

427 Mustang?

Perhaps you could answer a question for me.

When I was discharged from the Air Force in 1968 and returning home to Queens, New York, my first stop after leaving the airport was Elm Motors. Elm Motors was the mecca of all hot rod fanatics in the New York area. I had spent four years in the service of my country and now I deserved a toy. Cliff Rice, the owner, showed me two Mustangs - one was a black Shelby (1967) GT 350S/C (289 with a Paxton McCullough supercharger) and the other a 1967 or 1968 (can't remember if it had side louvers or not) dark blue Mustang coupe with a 427.

I took the Shelby but my question is this - was the 427 Mustang one that Ford offered from the factory? I've never seen another one or even heard of one. It even had the bird 427 emblems on the sides and I do know a 427 engine when I see one (tunnel ram manifold and all).

I only wish I had either one of these cars today. Wouldn't it be nice if Ford offered the 427 in today's Mustangs.

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Ford did indeed offer a 427 cid engine as optional equipment on the 1968 Mustang. With a conservative horsepower rating of 390, this race bred monster just didn't fare well with the handling characteristics of Mustang's nose-heavy attributes.

The information we have indicates that the 427 was available only with an automatic transmission, cost a whopping \$622, and was phased out in December 1967.

— Editor

The Whole Thing

This letter is in regards to a picture published in the April 1998 *Mustang Times*, page 23, center photo. It was taken at Lakewood Fairgrounds and it shows a part of the 150 Mustangs arriving from Chateau Elan showing our support for the Mustang Museum project. I was in that caravan driving my 1965 hardtop, green, GT replica. The Mustang behind me was a third generation Canary Yellow convertible with a black top and behind that was an early '70s model.

When I saw this picture I, with no doubt, knew that the '65 pictured (the back quarter) was my car. My question to you is was this picture taken this way or was my Mustang cut off at the door jamb because it wasn't good enough to publish the whole car?

This was a once-in-a-lifetime event and the chances of a car to be photographed and published was one out of over 300 and unfortunately 1/4 of my car got in and I am very disappointed. Is there a chance that this picture includes the whole car (with me, my nephew, and best friend in it), and if so can you publish it or can I have a copy?

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We too were amazed to see approximately 300 Mustangs on hand at Lakewood Fairgrounds (Atlanta, Georgia) during January to show support for Mustang Museum, Inc., when the Site Selection Committee was in town to look over proposed sites for the museum. There was no lure of awards or recognition other than knowing that these true-blue hobbyists were doing their part to show that Mustang

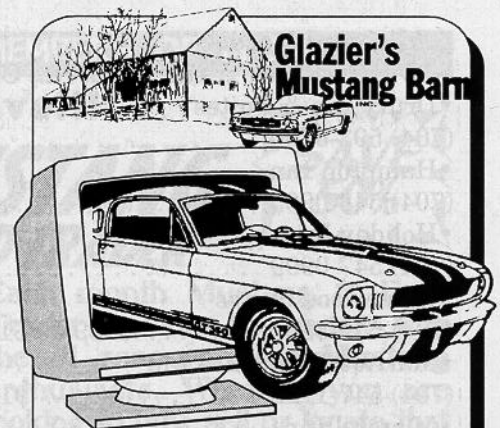
is more than just a car.

Our interpretation of the (unedited) photo you mention seemed very appropriate for this scenario - an easily recognized early model, first generation Mustang leading other generations to their new home within a very specialized museum as well as the history books.

As for photos of your Mustang, we'd love to have some. As we have mentioned on numerous occasions on these pages, we invite everyone to submit pictures of their Mustang(s) for use in Snapshots, as a feature article, or if you want to go for the gold, a cover article.

If you'd like more information on how to submit material for a feature or cover article, please contact the editor via the National Headquarters address.

— Editor



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