



Ford Times Cover

This photo (opposite) of Art Butler of Detroit, Michigan with his 1965 Mustang convertible and his 1984 Mustang hatchback appeared on the cover of the April 1984 issue of Ford Times. The cover photo and a brief article were used in connection with the 20th anniversary of the Mustang.

The following information was given to Ford Times by Mr. Butler.

My 1965 Mustang convertible vehicle number 5F08C340691 was purchased December 17, 1964. The car was equipped with a 289 V8, automatic, power steering, power brakes and power top. The color was poppy red with black top and interior. The odometer currently registers 43,000 original miles. Top, interior, motor and drive train are original and in mint condition. All exterior sheet metal except doors, hood and rear deck have been replaced with original Ford Motor parts. Bumpers and valance lights have also been replaced. The car was professionally painted to original color.

The car was purchased for my wife as an inspiration for her to learn to drive. That provided the needed incentive. After one visit to a Ford showroom it was love at first sight and eye appeal that sold the car. This was truly a treasure the wife has enjoyed for many years.

I was self-employed for 24 years in the manufacture of aluminum storm windows and doors under the name of Windo-Seal, Inc. After the sale of that business and retirement at the end of 1976, one of my projects for the future was the restoration of the Mustang.

After two or three years, between other projects, the mission was finally accomplished. Soon after that I became a member of the Mustang Owners Club of Southeastern Michigan and the Mustang Club of America. Through groups of this type much enthusiasm is generated for the restoration and preservation of early Mustangs. It has been an enjoyable experience attending shows sponsored by the Club. A few trophies are picked up here and also help to maintain interest. After nearly two decades it's still a thrill to drive down the expressway and see heads turning to have a second look at the '65 Mustang.

My 1984 Mustang LX three door was purchased November 21, 1983. The car is equipped with a six cylinder 3.8L engine, power brakes, power steering, automatic transmission, tilt steering, speed control, rear defroster, air, powerlock group, premium sound system with cassette plus a few other items. The color is medium canyon red metallic. I was pleased that the number of options offered enables the customer to tailor the car to his own tastes.

I normally drive a large car with all options but I must confess I enjoy the response of this car. This car was also purchased for my wife. The decision to buy another Mustang was a combination of owning an original and my membership in a club that allows me to associate with other people with a common interest.

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