



BLUEJAY

JUST ONE OF THE EIGHT MUSTANGS IN THE STABLE

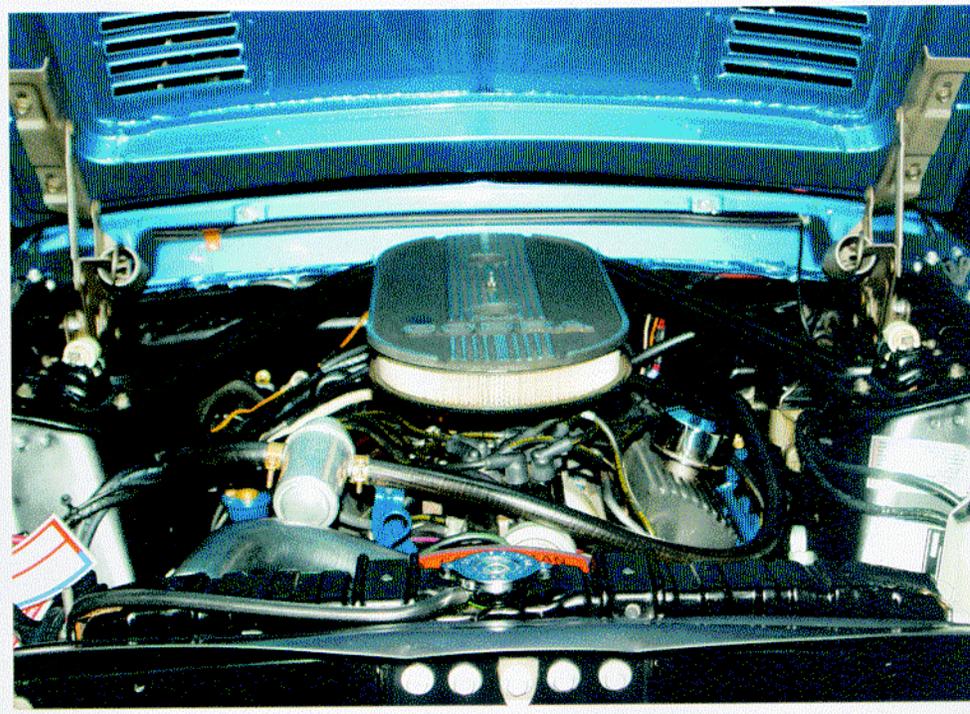
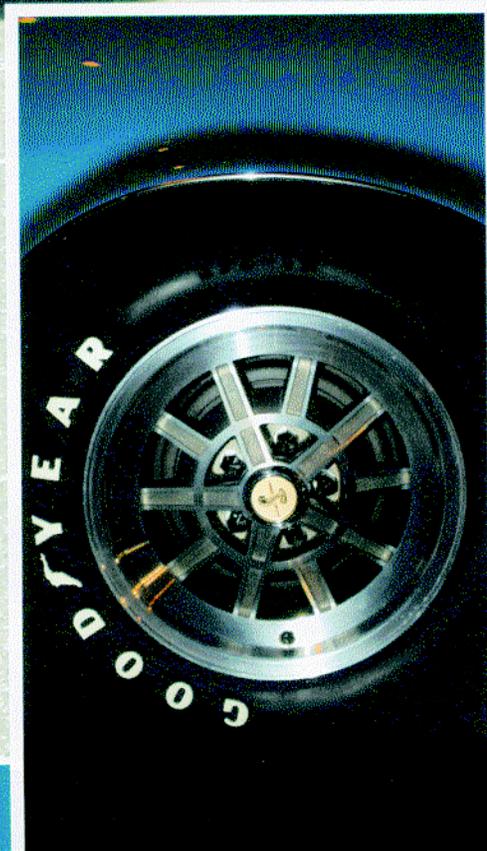
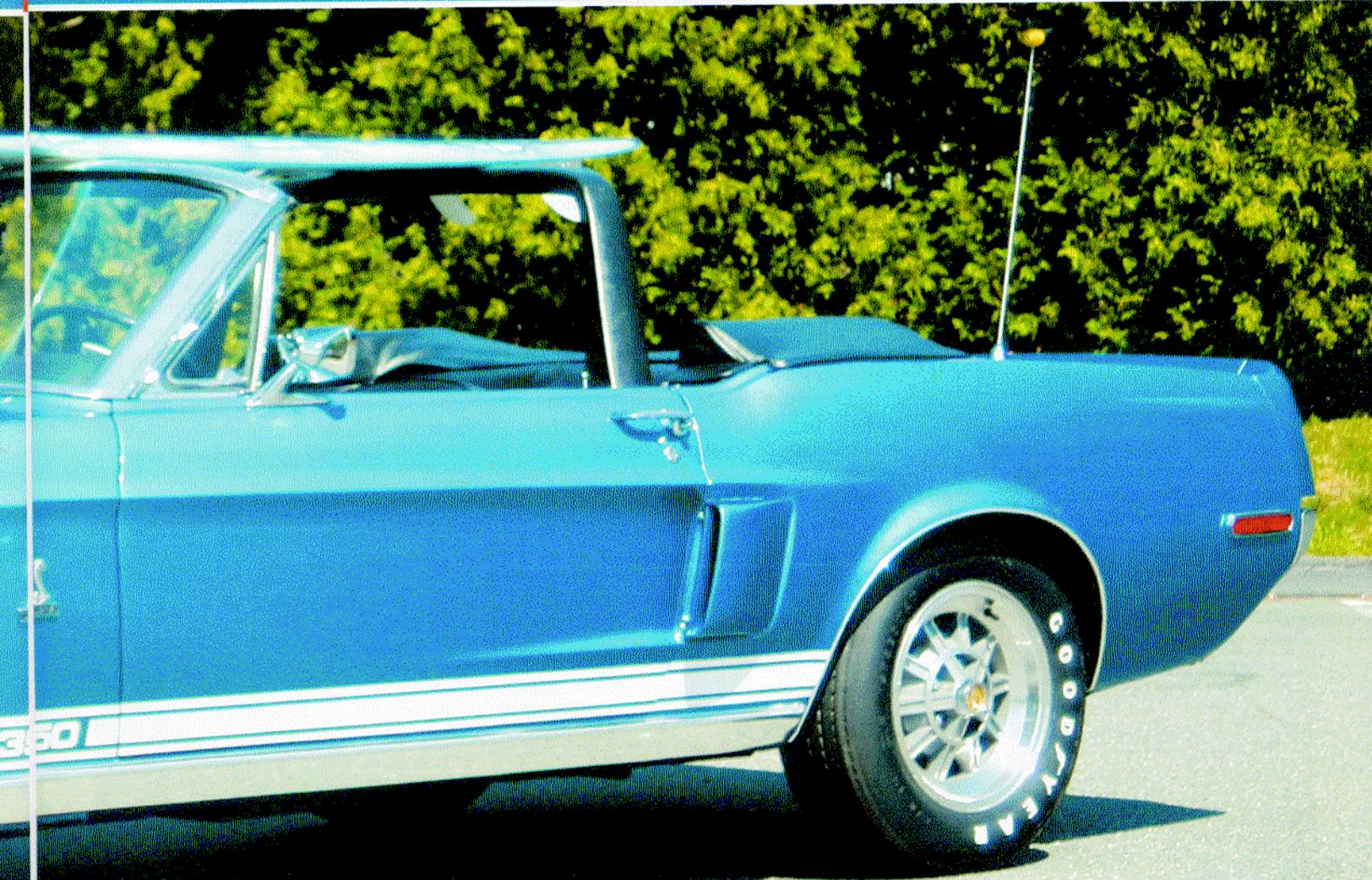
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On a Friday during Fall Carlisle in 2004, while speaking with friends my husband, George, noticed a 1968 Shelby GT350 drive to the "For Sale" corral. Quickly excusing himself from the conversation, he ran after the Shelby like a kid chasing an ice cream truck. When he caught up, rather out of breath, he asked

two questions, "Is it real?" and "How much?" The reply was "Yes, it's real," and a dollar amount was stated. George asked for five minutes while he checked out the Shelby. Many others were already trying to purchase the car, but George was first in this case. After checking it out, he indicated a price he was willing to pay, and the seller said, "OK!" George then ran one

more time to me, his wife, where I was minding our vendor spot.

I figured something was up when I saw him running toward me. George asked me to go see the car and let him know my thoughts. So, it was my turn to run to the Shelby and check it out. While other dealers were trying their best to purchase the car, I shook hands with the seller



and said, "Consider your Shelby sold." I then ran, one more time, to George and indicated that while I thought it was a nice car, it sure was a lot of money. Pretending to need to retrieve something out of our trailer, I came out with deposit money, handed it to George and said, "Happy Birthday." George's birthday is in November. After a few tears, and lots of hugs and kisses, George took the deposit to the seller and the Shelby was his.

Carroll Shelby has signed the '68 Shelby's glove box. When at shows, the Shelby sports a special-order surfboard that matches the wood grain interior and the Acapulco Blue exterior.

The surfboard is also signed by Carroll Shelby, on top and bottom. When we showed the Shelby at Lime Rock at one of their Labor Day shows, Carroll Shelby and his wife were in attendance. George

tried to get Carroll to sign the surfboard when he was looking at the cars in the line up from his golf cart. But, Carroll was getting quite tired and needed to rest, which made it impossible for George to ask for his signature. While Shelby was resting, his wife was touring the show grounds in the card. She had met our daughter, Rebecca, at the 40th Anniversary Celebration in Nashville, and recognizing her, said hello. Rebecca asked Mrs. Shelby if Carroll would autograph the surfboard, Mrs. Shelby indicated she would ask him to do it once he awoke and gave instructions where to leave the surfboard.

Later on that day, Mary and Rebecca picked up the freshly autographed surfboard and quite surprised to see the signature on both the top and bottom. Mrs. Shelby indicated she didn't know which side we would prefer, so she had Carroll

Shelby sign both sides. Rebecca left a nice thank you note for Carroll and proudly carried the surfboard back to our Shelby.

Rebecca names all the cars we have in our collection; this one has the moniker of Bluejay. She decided on this because of the exterior color and white convertible top. Bluejay is one of eight Mustangs in our stable, all being the same quality as Bluejay.

The first time we entered our Bluejay into a Concours Trailered class was last June at the 2nd MCA National show in Sturbridge, MA. The Shelby earned a Gold award. George and I drive this Shelby to shows within one hour of our home, as well as to cruises and just general sunny day driving on weekends. We enjoy driving it. It's not a trailered only vehicle, and apparently others enjoy it as well, we get heads turning wherever we take it. **MT**

