

# 2008 SHELBY GT

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**T**his is my first Mustang, but not my first Ford. My first Ford was a 1947 Ford convertible and from there the Fords just kept coming. My wife, Diana, drives a 2007 F-150 Lariat, crew cab. We also own a 2008 Ford Edge. My Mustang gets 24 MPG, and our Edge gets 22 MPG.

I bought my 2008 Shelby GT in December of 2007 right off the showroom floor. It came with the standard Shelby package which included a 4.6L, 3-valve V-8. It's rated at 319 hp @6000 rpm, 333 lb-ft torque @ 4200 rpm. It has a five-speed manual transmission with a Holley short-throw shifter, Ford front and rear racing suspension and a shock tower-mounted bar, which was later removed to make room for a supercharger. It sports 18 x 8.5 cast aluminum wheels, with BFGoodrich P235/50ZR18 tires, front and rear. It has a Shelby-installed X-pipe exhaust, The LeMans wide stripes and Shelby GT side stripes were already on the outside of the car.

I have since modified the striping by adding the lightning bolts on the sides. The Mustang was also equipped with plain chrome hood pins. These were replaced with Shelby hood pins. I also decided to change a few more characteristics of the Mustang so it would reflect more of the personality of its owner.

I contacted a local automotive accessories company in St. Albans, Vermont. We worked together and came up with the



added striping package. The silver striping blended with the original silver stripes on the Mustang. The side portion of the Shelby GT striping was kept and a small bolt was added. The larger lightning bolt comes down from the LeMans striping on the hood. This design was added to both sides of the Mustang.

The standard car antenna was replaced with the shorter Steeda version, and Steeda hood-lift struts were added with the standard hood prop removed.

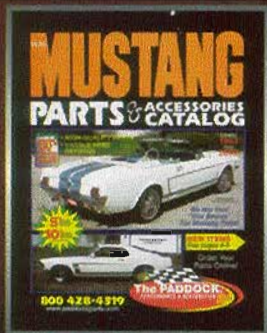
The local Ford dealer, where I purchased the Mustang, installed a Whipple supercharger, which boosted the horsepower to 500. The Mustang now produces 470 lb-ft torque at 4200 rpm. Shelby Logo caps were added to the fluid containers on the engine. I then installed a Fluidyne radiator with a Canton aluminum expansion tank and a Steeda polished radiator cover. The next addition was a Lincoln electric ignition starter button kit in the center dash where the compute jack was originally located. The last modification I made was the installation of an aluminum drive shaft by Coast Driveline and GE of Ventura, CA. This boosted the total horsepower to about 515.

Now that I have my Shelby GT looking and running just as I wanted, it's gratifying to see other drivers slow down and stare at my Mustang—it looks different and runs like the wind.

My wife is a Postmaster in a small, rural town in Vermont, and I am a 73-year-old retired from the US Department of Homeland Security, US Customs. Last year, I stored the Shelby GT in our garage from October through April. However, this year I took it to Myrtle Beach, SC, in January.



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## 1966 Coupe

**P**eter Buckingham has been a member of MCA for slightly more than one year. This may not seem like a huge deal to many, but the fact that he lives in Australia makes his membership even more special to us!

He wrote to tell us he lives in tropical Queensland, on the Gold Coast, where the temperature does not usually get lower than 9-10 degrees (Celsius) and about 35-40 degrees (Celsius) in the summer.

Peter owns this 1966 Coupe, which has been converted to right-hand drive. The original color was red, however it is now a beautiful shade of Burgundy. He believes the Black interior is the original. His Mustang is powered by a 302 with a C4 automatic transmission. It has front disc brakes from an "Aussie Falcon," a 600cfm Holley and dual exhausts. Peter explained that he has not had to spend any money on the car apart from what he's already wanted to and, "it goes like a bird."

"It is fitted with 15 x 7-inch Torque Thrust "D" American Racing Wheels and the number plates are 28NYN translating to 289 the original engine."

In addition to the MCA, Peter belongs to the Mustang Club of Australia, Queensland branch, and the Pony Club of Australia.



## Like Father Like Sons

**A**dam Stark of Denton, Maryland, states that his father influenced his interest in Mustangs. He has been a Mustang fan most of his life. Recently, for his father's birthday, Adam and his brother, Jason, put together this photo of the three of them as a gift. He informed us that the two 1993 Black LX Coupes are still in the family.

The two black '93 LX's are still in the Stark family, but Adam does admit they had to tap into the family photo album to get the photos of the coupe and, of course, Dad. Neatly inserted into the photos, the coupe is no longer part of the Stark's corral. Sadly the whereabouts of the couple are unknown, but Adam says they all have fun with the Mustangs they drive now.

Someday, when Adam's younger sister gets her license, they hope to obtain a shot of her and, hopefully, her Mustang to add to the collage.

Included in the photo are (l-r) Adam, Greg, and Jason Stark.

