

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As I assume the duties of President of what I believe to be the finest automobile club in existence, the Mustang Club of America, I hope that each of you are looking forward to 1985 as I am. We have come a long way in eight years, but we still have a long way to go.

The endless contributions of the three preceding Presidents — Jim Osborn, George White and Bob Vickery — is a tough act to follow, but I'm looking forward to taking on the challenge as they did.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Horace Wood, and I'm a Mustang nut from the word go. I have had the pleasure of serving as your National Regional Group Director for the past four years, and have really enjoyed it. I will continue in that position for the time being.

My interest focused on Mustangs in 1975. Being a car buff, I had several Thunderbirds and Model A's, but when the Mustang bug bit me it bit hard, especially when I joined the National Club and began attending Mustang shows. I enjoy meeting nice people anyway, and some of the nicest people in the world belong to the Mustang Club of America. I know, because I have had the pleasure of meeting a lot of you, and look forward to meeting a lot more of you.

One thing I hope to accomplish this year is better communications with all the Regional Groups and more input from the membership. We should remember that the Mustang Club of America is OUR club and by no means the club of a select few. I speak for the entire National Board of Directors and all the Club Officers when I say we want your input and welcome your ideas. Your suggestions on how we can improve the club are invited.

We have 84 Regional Groups as of this writing. Each Regional Group has, or should have, a National Director elected by the Regional Group membership. After each monthly meeting of the National Board of Directors our secretary sends each Regional Group Director a copy of the MCA financial statement and a copy of the minutes of that meeting. We do this to let the members know what's happening with

their club. I have a feeling that a good number of the National Directors never discuss these minutes at their club meetings. I think they should. I would like to suggest to the Regional Group Presidents that they ask for a report on the National meeting from the National Director each month.

As we go into 1985 we will be beating the drums to increase membership as well as the number of Regional Groups. Through these fine Groups enthusiasm is kept on a high note. One of my goals as the year 1985 ends is to have 10,000 members and 100 Regional Groups in the Mustang Club of America. I believe that is a realistic figure. Let's all get the word out and start working toward this goal during the winter months while our ponies are in the corral. When spring arrives we will be set for a great year.

I humbly ask for the support of each and every one of you during this upcoming year. Don't forget to let us hear from you with any ideas or suggestions that you might have. I promise that they will be looked at and considered by your Board of Directors.

Looking forward to seeing many of you during the spring and summer at our National shows.

P.S. Our calendar sales are going real well and we only have a limited number of these calendars available. Don't let them get away without getting yours.

Horace

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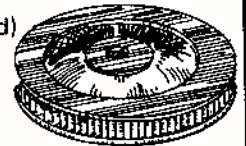
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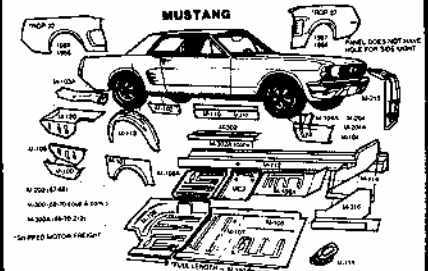
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