

LETTERS TO MUSTANG TIMES

Dear MCA,

I would like to tell you how pleased I am with your magazine. I really look forward to each issue. When I was sixteen years old I saw the movie *Bullet*, and decided that night that as soon as I got my license I would own a car identical to Steve McQueen's Mustang. At the time, I had no idea what year it was, and I didn't know there were coupes, fastbacks, etc. The first Mustang I called on was a 1967 coupe as it turned out, and I bought it the same night. My Mustang and I were inseparable for the next 5 years. I dreamed of restoring the car and showing it some day.

Unfortunately, the car developed an overheating problem that would not be resolved. I took my car to every mechanic I knew, and they all went through a trouble shooting guide for overheating from top to bottom. They finally diagnosed it as an "internal crack

in the block," for lack of a better answer. In addition, I was told the frame was getting bad. Restoration was unreasonable and impossible they said. I was crushed. I had just started nursing school and was in no financial position to try other options with my car, yet I couldn't bring myself to sell it. The car has sat for the past two years, so I finally decided that I could sell it if I knew it was going to someone who could appreciate it and use it. Perhaps someone who is restoring their Mustang will be able to find many useful parts from mine as it is truly a gem, as are all Mustangs.

Louise Linder
Buffalo Grove, Illinois

Dear MCA,

Thank you for your help in getting insurance to cover our Annual Mustang Show. It was a tremendous success! We acquired 10 new members and at least that many who asked for applications. For a small town like Fort Wayne, this is good. We also took in over \$3,000. We were very happy. Actually, the club is only a baby yet, but it is on the way!

Dennis Begley
Old Fort Mustangers
Hicksville, Ohio

Gentlemen,

I am the owner of a 1967 Mustang 2+2 GTA, VIN 7T02S212832. It has the S code 390-4V, C-6 automatic, Exterior Decor Group, and Standard Ivy Gold interior.

My question — Is it possible to tell how many cars in this category were produced? I do realize that the options vary from car to car.

I would appreciate any help at all.

Sincerely,
Reid E. Burgess
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Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

This is one of the questions about Mustangs all of us wish we had the answer for. Unfortunately, Ford kept track of options expressed as a percentage of total production, not on a specific count basis.

According to Ford Motor Company information, the GT Equipment Group was installed in 5.1 percent of total 1967 production. Of the 71,042 Fastbacks produced in 1967, about 3,623 had the GT option. There are presently no known production figures based on engine installed. — Editor.

Dear Tracy,

In answer to Mrs. Mabel Higley of Ottawa, Ohio regarding the "In Search of Mustangs" logo contest a couple of years ago in the *Mustang Times*. The contest basically never went anywhere due to apathy. Of MCA's 5,000 members, only five or six people, including Mrs. Higley participated in the logo contest. After all this time, I still have the contest submissions put away on file, but we never established a winner. This contest occurred right around the time I came aboard at *Mustang Monthly Magazine*, so really the contest quietly faded away.

I'll gladly return the contest submissions to anyone who submitted one. All they have to do is write to me at P.O. Box 6226, Lakeland, Florida 33807 and their submission will be returned as soon as possible. I wish to add that these people did a nice job on each of their respective submissions to the contest. Unfortunately, between the move here to Florida and the lack of interest from club members, the "In Search of Mustangs" logo contest never went anywhere.

Warm regards,
Jim Smart

Dear Sirs;

The Gold Coast Mustang Club would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation to our Third Annual Mustang Show. We were extremely pleased with the turnout for the show, which was held at Courtesy Ford in Miami, Florida. There were 73 Mustangs on exhibit for the show — a day which started off threatening rain and never improved!

Sincerely,
Bob Acosta
Show Chairman

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Dear MCA Officers,

I understand the need for a dues increase, but another option might be to publish the *Mustang Times* bi-monthly. This could cut costs and improve the *Times*. I am also a member of two other national car clubs, the Model A Ford Club of America and the Early Ford V-8 Club of America. Both of these clubs have bi-monthly magazines with inside color photos.

I am also in agreement with the North Texas Mustang Club and many others who think the MCA needs to have a Touring or Street Driven Class at all shows. Most Mustang people drive their cars, and can't afford a \$15,000 restoration they have to trailer.

Sincerely,
Terry Tacker
1961 River Oaks
Abilene, Texas 79605

The Board of Directors considered going to a bi-monthly magazine but decided the MCA couldn't keep its members up-to-date on club activities with that format.

Expansion of the Street Driven Class is presently under consideration by the Judging Committee. I, for one, agree that the class is definitely in need of expansion — of course, I'm just a little prejudiced, since I drive my Mustang daily. — Editor

Gentlemen;

Sometime ago I wrote to and told Teresa Vickery that the early Ford Mustangs were named after the legendary World War II, P-51 Mustang fighter planes. She was somewhat skeptical about that.

Well, I was right about that! The early Ford Mustangs were named after the P-51 Mustang fighter planes! The July 1985 issue of *Reader's Digest* magazine has this to say about the early Ford Mustangs:

"Mustang had been the name of one of the car's prototypes. Curiously, it was not named for the horse but for the legendary World War II fighter Plane. No matter. We all liked Mustang, and as

the ad agency said, it 'had the excitement of wide-open spaces and was American as all hell.' "

(The Reader's Digest, from Iacocca, an Autobiography, pages 87-88)

What led me to believe that the early Ford Mustangs were named after the World War II fighter planes was the similarity in design and performance. The P-51 Mustang fighter had rapid climbing ability and was the fastest, as well as the best, of the propeller-driven planes. The P-51 Mustang also has a short tail and a long nose. It also had smooth design lines and was somewhat small.

All this is also very typical of the early Ford Mustangs. The early Ford Mustangs have a short tail, a long nose, smooth design lines, and are noted for great performance just like the legendary P-51 Mustang fighter planes. So that led me to the conclusion that the early Ford Mustangs were named after the P-51 Mustang fighters. I was right!

Cordially,
Tomas Garcia
Box 264
Benavides, Texas 78341

Dear Sirs,

I'm an original owner of a 1973 Mustang convertible, and I'm in the process of restoring my pony. *Mustang Times* has been a great resource for parts, but I'm having a difficult time finding seat upholstery. The convertible had special seat upholstery called Vinyl Knit Weave, not to be confused with Comfort Weave.

If anyone knows where I can find the upholstery in blue, I will be eternally grateful. I'm trying to keep the Mustang as original as possible, but if I can't find the Vinyl Knit Weave, I'm open for suggestions.

Peter Bartels
1619 Bolton Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

Can any of our members help Peter?
— Editor

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