



## Steve Hermans

Ever since I was 10 years old, I've always wanted to have a 1979 Indianapolis 500 Mustang Pacecar. Well, 30 years later I finally have one.

This was a father son project and I mean a project. The car had a whole in the roof and one in the driver side floor board. This car is Pacecar #1706 with a DSO #58 (Twin Cities), which might explain the holes. After our restoration, my father gave me the car. This particular Pacecar has a V8 with a manual transmission. The car has over 220,000 miles on it and I love taking it to carshows and various parades around the Seattle area. I must say that life would be pretty dull without my Pacecar.



## Frank S. Smith

In the photo is my 2006 GT, Legend Lime convertible and my 1986 LX, with carburetor (the last of these). The '86 is my college car, I'm the second owner. I picked it up from a Ford dealer in 1988 with only 15,000 miles. By 1995 the Mustang had 92K miles on it, and it was time to take it off the road. It sat in the garage until 2005, when I decided to do a mild restoration with my son who was 10 at the time.

We replaced the entire exhaust system, upgraded the electronics, new moldings, weather stripping, door hinges, new refline tires, repainted the original poly steel wheels, and about two dozen other parts obtained from eBay and aftermarket companies. My son was in charge of hand cleaning the entire car from engine compartment to undercarriage to interior. He also helped on most mechani-

cal items. It took an entire winter and into the spring. We proudly began taking her to shows; the sheer pride in my son's eyes from all his hard work was worth more than any trophy (which the car never won).

In '05 I ordered the GT on the first day I could. It took so long that when it arrived at the dealership it was actually an '06. It was my daily driver for a year, and was taken off the road with only 18,000 miles on it. The family enjoys both cars in good weather only.

Since the '06 was stabled we picked up a \$200 '92 hatchback to restore. To date we have a lot of parts every where, and no interior, but it keeps a father and his kids together on the weekend.