

CAR OF THE MONTH

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1973 Mustang Convertible

OWNED BY:
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The Last '73 Mustang Convertible
Built?

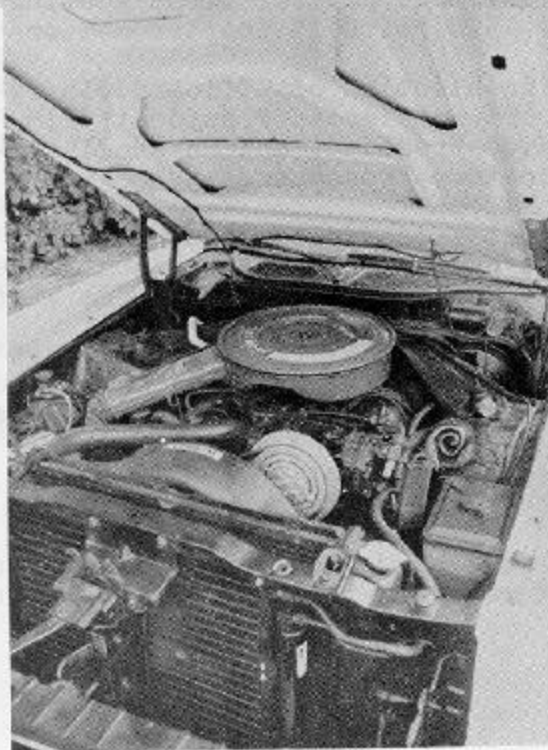
Since 1965, I have owned about 20 Mustangs, most of which were convertibles. I have often found what I thought was the ideal Mustang but ended up finding something better or giving in to the temptation of making a good profit.

My ideal Mustang now is a 1973 powder blue convertible with a black top and interior. Options include: 351 CJ 4bbl, factory Hurst 4-speed, air conditioning, power steering, power disc brakes, AM radio with stereosonic tape player, cast aluminum wheels, exterior decor group, interior decor group, lamp group, deluxe bumper and guards, rally instrumentation, competition suspension and dual sport mirrors.

The car has never been in an accident, but had a couple dents and bruises. I decided to make the car a winter project and totally restore it. I disassembled the entire car--including front fenders, hood, doors, trunk lid, front and rear valances, glass and all the interior. I had the inside of the trunk, doors, front fenders and rear quarter panels sandblasted and zinc chromated. Each piece was then refinished on both sides while off the car.

Many of the parts I replaced were good for a '73, but I wanted the car to be like new. All the parts were ordered from Ford and included: all new chrome including deluxe bumper with guards and rubber strips, trunk mat, all rubber door and trunk moldings, carpet, door speakers, AC condenser, convertible top, rear glass window, and Motorcraft battery. The only used part is the full console. To my knowledge, the only radial tires available on '73's were Michelin, so I purchased a set.

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- b. Spare tire. Spare tire and wheel must be of proper type for that year and car. Must be of correct finish and mounted in the original location with clamping parts of the original style and finish. Space saver optional on 1966 up.
 - (1) Not as above -2
- c. Jack assembly and lug wrench. Must be of original style and finish and mounted in the original location.
 - (1) Not as above -1
- d. Trunk compartment and under deck lid painted surfaces; weatherstrip and jacking instruction sheet.
 - (1) Paint does not match the exterior of car -1
 - (2) Weatherstrip, and jacking instruction not of original style -1
- e. Taillight body, gas filler neck, trunk latch, flex hose must be of the original design and finish. Clamp (none worn).
 - (1) Not as above -1

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WANTED:

Underhood Ram air set-up for 1972 Mach 1, 351 Cleveland. Also 1966 stock Mustang 14" wheel covers w/spinners or '66 Styled steel wheels, Spyder style not Magnums. Reasonable prices paid. Jim Matthes, R.R. 2; Stratford, Wi. 54484. (715) 687-4626.

FOR SALE:

Let's get acquainted with the new kid on the block..Maryland Mustang. Special limited offer-new standard interior (65 or 66) red, white, black or blue. 65-66 black or parchment. Plus molded carpet (\$95.00 value). Plus instrument cluster, woodgrain or black \$249.95 Total. Fastback add \$10.00. Prices FOB. Maryland Mustang, 504 Green Forest Dr., Severna Pakr, Md. 21146 (301)647-0628.

WANTED:

1969 Mach I. Must be mint..prefer 4 speed; red or blue, but will consider any others. Toby Gorny, RFD 5, Bryan, Ohio 43506. Call (419)636-2475 6 p.m. to midnight.

The car won third place in its division at the Kingsport and the Atlanta meets. The serial number is 3F03Q260955, which is the highest number of any convertible to my knowledge, even higher than the one in "Mustang Does It" which claims to be the last one built. The car was ordered three days after the cut-off date. If anyone knows of a later convertible or can provide any information as to serial number sequence, I would appreciate it.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Larry for allowing us to feature his fine Mustang as February Car of the Month.

Also, a special thanks to The Grasers for an outstanding job with the Northwest Ohio Regional Group.

Larry has served the National Club as a Meet Judge. We sure could use more members with the same dedication.