

regional spotlight



The Mustang Owners Club of California is an MCA Regional affiliated car club based in the San Fernando Valley of Southern California. The club started with 10 members in 1977 and grew to a club of 650 members with five chapters throughout the state of California. Many of those chapters became clubs in their own cities and our current membership is over 300 members.

The club is sponsored by Galpin Ford (world's largest Ford Dealer) and is one of the most active clubs in the USA. The four goals of the club are: 1. Restoration of the Mustang; 2. Preservation of the Mustang; 3. Education; and 4. Socialization. With these goals in mind the club annually has two MCA shows, three parades, two Poker Runs, restoration clinics, an annual swim and barbecue party, a weekend cruise to Palm Springs for a large car auction, cruises with other Mustang clubs, attends many Ford Motor Company events, and hosts an annual installation and awards banquet.

Our *Running Horse* magazine is a Golden Quill-award winning publication and is published four times each year with 50-60 pages of club events and articles of automotive interest. Club meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at a Baker's Square restaurant in Granada Hills, California. A wide variety of contests



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for members take place at meetings along with a featured guest speaker and slides are shown of all club events. Additionally, to encourage members to drive their Mustangs to the meetings, a Pony Corral trophy is given out to the Best Mustang at the meeting. Mustang trivia questions are presented with car prizes given out for correct answers.

The club has an elaborate points system that gives members activity points for a wide variety of jobs, services, and events throughout the year. This provides a motivating pro-

cess for participation and a special high-point trophy is given out to the winner at the annual installation and awards banquet.

MOCC has been a strong supporter of the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society, and the Guide Dogs for the Blind. Cookie sales at meetings and car shows are a means to raise funds.

The club also provides workers for the annual Knott's Berry Farm Ford show each April where approximately 2,000 Fords are on display. A large membership booth is manned providing information about the club to prospective members at the show.

Being in the middle of Hollywood, we have a movie director who selects members' cars for feature movies and television commercials. Six members of the club have had their cars featured on the front cover of *Mustang Monthly*, and other members have been featured in other Ford magazines.

The club web site is extremely detailed and all information about the club can be found on the web at <http://mustangownersofca.org>. If you are in the Southern California area at any time, contact our club hot line at 818-785-1180 and join us for some Mustang fun! *MT*