

CAR OF THE MONTH

1966 MUSTANG GT CONVERTIBLE

OWNED BY: PASQUALE (PAT) VASSALLO

Fourteen months ago I had an occasion to walk through the Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan. On display was a 1965 Mustang Convertible. The car brought back fond memories of the two new Mustangs that I had purchased in '65 and '66. It was there that I decided to possess the "Collector Car" of the sixties. The Ford Museum experience kicked off my personal search for a '65-'66 Mustang Convertible.

I work as a Regional Manager for a restaurant chain. My job affords me the opportunity to travel within the United States. In each city I visited, I purchased local newspapers and gleaned out Mustang ads. I looked at over 100 cars. Only a few interested me and none of them had all the equipment I wanted.

After driving a lot of used Mustangs, I knew that a "GT" version was what I wanted. The suspension and steering was far superior to the regular production models.

My search came to an end when I saw an ad in Hemmings Motor News last spring-

"1966 Mustang GT convertible completely restored. Inc. new paint, carpets, N.O.S. chrome, 5 new tires, opt. Equipment includes pony int. rally-pac., wire wheel hubcaps. 289 CID 225 HP 4 Speed equa-lk rear. Tinted glass. Perfect cond. in and out, Glaziers Antique Auto"

There it was, I called and Fred Glazier was at a Mustang Flea Market trying to sell the car. Luckily he was not successful.

I bought the car a few weeks later and drove it back to Chicago, over 800 miles. I averaged 17+ miles per gallon and used about ½ a quart of oil. Not bad for a eleven year old Mustang.

Since I purchased the car I have invested an additional \$600 in Styled Steel Wheels, door edge guards, pony mats, weatherstrips, door handles, right side mirror, antenna, threshold plates, miscellaneous chrome and soft trim.

Fred did a fine job of restoring the car and I was happy to add the finishing details that make the car show and look new.

Owning, driving, and working on the car has provided many enjoyable hours. My association in the Mustang Club of America has given me the chance to meet and correspond with many fine people connected with Ford Mustangs.

Future outlook? Hunt for a few still elusive parts, enjoy the car, and maybe look for a '66 GT pony, 2+2 who Knows!

Regards,

Pasquale (Pat) Vassallo



Editor's Note: I would like to thank Pat Vassallo for giving us the privilege of featuring his fine Mustang as this month's car of the month.