

IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

This month I would like to make an appeal to all MCA Regional Groups. I am asking you to participate in "In Search of Mustangs". At your next meeting, why not get all your members together and head out to the parking lot and gather that Vehicle I.D. information?

Presently available though me are "In Search of Mustangs" applications that cover all of the information that is needed to make this project all the more successful. If you desire these applications for yourself or your regional group, please write to me and I'll have them in the mail to you as soon as possible. No SASE is necessary for quantities of applications. All I ask of you is that you kindly fill them out and forward them to my attention as soon as you can.

"In Search of Mustangs," as you know, began in December 1979 and is now nearly 3500 Mustangs strong.

These Mustangs range from rare and unique to everyday Mustangs, such as a Hardtop 65A. Many are junkyard Mustangs, and quite a few are in show condition. They vary from "drive everyday" to "driven once a week." They come from all walks of life, and yours is not exempt. We want your Mustang in our listing; it is up to you to participate. If you don't participate, your Mustang will be left out of this historic project, plain and simple.

In your search for vehicle I.D. information, don't forget those lonely, forgotten Mustangs sitting in the wrecking yards. Those junkyard Ponies account for 40% of the existing Mustang population. Their next stop is the torch or the crusher. Of course, not all of those junkyard Mustangs have vehicle I.D. plates or driver's doors, but the VIN is usually somewhere on the car. Look for that VID info at the base of the windshield (1968-Up), on the inner

tender panel on the left side of the engine compartment (sometimes found on the right inner fender), and even on the production manifest found up under the dash or under the rear seat area.

You will be amazed at what you'll find in the wrecking yards. The earliest production Mustang in our project to date is 5F08F100006, built 05 March 1964, and it was found in a wrecking yard by it's present owners! It is undergoing restoration in its home in Georgia.

I want to take this time to thank Richard Smither of Danville, Ill. for his continue contributions to the project. Richard has kept us supplied with lots of VIN information from Mustangs in his area. I would also like to thank Zane "Motown" Clark of Milwaukee, Oregon, for his continued interest in vehicle I.D. information from the Pacific Northwest. Motown has submitted a number of California Specials, as well! Motown and I have developed a lifetime friendship through his constant contact since the "In Search of Mustangs" project began nearly three years ago. I'm glad to have known him and his wife, Diane. Keep up the good work, Motown & Company! The single most positive aspect of this Mustang Club of America is the lasting friendships developed within. You just can't beat it!

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