CONSERVATOR CLASS

The Conservator Class, which began in 2006, was designed to replace the old Retirement Class which has been phased out with the beginning of the 2011 show season. Its purpose is to provide show participants who have already attained a high level of awards, continuing recognition for future National events that they would not otherwise be able to achieve. It will give those elite Mustang owners a new incentive to maintain their cars in the superb shape that put them in the Retirement and or Grille Medallion category in the first place.

Some background about this class: Show participants that retired their cars had no real purpose or incentive to maintain their cars in the top condition that allowed them to earn Retirement status. Wanda Whitsell, current MCA Scoring Secretary sensed this problem and relayed her concerns to Arley Whitsell, past MCA President. The past President relayed these concerns to the National Head Judge, Wally Short who in turn was given the opportunity to develop this new MCA Class. It was dubbed the Conservator Class title, which stuck, because at the Henry Ford Museum, it was learned that the workers there, conserve priceless Museum items, e.g. Mustang # 1, 1964 1/2 White Convertible. The workers there are referred to as Conservator's. Thus, that is where the idea for the Class title originated. The name has legitimacy as it relates directly back to the Ford Motor Co.

The Conservator Class rules are as follows:

- All previously Retired cars that have earned 20 points and those cars that have earned a Concours (blue) Grille Medallion automatically qualify to enter into the Conservator Class. However, once a car is taken out of the Retirement Class, it cannot be returned to that Class

- All Classes are eligible except for Daily Driven, Occasional Driven and Modified.

- Mustang must be 10 years old or older

- Must earn 20 points to qualify for the Grille Medallion before optionally entering into the Conservator Class

- The Conservator Class will not earn points

- Cars must be **pre-registered** and parked in a high visibility location

- Former Retirees may show in the Display Class or enter the new Conservator Class permanently when they have earned 20 points

- Intent to enter the Conservator Class may be done by checking the yes block at the bottom of the Grille Medallion application form

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- Entry fee is $20.00, which may be retained by the Host Club. If Retired cars switch to Conservator Class, they will be required to pay the $20.00 entry fee

- Permanent Window Card numbers will be assigned e.g. CON # 1, CON # 2, ETC. by the scoring secretary

- Owners are allowed tasteful displays

- Qualifiers will initially receive a Conservator Plaque at the next National Show following, after the 20 points are earned

- At each subsequent show, an engraved Tag, if approved, will be awarded, which is to be affixed to the winners Conservator Plaque.

    - ✓ When 10 Tags are won, an engraved Silver Cup will be presented to the select winners. This <u>special</u> Cup is considered the top accolade that MCA can bestow upon one of its members. It is called the Conservator de Elegance award
    - ✓ In addition to the cup, a special white Conservator Grille Medallion will be presented

- An award which duplicates a Concours Gold Award will also be presented to all Conservator entrants receiving a Plaque or a Tag, except that this award will be titled Conservator, instead of Gold

- Cars in this Class will be inspected by two Gold Card Judges for:
    - ✓ Quality of Workmanship ----------Approved or Disapproved
    - ✓ Cleanliness ----------Approved or Disapproved
    - ✓ Condition ----------Approved or Disapproved
        - ➢ All three characteristics above must be approved to remain in Conservator Class--If disapproved and reason must be documented

Note: Credit is already allowed for cars previously attaining a high degree of Authenticity.

This new Program was presented at the Nov 5, 2005 Judges Meeting in St. Louis, MO and was unanimously accepted by the Judges attending. It was subsequently approved by both the MCA Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The entire staff of MCA sincerely hopes that many members participate in this new direction to assure that it is successful and most of all, it is a fun Program.

MCA Thanks <u>National Parts Depot</u> for Sponsoring the Conservator Class Awards!

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