

# IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

Thanks to "IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS", you now know about the earliest production Mustang known to date, 5F08F100006 built March 5, 1964. You also know about a "One of a Kind" 1964½ Mustang Hardtop, 5F07K100148 also built March 5, 1964. You say, "Now, wait just a minute, doesn't that "K" mean 289 High Performance? No way, 289 Hi-Po engines weren't available that early!"

This special 64½ Mustang, once possessed by Edsel Ford II, has a DSO of 89, meaning "TRANSPORTATION SERVICES." Indeed it does boast a 289 High Performance and a wide number of GT package options not normally available on 64½ Ponies. It sports a real leather interior, AM radio with a factory reverberator, fully carpeted interior and trunk, padded vinyl roof (black), GT equipment group,

genuine wood and cast chrome steering wheel, Rally Pac, tinted glass, and countless other options then unavailable on Mustangs. It is believed that this Special Pony was possibly a GT Prototype, but this is guess work as research continues. The proud owner and "In Search" participant is A.R. Cairo of Michigan.

In Search of Mustangs has brought these Mustangs, as well as many others, to the surface. In Search of Mustangs is not only a Mustang Registry, but a Mustang research project.

Recently we received an entry from Jeffery Simonette of Pennsylvania. His entry is a 1964½ Mustang convertible, 5F08F160126, built June 9, 1964 at the Dearborn plant. Jeff's 64½ Pony was a special order Mustang with a DSO of 141930, showing delivery to the Pittsburgh area and was the 1930th

Special Order Ford car from that district. Jeff's Mustang is not only a special order, but is a color you don't see on many (if any) 64½ Mustangs. The color is pink. Jeff's VID plate shows no color code with a trim code of 86, meaning black vinyl. Thank you, Jeff, for sharing your quite rare early Pony with us.

Another early 64½ entry was made by Larry Hurst of Florida. Larry's 1964½ early Pony 5F08F100212 was built March 9, 1964 at Dearborn. It was delivered to the Jacksonville, Florida area district. This Mustang was assembled on Ford's official start of production date, March 9 (though we have a few 64½'s built March 5). Not only is this an early production Pony, it also was purchased during that first initial Mustang madness, that special date of April 17, 1964! Larry was indeed a lucky man to find this Mustang. It has the original owner's manual and has a now deleted option of no heater! Deleting the heater lowered the cost of buying a Mustang. Florida is about the only state in the United States where you would find such a Mustang, aside from Arizona and California, perhaps. How many others of you have a NO HEATER Mustang? Tell us your story!

In Search of Mustangs has been blessed by its many participants. One is Dick Heheman of the Tri-State Mustang Club, who submitted nineteen Pony Cars to the registry.

Another "In Search" participant is Frantisek Snobl of Czechoslovakia and his 1969 Mustang convertible, 9T03H124200. Frantisek's 1969 convertible rolled off the Metuchen, N.J. assembly line October 25, 1968 and was delivered (DSO 24) to the Jacksonville, Florida area. His Mustang has a 351W 2 barrel, and the FMX automatic transmission. This Mustang was meadowlark yellow originally with black interior and has a 2.75:1 non-locking rear axle. We ask how it ever wound up in Czechoslovakia? Would anyone like to research this? A title search in the State of Florida is a start.

If it had not been for Chris Ziegler of North Carolina, Ed White and Toby

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## "IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS"

Participate today in "IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS," an international register of Ford Mustangs and Shelby Mustangs from 1964½ through 1973. What we need is as simple as fill in the blanks! The information can be found on a metal plate (1964½-69) or vinyl sticker (1970-73), found on your driver's door near the latch. If there is no plate or sticker, just the serial number is adequate. Total information is very important. Feel free to enclose history on your Mustang, every Pony has it's own story. Don't forget those junkyard Mustangs; they need to be counted, too.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

1. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Is it a GT, MACH I, GRANDE', California Special, T-5 etc? \_\_\_\_\_

Options \_\_\_\_\_

Original Driveline? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish your name printed? \_\_\_\_\_

Warranty/Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Body \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Trim \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ DSO \_\_\_\_\_ Axle \_\_\_\_\_ Trans \_\_\_\_\_

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Body \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Trim \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ DSO \_\_\_\_\_ Axle \_\_\_\_\_ Trans \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for participating in "IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS". Please send all information to Jim Smart, P.O. Box 342, Salisbury, MD 21801-0342. A self addressed stamped envelope will get you a reply!

Hildabrand would never have known about In Search of Mustangs, and 5F08F100006, built March 5, 1964 would still be a hidden mystery. Chris was kind enough to tell Ed and Toby about "In Search" at the Carolina Regional Show last year, after Ed and Toby told Chris what they had found. Chris has been productive; in addition to spreading the word of "In Search", he also submitted nine Mustangs from Carolina Regional.

We can't forget the regional groups

that have participated in "In Search," the most recent being Mustangs of Memphis, who submitted 52 Mustangs to the project! A round of applause goes to Mustangs of Memphis and their vice president, Steve Kepley.

In Search of Mustangs has made its first leap outside MCA, and *Hemming's Motor News* was the first to bring this project to public attention. The July 1982 issue of *Hemming's Motor News* brought our own In Search of Mustangs

International Mustang Registry to the minds and hearts of automotive enthusiasts the nation over. This is a large yet small step for "In Search of Mustangs" in it's ever present urge to grow.

As always, I ask all of you who have not participated, please reconsider. Before you put your Pony Car into winter storage (If you are that lucky!), please take the time while preparing her to think of In Search of Mustangs".

Jim Smart