

## 1965 Mustang 2 + 2 Modified

*Owned and Shown by Doug, Pennie, and Brad Owen*

In 1978, I was searching for a Mustang to build when a friend told me about a 1965 fastback that he thought would make a good car to restore. We drove to West Knoxville, and upon seeing this car, I knew it was exactly the one I wanted to build. I bought the Mustang for \$800 and returned it to our garage to begin a total restoration project.

The car looked familiar to us for some reason, so we started rummaging through the glove box and found the original title. Sure enough, the car had belonged to one of our high school teachers who had purchased it on December 24, 1964, from a local Ford dealer.

As we began this project, we decided to build a modified version, but to keep these changes simple and as close to the original lines of a Mustang as possible. We started by replacing damaged sheet metal and numerous layers of paint. The entire car was stripped from the top to the floor boards. Every nut and bolt was removed to be cleaned or replaced by new parts.

One year later, the Mustang rolled out of the basement, Charcoal Metallic Gray with silver accent stripes. The exterior was basically stock, but we added a Meir racing spoiler on the front, a power antenna mounted in the rear quarter panel, and B. F. Goodrich radial T. A.'s on True Spoke wire wheels.

To make the interior look classy, we took our modifications from a Lincoln Continental. The seats were done in dove gray velour with all metal parts painted to match. A Mustang II console, C. B., telephone, and lighted sun visor were added to complete the inside of our dream car.

The silver accent was carried out in the engine compartment and underside. A 302 engine was installed along with Crager headers, Crane cam, Accell Ignition, Cobra valve covers, and breather, three duce carb set up, braided stainless steel hoses, polished radiator, and all kinds of chrome accessories.

During the past three years, the car has won 21 first place trophies. The most memorable wins were First Place, Best of Show Junior Division at the 1980 Indy show and a First Place, Best of Show Senior Division at the Atlanta 1980 Grand National.

We have lots of stories about the year we spent in the basement working on this project. We are also very grateful to the members of the Volunteer Regional Group and the many special members of the National Club for all their help and support.

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