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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR.

Randy Goodling (#0095)
CCOA Chairperson

AND THE NOMINEES ARE . . .

Nominations were received for the Director positions that will expire at the end of the year:

(1) Chairperson, (2) Special Services Director, and (3) Membership Services Director. A few nominees declined, so if you nominated someone who is not listed here, that's the reason.

Each of the nominees will be invited to submit a campaign statement for publication in the Fall newsletter. Voting instructions will also be published at that time.

Without further ado, the nominees are:

For the Position of Chairperson:

- Gavin Schlesinger (#9090)
- Greg Taylor (#9115)

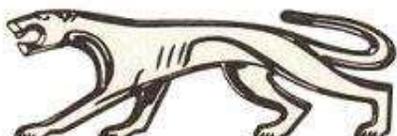
For the Position of Special Services:

- Phil Parcells (#2554)

For the Position of Membership Services:

- Rob Merritt (#8323)

Good luck to the nominees!



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Rob Merritt (#8323)
Member Services Director

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.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Welcome to the new members!

RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP:

If you receive the newsletter by mail, keep an eye on the address label. If your renewal date is coming up, it will show that date on the label. No date – no worry, you're not coming due for a while.

For email readers, the email sending the download link will notify you if it's time to renew.

If your renewal is due, use the handy on-line form at www.cougarclub.org/join.htm or use the form printed toward the back of this issue if you prefer to renew by regular mail. Be sure to let me know if you change your postal or email address.

Renewing now gets you the new, official Cougar Club of America mirror hanger! The hanger includes the official CCOA logo as well as the Club's web address so everyone who sees your car can learn more about these great automobiles, and maybe join the Club.



Cougars in Miniature

Bill Quay #1515
CCOA Vice President

This toy article is about plastic models for the 1968 Cougar. The top two models in the photo were made by Revell Toy Co. They are a simple snap together plastic model in 1/32 scale. These could also be adapted to a slot car chassis. The middle and bottom left models are from Palmer Plastics. The middle one is the regular model for 59 cents and the bottom one is the motorized one that sold for \$1.59. The model on the bottom right is the \$2.00 AMT annual issue of the 68 Cougar. This is a 1/24 scale model and could be built three different ways.



The picture on the left shows this same model only in a very different display box. As you can see in the mirror, this box has the picture of the Cougar on the top and bottom of the box. I acquired this model many years ago, and at that time the seller told me that this was called a salesman's promotional display box. It was to be displayed in a store window and the Cougar could be seen from inside and outside the store.

Resto-Mod: Air Cleaner Fabrication

Jeff Lilly Restorations of San Antonio Texas wants to share its expertise with the CCOA. We will be featuring some of Jeff's restoration tips in coming issues, starting with this article on fabricating the air cleaner housing on a restomod Eliminator. Jeff Lilly Restorations specializes in complete nut and bolt restorations, resto-mods and custom built vehicles. They work on all makes and models, but their Cougar "bona fides" are proven by the "Hidden Agenda" Cougar, shown on the cover of this newsletter.



This article is only a small part of fabulous work on this special car. We hope to feature the whole story of this car and its build in a future edition of *ATSOTC*. For now, though, Jeff walks us through the steps of creating a custom air cleaner housing. –editor.

By: Jeff Lilly Restorations, LLC San Antonio, Texas

We start off by determining the minimum height needed above the throttle body, a minimum 2 inches is required for accuracy. Taking our base to hood clearance in to consideration we will use a 2.5 inch air filter high flow K&N. This will allow 1/2 inch between the bottom of the hood and the top of the new Air Cleaner we are going to fabricate.



We make a paper mock-up of the base to check a few clearances. Notice the cut out for the distributor cap and wires.



To start off with we purchased a repro fiberglass "Boss Mustang" hood scoop and laid it on the hood of our project car, a 69 Cougar. Obviously it is way too large to use as is, so we will scale it down to fit and look the way we want.



The mock up air filter is in place, notice the angle or pitch we have the mock up cover at. This will give us the look we believe to be best.



We sliced the fiberglass a bit, as you can see it is way too large to start off with. By down sizing it with the right cuts it will allow minimum body work later.



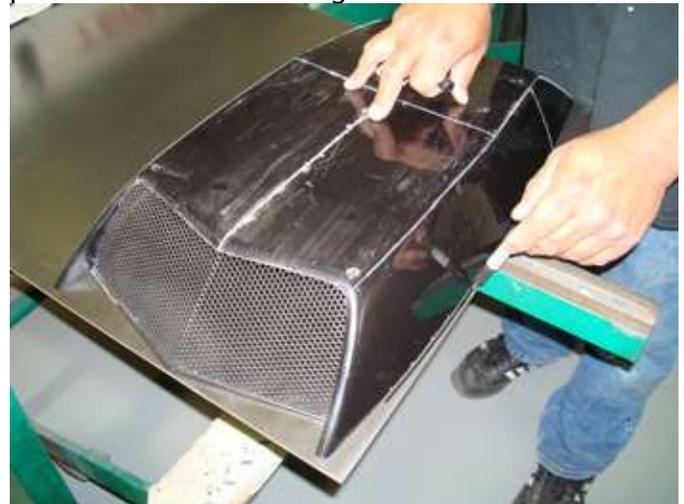
We sliced the unwanted sections out of it then crazy glued it together to keep it strong.



She is starting to take shape . Notice the hershey kisses of window caulk used for checking hood to air cleaner clearance height.



We took some mesh and started to mock up a front screen to get the look we wanted. He then laid it on some 18 gauge sheet metal and traced out the perimeter to start working on the base to fit exact.



Looks a bit like a bat man cape. Time to trim it out.



The side of the filter base is rolled out. This will keep it centered and installed on the same angle as

we determined early on to pitch it just right so it looks aggressive.



We have not cut out the distributor cap and wire hole yet because it is removed but that will be done shortly. A few angle brackets to attach the fiberglass cover to the base are pre drilled before bending on the brake. A little bend and we can mount them to the air cleaner. We mounted a 1/4 20 bolt in each bracket to mount it to the base. As seen we simply cleco'd the sides in to check fit. Once all is well we will adhere them with Vette panel adhesive.



We have them all mocked in place and now it is time to trial fit.



We have cut out the distributor cap and wire clearance and drilled the base for the cover bolts and are ready to check fit once we get a few other items made.



We also had to fab an air filter top to hold down the base. Louie simply drilled a hole in the center to roll it on the grinder for a perfect edge.



We will use the bead roller to recess the cover inside, this will allow the nut on top of the air cleaner lid to stay below the custom fiberglass cover and not hit or interfere. We fabbed a rotation stud with some tubing to keep it centered.



A wire needs to be formed to tack weld on the base at the distributor hole to eliminate rubbing on the spark plug wires. Louie simply bent it while heating against a piece of 6 inch round stock. Tacked in place she protects from scuffs and stiffens the cover at the same time.



It was time to fiberglass the lid on all the seams where we cut it during fabrication.



Using Vett panel adhesive we attached the wire support to the cover and are now paper mocking for our mesh cover. Louie tacked in a few mounting brackets to the mesh in place on the back side.



She is mounted and looks good, fits well and ready to body work, paint and finish out. We will finish it with gray wires and a black distributor cap to help hide those unsightly components.



Alittle body work, primer and paint...



And the finished product



John Swanson's

1968 1/2 428CJ 4-speed Cougar



The year was 1985. Like most Friday mornings, John Swanson (#2918) began his day by eating breakfast and reading the newspaper. Like most car enthusiasts, John from time to time he would skip straight to the automotive section. As he skimmed the ads, his eyes stopped on one in particular....1968 1/2 Mercury Cougar 428CJ 4 speed!

John quickly called the owner and then George MacLean, the President of the Mercury Stray Cats, and John's close friend. After picking up George, John filled him in as to why the owner was selling such an amazing car. The owner on the phone told John that he loved the car, but as his son was turning 16, he could not fathom him driving such a powerful car and decided to sell it to buy something more modern and sensible for his sons first car.

The one thing John was unclear of was how would a Lime Frost 1968 Cougar look in Diamond Blue, Diamond Bright Blue that is, as in the color of the bottom of a pool. The current owner owned a pool company and really liked the color he frequently used to coat the bottom of the pools he built.

After John and George took the car for a test drive, John was instantly in love. Fast forward 29 year later, a lifetime of memories have passed and on a nice day you can still see John burning up the streets in Northern California.



1968 1/2 428 Cobra Jet Cougar an extremely rare cat

One of the best \$20 you can spend is on Kevin Marti's *Cougar by the Numbers*. With all the data filling the pages, we can narrow down John's car as follows:

There were 244 428 CJ cars produced for 1968, including GT-Es, of which 91 are known to exist or accounted for with 37 of those being GTE's.

428CJ & 4-speed = 48 Std. & 16 XR7
{3 of which were GT-E's} = Total 64

428CJ & Auto = 79 Std. {14 of which were GT-E} & 101 XR7
{20 of which were GT-E & 11 were XR7-G} = Total 180

Total Cobra Jet Cougars in 1968 = (127 Standards + 117 XR7) = 244

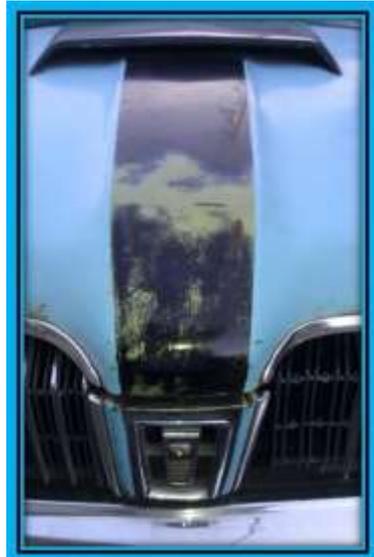
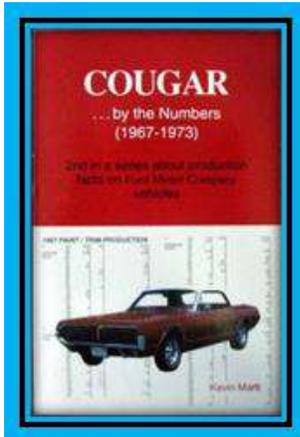
John's is one of those 48 Standards.

Bill Quay is a great resource email him at 68-r-code@cougarclub.org or visit the 1968 r-code section of the website at: www.cougarclub.org/1968-r-code.htm
1968 Cougar "R Code Registry" Data

- Standard 127 cars with 41 known to exist.
- XR7's 117 produced with 50 known to exist.
- Standard 4 speed cars. 48 produced with 14 known to exist. .

Now as it relates to John's Car and the 428 Cobra Jet Non GTE's only.

- 65 Cars are accounted for in the CCOA Registry
- 10 Cars are known to have been parted and scrapped
- 55 Cars are known to exist
- Of those cars, 21 are 4 speed cars
- Of the 21 4 speed cars, 14 are standard and 7 are XR7
- Of the 21 standard cars, 2 have been parted and scrapped leaving 19 known to exist.
- Of the 19, 2 of them are Lime Frost and one of the two is John Swanson's Cougar



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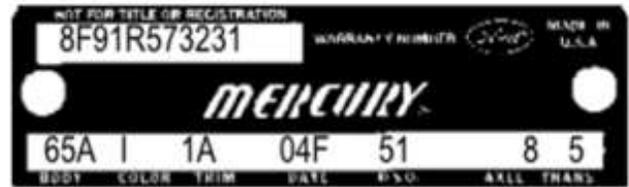
Thank you for your interest in our services. We have determined the following information for your car from the Ford Database we have:

VEHICLE ORDER IMAGE

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8F91R573231 I 1A 2 04F4683 IESE 52 5 A 2 2 11 51E085

DOOR DATA PLATE INFORMATION

Serial Number 8F91R573231
8 1968
F Built at Dearborn
91 Cougar Hardtop
R 428-4V CJ Engine
73231st Mercury vehicle scheduled for production at Dearborn
65A Cougar Hardtop
I Lime Frost Paint, Ford #2041-A
1A Black Standard Bucket Seats
04F Scheduled For Build: June 4, 1968
51 Denver Ordering District
8 3.50 Conventional Axle Ratio
5 Four-Speed Manual Transmission



ORDER TYPE: STOCK
DSO ITEM #: 4883
DEALER#: 51E085
DINNEEN L-M SALES
400 WEST 16TH AVE
CHEYENNE WY 82001

IMPORTANT DATES:

ORDER RECEIVED: 05/18/68
CAR SERIALIZED: 05/21/68
BUCKED: 05/22/68
SCHEDULED FOR BUILD: 06/04/68
ACTUALLY BUILT: 05/24/68
RELEASED: 05/28/68
SOLD: 10/10/68

Your vehicle was ordered with the following features:

- Four-Speed Manual Transmission
- F70X14 Belted Traction Tires
- Power Disc Brakes
- Power Steering
- AM Radio
- Tinted Glass
- Wheel Covers
- Heavy Duty Suspension

STATISTICS

Your car was one of:
12,279 With this Paint Code
2,767 With these Paint/Trim Codes
48 With these Engine/Transmission Codes
2,737 Ordered from this DSO
957 With Heavy Duty Suspension
For the 1968 Cougar Hardtop.

Your car was actually produced on May 24, 1968 -- eleven days ahead of schedule.

Kevin Marti

Check out www.cougarclub.org for all of the registry contacts.
If you have questions our registrars have the correct answers!



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1968 Cougar R-code option (non-GT-E)

The 428 Cobra Jet was introduced April 1, 1968 as a mid year change and was nothing more than a \$420.95 Engine Option in the Mercury Cougar in 1968. It could be ordered in a Standard Hardtop, GT, XR-7, GTE, or XR7-G. All Serial Numbers (VIN) should start as 8F91R (Std. Hardtop) or 8F93R (XR-7) for Dearborn built cars; or 8R91R (Std. Hardtop) or 8R93R (XR-7) for San Jose built cars.



Here is a list of some of the unique items found on the 1968 "R" Code:

- The 428CJ could be ordered with an automatic or 4-speed manual.
- All 1968 428CJs were equipped with Ram Air as standard equipment.
- The Ram Air (Flapper Lid), which had a rubber seal that sealed the Air Cleaner to the underside of the Hood, was unique in 1968, as the front area had a distinct bend between the two reinforcing ribs. In later years this bend extended out past these ribs.
- The Satin Black hood scoop for the 1968 is unique, as it has 8 mounting studs, where the Eliminator scoop in 1969 and 1970 used 10 mounting studs.
- All 428CJ equipped cars had a Satin Black painted stripe on the hood, extending from under the hood scoop, down over the front, even straddling the center chrome Mercury emblem. All cars received this -- even for the color black.
- All 1968 428CJ cars received a starter delay. This was mounted over the starter solenoid and was designed to prevent the starter bendix/starter gear from being ground into the flywheel/flexplate while it was still turning from a start attempt that failed.
- 428CJ cars came with Group 24F batteries
- All 1968 428CJ cars received the Competition Handling Package, which was a required \$30.64 Option. This option included heavy duty springs and shocks. The front sway bar was 15/16th diameter, and in 1968 only, there was a 3/16th's inch spacer-plate mounted between the sway bar's front, U-shaped Clamps and the lower frame.
- All 1968 428CJ cars received 6-inch wide Wheels, whether standard or styled steel.
- The common tires found on these cars were Goodyear Polyglass (No Size in White) F70-14 Raised White Letter tires, which were a \$73.40 required option.
- The rear end housing was a 9-inch with a nodular third member and 31-spline axles.
- Unlike later years, there was NO "Drag Pack" Option in 1968, hence NO 428SCJ in 1968
- In 1968 only 428CJ cars had the lower wrap-around shock tower bracing



**“I have to admit that when I 1st saw the ad, I thought the car was probably a modified car, that was until I verified the VIN# & Door codes, then looked into how many were ever made”
~John Swanson**



**“This was a Friday and the ad for the Cobra Jet only ran Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. Probably a good thing because I doubt anyone else even noticed or bothered to call.
~John Swanson**



Gavin Schlesinger

Stray Cats President #360

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Regional Reports & Events

Cascade Cougar Club

BY: **HEATHER WHITAKER (#7477)**
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR



As cheers from the Seahawks' Superbowl win slowly faded into the background, a small group of us got together at Century Link Field in April to reminisce over the local team's amazing year and to learn about their home stadium. Like most major cities' professional sports venues, this building was built with versatility and comfort of patrons in mind. Not only is Century Link home to NFL football, it is also home to the NASL Seattle Sounders. (*Did you know that Drew Carey is part owner of the Sounders?*) The adjacent Events Center is used for tailgate parties, concerts, raves, car shows, boat shows and Seahawks' post-game parties. Cascade members have often attended the Seattle Roadster Show in this building.

The stadium covers 400,000 square feet and seats over 68,000 fans. Generally, it is 2/3 full for soccer, full for football and overfull when European soccer teams play here. It was engineered to take advantage of local weather conditions giving the home team a slight edge. The wind and rain predominantly come in off the ocean from the southwest, so the home bench is in the lea of the stands, offering some protection from the elements while the visitors face the weather coming across the breadth of the open field in front of them and the summer sun sets behind the home bench while the visitors squint uncomfortably. This type of subtle chicanery is common practice with major league teams so, you see, there really *IS* a home field advantage.

This tour was a welcome way to spend some time together as we waited for the weather to improve and the car show season to officially begin. In May our first venue was in Port Angeles, WA for the annual North Olympic Mustang show but due to a nasty weather front rolling in, attendance was poor. However, as summer nears, the days will get longer, brighter and drier and the event calendar is full of choices from which to choose so I and my fellow classic car enthusiasts are taking care of

those last niggly mechanical problems and polishing the chrome on our big cats as we watch the skies.

Speaking of anticipation, Cascade's annual Prowl is coming up in less than two months. I hope many of you will plan to visit us on Sunday, July 27th at the XXX Root Beer Drive-in in Issaquah, WA. Check out details at

<http://www.cascadecougarclub.com/Prowlinfo/prowlreginf.html> .



COUGAR CLUB OF NEW ENGLAND

BY: **RICHARD "DICK" CLARK (#2688)**

Hello Mercury Cougar world and greetings from Connecticut! We are the Cougar Club of New England with about 70 members in all six New England states plus New York. We welcome all Cougar enthusiasts whether they are Cougar owners or just very interested in these cars.

The Cougar Club of New England was formed in 2005 under the capable leadership of Dan Houde (CCOA #8246) from New Hampshire, followed by Bill Pratt (CCOA #8302) from Massachusetts, and Currently Dan Goldsmith (CCOA #7639) from New Hampshire. I would also be remiss if I didn't mention Ms. Cindy Ghizzi (CCOA #8803) from Massachusetts, our "Jackie of all trades," who single-handedly covers the positions of treasurer and membership director, as well as the inherited position of Secretary, whose duties include communications and publishing the annual membership renewal and calendar of events letter. She is the glue that keeps our club together as much as possible.

After the endless winter here in the northeast, we kicked off the classic car season in April at the annual Connecticut Shelby Club/FoMoCo show at Mustangs Unlimited in Manchester, CT. For May,

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Bill and Nancy Pratt hosted our annual cookout and meeting at their automotive business in Auburn, Mass. Next up: the All FoMoCo Nationals at Carlisle, PA in June that is once again graciously co-hosted by our friends in the NJ/PA and DelMarVa Cougar Clubs. The International Mercury Owners Association also will have a tent on the fairgrounds. Later in June will be the All American Nationals show at the Eastern State Exposition in West Springfield, MA.

One last item to put on YOUR calendar of events for the future: October 2015, Columbus Day weekend, announcing a CCOA National East meet and show! The location will be at a motel in Sturbridge, MA at the junction of I-84 and I-90. The show grounds will be overlooking a lake. You should be treated to fall foliage in New England at its best! Watch for it; plan on it; and, save the date!

As I close I often say, "Cougars-R-Us" and (my favorite) "One can never have enough Cougars!" (this is NOT endorsed by my wife). Until the next issue, Happy Cougaring!

M60 Cougars

BY: BARRIE
DIXON (#156)



You know that saying about the best laid plans? Well, at the time of writing, my Cougar is now technically back on the road after its long, too long, lay-off.

Because of a series of domestic issues, I didn't manage to get my transmission fixed over the winter months and therefore it still slips and slides in low/reverse when it's not up to temperature, so I really don't risk taking it out too far right now just in case it fails on me along one of our quaint little, winding, country back roads. Trust me, there are a lot of those here on the edge of town!

The show/cruising season is just about up to speed now in the UK and as you read this (a week or so after I wrote it!) my car *will* have a new/repared C-4 and I *will* be back on the street once again. I have to be because Stars and Stripes is on over the

July 4th weekend and the Cougar ain't going to miss two in a row! The bodywork is still not quite looking its best because of that ultra thin paint mix I got sold last year, but plans are in place to get a full paint job after some minor body work. I'm also planning a new vinyl top and new headliner along with some trim additions I've been thinking about for a while. No, that doesn't mean I intend to "bling" the car up, it means I intend to replace some pieces that have been missing for a long while. "Bling"? Would I do that to my car? Hm, well, maybe. Not!

I have very little in the way of up-coming legislation that may alter the way we use our classic cars in the UK, but there are some proposals coming through the European Parliament that probably will never be implemented here in the UK, so I won't even whisper what that might be right now. If, or when, anything is about to happen, yeah, I'll tell you all then but for now, let's just say all is quiet on the "Western Front".

And talking of the "Western Front", it is now just 100-years since Germany and the remainder of Europe started the disagreement that brought Americans to the French trenches in 1917. OK, that's it: History lesson over. None of us were there. Let's just move our BMWs out of the way and drive our Cougars to the grocery store!

OHIO

BY: BEN BRACE
(#2796)



The 32nd Annual Classic Auto Show and Cruise-In is July 10-12, 2014 at the Dublin Metro Center, Dublin (Columbus), Ohio.

- Thursday, July 10th, will be the 3rd Rolling Legends Tour, this year to Mershon's World of Class Cars in Springfield, Ohio and the return trek will end up at the Right Stuff Detailing annual barbeque cook-out in Westerville, Ohio.
- Friday, July 11th is the Cruise-In with registration 10:00 am to 6:30 pm, Awards at 8:30 pm with 100 six foot trophies! The first 800 cars that pre-register get a Michelin golf umbrella. The evening's entertainment is the Snidely Whiplash band.

- Saturday, July 12th is the 32nd Classic Auto Show with over 50 classes including the Mercury Cougar Show with in a Show with 7 trophies (See Class 43). After the formal judging and awarding of trophies, the entertainment is from Phil Dirt & the Dozers.

Register for this show at www.ArthritisAutoShow.com.

For information about Saturday's Show within a Show for all years Mercury Cougars contact Ben Brace at benbrace@benbrace.com or call 614-795-6627



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C8 69-70 Convertible (Standard & XR7)
C9 Modified Hardtop*
C10 Modified Convertible*
C11 GTE/XR7-G/Eliminator
C12 74-02 All

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*A modified Cougar is defined as one that has a modified paint scheme, engine modifications or body panel modifications that significantly alter the original appearance of the vehicle. Cascade Cougar Club reserves the right to make final class placement.

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Mail check and entry form to Cascade Cougar Club, PO Box 1914, Renton, WA 98057

eBay Cats a sampling of recent auctions compiled by Kamran Waheed.

See an auction result that you think should be featured? Send the link to assistanteditor@cougarclub.org

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



Year/Model: 1987 XR7 20th Anniv
VIN: 1MEBM60FXXXXXX
Miles: 59,000
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$3,650
Total # of Bids: 30
Comments: This Cat has the 20th Anniversary package and only 59k miles. Has many options including: sport handling suspension, electronic AM/FM/cassette with graphic equalizer, auto parking brake release, power sunroof and much more. Runs and drives like new. A rare Cat in like new condition.



Year/Model: 1971 STD convert
VIN: 1F92H5XXXXX
Miles: 89,969
Condition: 1
Winning bid: \$13,000
Total # of Bids: 28
Comments: Only 89k miles on this convertible Cat!! Restored in 2009. Has new carpet and custom door panels with newer dash pad, new parade boot and rims. Has Edelbrock carb, intakes and cam. The car is straight and door gaps are perfect, never been in an accident. The 351 is strong and runs great. ALWAYS garaged and never seen rain. Have the original rims, carbs, and intakes that will go with the car. Very nice condition.



Year/Model: 1969 XR-7 convt.
VIN: 9F94Q5XXXXX
Miles: 49,410
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$45,200
Total # of Bids: 59
Comments: This XR-7 convt has the rare 428CJ and has just been restored to stock condition and in its original color (in/out) and is an all numbers matching Cat. Have all original paperwork including delivery papers. Sold in Sunnyvale, Cal and then kept in garage for 20+ years for restoration with only 49k original miles. Bought it 10yrs ago and restored it.



Year/Model: 1968 XR-7 GT
VIN: 8F93S5XXXX
Miles: 100,410
Condition: 2
Winning bid: \$15,555
Total # of Bids: 4
Comments: This XR-7 came with the GT package and a 390 4v/4spd. This Cat just needs little more work to be a show car. 100 miles since the eng/trans rebuilt. Originally was Black Cherry with Dark Red leather bucket seats, now is black with black vinyl interior. Has center console, PS Have original "tilt away" column uninstalled. AC not working. The bumpers and guards have been Re-chromed as well as the front parking lights. Comes w/ Marti Report.



Year/Model: 1977 XR7
VIN: Not listed
Miles: 59,900
Condition: 1
Winning bid: \$6,999
Total # of Bids: 13
Comments: This XR7 has had one owner since new and traveled only 59k miles on its 351. Always garaged and is 100% original including paint, interior and mechanics.



Year/Model: 1968 XR-7 GT-E
VIN: 8F93W555XXX
Miles: 102,672
Condition: 3
Winning bid: \$45,100
Total # of Bids: 36
Comments: Barn find car ready for restoration. Legendary 427 side oiler engine. The GT-E option cost almost half of the cost of the regular car and was possibly the most radical performance package offered by that time. Matching numbers on everything except the block. Stored for an estimated 20+ years. Tilt, AM/FM, Console, PS/PB, Styled steel wheels. No rust except a small area behind the right rear wheel, and minor surface rust on the top. Originally Cardinal Red now wears a poor orange paint job.

Classified Ads

Send your "Wanted" and "For Sale" ads to assistanteditor@cougarclub.org or membership@cougarclub.org. Please send them by **Sept. 1** to ensure inclusion in the next *ATSOTC*. Ads run twice unless renewed. See more ads on the web site at: <http://www.cougarclub.org/classifieds.htm>

FOR SALE: Body and Collision Parts catalog sheets.

15 pages of parts identified for 1969 Mercury Cougar \$12.00 USA. Checks only. panther@cougar-cats.com

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WANTED: Carburetors part # on air horn C80F-AB & C80F-AA; FE distributors Part # on housing C80F-D, C80F-F, C80F-H. 1968 red dash pad. Keith Litteken St. Louis MO (314) 480-2556 or email: kslitteken@aol.com

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FOR SALE: 1969 XR7 CONV. VIN 9F94M539706, 351W-4V-FMX, Black w/ Red Leather. Marti report. \$26,500. PS PDB Tilt, AM 8 track, tinted glass, power windows, styled steel wheels, door edge guards, floor mats, power ventilation, power top. Less than 100,000 original miles. This Cougar is in very good condition. Excellent running and driving car. Go anywhere any time. \$10,000+ paint job in 2010, base clear from bare metal epoxy coated. Less than 5000 miles since new paint. More info at <http://members.shaw.ca/blkat69/index.htm> Located Vancouver Isl., British Columbia. Contact Ray at zoray@shaw.ca



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FOR SALE: 1969 XR7 CONV. VIN 9F94S532071, 390 4V 4 Speed, Special Marti Letter. It had been my intention to make a show quality Cougar out of this rare only k390 Aqua/white XR7 convertible known to exist and therefore all my best pieces were put into this car. Runs and drives very well. Much more info at: <http://members.shaw.ca/vc390xr7/index.htm> Of all the Cougars I've owned, this one gets the most attention. The Aqua and White is stunning. West Coast Canada, \$36,500 obo. Contact Ray at zoray@shaw.ca



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WANTED: 1967 PARTS: I recently joined the club and purchased a '67 Cougar and am seeking to gather parts for later shipping to me in Sweden. I have a US shipping address, and hope to fill a container for later shipping. Looking for red standard door panels, armrests and dashpad. Also need headliner bows, windshield and rear window mouldings, front bumper, parking lights, trunk lid moulding, trunk lock, gas tank door and license plate holder. Also need all emblems. I'm looking for good, used parts. Contact me at leif.lidberg@atria.se or phone +46 582 150 23 (remember we're 6-9 hours ahead of you)

FOR SALE: 1969 STANDARD CONV. 428CJ-4V, RamAir, 4sp (Hurst), competition handling pkg, Traction-Lok, high performance axle, staggered rear shocks, PS, PDB. It runs strong. 67,750 miles. Am/cartridge tape, original top (slightly shrunk), split glass rear window. Marti Report, one of seven. One of one w/standard interior. VIN: 9F92R566581. Early 70s American Racing mags. Sun tach, manifold pressure, oil pressure gauges. Repainted med metallic Cougar green 35 yrs ago (originally dark ivy green met) Saddle interior. Featured in *ATSOTC*, Vol 10, No 4; 4Q1990. Re: Hurst: avail on '69 Mustangs, not Cougars until '70. CCOA historian yrs ago thought since this is a late April '69 car, perhaps this was a factory install, to check fit. Has air shocks I have owned it 28 years and have been debating selling for two years, it's time for someone else to enjoy my Cat and get it back in circulation. \$32,000 Ron Robinson. Chicago area. karenronr@aol.com. 1-630-469-4562.



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FOR SALE: PARTS. 1970 302 heads, cast # D00E, dates 9L18 & 9J9 \$100.00; 1967 289 heads, cast # C6AE, date codes 7D18 & 7E2 \$100.00; 1966 289 heads, cast # C60E, dates 5L20 & 6B2; NEW: AFR small block Ford 185cc aluminum street heads, stud mount, complete with valves, springs etc., CNC machined and ported by AFR, brand new pair \$1,450. AFR small block Ford 205cc aluminum race heads, stud mount, complete with valves, springs etc., CNC machined and ported by AFR, brand new pair \$1,850. 1967 Cougar or Mustang: stainless steel power front disc brake 6 piece line set.

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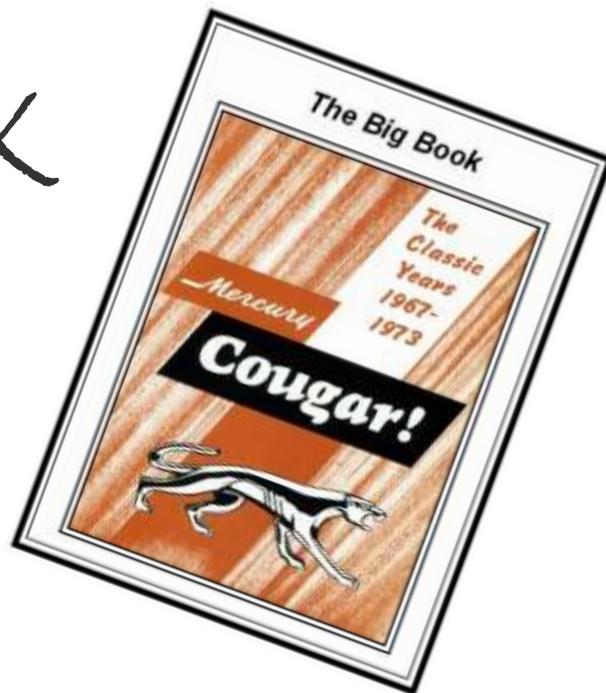
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THE BIG BOOK OF COUGAR HAS BEEN PUBLISHED!



As the Editor for the Cascade Cougar Club, I spent seven years gathering information on our beloved Cougars and putting the information into seven magazines - one for each year, 1967 – 1973. These magazines coincided with the 40th anniversary of each year and were available in September of that year, just like the new models in the dealer showroom. During this time and for the last year, I have continued writing and collecting material for articles.

Some of our well known members of the Cougar Community have urged me to produce a Big Book of Cougar with all the articles included in one book. Last year I started putting the articles together and finishing up the remainder of the articles I had not published yet. I also contacted some members of the Cougar Community and requested that they write specific articles for me to help round out the Cougar Story. All of those people have responded and sent me the requested articles.

The book is 8 1/2 x 11, all color and 192 pages cover to cover, with almost a half inch spine. It makes a respectable "thump" when tossed onto the coffee table. Many of the original articles have been worked over with some new pictures and text. This is a book you would be proud to have in your collection or on your coffee table.

The special introductory price, subject to change in the future, is \$24.95 plus \$5.05 for mailing expense (US dollars, sent within the US). If you'd like one . . . or more, just send me an email at donsk@frontier.com to let me know what your order will be. Postage for multiples will be calculated for each requested order.

Personal checks and PayPal can be used to purchase this book directly from Don.

Best regards,
Don Skinner
former Editor
Cascade Cougar Club



Editor's note: We will be reviewing Don's latest book in an upcoming issue of At the Sign of the Cat. We have no doubt, however, that the Big Book of Cougar will exceed all expectations. So, don't wait for the review... get your copy today!

Financial Director's Report

Greg Fritz #5269

Financial Services Director



Balance Sheet		
	As of 12/31/13	As of 03/31/14
Assets		
US Bank	12,789.70	11,971.10
PayPal	15,549.58	17,894.60
Total Cash	28,339.28	29,865.70
Accounts Receivable	-	-
Total Current Assets	28,339.28	29,865.70
Inventory Assets	877.00	877.00
Fixed Assets	-	-
Office Furniture/Equipment	-	-
Total Fixed Assets	877.00	877.00
Other Non-Current Assets	-	-
Computer Software	-	-
Total Assets	29,216.28	30,742.70
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	-	-
Long Term Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-
Equity	30,163.81	29,216.28
Current Earnings	(947.53)	1,526.42
Total Owners Equity	29,216.28	30,742.70
Total Liabilities & Equity	29,216.28	30,742.70

Income Statement		
	As of 12/31/13	As of 03/31/14
Revenue		
Dues - Checks	1,290.00	2,885.00
Advertising	-	-
Calendars	-	-
Merchandise	-	-
Donations	-	-
PayPal - Dues	845.00	2,255.00
PayPal - Merchandise		194.55
Total Revenue	2,135.00	5,334.55
Expenses		
Postage	302.07	151.88
Office Supplies	223.86	45.04
Membership Supplies	-	-
Advertising Refunds	-	-
Bank Fees	2.93	8.68
Checkprint Charges	-	-
Newsletter	1,200.62	1,227.20
Web Site Fee	-	24.95
PayPal Fees	36.47	104.53
Legal Fees	-	-
Merchandise Cost	1,316.58	1,722.50
Merchandise Refund	-	23.35
Memorial	-	-
Nat'l Show Expense	-	500.00
Total Expenses	3,082.53	3,808.13
Net Income	(947.53)	1,526.42



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Yes _____ No _____

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Rob Merritt
Membership Director
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In Memoriam

Thomas F. Lawrance, Jr. 1946-2014

Thomas Franklin Lawrance, Jr., (CCOA #7112), age 67 of Danville, Virginia passed away Sunday, April 6, 2014 at his residence after a 16 month courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.



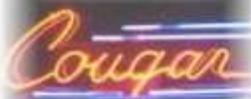
Mr. Lawrance was born Nov. 18, 1946 in Queens, NY to Thomas F. Lawrance and Marion Cox Lawrance of Danville. He was married to Pamella Kunze Lawrance who survives him. Thomas loved old cars and was a member of the DelMarVa Cougar Club and the Cougar Club of America. He was a welder by trade for 26 years and was known nationally for his automobile restoration skills. Mr. Lawrance served his country as a member of the Corp of Engineers in the US Army during the Vietnam era.

Tom was the original owner of a 1970 Eliminator, which perhaps inspired his love for the cars. With his son Kurt, KTL Restorations restored some of the finest examples of the marque, including national show winners and auction record holders. His legacy with Cougar restorations will long be remembered. Kurtis, after 10 years of tutelage from Tom, will be stepping up to the helm and continuing his father's legacy. Kurt's Restoration and Collision is underway in the same shop, same phone number, and same quality of workmanship.

Tom was a font of knowledge with everything Cougar. He shared willingly and enthusiastically with the Cougar community at events, over the phone, and on the internet forums.

Tom's passion was to bring the old Cougars back to life, with the accolades and recognition deserved of a quality built car. One year from now, a 1970, 428 Eliminator, matching numbers, competition gold will be brought to auction. It will be a tribute car for Tom, restored by Kurt, and the last car off the KTL block.

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