

CAR OF THE MONTH



1965 Mustang Convertible
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Our interest in Mustangs grew from our interest in "old cars", having first started with a 1931 A Model Ford, then a 1936 V8 sedan, both with limited drivability. Since our son is a street rod enthusiast, we too wanted a "drive anywhere" car, and our choice was a Mustang convertible. After looking for over a year, we found one looking above average. Drivability was dismissed when we realized we not only had a tank full of gas, but also a trunk full! Replacing the gas tank was a must. After scouting "junk yards" and "flea markets" we learned Ford Motor Company still had parts we could use...we took the advantage.

With a totally rebuilt motor and transmission, new rear-end, radiator, shocks, carpet and tires, we were all finished for the First National Meet. We proudly drove our little sports car with the old paint and had a wonderful time looking and learning about Mustangs and meeting all the Mustangers, and seeing James Kinney's "better than new" First National Winner.

After the Meet, our little "Golden Galloper" was stripped to the metal and that revealed the need for a new quarter panel and one new door...No Bondo. Then the car was painted and it looked like a sparkling, new Mustang. James Kinney found our Pony Seats and we were back on the road again.

Now, after 3,000 miles we're ready for the Second National Meet, still looking for a few parts and new friends.

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