

# Whatever Happened to the Original "Bullet" Mustang?

A Satire by Wes Moyer

Back in 1968, the Mustang fame received an enormous boost from a hotshot Steve McQueen film entitled "Bullet". The thrust of the movement came from the famous chase scene where a 1968 390 GT fastback chases after a Charger through the streets of San Francisco. The chase scene alone lasts about 11 minutes but that was what people remembered about the movie. When the Mustang collector movement came along, naturally speculations on the whereabouts of the Bullet Mustang arose. The collector value of such a famous car is staggering. However, the whereabouts of the Mustang were never discovered . . . until now. I feel that my Mustang has got to be the Bullet Mustang.

During the chase scene, the GT fastback was used and abused in the fullest sense of the word. In order to make the car look like a detective car, McQueen kicked the door leaving a big dent. High speed chase scenes were said to have damaged the suspension system. After it was all said and done, the Mustang was a rolling disaster.

I know that there are skeptics out there who think that there is no way my fastback could be the same one. Granted, it was a clever job of customizing and a lot of parts were changed over, but the condition surely indicates authenticity. It was an extraordinary changeover that even had me fooled but in the end I know I have the original Bullet Mustang.

I know what some of you may be thinking about my car not possibly being the one, but allow me to substantiate my claims. I know my car LOOKS like a '67, has a 289, and is not a GT, but these things might possibly have been changed. We have all seen worse changes to Mustangs like wedging a 428 in a '65 Mustang and adding the VW seats. At least my changes still look like a Mustang.

And what difference does it make that it is the wrong color to be the

bullet Mustang. It's still green! It even has a matching green interior.

There are some things that do support the Bullet theory. These are little things such as the blacked out grill minus the pony and corral when I bought it. Also there's the masterful torch work that cut giant holes in the fender wall for the tiny grease fittings. The exhaust that was put on by Dewey Cheatem muffler shop and grocery also helps. The clincher has to be the dented door from where Steve McQueen himself once kicked! That was the convincing factor for me. The

dented passenger door meant that it had to be the car.

So what are the plans for the skeptically famous Mustang? My wife drives it daily. Maybe someday I'll do some body work and remove the McQueen dents before painting it, but that's not for awhile. In the meantime I will sit back and enjoy my "famous" Mustang fastback.

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