

IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

Among the hundreds of VID numbers and information we've received since 1979, there are those that catch the eye and are worthy of mention.

First of all, if you sent in your vehicle I.D. information and it was received, you'll see it in the "IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS" First Edition. The unique, one of a kind Mustangs will be covered in various chapters in the book. To date, we aren't sure when the book will be published, we are shooting for that 5000 mark! Parts of the book are in the making at present. We have slowly started listing the 1964½ Mustangs, but keep in mind, the listing changes every day with new VIN's being submitted. A search for a dependable and honest publisher is still in progress.

Mr. Norman Wingrove of Ontario,

Canada was kind enough to send not only his vehicle I.D. information, but a copy of his "Production Manifest" that was attached to the internals of his Mustang somewhere. You too can find this manifest (a computer print out) in your Mustang somewhere. On 1964½ through 1970 Mustangs, its location varies from wrapped around the wiring harness up under the dash, to under the rear seat and trunk area.

On 1971 through 1973, it is usually under the rear seat. It tells not only the VIN, but Build Date that many of you are trying to find out. Be extremely careful in removing this manifest when and if you find it. They are usually dry-rotted by now. I would like to thank those others of you who have sent copies of your production manifest.

A nice letter from Richard Marcus of

Kingsport, Tennessee concerning that famous "O" axle code found on some 1966 Mustangs and a lot of 1967 Mustangs. There are two stories concerning this. One story is that the "O" meant a 2.79:1 non locking axle, and the other is that "O" was found in a full size Ford book and meant 3.25:1. Perhaps Ford might know something about this mystery; we await the answers.

Another nice letter from Jack Barry of Illinois includes VID information on his 1967 Mustang 7FO1C224841 built on 20 July 1967. Jack was also kind enough to include a copy of the window sticker from his "Sports Sprint" 1967 Mustang. Total cost was \$2887.49! Wouldn't you give anything to pay that now? Visions of the past!

A letter from Lee Cigler of Montana asks about his 1966 Hertz Shelby GT-350. Lee wants to know the build date on his Shelby. Well, we can give you Ford's build date, but Shelby's build date is unavailable. Lee's VIN is SFM-6S-2127 (SFM stands for Shelby Ford Mustang, 6 being 1966, unsure about the "S," and 2127 is the Shelby consecutive unit number) Ford's VIN was 6R09K187784, that puts Lee's Shelby off the FOMOCO assembly line at San Jose, California on 20 April 1966 exactly! Thank you, Lee, for writing.

For those of you who have written desiring a reply, did you remember to send a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope)? Without a SASE, I cannot afford to answer, though I wish I could. Inflation has hit me hard, just like it has hit you. A SASE is very important to insure a reply.

In your search for vehicle I.D. information, here are a few areas you can check. Don't forget your Mustang friends, the woman getting into her Mustang in a parking lot, used car lots, collectors, Saturday night at the local greasy spoon, junk yards and, last but not least, that pride and joy sitting in your garage! Stand up and be counted! In Search of Mustangs is another name for "Mustang Census."

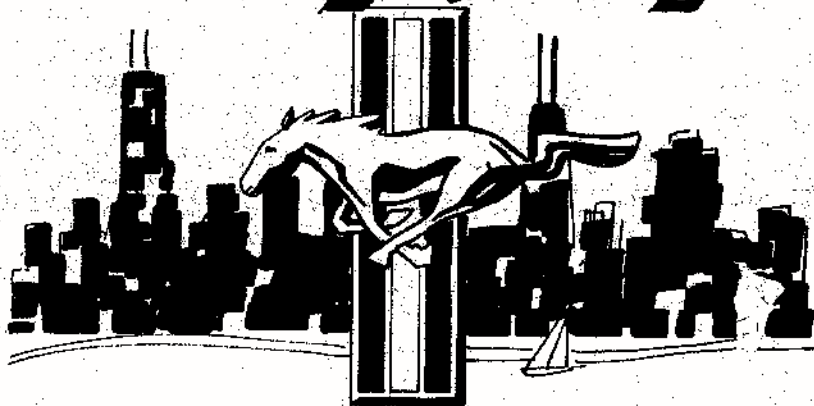
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Year _____ Body Style _____ Present Color _____

Any Options? _____

Is it a GT, Mach I, T-5, Grande', BOSS, Cal.Spec., High Country Spec., etc? _____

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