



Frank and Kathryn Deibert's Pennsylvania Pony

On May 22, 1976 my wife and I bought a 1973 Mustang convertible from a local Dodge agency. Since we had always owned a Ford convertible (even while we were dating I drove a 1946 Ford) and realized that the 1973 Mustang was the last model year convertible, this was a likely choice. The bright red exterior, white top and interior was an attractive color combination. An odometer reading of 36,937 miles, a 351-2V Cleveland engine, automatic transmission, power steering and brakes made it a desirable purchase. It was driven regularly and especially enjoyed when the weather was comfortable enough to drive with the top down.

In 1980 members of the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club developed a car show and flea market in conjunc-

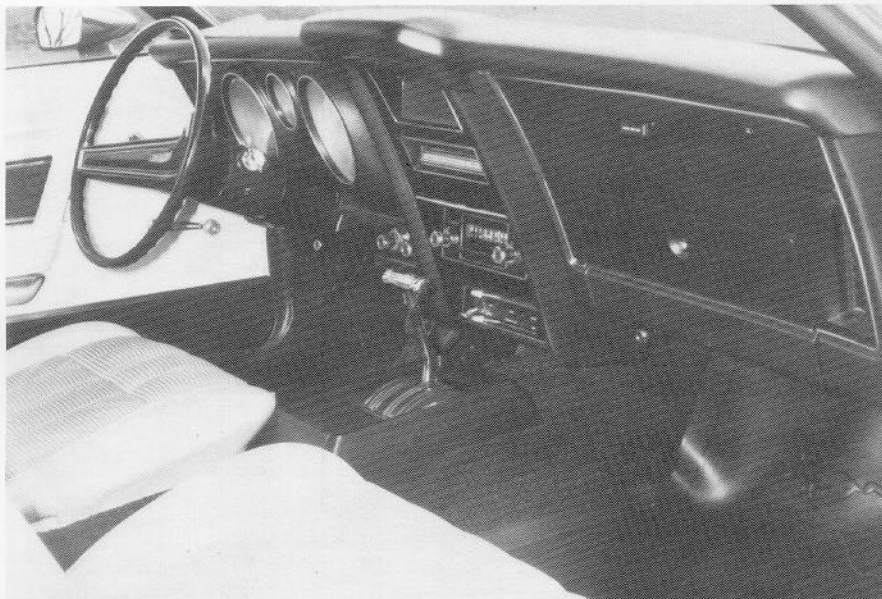
tion with the Soucon Valley Living Memorial Community Park annual fund raising event in Coopersburg, PA. We had been active board members of the community park for many years and through discussion with Mustang club members learned that there was a growing interest in 1964½ through 1973 Mustang cars. After attending car shows at the park and several others nearby, we decided in 1981 to recondition the Mustang. By then the odometer reading had but increased to 51,000 miles and it was still the last model year Mustang convertible available.

The reconditioning was primarily completed by Coopersburg Auto Body involving sheet metal work and repainting. Dents and scratches on the doors and fenders were repaired, the rear panel, trunk lid and rear lower

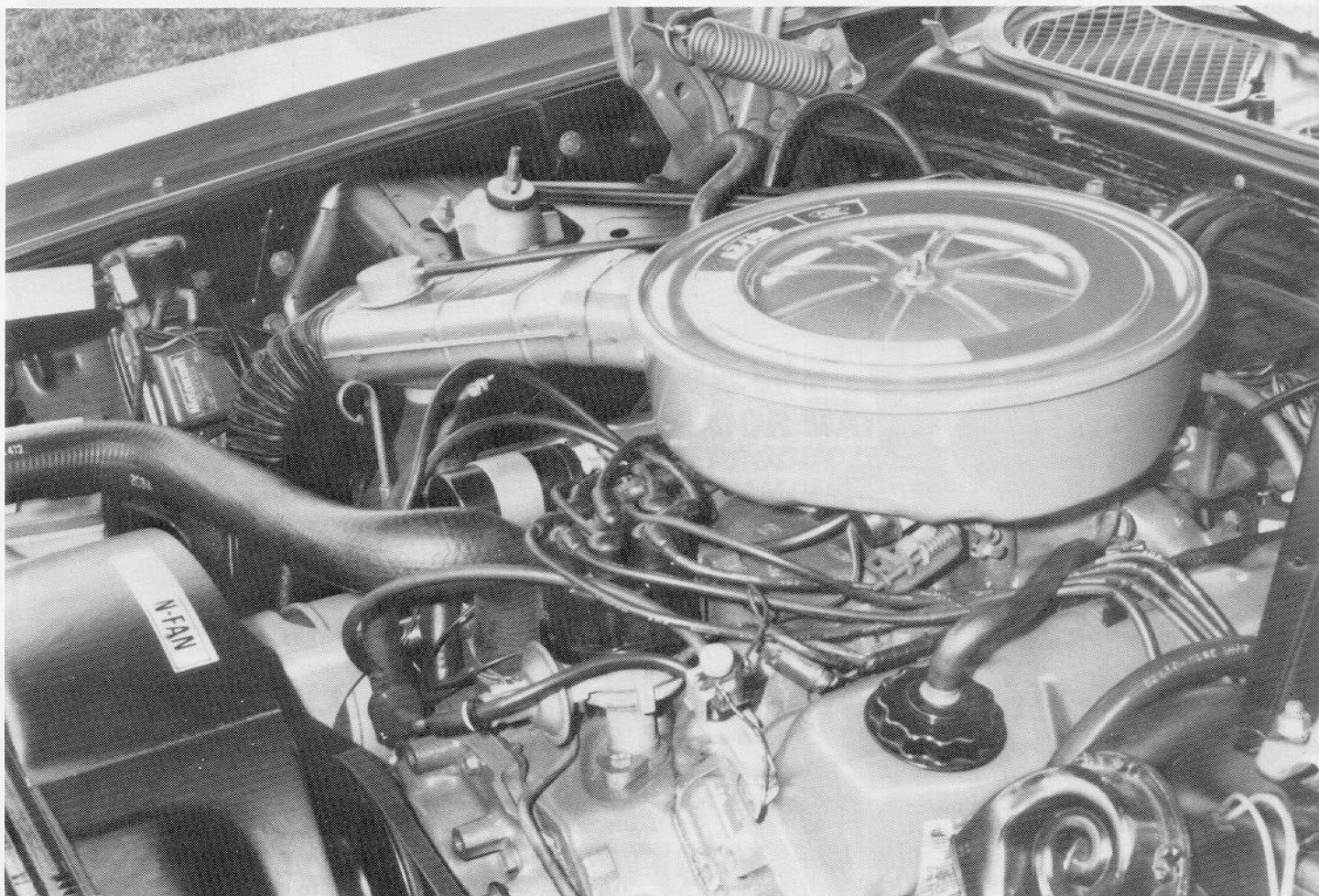
quarter panels were renewed, and the rear bumper and guards were replaced. After the work was completed the bright red acrylic enamel finish and new top gave the Mustang a showroom appearance.

During the summer of 1982, the Mustang was entered in a few local car shows to share with other car buffs and learn what the fascination with Mustangs was all about. It was at these shows through acquaintance and assistance from members of the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club that Kathryn and I joined the club and MCA.

With a better understanding of car show procedures, judging, etc., late 1982 and early 1983 were spent reconditioning other areas of the Mustang. Door panels, carpeting and door handles were renewed; quarter panel



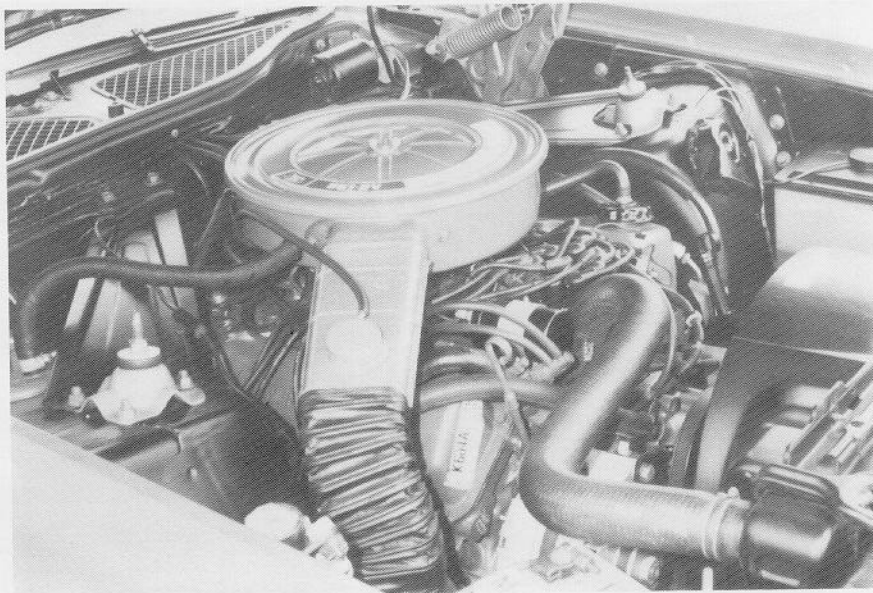
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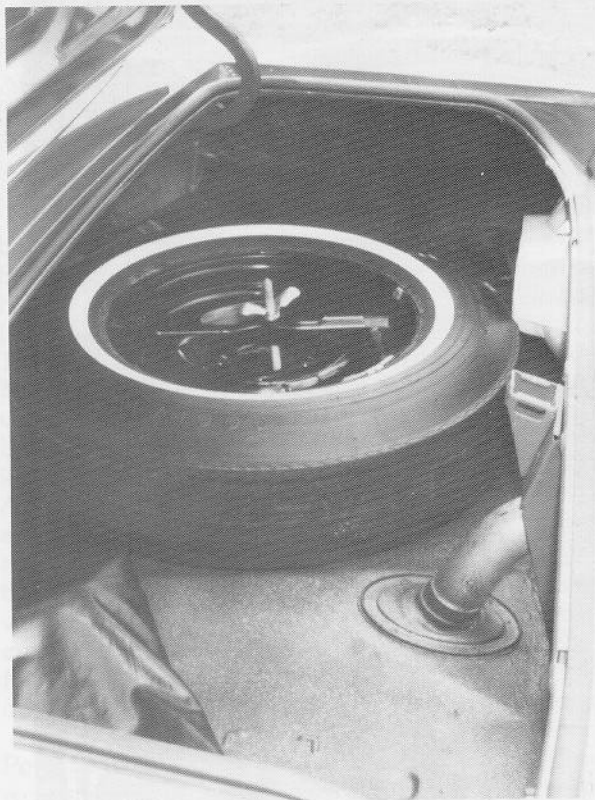
and fender mouldings were replaced; and engine components were painted or beadblasted and finished.

The summer of 1983 reaped the rewards of the time and effort spent since the previous year. Second place awards were won at the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club's August 21st car show at Coopersburg, Pennsylvania and the South Jersey Mustang Club's September 11th show at Millville, New Jersey. At other local car shows four first place awards were won competing in mixed Mustang classes. Since last summer additional effort has been spent refining engine detail and readying for the 1984 season.

During the past two years we have acquired a better understanding of the Mustang mystique, made many new friends, and found a new dimension in our lives. We wish to thank the members of the First Pennsylvania Mustang Club for their friendliness, advice, and support and the Mustang Club of America for the opportunity to share our experiences with you. **MT**



Kathryn Deibert knows how to enjoy a Mustang show.





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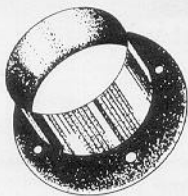
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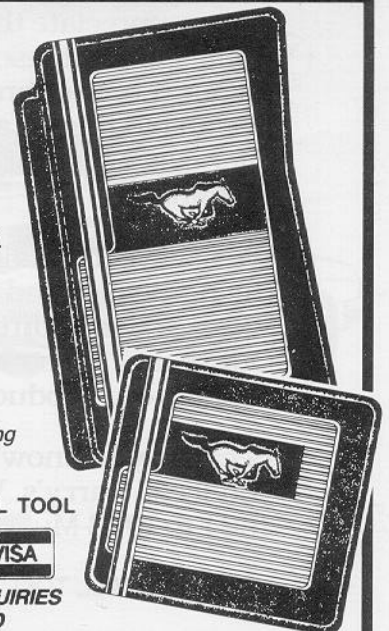
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