



Fred Morelli's Classy Convertible

I purchased my 1965 pony convertible 289, three-speed from a person living in an elegant home on Cass Lake in Pontiac, Michigan in November of 1980.

It ran terrific but wasn't road-worthy. After careful thought, I decided it would be a good investment and project, so I purchased it and towed it home.

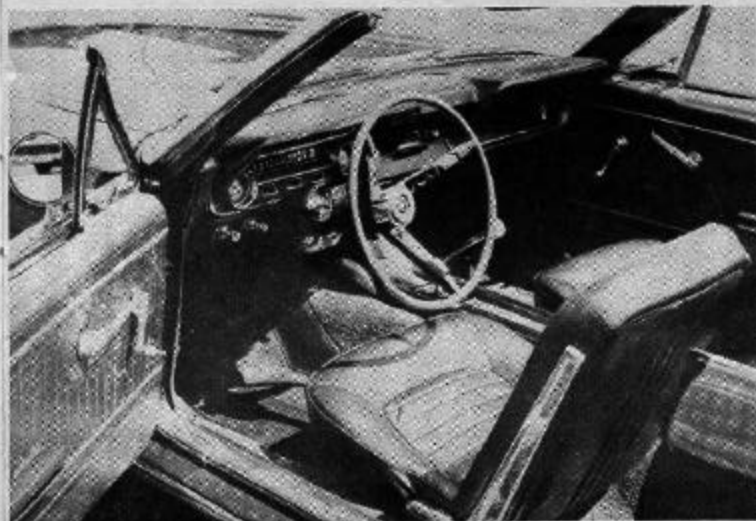
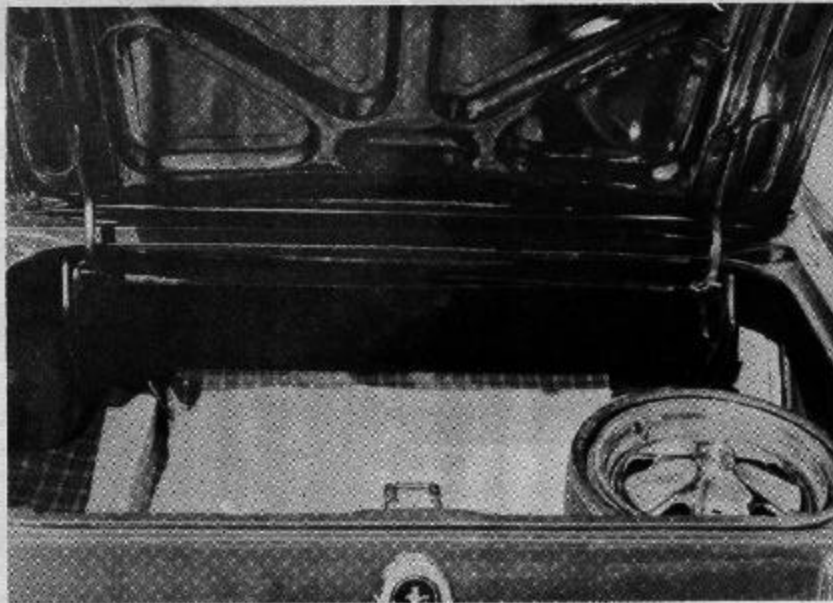
To my surprise, this car needed a lot of work. Although I should have checked it more carefully at the time of purchase, it was still worth the price I paid.

Sheet metal, floor, body parts and more were needed. A full restoration was at hand. After checking out various body shop appraisals, I decided to tow it to Canada to Carlini Bros. of Windsor, who did all the body and floor welding. A friend in Michigan did the paint which

was done in an original color code H—Caspian blue.

The Mustang came equipped with dual exhaust, so I decided to install a new Ford GT exhaust system which really picked the car up. Also, I found someone in the Detroit News Parts Section who had a set of original wheels, Rally Pack and console. These, for the price, were too tempting to resist so I purchased them and added them to the car. Last came the engine detail and new white top, which made the finished product. The serial number is 5F08C784056.

This is my fourteenth Mustang convertible, and, after all the time and work put into it, my favorite. A dream come true for Fred Morelli, a Michigan Mustang club member.



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