owners of Australia. We think, but we're not sure, that exported Mustangs were changed to right hand drive at the dealerships. Can anyone add to this?

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Popular Group Queries

The following letter from a regional group asks two of the most common questions received by national headquarters. The accompanying response was forwarded to the regional group after this letter was presented before the May 11, 1982 meeting of the Board of Directors.

I have enclosed a 1982 club roster which has a list of officers included on it. Also, please find enclosed a check for the 1982 dues of Lonnie Hembree (#1484).

I really don't intend to complain about club policy, but due to the complaints of several club members I felt that I should write and ask several questions.

First, why aren't there members on the Board of Directors from states in other parts of the country besides the south? Other clubs have directors widespread throughout the country. I realize that you have National Directors from every club, but they don't seem to have much to say about anything. Recently you had a list of directors to vote for listed in the *Times*, (November, 1981). Not only were they practically all from Georgia, but you listed 31 names and asked members to vote for 31 names. What was the point? Since the club is getting larger all the time, shouldn't some of the clout be shifted elsewhere? Please remember that I am expressing the opinions of other members. I personally feel that the club is well run. The only real complaint I personally share with others is listed next.

This gripe centers around the Eastern Nationals. Why aren't they ever held farther north? I'm sure that they could be held in Indianapolis or Columbus or Hershey or in Lansing or . . . who knows how many other places besides Atlanta, Knoxville, Chattanooga, etc. I realize that such a shift could pose problems with judging and organization, but there are lots of local members who would be more than happy to help. It seems that the only benefit that most local members receive is the *Mustang Times*. Couldn't you stretch out a little bit and let us have some of the fun, too?

Sorry for all the complaints, and I hope you can get some answers for me.

Susan Adams
Hoosier Mustang Club
Nashville, Indiana

Thank you very much for your letter of April 20, 1982. I have checked your current membership listing and find that everyone is a national club member as we have requested. Keep up the good work!

In order to maintain a good "handle" on things within the club, the Board of Directors meets each month. Needless to say, it would be very unfair to require a director who lives in your state to travel to Georgia once a month to attend a three hour meeting. We are required by the club by-laws to meet at least six times a year in a designated location in the state of Georgia. We feel that the board should meet once a month. I would like to point out that the local board of directors is to serve as a representative group for all national directors. I would also like to point out that each national director from the regional groups has the same duties, responsibilities, and voice in how the club is run as the directors from Georgia. Each national director we have on record receives a copy of the minutes from each month's Board of Directors meeting. The job of your national director is to present this information to your group and in turn inform us at national headquarters of any questions, problems, suggestions, etc. that he or your group may have. We need the ideas and suggestions of all national directors and members to keep this club healthy and growing.

The national shows we hold each year are not assigned to any particular groups or areas of the country. We ask interested groups to petition national headquarters for the job of hosting the shows. We would like to see the shows spread to different areas of the country. Perhaps your regional group would be interested in hosting the 1983 Eastern National or some type of nationally sanctioned show. If so, please let me know and I will send you all the necessary forms. You will notice that this issue of the *Mustang Times* contains a type of ad asking that our groups contact national headquarters for information on hosting a national show. By the way, I'm sure you have noticed that the Grand National this year is in Pennsylvania rather than somewhere in the South.

Teresa Vickery
MCA Office Manager
Lithonia, Georgia