

1983 has been a busy year for the Mustang Club of America. We have welcomed 11 new regional groups this year and have continued to add new members to our roster which not only includes the US but also seven foreign countries. My goal is to see the Club continue to grow so that we can continue to improve the *Mustang Times* and provide our members with better and more complete features and articles.

A couple of months ago Hemmings Motor News came out with its fifth edition of the Hemmings Vintage Auto Almanac which is the most complete directory of collector car suppliers, dealers, shops, and clubs published today. It is hard to imagine how big the collector car hobby has become but a quick look through this 301-page directory and you will soon discover that the car hobby is a multi-million dollar business in the US today. A few examples are the Classic Chevy Club International founded in 1974 with 38,000 members, the Model A Ford Club of America with 13,000 members and the Antique Automobile Club of America with 45,000 members. Certainly most of these large clubs have been around longer than the MCA but these numbers show the interest that is there for collector cars. In all there is probably 300 or 400 car clubs listed in the directory.

The muscle car era of the middle '60's and early '70's is probably the fastest growing newcomer. But certainly the Mustang is the leader and has drawn more attention in the last couple of years than any car, just as it did when it was introduced back in April 1964.

So, we are looking forward to 1984 as we bid farewell for this year. Have a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.

Bob Vicky

Credit Where Credit Is Due

In the October *Mustang Times* we ran a short article on how to rebuild a Mustang shifter. The article came to us in the mail along with some other material and had apparently been reprinted previously with no credit given to the original author. We ran the article without knowing who the original author was but have since heard from him. So, we are happy to give the credit to Mr. Craig Rickard of San Francisco, CA for the fine article.

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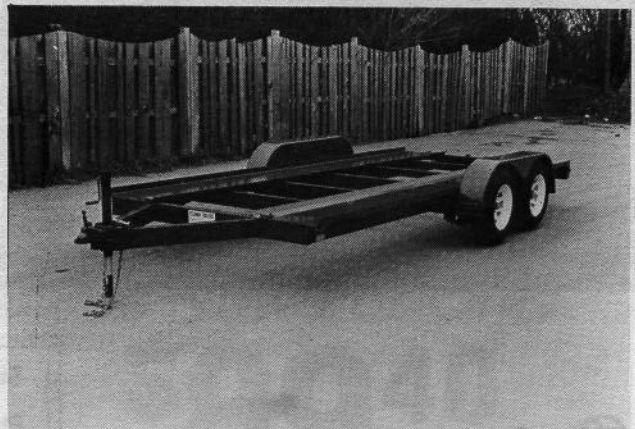


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