

THE OTHER SIDE

Like everything else, there are two sides to the Mustang hobby too. The well known side is the MCA's concours judging, better than showroom quality, spit shine show clean, and First Place Trophies.

The other side is what Mike Walla was writing about in "WHAT ABOUT MY MUSTANG?" on page 21 of the March '85 *Times*.

The other side is driving a Mustang just because you LOVE to drive it. It's Road Rallies, Vintage racing, parades and caravans. The other side is struggling to keep a street-driven Mustang in show condition — only to be beaten out at show time by a Mustang that was dragged off the trailer because the clutch is burned out, and oh yea, the brakes lock up, too. The other side is being excluded from competing in the MCA's Street Driven class because you've already won two Third Place trophies in that class.

According to the MCA By-Laws, the purpose of the club is to "preserve and authentically maintain Mustang and Shelby motor cars of the years 1965 through 1973." Nowhere in the By-Laws is it stated "driving these motor cars strictly prohibited" or "enjoyment of these motor cars as motor cars is not allowed."

At the Gulf Coast National in April, ONE-THIRD of the Mustangs entered were in TWO of the MCA's 44 classes! Of the 156 cars entered, 55 were vying for six trophies in the Street Driven classes, while six classes had only one entrant, and eleven classes had NO entrant. (Fortunately, the Gulf Coast Regional Group awarded 22 trophies in the Street Driven classes.)

Mike Walla, Robert Henry, and many other MCA members are asking a very important question of the MCA — a question that must be answered if the Mustang Club of America is to continue to grow — "WHAT ABOUT MY MUSTANG?"

Tracy

"FOR EXCELLENCE IN..."

In 1985 the *Mustang Times* and the MCA will award commemorative plaques to Authors and Photographers for excellence in Technical Writing, Feature Writing, News Reporting, and Photography. These awards are part of an effort by the *Mustang Times* staff and the MCA National Board of Directors to recognize the tremendous amount of talent and effort that goes into articles and photos submitted by MCA members.

A committee of four National Directors and the *Times* Editor has been chosen to select the award recipients.

These awards will be presented at the Southeastern, Southern, and Grand National shows, and the winners names will be published in the *Times*.

NEWS AND NOTES

Members were quick to let me know there was a mistake in the February Judging Rules — a radio on the undercarriage must be genuine Ford! Wouldn't it be terrible, though, to look under a Mustang and see a Delco unit?

Really, though, I can use help keeping the facts straight in the *Times*: Just don't forget I can use some help with articles and photos, too!

Dash cards for MCA judging will be furnished free of charge to all MCA Regional Groups by Classic Restorations, 3312 Dayton Boulevard, Chattanooga, TN 37415. Furnish show date and number of dash cards required.

The "Powered by Ford" De Tomaso Pantera GT5 is back in the United States after a ten year absence. Only about 30 of these \$48,000 sports cars will be imported this year. This screamer (0-60 in 6 seconds) is powered by the Ford 351 Cleveland — NOS units from a warehouse in Australia, no less!

Sharon Brennan of New Orleans won the Gulf Coast Regional's raffle car. They had a hard time convincing her she had really won, though — they called to tell her on April Fool's Day.

