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Our next issue is planned for May 2010. Please send your submissions no later than **April 15**.

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**Dedicated to the appreciation and  
preservation of the Mercury Cougar.**

# Letter from the <sup>Temporary</sup> Editor

Rob Merritt, CCOA # 8323.

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We had planned to feature technical articles on various Cougar projects for this issue. Apparently, though, everyone is too busy performing their projects to sit down and write up the "how to's." As luck would have it, we did get some great articles which remind us that Cougars are just as much about the people as the cars.

One of the great things about my role in the Club is receiving the notes, pictures and emails from Members. It may sound trite, but Cougar people really are some of the best people around. In this issue, we're sharing some stories and giving a little insight on the members. Keep the stories coming. As much as you enjoy reading about other Cougar owners, they'd like to hear from you!

We still hope to feature articles on various Cougar projects in upcoming issues. If you've undertaken repairs, upgrades or other projects on your car, write up an article. Pictures always help tell the story. Send your articles my way for inclusion in a future edition.

A few events are planned for the warmer months. Take a look at the Club Reports and Events sections of this newsletter. Remember to watch the CCOA website too, for announcements we receive between editions.

Enjoy the cars. Enjoy the People! 

## A WORD FROM THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

Kamran Waheed (#3679)

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I hope all of you are having a great new year so far. Since I am living in Florida now I was able to go to the Turkey Rod Run car show/swap meet held at the Daytona Speed Way this past November. I have been to many shows over the years, but none like the Turkey Rod Run. There

were over 5,000 cars/trucks registered for the show and several hundred vendors. I was there for two full days and was not able to see everything!! However, I did spot several Cougars and that was a wonderful sight!!! Sorry Phil, I was not able to get the VINs/data plate information for you.

Rob is doing a great job as "TEMPORARY" editor, but we are still in need of a permanent editor for ATSOTC. Please forgive me for sounding like a broken record. I know that we have members out there who can take the reins and do a great job as editor of ATSOTC, so don't be shy. We would like to fill this position as soon as possible, so if you are interested in this position please contact me or any of the Board members listed on the Contacts page. We hope to hear from you soon!!

I hope each of you have a great show season and take your Cat(s) to as many shows as you can for all to see.

Until next time, keep those Cougars safe and running strong. 

## A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Randy Goodling (#95)

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Wow, what a winter this has been here in the northeast. Below average temperatures and close to double the average seasonal snowfall. Here's hoping that the worst is over, the official start of spring is only a few weeks away. I know that I am ready for the show season to get started. I hope that everyone made it through the season all right.

As some of you have seen, the CCOA has started to ask for dues money again. We feel that now that the newsletter is getting back on track the time is right. In an effort to reduce some of our costs we are now offering the newsletter in either an electronic or printed format. As such we are now offering three levels of dues amounts, all electronically sent, printed copy to a US address, and printed copy to a non US address. If you have received this newsletter but have not yet received a dues notice do not worry, you are still a member in good standing. We will be doing the renewal notices in several cycles before we get to everyone.

If you have any doubt as to your standing please contact the membership director.

I would really like to thank Rob Merritt for helping the club out by getting the newsletter back on track. However Rob took on this job on a temperary basis and we still need someone to take on the editor position.

We also have two additional vacant positions. We need someone to take on the position of Club Services. This position deals with relations between the CCOA and the many local/regional Cougar clubs. This is also a voting position on the Board of Directors. We also need someone to take on the position of Volunteer Coordinator. This position maintains a list of members looking to help the club out and works to match them up with club needs. I would like to thank Chris Boback for the time he was able to give the club in this position. Anyone interested in any of the above positions please contact me.

I have been working with the staff at Carlisle Events and the NJ/PA Cougar Club to set up a 2010 National Show. It will be held in conjunction with the 2010 Carlisle All-Ford Nationals June 4-6. Due to the nature of the Carlisle events and our past experience, we know that we cannot do a show there and offer our normal judging. We will instead do participants' choice voting. I have it set up with Carlisle so that only those showing a Cougar will be voting on the Cougar classes. While we will not be doing actual judging we are looking to possibly set up a judging clinic for those interested in learning more about the process. If you are interested in being a student or an instructor please let me know. We will also need a car or two to judge.

A CCOA general meeting also will be held during the Carlisle event, the time and location to be announced. Keep an eye on the CCOA website for additional information.

A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of the CCOA. Together this is a wonderful group of enthusiasts and a great club.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Greetings fellow Cougar enthusiasts!

## WHAT'S UP WITH RENEWALS?

We've been working to rebuild the Club and think we have the train back on the tracks. For the last few years, the Club has not actively solicited renewal dues since this newsletter wasn't being published. As we have moved forward, the Board considered a number of alternatives, including making the newsletter available only in electronic form. That option, however, wasn't acceptable as too many Members either don't have internet access or simply prefer (as I do) an ink-on-paper version of the newsletter. The question became, how do we retain the greatest number of Members, produce a printed newsletter for those who want it, and remain financially solvent?

The newsletter is the single largest cost of the Club. As just about everyone knows, the economy has not been good to the printing and publication sector. In order to continue the progress in rebuilding the Club, the time has come to start soliciting renewal dues. Beginning in December 2009, we asked members who last paid dues in 2006 to renew their memberships. The plan is to seek renewals from those who last paid in 2007 and 2008 effective July 1, 2010. After that, we're back on the regular, annual renewal schedule.

You will receive a letter or email letting you know when its time to renew. So far, the response from the "Class of '06" has been great. We hope the trend continues.

So, how does asking for money fit the Board's goals of maintaining membership and fiscal responsibility? Dues have been \$25/year for as long as anyone can remember. The cost of running the club, however, has not remained constant. The 44¢ stamp we place on envelopes was just 32¢ when dues were last adjusted. Nevertheless, by taking advantage of email and the internet, the CCOA is able to actually **decrease** member costs. We realize not everyone has email, and some will still want a printed newsletter delivered the old

fashioned way. So, here's the deal. Starting January 1, 2010, annual membership will cost:

- \$20 for members who receive the newsletter by email.
- \$30 for members who receive the newsletter by postal mail to a U.S. address.
- \$35 for members who receive the newsletter by postal mail to a non-U.S. address.

As a renewing member, you will receive a new membership card, the CCOA's official publication, *At the Sign of the Cat*, and an eye-catching window decal for your Cougar that identifies you to fellow Cougar enthusiasts wherever you go. And most important, you'll belong to a worldwide network of enthusiasts dedicated exclusively to the Mercury Cougar.

If you last paid dues in 2006, and haven't yet renewed, point your internet browser to: [www.cougarclub.org/about/membership.aspx](http://www.cougarclub.org/about/membership.aspx) or mail your renewal to me (see contact page). **Don't let this be the last ATSO TC you receive!** The mailing label on this newsletter will include "2006" to let you know if we haven't received your renewal. If no date appears on the label, then our records indicate that you paid more recently and you should wait for future notice before renewing.

If you are currently receiving the newsletter by email, and want the paper version, you can renew at any time (the membership form is printed near the end of this newsletter). You'll get credit for renewing early with an extended date for the next renewal cycle.

## NEW MEMBERS

Joining the Club since the last *ATSO TC*, are the following new Members:

PAUL TEKATCH	LANGLEY BC CANADA
JOHN ALLGOOD	CABOT AR
MARK R GOLLIHER	FLAGSTAFF AZ
DALE MATSEL	GREEN VALLEY AZ
BILLY FERRAN	POWAY CA
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JEROME NAPIER	RICHMOND VA
DAVID JAMES BRUHN	GRAFTON WI

## Welcome to the new members!

If you know someone who enjoys Cougars, but who isn't a CCOA member, feel free to share this newsletter with them and invite them to see the web site at [www.cougarclub.org](http://www.cougarclub.org).

## EMAIL INITIATIVE CONTINUES

We still want your email address – even if you choose the "paper" newsletter option. We promise not to send Spam, we just want a way to contact you when necessary, in the most economical and efficient method. Let us know your email with a short message to [membership@cougarclub.org](mailto:membership@cougarclub.org).

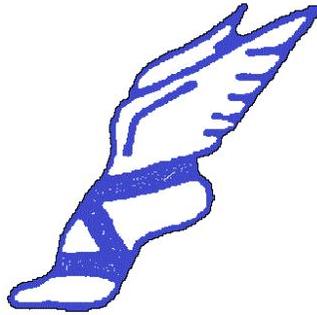
By the way, one member provided his email on the condition of not receiving any emails offering pharmaceuticals of the enlarging kind, offers to share riches in exchange for bank account information, or designer watches at discounted prices. Regrettably, the CCOA cannot stem the tide of such email. Rest assured nevertheless, we do not share your email address with anyone without your express permission. We share contact information with local clubs and event organizers, but only if you have checked "yes" on the membership application in response to that question. We receive assurance in such instances that the contact lists will be used solely for the approved purpose.



**KEEP YOUR CATS PURRING!**

# Member Messages

Mercury was the wing-footed messenger of the Roman gods. What better inspiration for CCOA members to share their Cougar stories?! Send your Member Messages to the Membership Director (see contacts page) and share your stories with the Club.



**Fred Pickering (#8965)** of Johnston RI won the bidding at Barrett-Jackson for this '69 Convertible. The CCOA won when Fred joined as a new member.



**John Cordell (#7377)** from Kansas City, MO, is creating a XR-7 "C," imagining what Mercury would have done if it continued the XR-7G concept. His 1970 XR7 now has a 400+ HP 351W with C6 auto, Moser 31 spline axles, Powerjection III fuel injection. The "C" is for Cordell.

**Ken Wegener (#8311)** of Hustisford WI is restoring a 1967 which he purchased from the original owner. It will go nicely with the 67 XR-7 into which he stuffed a 1970 429 SCJ.

**Gail Taylor (#8651)** of Linville VA sends in this picture of her beautiful '69. She reports that she goes to lots of shows and usually has the only Cougar. "Finally getting some recognition over Mustangs!"



**L.C. Ward (#3927)** of Harris TX sold his GTE back in 2004 to another CCOA member. He was the original owner and misses it a lot, but in his 80's, decided the cat needed a new home. He renewed his membership to keep in touch with his passion for Cougars.

**Rod LaBahn (#8532)** of LeMars IA just finished restoring 1969 and 1970 Eliminators and then gave one to each of their kids! Lucky dogs, errr, I mean Cats!

**Richard Lay (#8540)** of King George VA is the original owner of a 1967 with 4 speed. Tom Lawrance (#7112) of KTL Restorations made it just like new.

**John Allgood (#8958)** of Cabot AR found a 1970 Q-code Eliminator with Ram Air induction. It was damaged and has been off the road since 1980. The restoration has begun. We look forward to seeing this rare cat back on the road.

**Michael Fox (#7234)** of Las Vegas NV is nearing completion on his 68 XR-7 resto-mod. Dark gray with black vinyl top, TCP power rack & pinion, 302-4v with C4 automatic and 3.55 locking rear gears. Looking good!



**David Bruhn (#8956)** of Grafton WI is turning a black, 1991 5.0 liter XR-7 into an Eliminator tribute. He's got 3M reflective stripes and a mid-80s Firebird spoiler looking fantastic. He should know,

he's got the real deal 1970 BOSS 302 Eliminator as well as a 70 M-code Eliminator.

**Manuel Wray (#6696)** of Fort Mill SC hopes to finish his 70 standard resto-mod this year. Beefed up 351 Cleveland with a C6 transmission and 3.50 Detroit Locker. The car rides on Total Control suspension parts and SSBC 4 wheel disc brakes.

**Terry Tarapaski (#8720)** of Edmonton Alberta is restoring a 1970 Eliminator. Currently down to the bare shell, the plan is to substitute a 428CJ for the original M-code, 351-4v engine.

**Charlotte Vreeland (#5175)** of Stratham NH writes: "I just LOVE my Cougar." She's owned the all black, 67 GT 4 spd since 1968. Never restored but always well maintained.

**Carl Bryant (#8709)** of Santa Rosa Beach FL shows his Burgundy 67 with unique silver Cougar stripes. This sharp Cougar always does well, bringing home many trophies.



**Becky Frank (#8159)** of Millersport OH took their 67 XR7 to the Cougar Nationals in Louisville in 2004 and Denver in 2007. They modified the car to growl when people walk by. Grrrrreat!

**Bruce Street (#8744)** of Burlington Ontario is restoring to original the 1987 LS 3.8 liter that was purchased new by his mother.

**Wayne Danowski (#8041)** of Glenshaw PA hopes to complete the restoration of his XR7G Hertz car this year. Saxony yellow with black vinyl top and saddle interior sounds like a beautiful combination.

**John Jurgielski (#5349)** of Malverne NY tells a bittersweet story. He originally purchased a 1968 Augusta Green Cougar new from the dealer. The car suffered an accident in 1970. On the bright side, the car was repaired and traded in for a 1970 Competition Gold Cougar which John still owns today.

**Ed & Linda Drozd (#4183)** are the original owners of this 1970 Eliminator. More pictures can be seen on their website at <http://pages.cthome.net/cougar/index2.html>



**Bob Solsky (#3320)** of Granville Summit PA has brought his big block Cougars to many CCOA events, taking home first place awards at the 1993 and 97 East Nationals with his 69 standard, and placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the unrestored and Eliminator classes at the 1995 East Nationals and 2008 Carlisle with his Bright Yellow S-code Eliminator.



# Club Reports

## GREAT LAKES COUGAR CLUB

Jim Megannety (#5141)  
President



Well it is the dead of winter here in southern Ontario and the smart Cougars are in hibernation until about April. My Cougar is now covered and surrounded by junk from the basement during some renovations down there with stuff I had to move out. We did have a very quiet past summer season in 2009. We had a very successful All Ford show in the Buffalo, NY area in June and saw some 15 Cougars in attendance out of a total of about 150 cars.

It appears the new passport rules have had some effect on our region, being, border towns and still, quite a few US and Canadian residents do not have passports yet and were unable to travel between the two countries, sad to say that 9-11 has had a real effect on our lives on both sides of the invisible line down the center of the Niagara river.

It is beginning to look like things will be changing for our club in the near future when it comes to our joint participation with the Shelby Club of Western NY and our all Ford show. As long as I have been president of this club I have always felt that since we do not have sufficient peoplepower to put on a car show of our own it was my feeling that we should team up with another club with regards to a show. It seems now that the folks at the Shelby Club have decided to cut down to one class only for Cougars and have joined forces with another unorganized local Mustang club whose focus is newer Mustangs and become a MCA regional club, this move has put us Cougar owners and show participants out in the cold. I am sad to say that we have decided to cut our ties with the Shelby club of western NY. I think some of us will attend their shows just as guests with no other involvement. I guess this is the end of an era for the GLCC after so many years and Bill and Cindy doing the work for so many Chinese auctions with the rest of us parking cars. That's about all for now, hopefully next time we talk the weather will be much warmer.

## COUGAR CLUB OF NEW JERSEY & PENNSYLVANIA

Bill Farrington (#5316)  
Secretary



The Cougar Club of New Jersey & Pennsylvania had an outstanding "Cougar Prowl" the weekend of June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> at the All Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA. We would like to thank the 60 Cougar Enthusiasts who brought their cars to the show. Remember, every Cougar is a Show Car. The CCNJPA had 11 members at the show and most of them stayed at the Carlisle Embers Hotel. It really was like going back in time when you looked at the hotel parking lot and saw nothing but Classic Cars. The CCNJPA lead by President Stu Nembrotti sponsored a Party Saturday night on the Hotel lawn behind the row of Cougars in the parking lot. "What Happens In Carlisle Stays In Carlisle". We will be back next year for the CCOA Nationals and Invite the Cougar Community to join us. The CCNJPA also sponsored a Show on Oct 4 2009 in Fanwood NJ.

The CCNJPA decided to Caravan back to the great State of New Jersey from the "Cougar Prowl" in Carlisle. Six Cougars headed east on a beautiful sunny, Sunday Morning. What could possibly go wrong? Paul Damato led the way in his newly painted 69 Convertible followed by Suds Reddy in his original 67 DGS, Mark Piechowski, 70 HT. I followed next in my 73 Convertible, Calvin Meddings, CCOA member visiting from CA, driving Stu's 70 XR7 HT and in the rear was Stu Nembrotti, driving his 69 HT. About an hour into the trip Mark pulled his 70 Cougar onto a handy exit ramp with a problem that was quickly identified as a dead Coil. Suds Reddy goes to his trunk and comes back with a new Coil. Within minutes the Cougar Convoy was moving again.

About 2 Hours into the trip Stu has a high speed blowout on his front left tire. Now we find out that Stu has 2 cougars in the caravan but neither has a spare. Paul steps up and donates the spare from his 69 Conv., but we soon realize that the Custom wheel lug nuts will not work on a stock wheel. About this time Rich Lawrence, Cougar Club of Long Island stops with his 70 Cougar on a trailer. Rich pulls some Lug Nuts off his Trailer Car and gives them to Stu. The Cougar Caravan was again back on the road and we all made it home safely. It is at times like these that I am proud to be a member of the Cougar Community. What a great bunch of people.

## LONE STAR COUGAR CLUB

Kamran Waheed

LSCC-Editor



**LSCC-**Although I am no longer in TX I have agreed to keep doing the club's newsletter as well as the club reports for ATSOTC. I have been a member of the LSCC since its birth in '89 and I just could not "walk away" from a local club who helped me enjoy Cougars even more.

This past November we held elections for three positions. The results for the newly elected are: President: Gene Mullenberg, Treasure: Dwain Baker; Board member: Craig Conde. Congratulations to each of them, I know you will do a great job!!

By the time you read this our first big show of the year will be behind us, the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Dallas AutoRama. For the first time in many years the AutoRama was not held on Valentine's weekend, it was the weekend after Valentine's; Feb 19-21. For the second year in a row the Lone Star Cougar Club helped host the AutoRama. We had four Cats on display this year. Unfortunately, I was not able to get pictures of the show in time for this report or a list of who received rewards. It was a fun filled three day event and we look forward to next year's AutoRama!!

The next two big shows our club will participate in this year in the Dallas/Ft Worth area will be the AER and the Yellow Rose. As usual the AER car show hosted by N. TX Mustang club the first Saturday in May and all makes/models are welcome. The Yellow Rose is a two day event and is an all Ford/Mercury indoor show hosted by N. TX Mustang club. For more info on these and other shows in the area please visit our website: [www.lonestarcougarclub.com](http://www.lonestarcougarclub.com)

Until next time, enjoy your Cats as much as you can.



## Cougars in the News

Jerry Laski's (#2373) beautiful '73 XR7 Convertible was featured by Vern Parker, former automotive editor of the Washington (D.C.) Times, who gave permission to reprint the article. More of Vern's articles are at [www.vernparker.com](http://www.vernparker.com).

### 1973 MERCURY COUGAR

Thursday, November 5, 2009

By Vern Parker

Jerry Laski hasn't always owned his 1973 Mercury Cougar XR7 convertible. His first new car was a 1971 Ford Torino GT but after that car was totaled in November 1983 he began looking for a replacement.

After months of searching for a suitable replacement Laski saw a newspaper ad offering the Mercury for sale. "I drove to Great Falls, Va., to inspect the Cougar," Laski says. His attention was captured by the Gold Glamour Poly-colored stylish convertible with white leather interior.

Original documents with the well-equipped car indicate that it was ordered with options including a 351 Cobra Jet engine, a C6 automatic transmission, Traction-lok differential, power steering, power seat, air conditioner, AM/FM radio, body side molding, intermittent windshield wipers, appearance protection group, color keyed racing mirrors, tinted glass and power side windows.



Laski purchased the 10-year-old car August 27, 1983. At that time the odometer had recorded 62,875 miles. According to Laski the serial numbers indicate that his car was the last Cougar that was manufactured with the much-coveted Cobra Jet V-8 engine.

The original owner purchased the Mercury from the Andy Clark Ford dealership in Princeton, W. Va.

The many extra cost options and assorted dealer add-ons pushed the purchase price of the car up to \$4,421.73.

The Cleveland Cobra Jet engine really impressed Laski. "I was quite familiar with this fine motor as my Torino also had a Cleveland engine," Laski says. "I pulled the Torino motor after the accident as the engine was good. I still have this engine," Laski says.



Five years later, with 70,000 miles on the original engine, Laski reports that some of the nylon teeth on the camshaft timing gear broke and prevented the engine from starting. "I could have replaced the defective cam gear," Laski says, "but instead I decided to have the motor rebuilt."

Once the engine and transmission were removed and sent off for rebuilding, Laski decided that would be the perfect opportunity to clean, paint and detail the engine compartment. He has proof of his detailing efforts in the empty engine bay because of his wife's photographic efforts. "She did this to show our friends what a car crazy person she was living with," Laski says.

Over the last quarter century Laski has consistently worked to keep his car in like new condition. "I have rebuilt the nine-inch Ford Traction-lok differential, the front and rear suspension, drive shaft, brakes and even replaced the fuel tank.

The original air conditioner compressor and air conditioning hoses remain in place. "It still works," Laski says. He plans to rebuild the entire system and convert it to the environment friendly 134A Freon gas system.

In September 1990 Laski replaced the Ginger-colored carpeting in the cockpit. That carpeting provides a contrasting background to the white leather seats. Stamped in the back of each seat is a Cougar emblem. The same Cougar emblem is also on the hub of the three-spoke steering wheel. The wheel is equipped with a rim blow feature enabling the driver to sound the horn by simply squeezing the rim of the three-spoke steering wheel.



Above the chrome bumper at the rear of the Cougar, flanking the license plate and backup lights, are the taillights that continue on to the outer edges of the fenders. Of course, the taillights have the popular sequential feature when the turn signals are activated.

At the other end of the car are the quad headlights which are the round, sealed beam units. Below the headlights is the chrome bumper which is protected by a horizontal rubber strip in addition to a pair of vertical bumper guards, also with protective rubber strips.

Laski is always ready to slip into the drivers seat and, with the black convertible top up or down, set the B.F. Goodrich tires rolling for some highway therapy. The automatic transmission is controlled by the lever in the floor console. That console also houses the clock.

The miles recorded on the odometer are now approaching a total of 89,000. Despite the pristine appearance of the Mercury, Laski says, "My Cougar is not strictly a show car as it has accumulated some rock chips from driving the vehicle on the roads over the past 26 years."

# More Cats in the News

CCOA Member W.H. Dartnell (#3362) of Toms Brook VA had his Cougars featured in the Northern Virginia Daily, which gave permission to re-print this article. Bill sounds like a great guy with super cars.



# Vintage vroom



Car collector Bill Dartnell stands beside three 1970 Mercury Cougars outside his Toms Brook home. Unlike most collectors, Dartnell is not afraid to drive his cars.

## Local collector of Mercury Cougars enjoys taking them for a spin

By Amber Marra  
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**C**TOMS BROOK collecting cars tends to entail maintaining a pristine sheen and a fierce-sounding engine, usually by driving the vehicles as little as possible.

Not so for Toms Brook resident Bill Dartnell and his collection of six vintage Mercury Cougars.

Dartnell began collecting Cougars because he liked the way the cars looked, and, more importantly, how they drove.

"I drive mine. I don't take them to car shows, because they're not much fun if they just sit in the garage," he said.

The former naval flight officer bought his first Cougar hardtop new in Portsmouth in 1970. It was the beginning of a collection that would extend to two more hardtops and three convertibles.

The convertibles and one of the hardtops are 1970 models, while the other two hardtops were made in 1973 and 1976. Though Dartnell drives most of his Cougars, the 1973 model has seen only about 15,000 miles worth of road.

A Cougar's unique features, such as sequential taillights and the classic car look — with a long hood and short trunk — attracted Dartnell to what he calls "a good-looking car."

Obtaining his cars over the years was not always an easy task. At one point, Dartnell's wife, a native of Japan, said he needed "another car like he needed a hole in the head," he said.

This only prompted Dartnell to purchase his 1973 hardtop while his wife was overseas. After putting in such effort to gain the cars he loved, Dartnell has only trusted JR's Autobody in Winchester to restore and touch up his cars for the last 20 years.

"Bill has the only [Cougars]

we've ever worked on. This is just one of those instances where someone takes a fancy to a car and collects them because he is truly in love with Cougars," said Diehl Wilson, owner of JR's.

A full restoration can cost up to \$25,000, Wilson said, but not all of Dartnell's cars needed extensive work. Wilson also says the cars were not difficult to work on, since most of the mechanical parts are interchangeable with the Ford Mustang.

Though Dartnell has led an extensively mechanical life, completing 500 aircraft-carrier landings and 50 combat missions in Vietnam and working at gas stations when he was younger, he leaves any simple repairs to Wymer's Auto Repair in Toms Brook.

"These are hard cars to find, but they're not bad to work on because they don't have as much electronic stuff going on as most new cars," said owner Chuck Wymer.

Many of the vintage Cougars still in existence are owned by members of the Cougar Club of America. The cars are generally used for show purposes, which has made seeing them on the road a rarity.

"It's just such a different car that if someone gets an attachment to it, like if a neighbor or family member from your youth had one, it sticks with them," said Randy Goodling, Cougar Club of America chairman. "I would probably liken [collecting] to an addiction without the adverse effects."

Unlike those car collectors who rarely drive their prized automobiles, Dartnell's cars can be seen parked outside the Hotel Strasburg on almost any given night of the week.

"There are some people who never take [their Cougars] out if there is a cloud in the Western Hemisphere," Dartnell said. "Not much point in having them if you're not going to use them."



Dartnell restored the classic tail lights of a 1970 Cougar.



Dartnell's 1973 Cougar has seen only about 15,000 miles of road. Many of the parts of a Cougar are interchangeable with those of the Ford Mustang.



One of Dartnell's 1970 Cougars displays a hood emblem.

# The Perfect Valentine Gift

By: Skip Shearouse (#8051)

February of 1967 my mother had no idea that dad was about to surprise her with a Valentines gift she would have for more than 40 years.



It was my father's intention to surprise mom with a new Mustang. My Uncle George owned a Ford dealership in Lakeland, Florida and I remember his Mustangs. I am sure dad was itching for a reason to get one. Dad had a good friend at Central Florida Motors in Orlando, Florida and told dad; "George, you might be interested in this new line of car that Mercury is bringing out." So dad ordered mom a brand new 1967 Standard Cougar. The Cat was loaded for its time. It had A/C (a must for Florida), a 289 V8, AM radio, automatic and was painted lime frost poly with a vinyl top.

Mom taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Lake Como elementary school. So after school one day she went to her favorite beauty shop to get her hair fixed and was the perfect set up for dad to surprise mom with the new Cougar. Just as soon as she sat down dad popped in and said he needed to take her car and put gas in it for her. He came back and tossed her the keys (that he had switched) and said "I'll see you at home" and left.

When mom was ready to go home she went out to the parking lot and couldn't find her car anywhere. She went

back into the beauty shop and said, "I think my car has been stolen." Everyone rushed out to the parking lot to find a brand new Cougar sitting there with a note on the windshield that said "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY". That weekend we loaded up the Cougar and went to the beach for the weekend.

Dad somehow managed to get the Newspaper to do a story about the first Cougar delivered to the Orlando area and had a picture of the dealer handing mom the keys.

Mom drove that Cougar to work every day and it never left her stranded. She taught school until 1998 and when she retired the Cougar did to with a mere 67,000 miles on it. My Dad hired a professional photographer to take a picture of mom and the Cougar at her retirement by the school that she and the Cougar went to every day.



I remember when it was time for me to get my Operators permit I got to take the drivers test in the Cougar. My Brother and Sister did also. I took the Cat on my first date and it made me feel like I was really something.

"I think my car has been stolen." Everyone rushed out to the parking lot to find a brand new Cougar sitting there with a note on the windshield that said "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY."

A lot of time has passed and the little Cougar spent the last few years parked in the garage. The paint was showing its age and the dash was drooping from the years of the relentless Florida sun beating down on it while it was parked in the

schools parking lot. The roof under the vinyl top was slowly rusting thru and the seats and door vinyl were pretty cooked, but Cat still had class.

Dad had been talking about selling it and getting a new car. He even put an ad in the auto trader. It was really hard to convince him that we just couldn't sell it. It was family. Since it was really mom's car she decided to let me take it home to Kentucky so I could work on it. I was so excited and it was really an honor for me to be entrusted with the care of this little car. I didn't quite know what to do first, but at least it wouldn't be in jeopardy of leaving the family.

I began to search the Internet for Cougar enthusiasts. This led me to the "Cougar Club Of America". I was so excited to see that there were people that loved these cars the same way I did. I became a member immediately. I read everything on the web site and all the info in Dicks' technical section. I loved getting the next issue of "At The Sign Of The Cat".



I knew I needed to start somewhere so I thought a valve job would be in order since it only had 70,000 miles. Remember I was able to drive this car and it sounded good. Once the heads were off I could see that we might as well rebuild the engine. While the engine was out it only made sense to drop the tranny, and then the rear end and then...You know.

After the mechanical work was done it was time to start on the cosmetics. Here is where I was in trouble. The roof! After peeling off the vinyl top I saw more light than the planetarium. It was impossible.

I was directed to a man named Kenny. He was president of a street rod club in town. He said if I

could locate a roof He would cut off the old one and weld on the new one. Well, Cougar Club to the rescue. I found a guy in S.C. that had one.

Of course at this point I had to strip the interior out of the car first. I couldn't believe what I had done to my moms' pretty little Valentines Present.



Well, Kenny did a great job. But he couldn't do the body work or paint it so I had to find someone willing to tackle this mess I had created. I was directed to Jason's Collision Center. This guy really set me at ease. "No problem, it isn't in that bad of shape," he said. I think he admired the old girl or felt sorry for her. This took some time, but the end result was very emotional. We took it on a trailer over to the upholstery shop for the finishing touches.



Thanks to the Cougar Club I was able to connect with people that had parts. I was able to connect with Vic Yarbber to get the plenum box for the heater core which I believe came out of his Trans Am Cougar. AutoKrafters was a great source.



The inside door and rear quarter panels were pretty bad. Everyone said nobody did those. However, Randy Goodling came to my rescue and steered me to the SMS auto fabric guys in Oregon. Wow what a fine job they did. They even sold me the fabric for the seats.



Mom's car had the original hub caps, but I have always wanted a set of Cragar SS Mags. Newstalgia Wheel sent me a set mounted and balanced and ready to go.



Lastly we had a set of dual exhausts installed. This Cat looks and sounds great.

There was only one thing left to do to make this "Love Affair" complete...

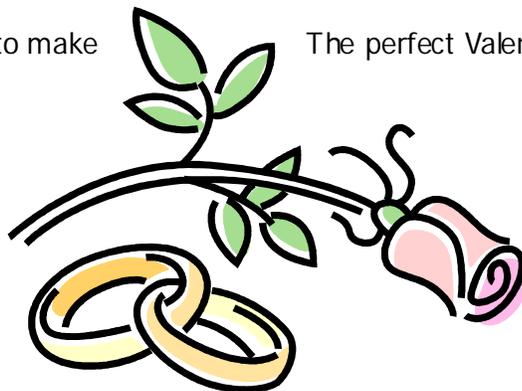
On November 29, 2008 I married Jennie.



Mom was there to see the newlyweds drive off in the little Valentine Cougar to begin their own "Love Affair."



The perfect Valentine.



# The Ideal High School Car

By Randy & Dorothy Minniear (#481)

It sometimes can be a good thing when your car breaks down. Dorothy was in high school when her car over-heated at a corner one day. So, she went looking for another car at a local car lot. They had two '67 Cougars. One was green with an automatic and the other was a gold GT with a black vinyl top with a 390/4spd.



Dorothy was interested in the green one, but when the salesman brought the keys they wouldn't start the car. So he tried them in the gold one and they worked!! After hearing the GT roar to life Dorothy was hooked! With help from her parents and her trade-in, this GT was hers for a mere \$887.50. This was July 16, 1976. Almost thirty-four years later, Dorothy still has this Cat. Dorothy and her husband, Randy have been restoring this Cat for quite some time and it is finally done. They have enjoyed driving it ever since.



# A Rare Coincidence.

By Paul Tekatch (#8969)

As a guy who has loved classic cars for over 40 years, I thought I would share this story about a very rare Competition Orange Cougar Eliminator. I first saw this car when I was 12 years old and today, after 39 years; I now have the pleasure of owning it.

About 10 years ago my twin brother Pete and I were talking about cars and I brought up about the 1970 Orange Cougar Eliminator we saw at my dad's place of work George Black Lincoln Mercury in Burnaby, British Columbia. Pete, who has known

the owner and the car for 18 years, had tried to buy the unit for some time with no success. Pete is also a collector of cars like myself and owns three Shelby mustangs. I just happen to own the better car.

Our father was in the car business for over 40 years. He worked for Ford for 15 or those years. He worked at the very dealership that my car came from for about a year. In those days the dealerships were closed on Sundays. On this particular Sunday, our father had to pick up some paperwork and that is when Pete and I saw the car.

We walked into the showroom and there it was -- a brand new Cougar Eliminator. I remember seeing the hood up and looking at the big 428CJ Ram Air engine, and I had known exactly what motor it was. Looking in the driver's side window and seeing the hounds tooth cloth bucket seats with the console automatic. I sat in that car and put one hand on the steering wheel and the other hand on the shifter and said to my self this is a nice car. I thought if only I was of age to buy this car it looked spectacular, bright competition orange with black stripes.

I even have a stack of George Black Lincoln Mercury decals for the back of bumper. It is hard to believe but the story is true and a rare coincidence.

On the weekend of Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 2009, Pete and I were talking about cars again and he mentioned about the possibility of buying that Cougar Eliminator.



According to the family who owned the car, the intention was to never sell it. Monday, Pete had talked to the owner about looking at the car and made arrangements to look at it after work. He also mentioned to the owner about

seeing the car at George Blacks when he was 12 years old in the showroom. The owner was sitting behind his desk and jumped up out of his seat and said to Pete: "that's right I bought this car for my wife right out of the showroom on Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1971."

Tuesday after work, Pete eagerly went to see the car and talk to the owner. The car was parked outside under a commercial awning that had fallen down from the heavy snow load; one pole poked a hole into the hood.



The owner didn't want to go out there because he was so devastated to see the car like that. Pete left and called me at work to tell me about the car not being in the shape he had hoped. After we talked about it more he said for me to meet him after I get off of work. Pete then turned around and went back to wait for me.

When I got there I also thought the car didn't look the way I had expected. Pete said "give me a hand to lift the pole off the hood." As I did, Pete caught a glimpse of the big 428 CJ with the original ram air cleaner and the engine seemed to be untouched.



At that moment he said, "we have to buy it!"

Pete went to the owner to tell him that he wanted to buy the car. The owner said it was his wife's car and she has to make that decision. There was no haggling when they named a price and the deal was made on a hand shake. We picked the car up on Wednesday Feb 11, 2009.

I have been working on the car now for 4 months, from May to August. Detailing the engine compartment and the under side of the car and cleaning the interior. I got the original engine rebuilt and changed the oil in the original transmission and rear end. The car was started on August 16, air cared and put on the road on August 27<sup>th</sup>. The car is slated to go into the body shop in December of this year or on January of next year. Who would have thought a kid growing up at 12 years old would end up buying this unique muscle car 39 years later.

The Original owners name is Elaine from Fort Langley, BC. The car was last insured and on the

road in 1986 with 31,276 miles.



It was stored in a warehouse for 22 years and the last year it was under a commercial canopy. I'm the second owner. The build sheet for the car was found in excellent condition under the carpet of the driver's seat.

### Options on the Car

**Vin # OF91Q5xxxxx**

**Built Nov 11, 1969**

**Sold Jan 25, 1971**

- 1970 Cougar Eliminator Package
- Competition Orange Paint
- 428 CJ Ram Air Engine
- C6 Automatic Transmission
- 3:50 - Traction Lock Rear End
- Competition Suspension
- Performance Group
- Interior Decor Group
- Factory Tachometer
- Factory Corporate Hub Caps and Trim Rings
- Hounds Tooth Cloth Interior
- Am Radio



# COUGARS IN MINIATURE

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This article is on another toy manufacturer from the 60's that took the world by storm with their new venture into the toy market, the Slot Car. Aurora Toy Co. introduced the small (HO) scale electric slot cars in the early 60's. In the later years, they added the Cougar to their line up. The Cougar came in various colors. There was White, Tan, Yellow, Turquoise, Black, Green, Red, and Blue. (They also had racing versions which I will cover next time). The car was based on the 67 Cougar but had the lower body line painted Silver like the 68 GTE. There were actually two body castings of this 67 Cougar. One had two slot openings at the front of the car under the bumper, and the other casting had a complete lower valance panel just like the real car. Must of been a mid year model change just like Ford would do. These (HO) slot cars have been re-released by a company called Auto World. They currently come in Green, light Blue, Black, light Orange, and a Bud Moore Trans Am Series car.



All of the toys shown in my Cougars In Miniature articles are from my personal collection.

## Original Owners

Here's a call out to Members who are original owners of their Cougars. Did you drive off the lot in a brand new Cougar that you still own today? We'd like to hear from you. We want to put together an article featuring Members who have owned their Cougars since new. Database Manager Phil Parcels (#2544) reports that the CCOA National Database includes 541 notations of original owners.

If you are an original owner, send in a couple of pictures of your car and write a short story using the questions below as a guide. Pictures can be mailed or emailed. Ideally, you have a vintage photo from when the car was relatively new, and something more recent.

1. Basic car data - year, model, engine.
2. Where did you buy your Cougar?
3. What other cars did you consider at the time?
4. What attracted you, back then, to the Cougar?
5. Did you buy any other Cougars later?
6. Did you special order it or was it a lot car?
7. Current mileage
8. How have you used the car over the years - at what point did it change from driver to collector or is it still a driver?
9. Why have you kept the car all these years?
10. Any special memories (publishable, please) involving your Cougar?

Send your responses to [Membership@cougarclub.org](mailto:Membership@cougarclub.org) or by postal mail to Rob Merritt, 28 West 8<sup>th</sup> St., Duluth, MN 55806-2515.

# Classified Ads

Send your "Wanted" and "For Sale" ads to [assistanteditor@cougarclub.org](mailto:assistanteditor@cougarclub.org) or [membership@cougarclub.org](mailto:membership@cougarclub.org). Please send them by **April 15** to ensure inclusion in the next *ATSOTC*.

## **FOR SALE: 1968 Cougar Resto-Mod**

Mercury Cougar 1968 XR7, new paint, leather int., vinyl top and chrome, completely new drivetrain including 302 c.i. & T-5 crate items, posi rear, factory a/c, 4 wheel discs, power rack & pinion steering, gas shocks, all new suspension parts, modern stereo/CD, no rust, show winner, Boyd Coddington 17" wheels with Michelin XSE tires, 1000 miles on conversion, Grecian Gold, black leather, over 60K invested, priced to sell \$36,900, call Art for more info and appt. 570-646-1689.

**WANTED: 1969 Body Assembly Manual** Beg, buy, or borrow a copy of body assembly manual for the '69 Cougar. Please call Ed at 715/268-9909.

**FOR SALE: Body and Collision Parts catalog sheets.** 15 pages of parts identified 1969 Cougar \$12.00 USA. Checks only. PO Box 471147, Charlotte, NC 28247 [panther@cougar-cats.com](mailto:panther@cougar-cats.com)

**FOR SALE: 1970 XR7** 351-2v (changed to Edelbrock 4v) FMX, PS, PB Brandywine Candy, Crager SS, 82,000 miles. Have original parts. Asking \$15,000. Paul at 765/459-3094 (Kokomo IN).

**WANTED:** Looking for Rocker mouldings, fender mouldings, and left headlight assy for 71 cougar convert. Reply to [robertgood5@Yahoo.com](mailto:robertgood5@Yahoo.com)

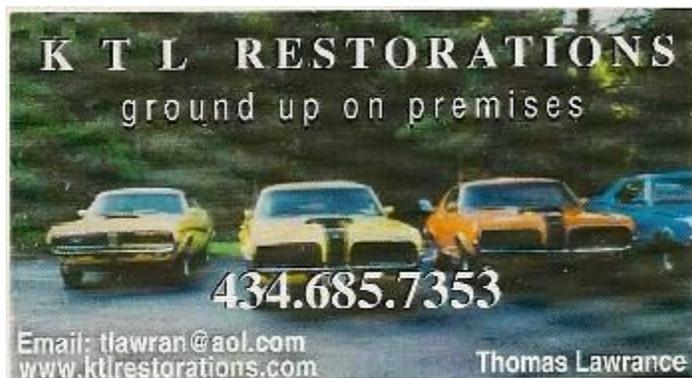
**WANTED:** About 70% complete on the restoration of a 1970 CJ Eliminator. Looking for dash pieces. Denny at 541/567-9550 or [doctort@eoni.com](mailto:doctort@eoni.com).

**WANTED:** Prowling for parts for 1968 standard being restored. Need lots, including white, standard interior with console. Will consider a parts car with white interior. Kevin at 905/885-8903 (Port Hope, Ontario).

**WANTED:** Cougar Convertible – any year in excellent to mint condition. Please contact Mark Russo at [russomr@optonline.net](mailto:russomr@optonline.net) or call 973.865.4371

**WANTED:** 1969 Cougar XR-7 in "turn-key" condition. I plan to use as a daily driver - not a show car. Absolutely no rust ever. Contact: Don Bougher (503) 868-7500 or [rainbow.farms@onlinenw.com](mailto:rainbow.farms@onlinenw.com)

**FOR SALE:** I am trying to find a buyer for both of my Cougars. The 70 is listed on the CCOA website. I am asking \$ 5,000.00 for it. The 68 is my sons and needs work. Both are kept in garages. He is asking \$1,500.00 for his 68. But we will take \$5,500.00 for both. The 70 is in good running order, has never been wrecked and came from Eagle Mercury in Dallas. If you or anyone you know are interested please e-mail me and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for any help you can give me. Sherri [danielmorgan79@hotmail.com](mailto:danielmorgan79@hotmail.com)



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# Financial Director's Report

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## Balance Sheet

	As of 9/30/2009	As of 12/31/2009
<b>Assets</b>		
US Bank	\$5,910.79	\$6,790.24
PayPal	\$1,058.14	\$1,789.61
Total Cash	\$6,968.93	\$8,579.85
Accounts Receivable	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$6,968.93	\$8,579.85
Inventory Assets	\$937.00	\$907.00
Fixed Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Furniture/Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$937.00	\$907.00
Other Non-Current Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Computer Software	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$7,905.93</b>	<b>\$9,486.85</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	\$199.30	\$465.76
Long Term Liabilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$199.30</b>	<b>\$465.76</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Earnings	\$8,124.92	\$7,706.63
	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Owners Equity</b>	<b>\$8,124.92</b>	<b>\$7,706.63</b>

## Income Statement

	As of 9/30/2009	As of 12/31/2009
<b>Revenue</b>		
Dues - Checks	\$420.00	\$1,324.00
Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calendars	\$0.00	\$0.00
Merchandise	\$0.00	\$30.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
PayPal - Dues	\$145.00	\$695.00
PayPal - Merchandise	\$0.00	\$70.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$565.00</b>	<b>\$2,119.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Postage	\$22.47	\$87.25
Office Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising		
Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checkprint Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$702.88	\$623.76
Web Site Fee	\$119.40	\$0.00
PayPal Fees	\$8.54	\$33.53
Legal Fees	\$130.00	\$0.00
Merchandise Cost	\$0.00	\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$983.29</b>	<b>\$804.54</b>



# eBay Cats

a sampling of recent auctions

Condition: #1 Excellent; #2 Very good; #3 Average; #4 Fair/Poor; #5 What are they thinking?



**Year/Model:** 1989 LS  
**VIN:** 1MEPMXXXXX  
**Miles:** 32,677 orig  
**Condition:** 1  
**Reserve:** yes  
**Reserve met:** no  
**Final bid:** \$1,490.00  
**Total # of Bids:** 12

**Comments:** All original one owner (little old lady) Cat, garage kept. Never been hit or painted. Has 32,677 orig miles on its V6. Four new tires, new shocks and brakes. This Cat runs & looks great!!



**Year/Model:** 1970 Eliminator  
**VIN:** 0F91QXXXX  
**Miles:** 25,492  
**Condition:** 2  
**Reserve:** yes  
**Reserve met:** yes  
**Selling price:** \$50,101.00  
**Total # of Bids:** 44  
**Options:** Eliminator Pkg, 428SCJ Ram Air, 4spd  
**Comments:** Very rare Eliminator. 428 SCJ Drag-Pak, Factory Ram-Air and 4-spd. Correct date-coded SCJ rebuilt with factory parts. Orig Black Decor interior looks great.



**Year/Model:** 1977 Brougham 4dr  
**VIN:** NM7BA894XXXXX  
**Miles:** 28,500 orig  
**Condition:** 2  
**Reserve:** yes  
**Reserve met:** no  
**Starting bid:** \$4,800.00  
**Total # of Bids:** 0

**Comments:** This 4dr Cat is a one owner. It's all original and everything works, drives & handles and runs like a new car. The interior is immaculate.



**Year/Model:** 2002 CS  
**VIN:** 1ZWFT6XXXXX  
**Miles:** 52,000 orig  
**Condition:** 1  
**Starting bid:** \$7,900.00  
**Total # of Bids:** 0  
**Options:** 6-disc in dash CD changer, fog lamps

**Comments:** One owner C2 Edition with a V6 and a 5spd, has only 52k miles. Lovingly cared for since new, mint condition. Always garaged. Premium speakers, A/C, power everything. In '04 a K&N cold air intake was put on. The handling of this vehicle is superb and the acceleration is amazing. The car gets great gas mileage, averaging 32 highway and 23 in the city.



**Year/Model:** 1977 Wagon  
**VIN:** 7H96S5XXXX  
**Miles:** 20,005  
**Condition:** 4  
**Reserve:** yes  
**Reserve met:** no  
**Final bid:** \$314.66  
**Total # of Bids:** 7  
**Comments:** One owner, all orig Cougar wagon. '77 was the only year for the full size wagon, not many left. Only has 20,057 orig miles. It has been in the weather and the body does have some rust, but is free of dents. The leather interior is in good shape. Has not been started in over 2 years and hasn't been driven for several years.



**Year/Model:** 1968 XR-7G  
**VIN:** 8F93J5XXX  
**Miles:** 90,000  
**Condition:** 2  
**Reserve met:** no  
**Final bid:** \$12,099.00  
**Total # of Bids:** 16

**Comments:** Augusta Green w/ nugget gold interior. Rebuilt 302 4V/C4 trans. New reproduction XR7-G center caps and NOS trim rings. The engine and engine compartment are beautifully detailed and stock appearing. It has been to CCOA National Shows and all over the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada and always wins awards. It's not perfect but is a very nice driver/local show winner that you can enjoy now.

# Events

Send your Event flyers and announcements to [assistanteditor@cougarclub.org](mailto:assistanteditor@cougarclub.org). We'll help publicize them here and on the CCOA website.

## GREAT LAKES COUGAR CLUB



The 2010 Western New York Shelby and Great Lakes Cougar Club All Ford show will be held SATURDAY June 12, 2010. The show will be held at the Boulevard Mall, Tonawanda, NY. The show will also include a MCA (Mustang Club of America) regional show in conjunction with the All Ford Show.

The Boulevard Mall is located on Niagara Falls Blvd. and Maple Rd. in Amherst.

More details to come as available. Just wanted everyone to know so that you can mark this day on your calendar. PLEASE note that this show will be on SATURDAY, not Sunday.

## COUGAR CLUB OF NJ & PA



Stuart Nembrotti here, president of the Cougar Club of NJ & PA. I am working with the people at Carlisle (Rick Markko and Val Stewart) and we are looking forward to adding a new class to the Ford Show this year. The class will be for people 25 year old and under, it will be called "**Young Guns at Carlisle,**" and there is a link up at the Carlisle website. There will be one or more categories depending on how many sign up. Please pass the word onto your members and any other clubs you can think of. It is for Ford, Lincoln and Mercury products but it can be in any condition. We are just trying to get the young ones in our hobby to meet and show what they are working on. Let's give them a chance to enjoy the same hobby we have for so many years.

The CCNJPA is hosting the Ford show in June at Carlisle PA. I got us a block of rooms again. If you

would like one of the rooms they will be at the Hotel Carlisle (<http://www.hotelcarlisle.com/>) phone number (800) 692-7315. Just tell them you are with The Cougar Club. It does not matter what Cougar Club you are with, all are welcome. We had a great time last year at the show and the parking lot after the show.

When signing up for Ford Carlisle on line or by mail please list CCNJPA or CCOA or Delmarva because we need a certain number of cars to enter under our clubs for a tent. <http://www.carlisleevents.com/ce/events/ford-nationals/> Remember there are Caravans to Carlisle leaving from all the points of the compass so let us know where you are coming from and there should be someone from your area.

Thanks guys! If you have any questions feel free to send me an e-mail [ww2gamer@optonline.net](mailto:ww2gamer@optonline.net) See you in June

Stu Nembrotti, President - Cougar Club of NJ & PA

## CCOA AT CARLISLE

The CCOA is sponsoring a National Show in conjunction with the NJ/PA Cougar Club and the Carlisle All-Ford show. All pre-registration is via the Carlisle web site at <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com/ce/events/ford-nationals/>. All Cougars registered in the Carlisle show will be part of the CCOA show. There will be no judging – the show is popular vote (by Cougar owners of the Cougar classes). The classes are defined by the Carlisle show classes. See the Carlisle web site. There will be no CCOA prizes awarded, the trophies will be from Carlisle Productions. Depending on the level of interest, judging clinics will also be held. We will have a CCOA club meeting during the show, open all members and friends. Date and time will be finalized soon. See you at Carlisle!



## COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Cougar show within a show as part of the 28th annual Arthritis Auto Show is scheduled for July 10th, 2010. For registration just go to [www.arthritisautoshow.com](http://www.arthritisautoshow.com) click on registration for the PDF that has all the info. The Cougar class is "class #40."

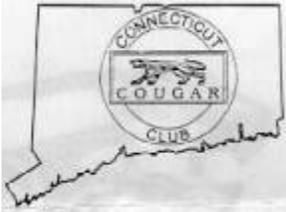
It's a two day affair with Friday night "cruise in" and Saturday (all day) the Cougar show along with about 1200 plus other classic cars--new this year are vintage motorcycles. Registration for Saturday is \$25. Local motel rooms go quickly so make your reservations soon!

Also, if you click on "photo galley" the top center picture is our 2009 Cougar winners.

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