

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To me! It's hard to believe this issue of the *Mustang Times* marks the beginning of my second year as Editor. My, time flies when you're having fun!

Before going on to the new year, I thought I might reflect for a moment on the past year. It has definitely been a year of learning. What an education! I suppose I thought all the MCA members would flood me with stories on their cars, photos, articles on restoration, and I would just pick the best for publication. Then I would write a profound editorial on some matter of crucial importance to the club, the magazine would magically put itself together and hop into the mailbox bound for MCA members all around the world.

At least the first part was true! MCA members DO send in stories and photos, and I DO publish them — but I could hardly call it a flood. As for the profound editorial, it's hard to believe just how blank your mind can go when

you stare at that empty page waiting to be filled. But the saddest revelation of all was that somebody has to put the magazine together, somebody has to print it, and somebody has to mail it out — the magazine can't do a thing for itself!

In my very first Editor's Column, I set my goal — to make the *Mustang Times* the very best it can be! I wanted to feature '64½ through '73 Mustangs from all across the U.S.A. — and with the help of MCA members — managed to get cover cars from all years except 1969 and 1970, from Pennsylvania, New Mexico, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee.

I wanted to include more technical articles and with the help of MCA members publish articles on consoles, rust, paint stripping, engine rebuilding, theft prevention, disc brake rebuilding, and judging certification.

I am proud of the progress made in the *Mustang Times*, but I also realize I could never have made any improvements without the help of many MCA members who are just as dedicated as I to seeing the *Times* improve — to be the very best it can be. And so, a special THANKS to:

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And now, to the coming year. We need more help from still more MCA members. We need everything listed in "HELP-AGAIN!" in the August issue of the *Times*. We need every MCA member to get involved in the club and in the *Times*.

So, coming up in the *Mustang Times* ... I'm really looking forward to my second anniversary.

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COMING UP IN THE MUSTANG TIMES ...

Installing Carpet Underlayment
What's in a Name?
Rent-a-Racer — The GT350H Story
Photography Tips
The Sunbeam Tiger —
Almost a Shelby!
Maxwell's Boss — Nashville's Finest
Pony Plates

PLUS ...

More Group News, Horse Show, Letters, Horse Sense, New Products, and other MCA member photos and stories.

