

Dear Sir:

On or about November 12, 1984 our 1968 Fastback Lime Metallic Green Mustang was stolen from our garage in Houghton Lake, Michigan. The interior trim is light ivy gold, power steering, AM radio, 302-4V, automatic transmission. The odometer reading was almost 23,000 original miles. The tires are 16-year-old Firestone Deluxe Champion white walls. The owners manual was autographed by Carroll Shelby and was in the glove box.

The car is an all original except for a new paint job completed in July of 1984. The VIN# is 8T02J105097. Michigan license number is 052JJZ. The car is titled in my wife, Victoria Dooley's name.

We were doing the finishing touches to the car in anticipation of showing it in the 1985 season. Any help that you or the "Mustang Times" can give us in recovering the car would be appreciated. The immaculate condition of this car might keep the thief from selling it as parts. If it is kept intact, it will probably be shown at sometime in a Mustang Club of America meet.

Since all Mustang owners face the same potential loss as we have been confronted with I would like to offer some suggestions.

It might be possible for National Head Judge, Bill Dillard, to require anyone entering a Mustang in a sanctioned show to prove ownership.

An article on how to keep your Mustang safe from theft might make a worthwhile article for an upcoming "Mustang Times" issue.

Another worthwhile article might cover the steps one should take after their Mustang has been stolen.

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*Most Mustang owners want to believe their classic is too special to be parted out after it's stolen. Unfortunately, statistics show that's what happens almost every time. The TIMES had one article on theft in the December issue, and more are scheduled.*  
— Editor

Dear Sirs:

Here is my membership renewal for 1985. Every year I am more pleased with the happiness that membership in MCA brings our family. We have made so many friends through the years that we always know a lot of people at the club functions.

Also, the magazine *Mustang Times* has improved considerably through the years and is a constant source of valuable information that makes being a Mustang collector a lot easier.

Keep up the good work.

Chris Ziegler

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Dear Sirs:

Being the owner of a 1970 Mustang Mach 1, serial #0F05R190031, I have decided to compile a Registry of 428 Cobra Jet Mustangs. Assisting me in compiling this information will be Mustang enthusiast and Contributing Editor of *Mustang Monthly Magazine*, J. R. Gillespie. Seeing only 18,681 428 Mustangs were produced from 1968½ through 1970, this Registry would give everyone who owns or desires a 428 an idea of how many remain.

Information needed to compile this Registry will be as follows:

1. Complete Door Identification Information.
2. Complete Engine Identification Tag Information, if available.
3. History of vehicle that is known.
4. Current condition of vehicle.
5. Current engine installed in vehicle.
6. Photo, if available.
7. Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone. (None of #7 are required)

Send information to:

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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the calendar. We love it. After each month we're going to frame a photo and start a nice collection on the living room wall. We have decided to become members. The \$40 is enclosed plus \$5 for the calendar.

Our 1967 convertible V8 289 4-speed is nearly ready. It has been undergoing complete restoration since July '84 by a leading specialist in Holland. It has been restored to complete original specifications.

We use it mainly in the summer and on dry days and this summer we will be showing it at classic car shows. We have had the car for nearly 11 years. We bought it from a garage owner who had gone bankrupt, for approximately \$1,000. We are the second owners.

You have no idea of the terrible times we have had getting parts. We needed new door panels and that kind of thing. Of all the companies we wrote to only 3 sent catalogs — Paddock Inc., California Mustang Parts, and National Parts Depot — so we will be buying from these three. It is virtually impossible to get parts over here.

We are looking forward to becoming members.

Frits and Roma Uree  
Torenlaan 36  
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The Netherlands

Dear Tracy:

On behalf of our Registry I want to thank you for printing excerpts of SPRINT PRINT in your "Editor's column" and "Letters to *Mustang Times*". As of today, November 3, I have already had two new inquiries on the Registry and the issue has only arrived at my home today! All of us really appreciate your interest and support and I will copy you on all future issues of SPRINT PRINT.

Thanks again!

Rick Mitchell  
Sprint 200 Registry

*You're welcome. Keep up the good work and I'll certainly do all I can to help.* — Editor



Mustangs are popular in Australia, too! Thanks to John Binge of Brisbane for the clip. — Editor

Let's face it. America is a country with a growing problem on its hands. But no one can stop it. Not the President, not the National Guard, not even Superman.

The reason for the problem is a car. That's right. All of the trouble started back in 1964, when a man named Lee Lococca decided that America was ready for a new type of automobile. So he gave us the Mustang.

I'm sure that all of you are quite familiar with the car I am talking about. If you look around, you can probably find several of them in the area where you live. Most are hidden away in garages, waiting to be shown off in parades and car shows. There are even more stashed away that are being rebuilt as simple hobbies.

But this is more than just a hobby. There are clubs, magazines, even museums dedicated to this spunky little car. Some of these "collectors" seem to go nuts when a Mustang show is mentioned. Now I know that this might seem a little over-dramatized to many of you, but the truth is that most of what I am saying is an understatement.

If you think that someone you know might have this affliction (known to many as "Mustang Mania"), look closely at them for the following symptoms:

- 1) Eyes that glaze over when the word "Mustang" is mentioned.
- 2) Rapid pulse, heavy perspiration, and shortness of breath when a Mustang is sighted.

3) Every third word of their vocabulary is "Mustang."

Even though there is no known cure for this affliction, I'm certain that no one is even attempting to discover a treatment. After all, don't we all need some type of hobby?

Carrie Carr  
Texas Classic Mustangs

Sirs:

I am Polish boy, I atenci (attend?) to a motorcar technical school (school?) in Lodz. I very interested you arhides (?). I also colet (collect?) prospekts (?) and thats why I write to you. Please it possible send me some pichers 8L (?) prospekts, oprertise (?) your firm and address your agency. I would be very thankful.

Jaroslaw Krysiak  
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LODZ-DABROWA

*I certainly can't do as well communicating with Jaroslaw in Polish as he did communicating with me in English. I think he wants pictures of cars and possibly copies of the TIMES. Any of our members speak Polish? — Editor.*

Letters to *Mustang Times* — your comments, suggestions, questions, anything you think may be of interest to fellow MCA members.

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