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1966 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE

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My car was purchased in the summer of 1977 on a used car lot on Route 17 in Ramsey, New Jersey. The body and top were in fair to poor condition, some rust behind the rear wheel quarter panels. The engine, a 289-V8 2 barrel with 97,000 miles needed a ring and valve job which was done by Kip's Mobil Station in West Nyack, New York. The motor job was finished with a new carburetor and the engine was left in stock condition. A new muffler system plus new shocks were installed by me and I completed the chassis job with new brakes and (4) F78-14 poly-belted white-sidewall tires. The interior was in good shape...just had to replace the rugs fore and aft which was done after the body work.

The body of the car was my next job. I started by removing all the chrome and took the paint job down to bare metal. Replaced the rear quarter panels on both sides. The car had no dents, so major body work wasn't needed. The priming and painting job was done by Win's Auto Body in Boonsville, New York. The car was repainted with four double coats of Sea Foam Green, the original color of the car. Then the paint was hand-rubbed and an accent stripe placed on the sides by Winny Hunter, owner of the body shop. A new white top was then put on by Ex-calibur REupholstery Corporation in Momsey, New York.

As far as can be determined, the car was never in an accident and appeared to be a one-owner auto. Now that the Mustang is finished, it's kept in my garage and never sees the rain and snow storms in the northern area.

When I do take it out on weekends, I receive many comments on the finished product, also many offers to sell it.. ..which I don't think I could ever do as my son Ricky, a teenager, can't wait to get his driver's license.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Many thanks to Mr. Tarbox for allowing us the opportunity to feature his 1966 Mustang as our Car of the Month.

