

## SPIRIT

What would you call a man who owned 12 Mustangs, and loved every one of them? Who had helped friends restore over 50 others? Who had a larger Mustang parts stock at his home than many Mustang vendors? Who was a true "Ambassador" for Mustangs in general, and the Mustang Club of America in particular?

You could call him a Mustang enthusiast. Or a Mustang nut. Or Mr. Mustang of Hawaii. But if you're lucky enough to know him, you'd probably call him Paul, like all his other friends do.

Paul Olivas is Charter Member, past President, current Activities Chairman, and driving force behind the eight-year-old Aloha Mustang and Shelby Club of Hawaii. Paul is a dedicated man, dedicated to his family, his country, his friends, and his Mustangs (although his wife Maggie might disagree with that order).

The Aloha Club, due to its isolation from "mainland" car shows and Hawaii's year-round convertible weather, has yet to be bitten by the "Car Show Trophy" bug. The majority of the club's activities are centered around parades, including Christmas, 4th of July, Veterans Day, Aloha Week, etc. Being the official State of Hawaii carrier for all parades keeps the club busy year-round, and State and Federal Government Officials are regular passengers. The few shows the club does participate in are charity events, such as the Easter Seal Benefit Car Show in October.

I spent a day with Paul and several members of the Aloha Club recently, and felt right at home and among friends. I was amazed at the number of times Paul's name came up in our conversations. "Paul helped with . . .", "Paul found the parts for me . . .", "Paul and I . . .", "Paul found this Mustang for me . . .", etc., etc.

Paul epitomizes the "spirit" of our club to me. Dedicated to preservation of the Classic Mustang, but even more important, dedicated to helping friends with a like interest. Thanks, Paul, for taking me into your home as an old friend, and for showing me the "spirit" of our club. MAHALO!



## MERRY CHRISTMAS — AND THANKS!

This is a time for Season's Greetings, and a time to express my appreciation to those who have helped make the *Mustang Times* one of the BEST club publications in America.

To all the members who submitted articles and photos for publication — Thank You — your interest is what makes the *Mustang Times* possible!

To all our advertisers — Thanks — your support is very important to us. I hope our members show their appreciation throughout the year.

To our printers, Grady and Guy, who make sure the *Times* is the best it can be — Thanks — and keep up the good work.

To Jackie and April, who actually understand some of the mess we send over for typesetting, and manage to get it right anyway — Thanks.

To the *Mustang Times* Staff, Suzy, Teresa, Bob and Steve — Thanks — and get to work.

Finally, to the Mustang Club of America membership, our READERS, the reason we do this once a month — Thank You — and let us know what you'd like to see in upcoming *Times*.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! And make plans to attend the MCA Nationals in 1985!

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## NEWS AND NOTES

The Mustang Club of America received prime-time attention in Atlanta recently. A local television station, WAGA-TV5, aired a one hour special entitled "Wheels" at 8:00 pm on Monday, October 29.

Covering many aspects from traffic in Atlanta to 4x4 mud bogging, this special featured in-depth segments of only two cars — the Nash Metropolitan and the classic Mustang.

The MCA Grand National in Kingsport was the focal point of the Mustang coverage. Several MCA members were interviewed, including Jim Osborne, Fred Glazier, Connie Weiss, and MCA President Bob Vickery.

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Sorry for the problem with the October issue of the *TIMES*. Several members reported incorrect or double page sequences. Hopefully all the members who received these magazines have received their replacement copies.

Remember, the Mustang Club of America is a volunteer organization. While it is not too difficult to get help running the club and publishing the *MUSTANG TIMES*, most members would balk at checking 5,000+ copies of the *TIMES* prior to mailing. I think our printer's binding sub-contractor will be paying more attention to this in the future.

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I really appreciate the response to my October editorial, "HELP!". So far it's been just the kind of response I was hoping for. I think every MCA member has something of interest to share with other members.

To everyone thinking of writing "Would you be interested in using my Mustang . . .?" the answer is YES. See the "Letters" column of the November *TIMES* for story and photo requirements. And remember, the amount of coverage your story or pony gets in the *TIMES* depends on how much information YOU submit.