

IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

"In Search of Mustangs" is now into its third year with over 3000 Mustangs and Shelby Mustangs listed, from 1964½ through 1973. This number is increasing steadily each day, and your participation is the sole reason for its growth. I thank you all for it.

Since its inception in December, 1979, "In Search of Mustangs" has hit only a few snags, number one snag being the lack of participation by MCA members. This has improved lately, but, as always, there is room for improvement. Number two snag was the move I made from Altus, Oklahoma to Salisbury, Maryland in the summer of 1981. This really slowed us down on getting answers to your nice letters and in compiling the vast information.

Due to this business that I am in (aviation), the likelihood of moving always exists. At this point in time, a move is on to set up a permanent "In Search of Mustangs" address so that your information does not get lost in the midst of

my various moves.

Many people have played an important role in the growth of "In Search of Mustangs." Too many, in fact, to name. There are a few of you whom I hear from on a regular basis, and you know who you are, and I thank you very much for your devotion. It means so much.

Vehicle I.D. information comes from all corners of the world, from places like Church Hill, Tennessee; Stockton, California; Australia, England, Sweden, South Africa, New Zealand, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Phillipine Islands, Japan, and last but not least, GEORGIA! Those folks from the beautiful south have played a large role in our project. We can't forget the kind people up here in the "Ice Age" that have participated. There have been many. It all comes together to make "In Search of Mustangs" all the more successful.

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Mustangs and Shelybs in all different kinds of condition, from a mint condition "Senior Division" Mustang to a rusted out, battered "bone yard" pony. Don't overlook those junk yard Mustangs, their vehicle I.D. information is just as valuable and accounts for a large percentage of the information we receive.

A story from a kind gentleman in southern Tennessee tells about the 1967 Shelby Mustang he purchased new. He forwarded to me the VID information and then informed me that it was stolen and destroyed by fire in 1969. Does this bring tears to the eyes of you die-hard Mustang enthusiasts?

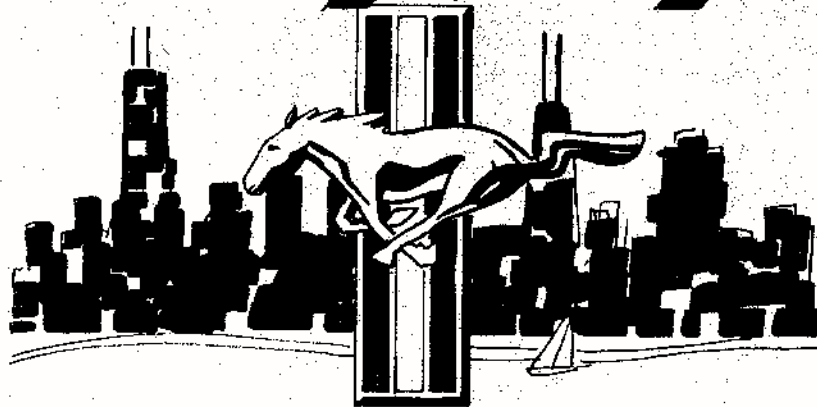
Another heartbreak story from northern Oklahoma is a recent event. This individual lives in northern Oklahoma and has a nice collection of Shelby Mustang convertibles, 1968-70. Indeed something to be proud of. His 1970 Shelby convertible was among the finest in the country and attracted much attention. He sent his prize Shelby Mustang to Kansas City for detailing. During the automobile's stay in the K.C. area, it was driven by a friend of the detailer, driven in fact, rather wildly. The car was rolled and destroyed by resulting fire. Insurance takes care of such matters, but can never really replace a fine automobile like this. Gary, we are indeed sorry to learn of this.

Finally, I would like to tell all of you about a new Mustang Club here on the DELMARVA peninsula. It is the "Eastern Shore Mustang Association." Formed back in December, 1981, we plan to become an MCA regional one day as members join MCA. If you live near us, we'd like to have your companionship. Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month, weather permitting, at the Wicomico County Free Library in downtown Salisbury, Maryland; 7:00 P.M. sharp. We'd like to see you there! We also have an event every month. Contact me, if you desire more details.

I would personally like to welcome all the new MCA regional groups to MCA and am asking for your support on "In Search of Mustangs." Finding VID information would be a great club project; don't forget those poor ol' lonely junk yard ponies, they need to be counted.

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