

IN SEARCH OF MUSTANGS

In Search of Mustangs, now into its fourth year, is over 5000 strong and nearly 6000 expected by publishing date, planned for Fall, 1983. In Search of Mustangs is now well known outside of the MCA, as 1982 was indeed a busy year of press releases plus information being sent to over 100 Mustang and Shelby clubs around the globe. Many thanks goes to the various clubs and individuals that helped In Search achieve the 5000 Mustang goal for 1982.

We have some up to date information on 5F08F100006. Thanks to J. R. Gillespie of Michigan and Donald Farr of *Mustang Monthly*, we have finally determined 100006's original use by Ford Motor Company. As you know, 5F08F100006 had a DSO Code 840027. DSO 84 means "Home Office Reserve", meaning that Ford would retain the automobile for any number of reasons. The "0027" means special order and this was indeed a special order, as this Mustang was another one of "12" used at the NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR in 1964! Its history is much the same as Gary Schweitzer's 5F08T383386 (a prototype Mustang) assembled just two weeks earlier on 15 February 1964, before the start up of production on 05 March 1964. As you may know, Gary's 5F08T383386 was also one of 12 Mustangs used at the New York World's Fair. To date, we have found two of the twelve Mustangs used at the Fair, with the outside chance of finding the remaining ten. Once 5F08F100006 left the Ford resale lot, we really don't know where it went

from there, but stay tuned! 5F08F100006 was assembled March 5, 1964, the first day of production.

Donald Farr was kind enough to provide information from the order papers for 5F08F100006:

Date: 01-16-64
 Customer: New York World's Fair
 Number of Units: 12
 Assembly Plant: Dearborn
 Engine: 260 2V V-8
 Body Style: Convertible
 Transmission: Cruise-O-Matic
 Paint Color: Wimbledon White
 Trim: Red Vinyl
 Tires: (5) 6.50 x 14 White Side Wall Butyl Tubeless
 Rocker Panel Molding
 AM Radio (Note: Do not drill or install antenna)
 2 speed electric wipers
 Windshield Washer
 Padded Dash and Visors
 Heavy Duty Battery
 Knock Off Wheel Covers
 3 Gallons of Gas Only
 Install Heavy Duty Seat Springs, Front and Rear (Cancelled)
 Single Key Lock Set
 Furnish Anchor Bolts for installation of two sets of seat belts, front and rear.
 All vehicles to have SHOW CAR treatment.

Progress on 5F08F100006 is not much different than it was just over a year ago when we first reported it. Ed White of Georgia is still the proud owner of this "Diamond in the Rough", and Ed has much the same problem as most of us trying to restore our Mustangs, limited time and money. This Mustang

is still in storage until it is possible to restore it. During a recent conversation with Ed, I learned that he intends to sell this rather rare pony. It does require extensive restoration and, putting it simply, major reconstruction. If you think that you might be interested and have the resources, you may contact me and I will gladly contact Ed.

An interesting Mustang was submitted to In Search by the Edison Institute in Dearborn. This Mustang is 5F08F100001. No need to check your eyes, PRODUCTION MUSTANG "NUMBER ONE". This Mustang was assembled March 5, 1964 (Not March 3rd, as we reported last year) and was delivered new to Ford of Canada (DSO 81) and a Captain Stanley Tucker, an airline pilot, of Newfoundland, Canada! It is a convertible (76A), color is Wimbledon White (M) with black vinyl interior (86). It has an Axle Code of "5" meaning 3.50:1 non-locking and a Trans Code of "F" which we have never seen before. It sports a 260 2V V-8 and was assembled at Dearborn. This Mustang is in non-viewable storage at the Henry Ford Museum at the present time. Look for an article on this one in the future.

I must ask the quite affordable fee of \$1.00 per SASE requiring a VID plate breakdown, effective as of January 1, 1983. Any SASE received after that date is being returned to sender. I invite your thoughts and feelings. 'Til next month!

Jim Smart

"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 _____