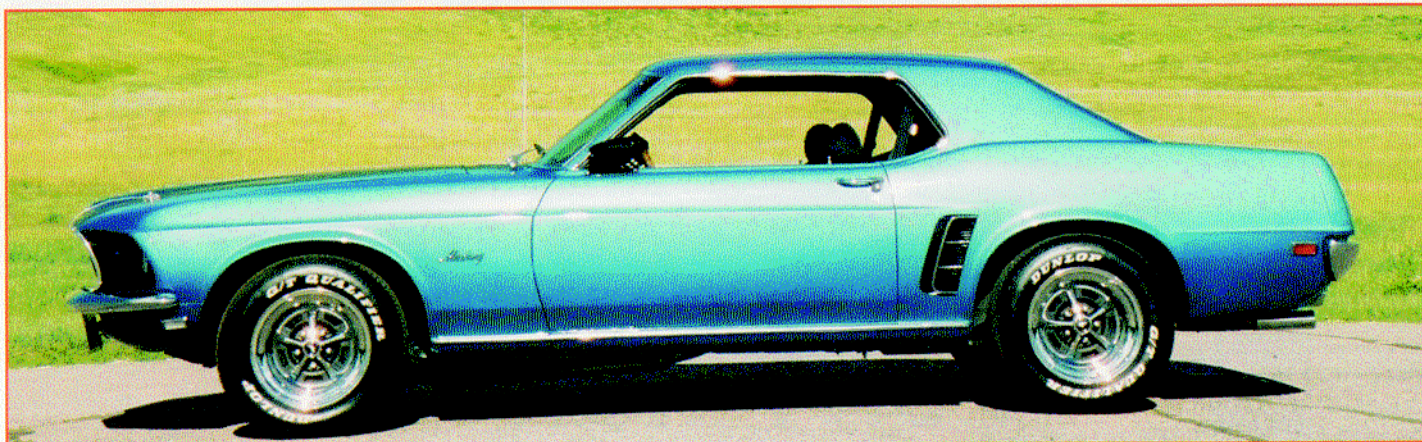


Dale Lindley's 1969 Coupe



Dale Lindley of Alamogordo Mustang Club submitted this article about his Mustang.

"I am the third owner of this 1969 Coupe.

The original owner dragged it in the early '70s at the strip at Holloman Air Force Base. My friend bought it in high school and when he showed it to me I told him to call me if he ever wanted to sell it.

Three years later, I am a sophomore at New Mexico State University and get his call. I am back in Alamogordo, New Mexico, two days later to buy it. I was a poor college student, but I had my Mustang!

That was 1988. I drove it to college for the next couple years. I graduated and became a poor middle school teacher.

It was my daily driver for another year or so before being parked on the side of my parents' house. It was driven sparingly over the next couple years by me, my brother, and my dad.

Finally, in 2005, Jason Woods agrees to fix it up for me. He did the engine, the mechanical, the bodywork, the paint—everything. I cleaned, sanded and go-fered. From its original Lime-Gold in 1969, it has turned into my beautiful Acapulco Blue occasional driver. It has been to Steamboat Springs, CO, for the Rocky Mt. Mustang Round-Up twice (as of this June), the MCA regional event held by the Rio Grande Mustang Club, and the last two shows put on by our club the Alamogordo Mustang Club."

"The Car"



Bill Renn writes, "I've enjoyed being a member of MCA for several years now and enjoy the magazine very much. I find it incredible how creative some folks are about their mustangs and what they accomplish during resto's and resto mod's."

My love of Mustangs began when my best friend and co-worker bought a brand new '65. We had a lot of fun in that car tooling around Atlanta and I always knew that one day I would own a Pony of my own. Being a young college student and later a young father, it would be several years before I could become serious about my dream.

Having searched the State for a year, in 1999, I finally found my Mustang at a corner gas station in Pompano Beach, FL. Actually the car that was "For Sale" was a '65 coupe.

After taking a test spin, I just didn't have the right feeling about this car although it was in very good shape. The owner told me he had another Mustang—a convertible—that had been purchased for his son to drive to high school. The son did not like the car as it did not "fit in" with the style of cars the other kids were driving—Hondas and BMWs.

So the owner goes home to get the car and as I watched him approaching the station on the way back I just knew that was "the car." Who can resist a classic red Mustang convertible? I took the car home with me that day.

In 2005, I did an exterior restoration replacing the floor pan, trunk, trunk lid, hood lid, rear quarter panel—all brand new underneath. I added front disk brakes and wood grain steering wheel. The interior was in good shape so I decided to leave something for later on and just added a new radio with side speakers. While not a '66 color, the car had been painted Poppy Red when I bought it. So I decided to keep the same color and repainted the car Poppy Red with base coat, clear coat. The restoration project lasted 13 months.

My wife, Kathie, and I enjoy taking the car out on weekend cruise nights and having a great time with other classic car enthusiasts. We receive many nice compliments, and thumbs up along with seeing heads turn as we cruise along the streets of Sarasota, which has been home since 1984. Who can resist a red Mustang Convertible? I hope you find my "baby" worthy of *Mustang Times*. She's a 1966; 200 ci, straight 6, three-speed manual.