

Scott's '65 Pony Is A True, 1-Owner, Bona Fide Classic!

By STEVE MCMULLAN
Editor

Walter Scott of Greenville, SC was vacationing with his family in Daytona Beach, FL 26 years ago and can recall the exact moment he caught Mustang fever.

"I had taken the family out for a seafood dinner at Inlet Harbor Restaurant and we were on our way back to the motel in our Falcon station wagon when I fell in behind a new Mustang.

"I told my wife that very moment I was going to buy one."

Her reply, "Oh, sure you are."

But when Walter (MCA Member #10395) returned to Greenville, he did just that.

"I shopped around and wound up at Friendly Ford in Pickens, SC, found a Mustang I liked and drove it home."

That was in February of 1965, and the Rangoon Red 289 has been in Walter's family ever since.

"A lot of people who bought early model Mustangs trade them in and lived to regret it. They had to go back later and pay high prices to get another one after the car became a classic. But my '65 is a true, one-owner original."

And while it might not have seemed like one in 1965, the sporty Mustang was a true bargain. Walter paid \$2,602 for the Pony



Walter's Most Prized Trophy Is His First Place Grand National Win In 1988

brand new, and still has the original window sticker and the cancelled check to prove it.

But it was a long time before he got to enjoy it himself.

"When I brought it home from the dealership I gave it to my wife, Louise, to drive. She drove it until my son, Walter Jr., started high school."

The younger Scott quickly made a reputation for himself around Greenville.

"People all over town used to call me and

tell me, 'I saw Walt out hot dogging in his Mustang the other day.' I would sit him down and give him the sermon about safe driving, but of course, it never did any good."

But despite his son's heavy foot, the Mustang survived high school without so much as a dent.

"No wrecks, no scrapes, no blown engines," Walter Sr. says.

When graduation day arrived, the younger Scott decided he wanted an "off brand" sports car as his reward for completing 12 years of school.

"We bought him one, but it left a sour taste in my mouth," Walter recalls.

Even so, the deal turned out to be a sweet one for Walter. He finally got the keys back to the Mustang he had purchased in 1965.

That was in 1974, and Walter used the car himself to drive between home and his job with the Greenville City Fire department. It wasn't until six years later that he decided to restore the Mustang he had owned for 15 years.

"I went to a meeting of the Foothills Mustang Club here in Greenville in 1980 and I got interested in the idea of restoring and showing the car. I joined the Foothills Club and went to work on the Mustang."

With the exception of the paint, which was handled by Dean Campbell of Greenville, Scott did most of the work himself. The 289 was rebuilt, a new interior installed, and the car was meticulously detailed for competition.



Scott Works Hard On The Foothills Mustang Club's Charity Event Every Year

"I spent a couple of years getting the car right before I started showing it."

The Mustang's car show career began in 1982 and Walter continued to work on his prize, using judging sheets from shows and advice from fellow Mustangers in the Foothills club to get the classic back to assembly-line perfection.

His efforts began to pay off in the middle 1980s, when Walter's Pony began racking up an impressive list of first place wins at regional shows. He won top honors at Columbia, Augusta and Morgantown and brought home other trophies from several regional and local events.

Every time he entered a show, he learned a little more, and he kept tinkering with his '65 until he was satisfied it was right.

In 1987 Walter won Best of Show at Columbia and a year later claimed the trophy he is proudest of: a first place in the MCA Grand National held in Greenville.

He added another first place cup to his collection at the Atlanta MCA National in 1989.

Now retired after 35 years as a fireman with the City of Greenville, Walter is a familiar face at MCA National events around the country.

A close friend of MCA President and fellow Foothills club member Charles Hampton, Walter frequently travels with Charles to national shows.

"He's my chaeuffer," Hampton says.

And since his retirement, Walter has become even more involved in the Mustang hobby.

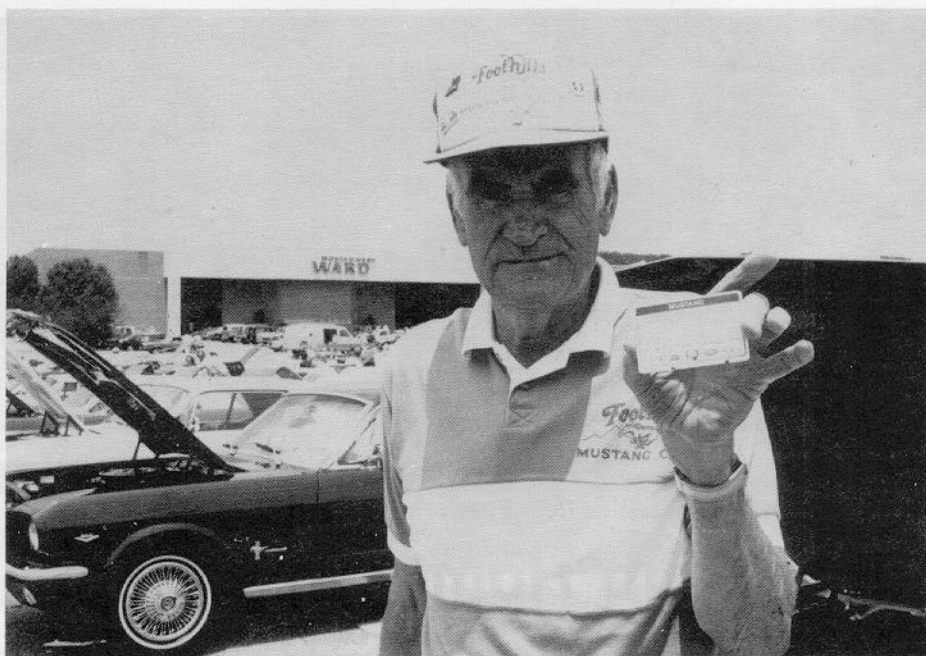
"I enjoyed every minute of my 35 years with the fire department, but I haven't missed it at all since I left," he says. "I've found plenty of things to do since I retired."

For one thing, he has been a member of the MCA Board of Directors since 1989, and continues to be active in the Foothills Mustang Club.

Walter's approach to the car shows is somewhat laid back these days. He still shows his '65 at local and regional events around the Carolinas and in Georgia and Tennessee. But more often he is a spectator and occasionally a judge at MCA National events he attends with Hampton.

But the little '65 hasn't seen the last of its career. It's almost sure to show up at Nashville or Atlanta for an MCA National this summer, and don't be surprised if Walter's Rangoon Red, 289 automatic with "console and not much else" makes an appearance at the MCA Grand National in Kingsport, TN in August.

There's still room for another Grand National prize in his trophy case.



Walter Scott Still Has Warranty Plate For Mustang He Bought New In 1965

zymöl



Zymöl's luscious collagen based leather conditioner and delicate oil based vinyl/rubber conditioner are 100% natural penetrating lotions that restore original moisture and protect against sunlight exposure and surface abrasion. Most competitive products contain petro-chemicals, sodium, turpentine or formaldehyde!

CORCO WEST, INC.

Authorized Distributor

1-800-533-5743