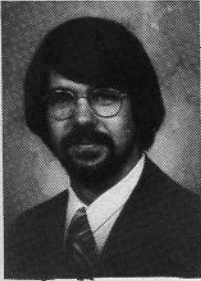


PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



With things a little slow this month and not much going on except the advance planning for the five MCA sponsored National shows, let's reminisce a little. At

age 29 I'm a little younger than most of my fellow Mustangers and quite frankly I don't recall the big hullabaloo back in 1964 when the Mustang was premiered. My first recollection (probably 1965) of a Mustang was a black 1965 2+2 that a friend of the family owned. Most of the items on that 2+2 that would catch my eye today didn't mean a thing back then.

A dark period follows of about three or four years until 1969 while living in California. Tom, the father of my brother's girlfriend, had a 1966 yellow coupe that we used to go back and forth between Los Angeles where we lived and out to the desert for the weekend. Most of the time we would leave Friday evening and drive probably fifty or sixty miles out to Beaumont where we would always stop for a piece of pie and something to drink. Probably ten times during the spring and summer of 1969, after our snack, we drove around the corner where there must have been five new car dealers. We

must have looked at dozens of 1969 Mustangs and Mach I's, but there was a green one that sticks out in my mind. I think we stopped three weeks in a row and looked at that car. At the time all I could do was look and dream and I think Tom looked and dreamed too.

I think one reason that the car is so popular today is because many of the people that bought the cars new 20 years ago are now buying them used for one of two or three reasons: 1. They need a good used car. 2. The ageless style of the vintage Mustang has finally become more than they can stand. 3. They like the memories that the car brings with it. With the 20th anniversary approaching the Mustang will once again be in the limelight and with it all the memories of yesteryear.

Bob Vickery

A New Familiar Face

On December 1, 1983 Brenda Wilson took on the position of Office Manager for National Headquarters after the "retirement" of Teresa Vickery. While the position of Office Manager is new to Brenda, many of the duties of that position are not totally unfamiliar.

Brenda and Jim Wilson have been members of MCA for several years

which is evidenced by the numerous trophies on the mantel and the endless line of Mustangs that find their way to the Wilson home. Both Brenda and Jim have served on the National Board of Directors with Jim filling the position of Sergeant-at-arms in previous years and Brenda filling the position of National Secretary in 1980.

With all of this experience behind her, we are all looking forward to the contributions and assistance that Brenda can offer our club. Let's all make her feel welcome — give her a call one morning at National Headquarters and say "hello."



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