

World of Wheels Whiz

Here's a Mach I that would be a standout anywhere, even at the World of Wheels, where this one-of-a-kind 1969 model will be on display Feb. 26, 27 and 28 at Atlanta's World Congress Center.

This "fastest car that Ford ever made" belongs to John Rogers and his son, Johnny, of Redan (just outside of Atlanta), Georgia, who say that it was purchased originally for the sole purpose of drag racing. This belief is reinforced by the Drag Pak 428 Super Cobra Jet Engine, Ram air "Shaker"

hood scoop, the 3.91 ratio Traction Lok differential, the four-speed top loader close ratio transmission, the external oil cooler and staggered shocks.

When the Rogers got the car, however, its draggin' days were past, way past. John shucked out \$600 for it, mainly for its parts, and began driving home, while the car began falling apart. He ended up having Johnny tow it home with their pickup. But that's another story. Read about it in April, when the Rogers' Mach I will be featured on the cover of Mustang Times.

Meanwhile, if you're in the area, go see the gold and white striped Acapulco blue beauty at the World of Wheels from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM Friday or from noon to 11:00 on Saturday or Sunday. Among the 450 entrants, enthusiasts will find everything imaginable — from giant antiques to quartermidgets, from go-carts to classic cars and everything in between. Not the least of which will be the Rogers' Mach I . . . and Lou Ferigno, who will be "Hulked out" and signing autographs for the kiddies.