



Gary's 428 4-speed Shelby features candy apple red exterior, white top, white interior.

The Mustang Lover's Mustang

Gary Childress' 1969 GT Convertible

The sixth Mustang I have owned was found 15 miles from my home, after having been stored in the basement of the second owner for seven years. A fellow worker told me his neighbor had a red Mustang convertible in his basement and was trying to sell it. I decided to go take a look since it was not very far from home.

Boy, did I make the correct decision — not only was it a red convertible, it was a *Shelby* red convertible! My heart started pounding, my blood pressure rose, and I could not believe my eyes! The Shelby was in good

condition — no rust — all original parts with 44,000 miles on the odometer.

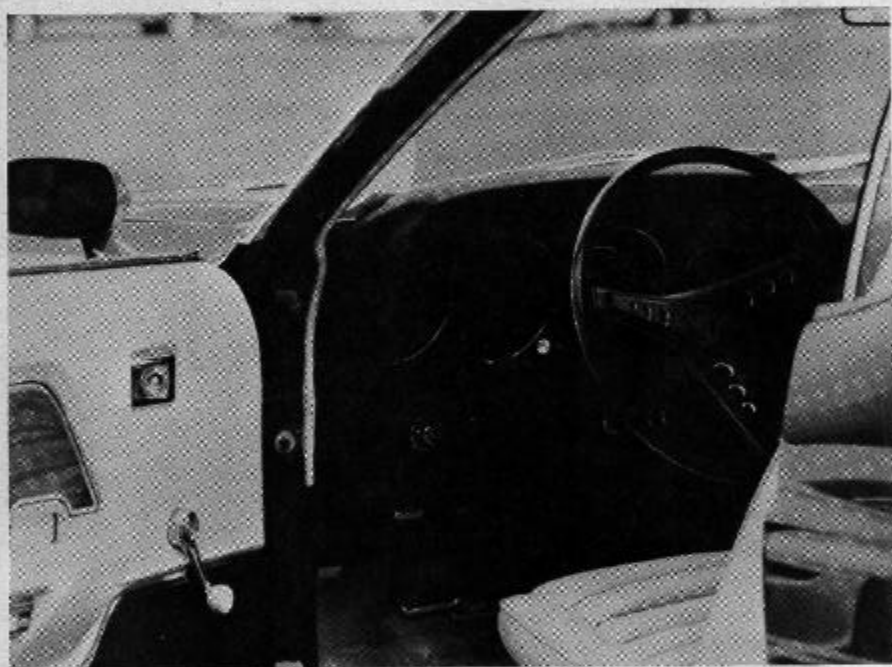
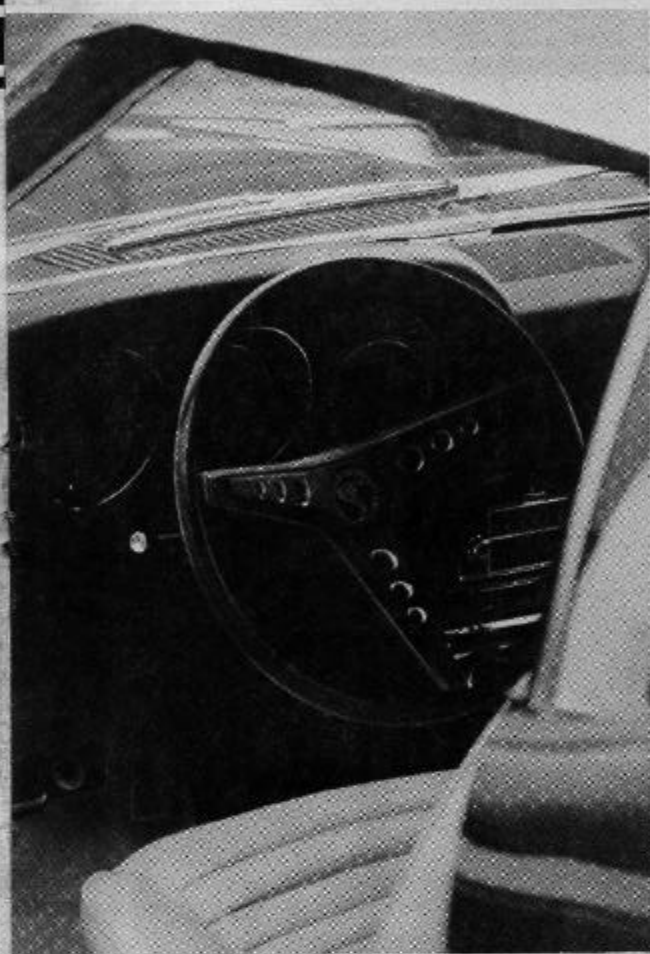
I purchased the Shelby the following afternoon and brought it home that weekend. My wife, Diana, and I decided we would drive the car for a couple of years and then I would restore it.

Since it was winter (November, 1980), I intended to store it in a friend's basement until spring. My friend and fellow Mustang enthusiast, Don Wolfe, decided differently. Diana and I went to look at our prize posses-

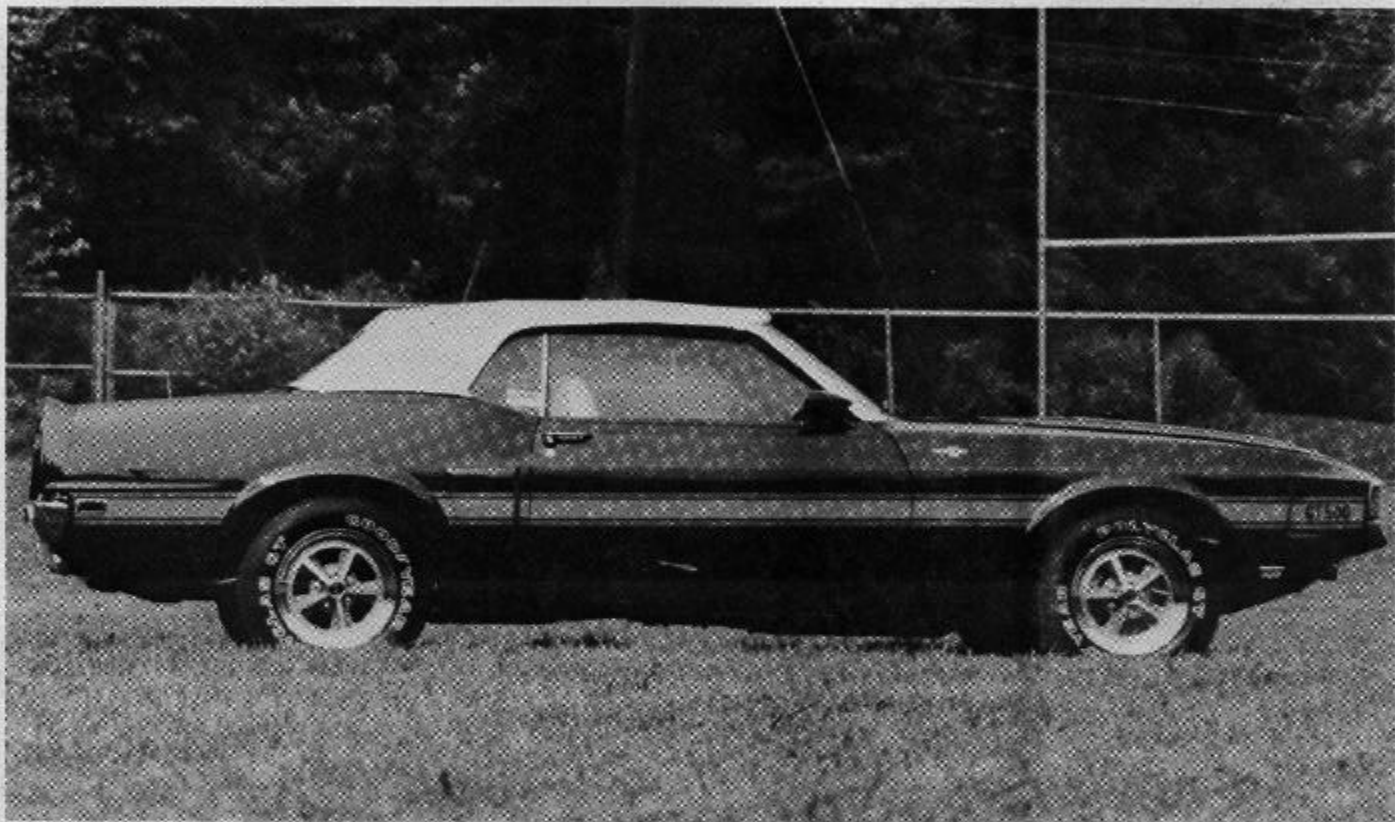
sion a week later, and Don had already removed the front fenders. Restoration had started.

It took Don and me 16 months, averaging 20 hours per week, to completely restore the car. We performed all the work except installation of the new top and machine shop work on the engine. The Shelby was finished in time for the 5th Annual Eastern National show in Atlanta, May 28, 29, 30, 1982.

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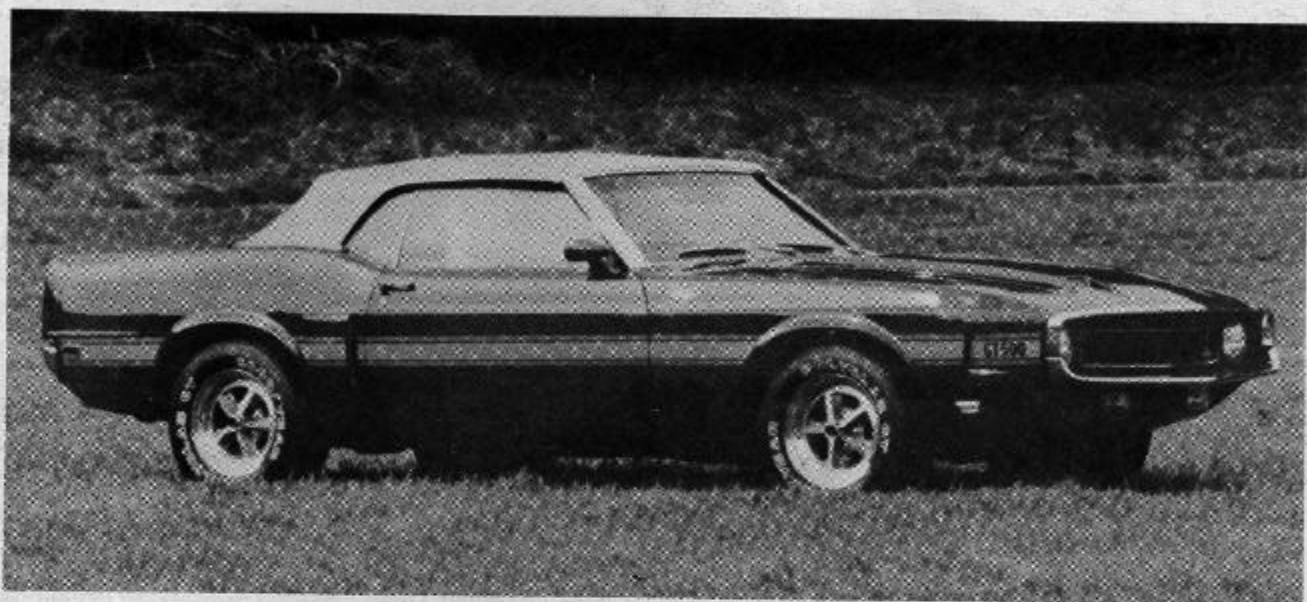


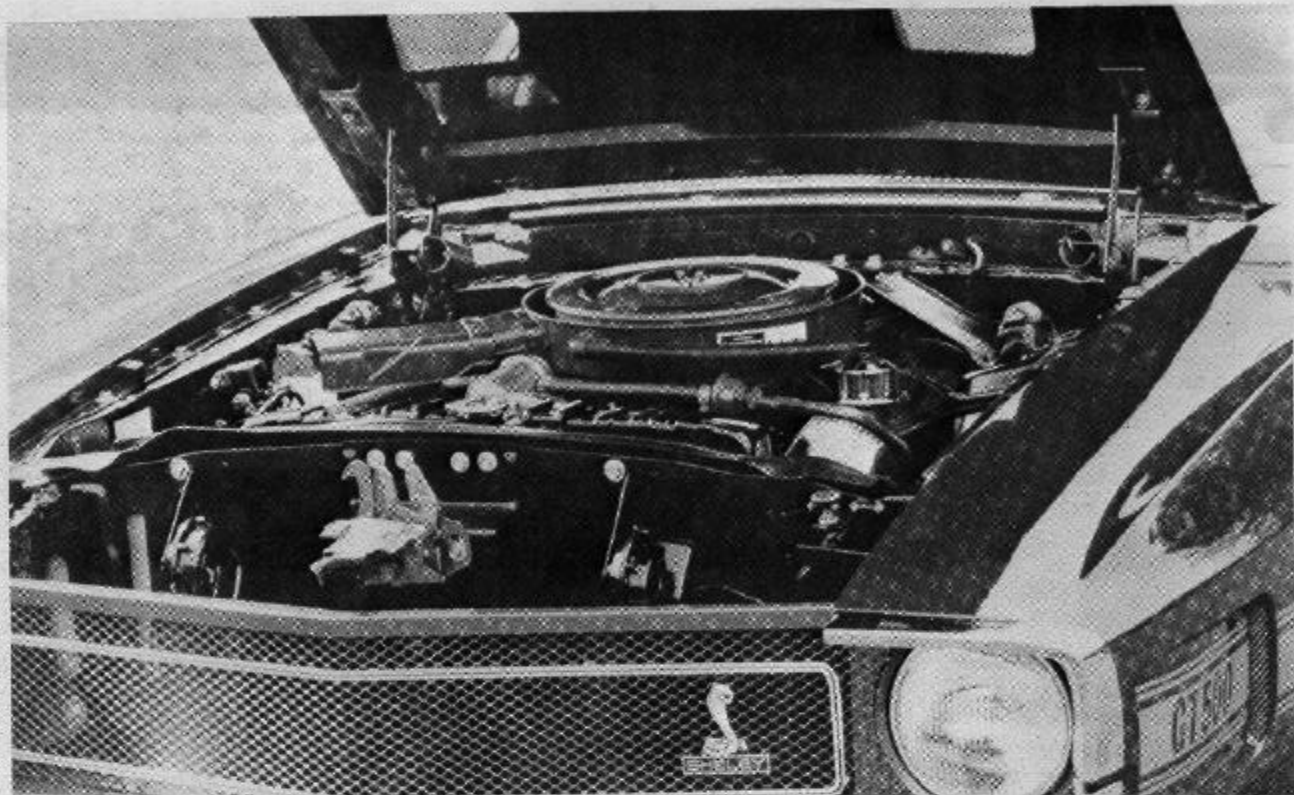
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"We showed the car four times in 1982," said Gary. Here are the results:

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| 2nd Place — 5th Annual Eastern National, Atlanta, GA | May, 1982 |
| 1st Place — 1982 World Mustang Expo, Chattanooga, TN | July, 1982 |
| 1st Place — Liberty Bell Grand National, Valley Forge, PA | September, 1982 |
| 1st Place — 1982 Carolina Fall Meet, Cherokee, NC | September, 1982 |
- 1982 was a great year for us, we met a lot of nice people and made some lifetime friends. We hope to see all of you again in 1983.





**Warranty Plate Information on Gary Childress' 1969
Shelby**

Body	Color	Trim	Date	DSO	Axle	Trans
76B	T	FWA	13B	842570	S	6

Warranty Number: 9F03R480934

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Exterior, White Top, White Interior

