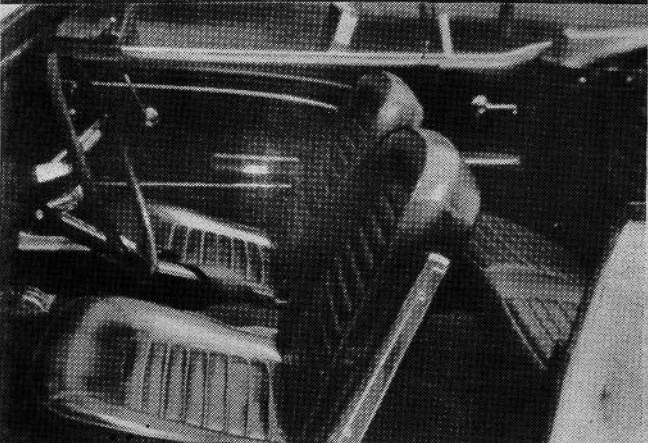
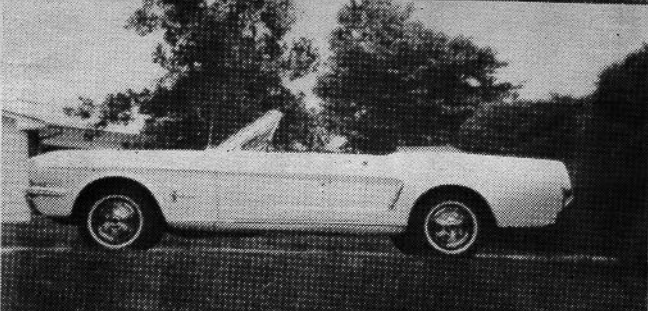


CAR OF THE MONTH

1965 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE
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In 1975, I started my search for a '65 or '66 Mustang convertible. I began watching the newspapers, etc., but every time I called, the car was sold. After becoming frustrated having no luck through the newspapers, I started leaving notes on windshields of every Mustang I would see in parking lots. The problem was the same! No response!

Three months had passed and I still had not found a convertible. At this point, I decided to leave my name with every local used car lot and new car dealers. One day, I saw a white '65 convertible in the back lot of a local Ford dealer. I asked one of the salesmen if he knew who owned it. "Sure, that belongs to Rich", he said, as he motioned for Rich to come over. I asked him if he wanted to sell it. "Well, not really", he replied. "I plan on fixing it up." I thought, well, here we go again. Then he added. "I should really do something with the car, though." Quickly I asked him if it was alright to look it over and we went outside.

It was a white, 6-cylinder, automatic with power steering and a black power top. The exterior was rough, with typical rust spots and it mechanically needed work. I asked him how much he would take for it. "Oh, about \$800.00.", he said. We talked for a while, and finally agreed on \$650.00. AT LAST! I OWNED ONE! The original owner's manual was in the glove box. (Purchased date 10-8-64.) My wife thought I was nuts for paying \$650 for a car that spelled problems!

After quite a bit of mechanical work, body work and a new paint job, my little Mustang looks pretty shart. Now I RECEIVE notes on the windshield, and my wife doesn't want me to sell it!

My next project---to find a '65 or '66 GT convertible.

James Portmann

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to thank James Portmann for giving us the privilege of featuring his fine car as the October Car of the Month.