

Fox Fire Mustangs



These are Official Air Force U2 Spy Plane "Chase Cars"!

In this day and age, when you wonder if your tax dollars are being spent wisely, I have some good news to share. Last year I was based in Korea for the Air Force. The base that I was at was in the southwest area of South Korea. Sometimes on the weekend, my friends and I would take a bus trip farther north to OSAN Air Force base because there was better shopping and more things to do.

This base has a variety of aircraft, including the U-2 "Spy" plane for reconnaissance missions. The Air Force has selected the 5.0 Mustang to be used as "chase" cars when the U-2 comes in for landings. The pilot doesn't have a good view of the runway for touchdown. So, the person in the Mustang tells the pilot over the radio how close to the runway he is during landings. There were a couple of LX 5.0's and one GT 5.0. They all had automatic transmissions and looked stock except for the radio, the Air Force's Blue paint job, and the numbers and letters on the doors and rear of the car. I was told that the Mustangs replaced Chevrolet El Caminos that were used for the same purpose. I was kind of surprised that there was one GT, because the GT was more expensive to buy than the LX's. But, it's nice to know that the Air Force picked the Mustang for the job.

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