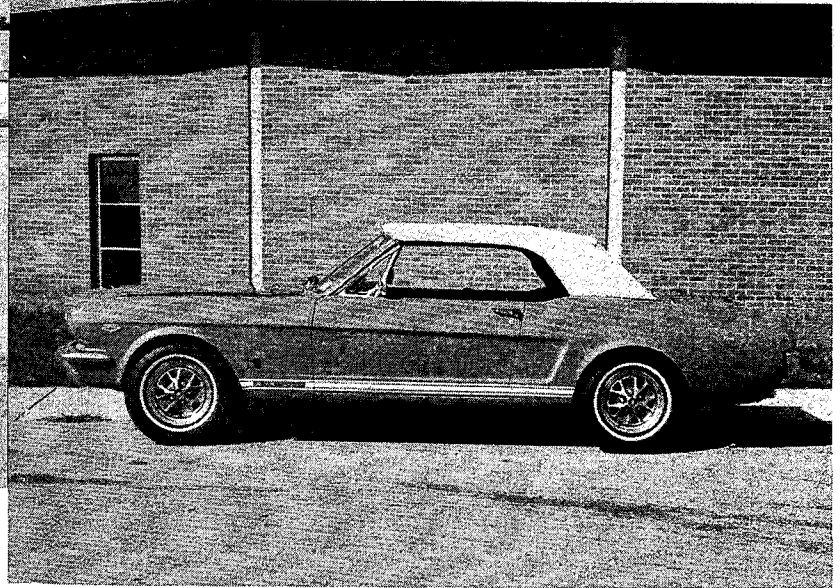


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1965 MUSTANG G.T. CONVERTIBLE
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I have wanted a Mustang Convertible ever since they came out. I even framed a picture of one just to look at. I saved all the literature I could get of the 1965 Mustang. My best friend bought a 1965 hardtop new. I was always just a little jealous of it!

Just about three years ago, I bought the one I have now. It was purchased from DuVall's Ford in Clayton, Georgia. I intended to drive it, but wanted it extra nice.

I went to the Ford dealers in Cornelia and Cleveland, Georgia. I ordered about \$1,500.00 worth of parts (bumpers, grill, letters, glove box door, etc.). They said a lot of the parts would be hard to get. I took the little convertible apart; even the wiring was taken out. I ordered more parts and started to work. I sandblasted it inside and out, top and bottom. I sanded and primed the body and put a few coats of paint on to see what it would look like. It turned me on! I then ordered all the parts I could get and then some; a matter of about \$2,500 worth more. I finally ended up with about \$4,000 in parts and then I thought I had too much in it to drive. By the time I painted all the new parts and put them on, I knew I didn't want to just drive it...so about two months before the Mustang Grand National, I decided to try and build a show car out of my '65 G.T. convertible. I finally worked about "4 months' hard". My wife, Sara, and a friend, Lewis Smith, helped me that last week before the meet. The last two days and nights were really hard for we went without stopping to eat or sleep.

The little car won the Best of Show at that Grand National. After all that hard work, it was a very proud time for me and my father who went to the show with me. It has won several shows and Best Ford since that time and we hope and pray for more.

The little car was a dream come true.

I am in the process of building another 1965 G.T. convertible to drive, which is my original dream. This concludes my story of "My Dream and Love for a Mustang".

Editors Note: We would like to thank James Kinney for the article and picture of his car, and for the opportunity of featuring it as our first Car of the Month.