



SYMBIOSIS

sym-bi-o-sis (sim'bi o'sis) n. [Gr. sym-bioun, to live together < sym-, together + bios, life] 1. a relationship of mutual interdependence between persons or groups, especially where such association is of mutual advantage.

The relationship between the Mustang Club of America and Mustang specialty parts vendors of America is a perfect example of a symbiotic relationship. One simply could not exist without the other.

The Mustang Club of America could not possibly have attained its purpose for being (Article 1, Section 1, "to preserve and authentically maintain Mustang and Shelby motor cars") without the help of the many Mustang parts vendors currently reproducing or selling the necessary repair and detailing parts to MCA members. A Mustang which has made it to the MCA's "RETIRED" class without a single NOS or reproduction part purchased is a rare horse indeed.

On the other hand, not many of these Mustang vendors would exist today without the demand for original or reproduction parts which has been generated by MCA competition. The MCA Judging Rules are the standard of today's Mustang world, and as competition continues with near perfect scores, more and more business is generated for these vendors.

In Webster's Dictionary definition of the word symbiosis, you see the term INTERdependence, not dependence by one group on another group, but an interdependence which is mutual benefit to BOTH groups. This means both groups benefit from the relationship, but it also means both groups have a responsibility in the relationship.

As members of the Mustang Club of America, we have a responsibility to the Mustang vendors. Our responsibilities include patronizing the Mustang vendors who support our club; word-of-mouth-advertising for the Mustang vendors who support our club; and letting the Mustang vendors know we appreciate their support of our club.

Mustang vendors have a responsibility to the Mustang Club of America membership, also. Their responsibilities include support of the MCA through its National Shows; support of the MCA through advertising in the *Mustang Times*; and support of the MCA as dues-paying members in good standing.

When you are ready to make your next purchase of restoration or maintenance parts for your Mustang, ask your vendor if he supports the MCA, our club. If he says no, and there are literally hundreds of vendors who don't, maybe you should consider shopping elsewhere, because there are also hundreds of vendors who DO support the MCA. THEY deserve our support.

Tracy

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE Open MCA to all Mustangs 1964½ to Present

Status as of February 1, 1985

REGIONAL GROUPS

Majority of Members Approve 1
Majority of Members Oppose 19

MCA MEMBERSHIP

Number of Members Approve 22
Number of Members Oppose 48

COMING UP IN THE MUSTANG TIMES . . .

What's in a Name?

Rent-a-Racer — The GT 350H Story

Photography Tips

King of the Road — Gary Burke's GT500KR

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Judging Qualification

Junk to Jewel — Paul Wasser's '67

Paint Stripping

Trudy Kent's "Red Double-Trouble"

Ralph Smith's Senior Modified Convertible

Decoding Ford Part Numbers

The Sunbeam Tiger — Almost a Shelby!

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by Bill Koivu

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