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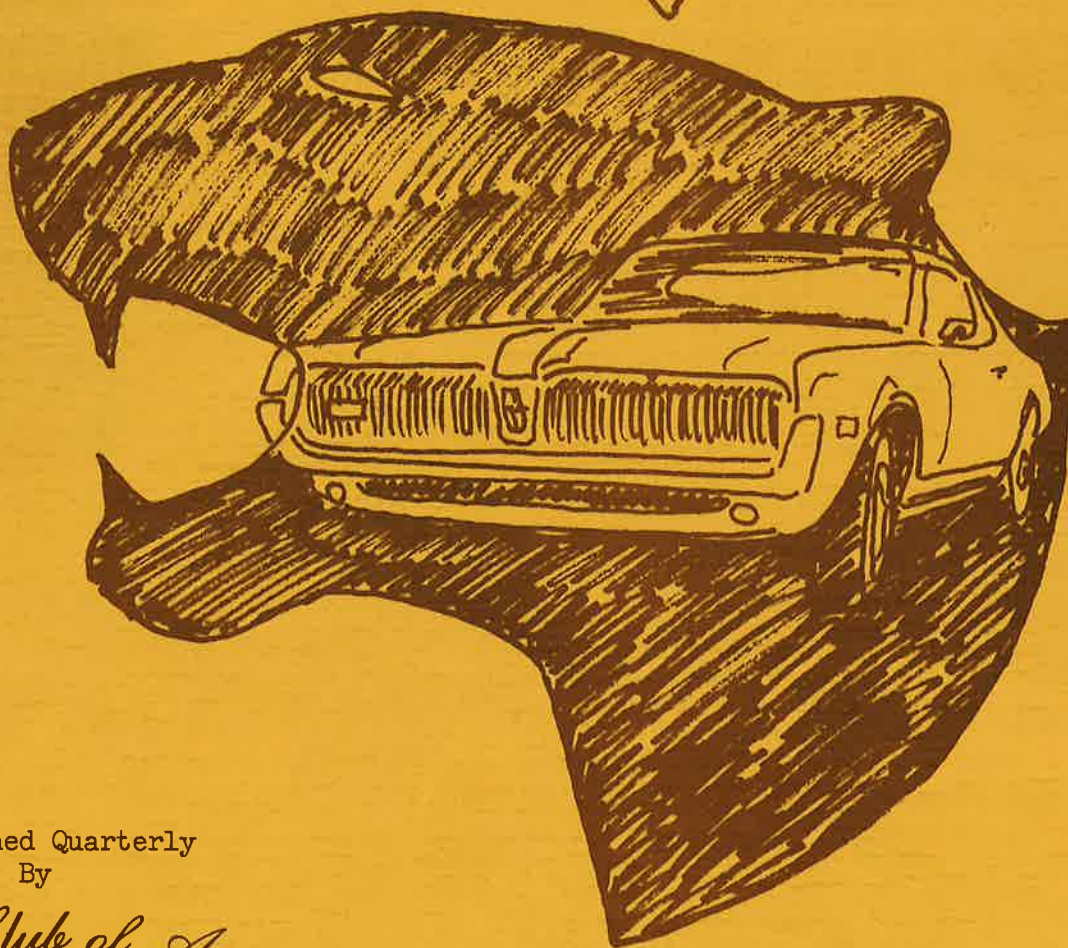


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Jim Rakowsky and his '69 Eliminator.

Please send any questions you have regarding production figures to me at the following address: Jim Rakowsky, 18660 Rivercliff Dr., Fairview Park, OH., 44126. I'd appreciate a SASE. Answers will be returned individually and forwarded to Tom to be published in the newsletters.

I own nine '69 Cougars and over the last 5 years have been compiling a list of Cleveland area '69's still on the road and in the junkyards. Many times I've followed people home and asked to record their serial numbers or I've nearly gotten in trouble by opening unlocked driver doors in order to record the important warranty plate information.

I chose '69 Cougars because the first car I owned is my '69 XR-7 convertible. I've made it my life's ambition to learn as much about the '69 Cougars as I can. Now, I'm expanding my horizons to include '67-'73.

I hope as the years go by and our membership grows, that some of the information I help to gather will be helpful and interesting to other Cougar enthusiasts. I'll be glad to hear from all of you members.

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#### NOTICE

This 'July' issue is coming out early due to illness of the printer, Bill Veach. I wanted to make sure that you had an issue for the Summer and hopefully I can do the Oct. issue also. In the meantime, send all ads, pictures, and correspondence to the President, Tom Jacobellis.

Thank You.

*Bill Veach*

An open road ahead, the sun shining bright, telephone poles flashing by, the steady purr of the motor, and the wind blowing through your hair and you are enjoying the thrill of driving your

## CONVERTIBLE .

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### 1969-1970 Cougar Convertible

1969 saw the introduction of the Cougar Convertible, a trend that would last until the Government decided the cars were too dangerous. Production was forced to an end in 1973. Cougar fans will agree that the Convertibles are very desirable . Low production figures make the ragtops hard to find.

#### PRODUCTION FIGURES

1969: 76A (Conv.).....5,796	1970: 76A.....2,322
76B (XR-7 Conv.)....4,024	76B.....1,977
1969 Conv. w/428 engine...183	1970 Conv. w/428...74

#### Original Cost:

1969 Conv. base price.....\$3,365.00	1970 Conv. base price.....\$3,480.00
XR-7 base price..... #,578.00	XR-7 base price..... 3.692.00

Standard on all 69-70 convertibles was the decor group. This included: Deluxe wheel covers, curb moldings, door courtesy lights, rear seat panel arm rests, and comfort-weave vinyl high-back bucket seats (70 only).

The convertibles, like all other Cougars, have been rapidly increasing in value recently as collectors begin to see the cars as potentiall valuable investments. If you do modify your Cougar in any way always keep the original parts, it makes the car more valuable to someone who wants to keep it original.

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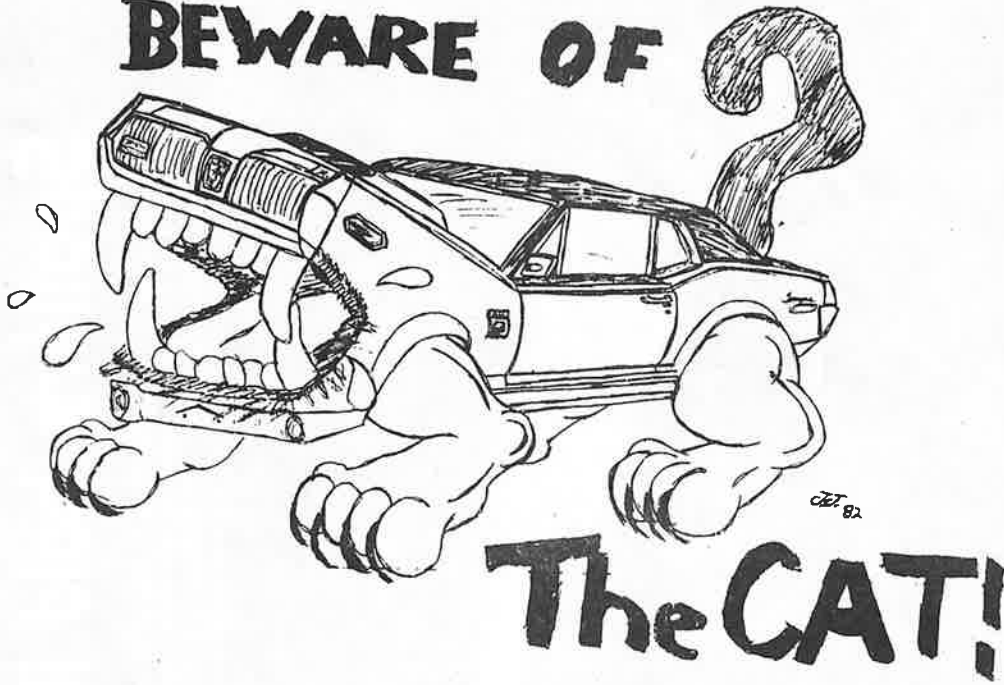
Speaking of nice '70 Convertibles, here's Randall Carlson #1176 standing by his out in Los Altos, CA. It's an XR-7, metallic blue with white top and black interior. It has stock mechanics which include a 351 2V Windsor, AT, PS and PB. Tinted windows were the original owners added option. Mileage shows 115,000 and he gets 12-13 mpg. He likes the design of the '69-'70 cars because it gives the appearance of the car lunging forward.



Randall is a member of the Northern California Cougar Club, an affiliate of the CC of A. Any reader in his area interested in joining should contact him at 960 Berry Ave., Los Altos, CA., 94022. Phone: 415-960-1078.

Nice looking car, Randy.

# BEWARE OF



## REAR SPRING REPAIR

by Jeff Ruhloff #585

Do you have a problem with sagging rear end? (On your car I mean.) Well I did on my '67. I had known the springs were weak, but it was not until I put on larger tires (GR-78-14) and found them hitting the body on bumps that I realized how weak.

My first step was to keep the suspension from bottoming, and keep the body off the tires, until I could replace the rear springs. To do this, I got a set of coil spring helpers that attach between the axle and frame. I chose these rather than leaf type helper springs to avoid further stress on the stock leaves. They are available from auto supply stores for \$15-\$25. I got 1500 lb. capacity which did the job, a fairly stiff ride but no chassis interference.

Next job was to find replacement rear springs. The L-M dealer said they no longer stocked them, and referred me to a spring shop (Wasencky Bros., Norwalk, CT.). They supplied me with a heavy duty spring for stock ride height. By talking with the shop mechanic and checking in Hollanders Interchange Manual, I found that Cougar springs are unique, and will not swap with other car lines. Comet, Fairlane, and Montego springs (66-71) are close in length, but are designed for different loads and capacities. Mustang springs are about  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " shorter.

I replaced both rear springs, U-bolts, rear shackles, and all rubber bushings for a total cost of about \$275. Replacement is fairly simple, using the shop manual as a guide for procedure. "Special" tools included stub-frame hacksaw for cutting the front bolt, torque wrench, 2' pipe extension for ratchet wrench (loosening U-bolt), a sharp knife for cutting rubber bushings.

There are two possible problems in removing the old springs. The big problem is if the front bolt rusts into the steel insert in the front bushing. If it does, the bolt must be cut on each side of the spring eye. A quick check for rust is to loosen the nut; if the bolt turns freely with the nut there is no rust between the bolt and insert.

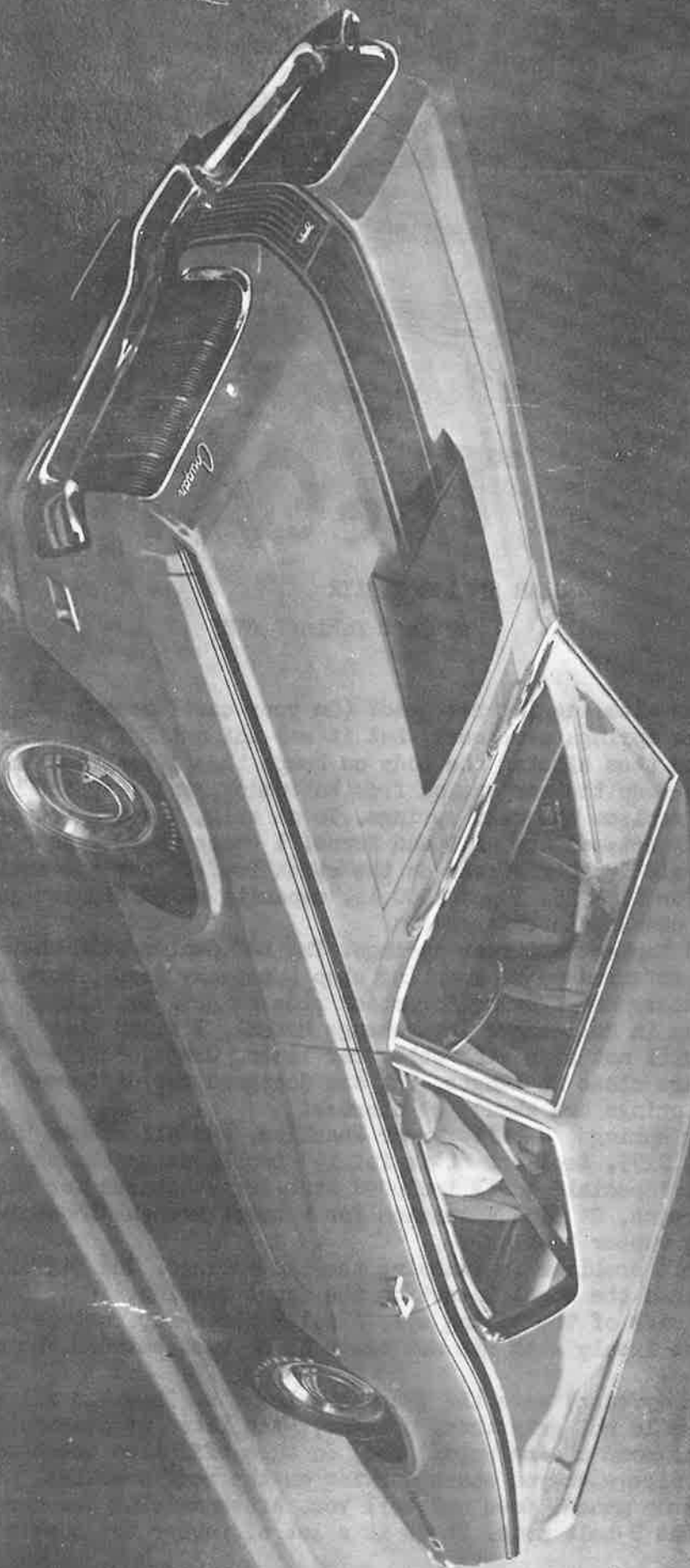
A lesser problem (in my case) were the rear shackle nuts. They had all rusted to the point that a wrench would not grip them. However, with lots of penetrating oil, a pair of Vise-grips, (and some choice words) they do turn off. Also watch for interference with the exhaust pipe when you start working on the rear shackles.

One more thing the shop manual does not tell you. After driving the car for about a week, re-torque the U-bolt nuts. There is a lot of rubber to squeeze down and settle in.

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1970 Mercury Cougar Eliminator

MERCURY COUGAR



## THE RAREST BREED OF CAT

by Kevin Marti

So you want a 67 or 68 Cougar convertible? There aren't too many around. In fact, my latest count is one. I have a 67 XR-7 Cougar convertible. I finished making it into a convertible about three years ago. Mercury considered building the 67-68 convertible (at a cost of \$8 million according to a Feb. 67 Motor Trend article) but decided to wait until 1969. If you'd like to make the conversion yourself, I hope this article will help you. If you're serious about this project, let me offer my opinions:

- oModify a fully equipped XR-7. If you're going to have a special Cougar, make it first class.
- oBe very experienced in bodywork and welding or know someone that is.
- oBe prepared to spend over \$800 and repaint the car.
- oBe prepared to spend more than 250 hours.
- oGet all the required parts before you start.
- oGet a good working area in which you can keep the car and store the parts.
- oBuy the 67 or 68 Ford shop manual. This will help you perform some required alignments.
- oCall me at (602)841-2272 before you start for any comments, answers, or moral support.

If you're still interested, I'll try to step you through the procedure I used.

1. Remove the front and rear seats, door panels, rear quarter trim panels, carpet, all window glass and associated chrome, seat belts, rear and side view mirrors, headliner, overhead console (if so equipped). Cover the steering wheel and dashpad with an old blanket. Refer to Figures 1 & 2. Mark the roof of your car as shown by the

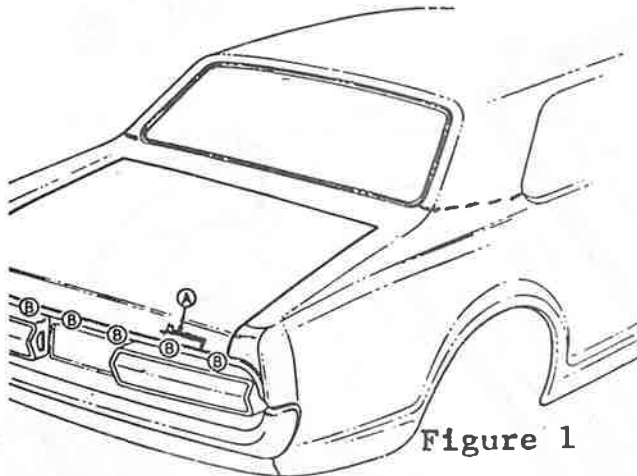


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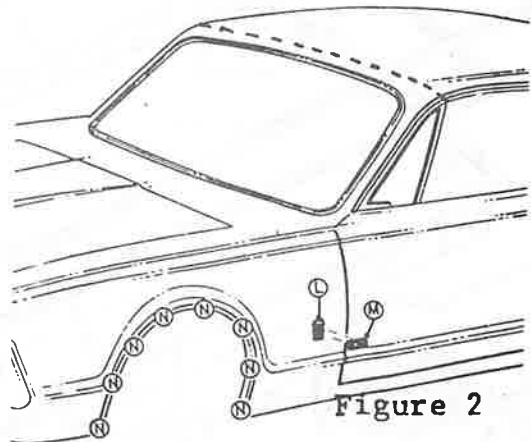


Figure 2

dotted lines. Be conservative! You can always go back and cut more of the roof away, but it's damn difficult to add it back. Using a circular saw with a carborundum blade or a jigsaw with a sheet metal blade, cut along the marked lines. The rear part of the roof will not be completely free yet. From the inside of the car, cut away at the inner panels at the same location as the cuts that were made on the outside. When finished, stand back and get a good idea of what a Cougar convertible looks like! It's best not to drive the car this way because you now have severely weakened the body. We'll fix this later.

2. Observe Figures 3 & 4. Note the differences in the front windshield pillar area between the hardtop and convertible. Using a saw,

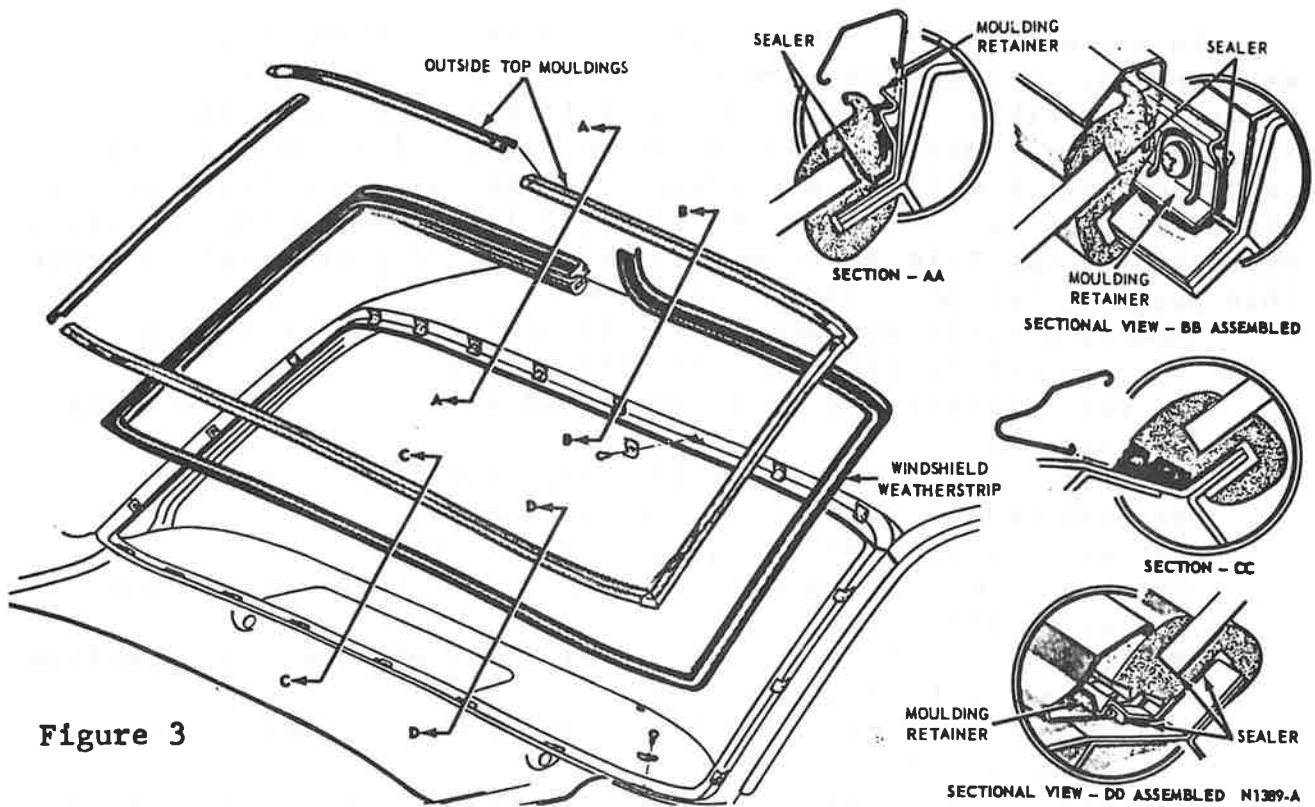


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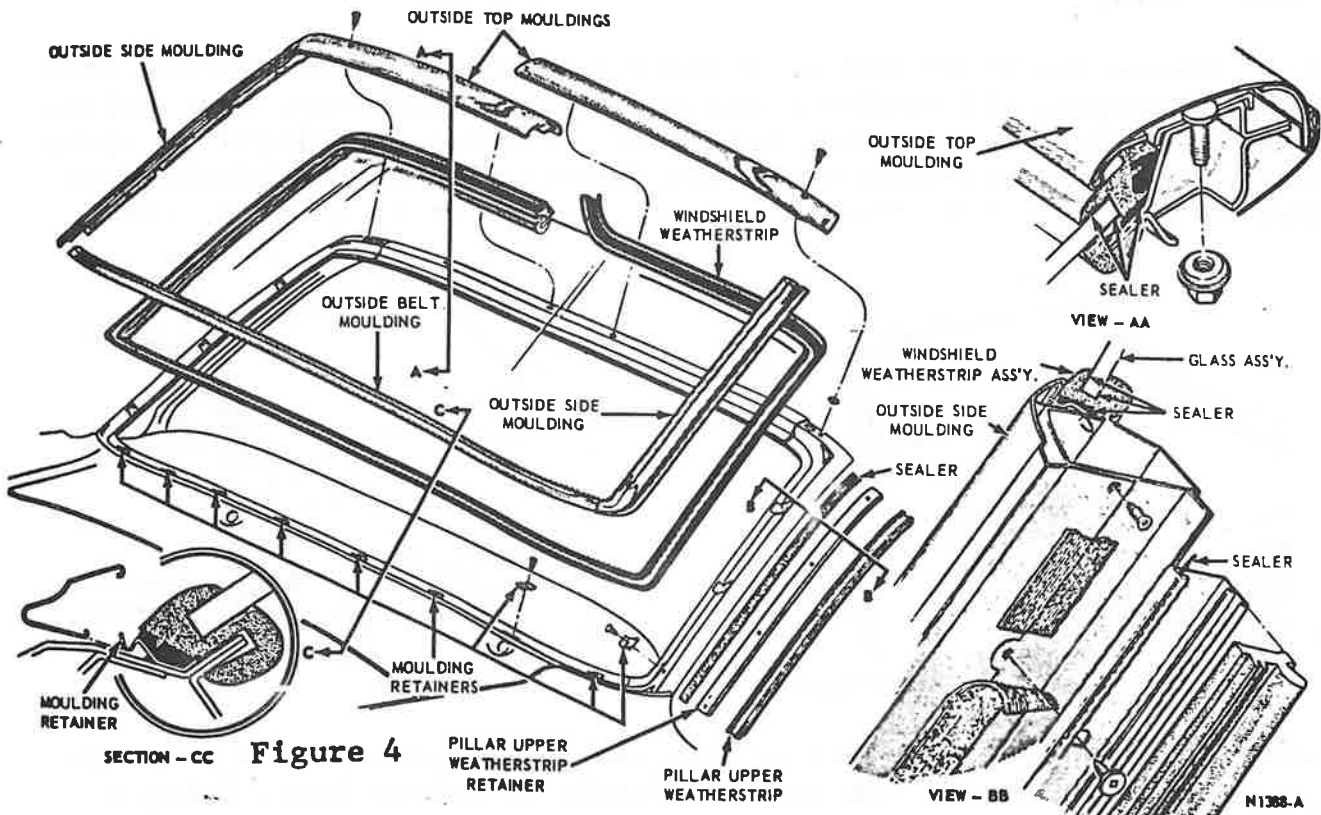


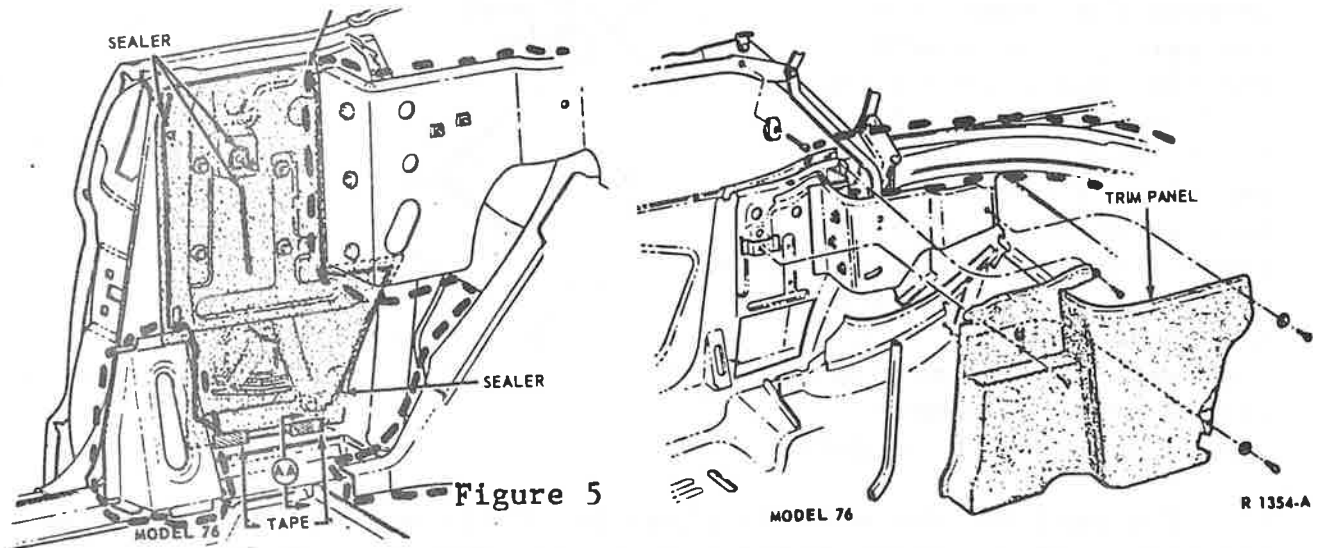
Figure 4

remove what's left of the rain gutter. Using a circular saw that is set at minimum cutting depth, cut the first layer only of the roof away all the way to the windshield. You'll be surprised to see some square holes cut out of the next layer of sheet metal. If you'll get your outside upper windshield moldings, you'll see the screws



for them fit right into these holes and can be bolted in from below! But for now just place the moldings where they belong and put the outside side moldings where they belong. Verify that they all fit as shown in view AA and BB of Figure 4. If they don't, trim away any interfering metal.

3. From a 67 or 68 Mustang convertible, cut away the entire convertible top and rear seat support structure as one piece. Also cut away the rain gutter. It would be too difficult for me to explain in this limited space exactly where to cut. Be conservative! Always cut away a lot more than you think you'll need. You can always remove excess. I've tried to show some of what to cut in Figure 5.



The governing rule on your Cougar is to remove less than you think you should. Trim away the rear package shelf and rear seat support on your Cougar. Keep trimming on the Mustang structure and the Cougar until you can fit the Mustang structure into the Cougar. The fore-and-aft location of the structure can be obtained by aligning the sides of the structure with the Cougar window supports as shown in Figure 6. Now you'll note one of the big differences between the Mustang and Cougar. The Cougar is three inches longer, so where the Mustang structure and Cougar body don't meet, sheet metal will eventually have to be welded in. Cut away the area where the rain gutter will go. This piece has to be forced into the Cougar because the Cougar is slightly narrower than the Mustang in this area.

4. Now that all the pieces somewhat fit, its time to try and start aligning everything. Do this by bolting the top frame to the Mustang structure. Install the Mustang door and rear window glass. Install the windshield moldings and locate the front hooks that the convertible top clamps into. Raise the top and use

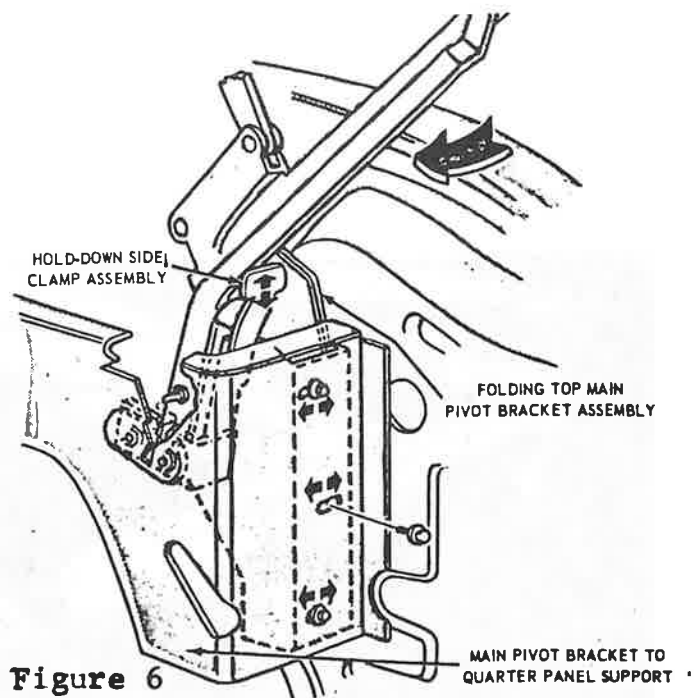


Figure 6

procedures listed in the shop manual to align the windows, top, and rear seat support. Screw the chrome molding and front hooks into the front window pillar. Tack weld the rear seat support structure at first. Operate the top and once you're convinced everything is aligned, weld the structure securely. Purchase the convertible inner rocker panels, torque boxes and connecting plate. Weld the inner panels in. Bolt the torque boxes to the connecting plate and fit it up into the underside of the car. Weld the parts in as an assembly. Referring to Figure 7, remove the old sheet metal between the trunk and the roof. Weld the rain gutter in. Weld reinforcement tabs between the trunk and the rain gutter where the old ones used to be. Weld new sheet metal between the trunk and gutter. Slit the rear quarters as shown in Fig. 7. Rework the feature line so it appears as in dotted lines of Fig. 7. Use the Mustang convertible rear quarter weatherstrips as part of a guide.

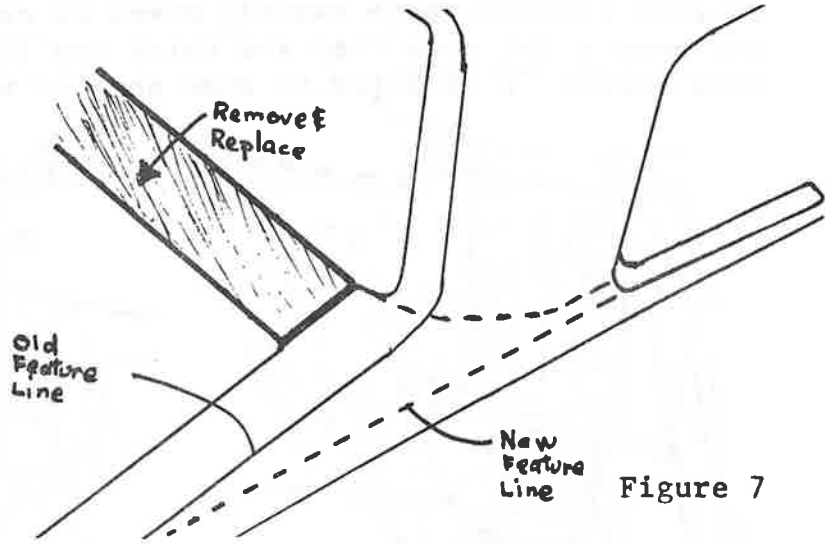


Figure 7

5. The rest of the work is clean-up. Where you've welded in the interior, put weathersealing tar. Obtain Mustang convertible rear quarter inner panels and rear seats. Have the seats recovered to match the original Cougar design. Buy Mustang convertible carpet and front seat belts. Primer, paint, and reinstall parts.

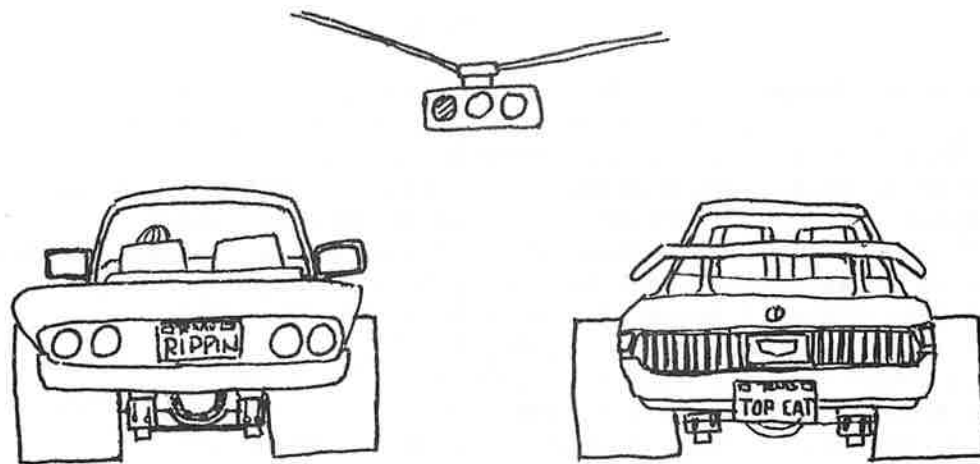
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*Devin Marti*



The Finished Product:

The 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 Convertible





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by Tres Wright #996

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Symptoms - Tremendous urge to drive, lack of breath (from talking about Cougars,)sweaty palms, rapid pulse, dwindling bank account, lack of interest in material things.

Cure - NONE - even psychiatric aid has proved fruitless.

This disease is nothing to be taken lightly. It usually has a delayed affect; it may not occur until after the purchase of your first '67-'73 Cougar. If you already own one, it is too late. For those of you not yet affected, get away from Cougars. Far away. Farther than that.

As for me, the disease struck me mercilessly in the summer of 1980. I had gained enough money between college semesters to buy a 2nd car, my weekend hot rod. I was searching in vain for a '69 GTO Judge. Almost daily I passed by a '69 Cougar Eliminator sitting motionless in a front yard, "For Sale" signs plastered on it, without even acknowledging its' existence. One day I DID notice. HMM...Spoiler, Hood Scoop, tach, Hi-back bucket seats, floor shifted 4-speed. I had to have it. The \$1000 price was quickly whittled down to \$650, due to a destroyed flywheel the car had to be push-started. Driving back 90 miles to Huston, I had to pull over every 20 miles to satisfy its' tendency to boil over. For some reason I didn't mind.....I didn't mind because I had been zapped. Cougar Mania took its' toll. I may now be in the last stages of the disease. I babble on endlessly about Cougars to others, whether they care or not. I savor every sacred moment with my Cougar, putting this on, taking that off, fine tuning, cleaning, etc. The real glory is taking it out on the street; the envious stares, the astonished looks. Obviously they don't see a scooped & spoiled Cougar every day. At stoplights it's necessary to demonstrate why this car was named the ELIMINATOR.

So there you have it, the dreaded incurable disease: Cougarimus Manius. The other day a friend mentioned he was looking for a '69 GTO Judge.....!

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AUTOMOBILIUM FANATICUM

by Paul Duprey #276

I've heard it for 25 years in one form or another. The phrases that amused are 'car crazy', 'car freak', 'car nut', etc. The general public has a hard time understanding "car folks". Even my mother told me that cars would rot my brain, and mothers are always right, aren't they? Anyway it is now a known, incurable disease: Automobilium Fanaticum.

What are the symptoms of this dreaded disease? (Dreaded sometimes by wives or loved ones.)  
You know you are afflicted if you:

Ask people to take off their shoes before getting in your car.  
Say goodnight to your car AFTER you say goodnight to your wife.  
Never take your car out in the rain or snow. (And you live in Seattle.)  
Make people that light cigarettes in your car eat them.

When you are around people with this ailment there are some precautionary measures you can take, not to avoid getting the disease, but to avoid causing them to have 'panic flair-up' similar to Mount St. Helene erupting.

1. When parking, be sure not to open your door and hit their car. (Have you ever seen an enraged GTE owner return ding-for-ding...with a sledge hammer?)
2. Never ask to drive their car around the block to see 'what it can do'. You may be told what YOU can do.
3. Never put your foot on a bumper, lean on the hood or fender, or kick tires. Or your next job might be a street sweeper in Barrow's Point, Alaska.
4. Admire our show-room paint job and chrome polish without touching it. Would you want us to take out your Grandmother's heirloom china from the china cabinet? And drop it?

You will find that people who are afflicted with the disease are also very nice people who love to show their cars, talk about them, and take you for a ride in them. We've spent a lot of time and money getting our gems in the showroom condition they're in and we are proud of them, just show us respect for our efforts.

"Hey! Don't touch that car!! Why don't you do something constructive, like playing blind-man's bluff on the Freeway?"

## COUGAR CLASSIFIEDS

- WANT...For '72 conv....rear quarter window elec. motor, front spoiler for '70 Eliminator. Write Dan Pothast, RR 1 box 73, Melbourne, IA 50162.
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- WANT...For '67 XR7..Clock frame (on front of console). Write: Lynn Grimes, 830 Janetwood Dr., Oxnard, CA. 93030.
- WANT... '70 rear bumper, rocker panel mouldings. Write: Tom Baumgard, RR 1, Box 24, Brewster, MN. 56119.
- WANT...For '69 XR7...White or aqua Convertible boot cover. Write: Jim Turner, Box 126, Linn, MO. 65057.
- WANT... '67 Cougar body panels, N.O.S. or exc. used. Write: Jim Whitaker, 1918 N. 121st, Wauwatosa, WI. 53226. Ph. 414-453-7421.
- TRADE... '67-'68 AM/FM radio (minus speakers) for tilt wheel assembly or good rear bumper for 69 XR 7 Conv. Write: Paul Modestino, 813 Broad St., East Weymouth, MA. 02189, Ph. 617-335-8012.
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- WANT... '67-'68 Cougar or XR 7 in #1 or #2 condition. Will also consider '69-'70. Write:  
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### NOTICE

#### of Previous Meet and planned '82 Meet.

On Sunday, September 27, 1981 in North Park, about 10 miles north of Pittsburgh, Pa., Cougar owners held a little get-together that featured 22 different Cougars. The cars were from the Ohio and Western Pennsylvania area (within a hundred mile radius of Pittsburgh) and almost all were members of the Cougar Club of America.

Approximately 75% of the Cougars were in the 1967-70 vintage and included a perfect yellow '69 Eliminator, a 428 CJ with Ram Air, two '68 Dan Gurney Specials, a '68 XR-7G with a 390, one convertible and several beautiful GT's, XR-7's and standard models. The remaining 25% were 1971-73's and a 1976 which included prime XR-7's, a mighty fine convertible and standard models. As shown by the accompanying photographs most of the cars were in top shape and the others were being restored, but every one of them was a joy to see.

No parts were sold or traded, but a lot of information was. Several people knew the location of Cougars being parted out and Jim Rakowsky had provided a breakdown of the various models and engines that Cougar Club members presently own. Add to that the sales brochures, manuals, Cougar patches, not to mention the cars themselves, and it all summed up to be a very enjoyable day.

Though no date has been set, interest in having another meet has been high. So near the end of September 1982, another meet will be held just north of Pittsburgh.

A note of thanks goes to all the Cougar fans that helped make the meet a success.



Greg Young #20





#551 J. Kennedy - Nebraska

John K.'s' 1969 was stored for a few years, then a restoration was done on it. After the interior was restored, the body was stripped to bare metal and repainted with Ditzler Acrylic Green. Mechanical parts replaced include alternator, water pump, exhaust, and a new set of tires.

The chrome wheels in this picture have been replaced with the original rims. The car has always been their 'baby' and has had excellent care. John does have it for sale now and intends to replace it with a Eliminator.

John intends to stay in the Cougar 'family' because he really enjoys driving one and likes their style.

Barry purchased his '70 in May '81 with 108,000 miles on it, but since it has always had TLC, it was as clean as a whistle.

A new carburator was added, disc brakes rebuilt and a rechromed rear bumper was put on. Since Barry and his wife both enjoy their convertible, it has become a hobby with him to achieve perfection in fixing it.

The one problem that he hasn't been able to solve is looseness in the floor mounted shifter, due to worn plastic washers. If a member can help him with his problem please write: 9305 Old Mansion Rd., Alexandria, VA. 22309.



#891 Barry Browns' '69 - VA.



#954 Jerald Perrault - Wisc.

This bright red gem of a '69 XR 7 is owned by Jerald Perrault of Wisconsin.

It has tinted glass, remote racing mirror, deluxe wheel covers, console, PS, PB, and AM/FM stereo.

The engine is a 351 2V and the car has 75,000 miles on it.

His Cougar also has rim blow horn, floor mats, deluxe seat belts, dual exhaust and FMX automatic, which helps to make it his pride and joy.

Whenever you're in the Green Bay area and see a red 'Cat' prowlin' around, be sure to wave, it will probably be Jerald.



'70 of the Baumgards' (#489)

This '70 has 53,000 miles on it and gets 19-22 mpg. It has a 3-speed, PS, PB, interior Decor Group and clock. Other than a AM/FM/Cassette which was added, it's all original.

The body was stripped to bare metal, primed and repainted original Metallic Blue. A coat of Clear was used to keep it nice and shiny.

Total restoration costs amounted to \$3900 with materials and labor, but it was a labor of love.

The project took two years and the owners, Thomas & Judy Baumgard are very proud of their 'Cat'.

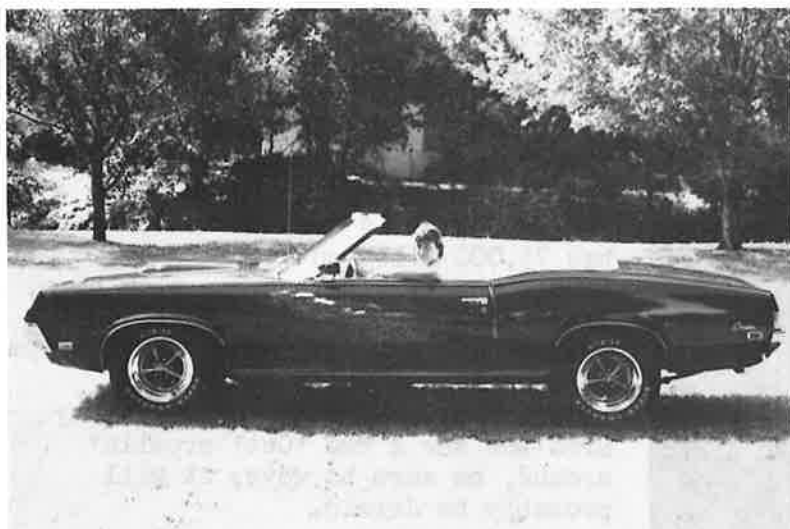
Gary Prather's '69 which he spent 5 years on is LOADED.

The 'goodies' include: 351 Windsor w/Cobra package, and hood scoop. Also it has: AM/8track, tilt, PS, PB w/fr. disc, special interior light package, special original custom trim, cruise, power top, XR7 console, remote mirror, clock, air, and deluxe rocker mouldings.

A very nice Texas car and you-all should be very proud of it, Gary.



#272 G. Prather with his '69



#338 J. Dunn and '69 Conv.

This candy-apple red XR7 Convertible with white top & interior is one of James Dunns' toys. It has a 428CJ, AC, AM/FM stereo, tilt, console, and only 55,000 miles on it.

His other Cougar is a '69 also and is medium blue metallic, wire wheels, AC, AM/FM stereo, tilt wheel and has a sun roof.

Congratulations Jim, for being the owner of a couple of fine looking '69s.



#1053 Adrian Baker - MD



#46 Tony Leraris - Ark.



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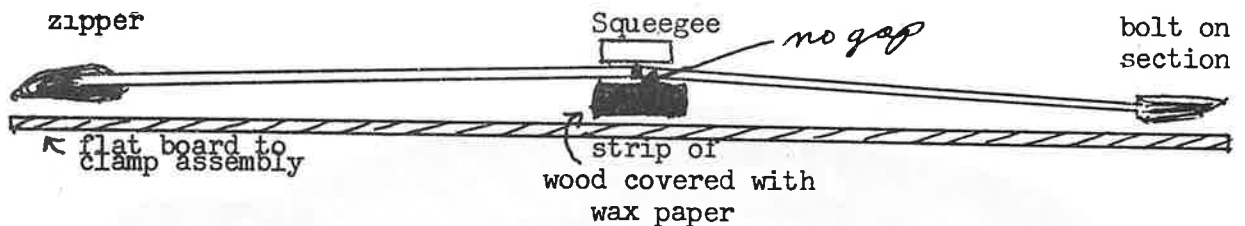
## CONVERTIBLE REAR WINDOW REPAIR

by Paul J. Decker #860


I have a repair tip for convertible owners with the folding glass (2 pc.) rear window. The strip in between the glass has probably fallen out, and if so, here is how I successfully repaired it.

1. Remove window assembly from car.
2. Clean edges of glass carefully first with a razor blade, then with 220-400 grit emery paper, being careful not to scratch the glass.
3. Cover a strip of wood (or metal, plastic) with wax paper to fit in between the edges of the canvas on either side of the gap. This strip should be wider than the gap by 2"-3", and the thickness of the canvas.
4. Lay strip of wax paper covered wood on board of suitable size to clamp window assembly to. Lay assembly on this, on center, and clamp it down lightly checking to see there is no gap between glass and wax paper.
5. Take tube of fresh silicone rubber cement, preferably clear (use good brand - GE or Dow Corning) and squeeze it into gap to fill. Don't worry about surplus glue.
6. Squeegee this out with a putty knife or piece of sheet metal. Best results are obtained if enough silicone rubber is used the first time (don't try to add any) and the squeegee is stroked only once, end to end.
7. Now the real key is to let it cure for 48 - 72 hours.

With patience the above procedure will yield a job that looks and functions as good (if not better) than new. Mine has cycled hundreds of times and there is no sign of cracking or separating.



CROSS SECTION - should be no gaps

Slight angle of glass  (exaggerated) will give a clean edge on squeegee side. Sides can be cleaned after curing.

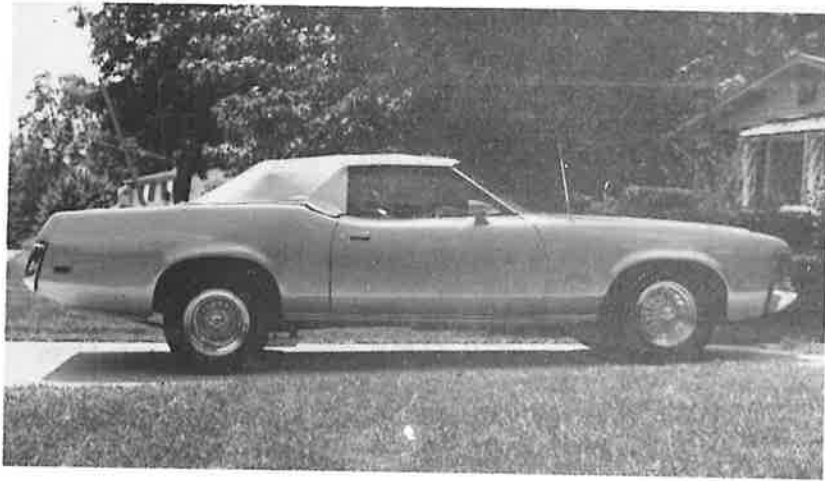
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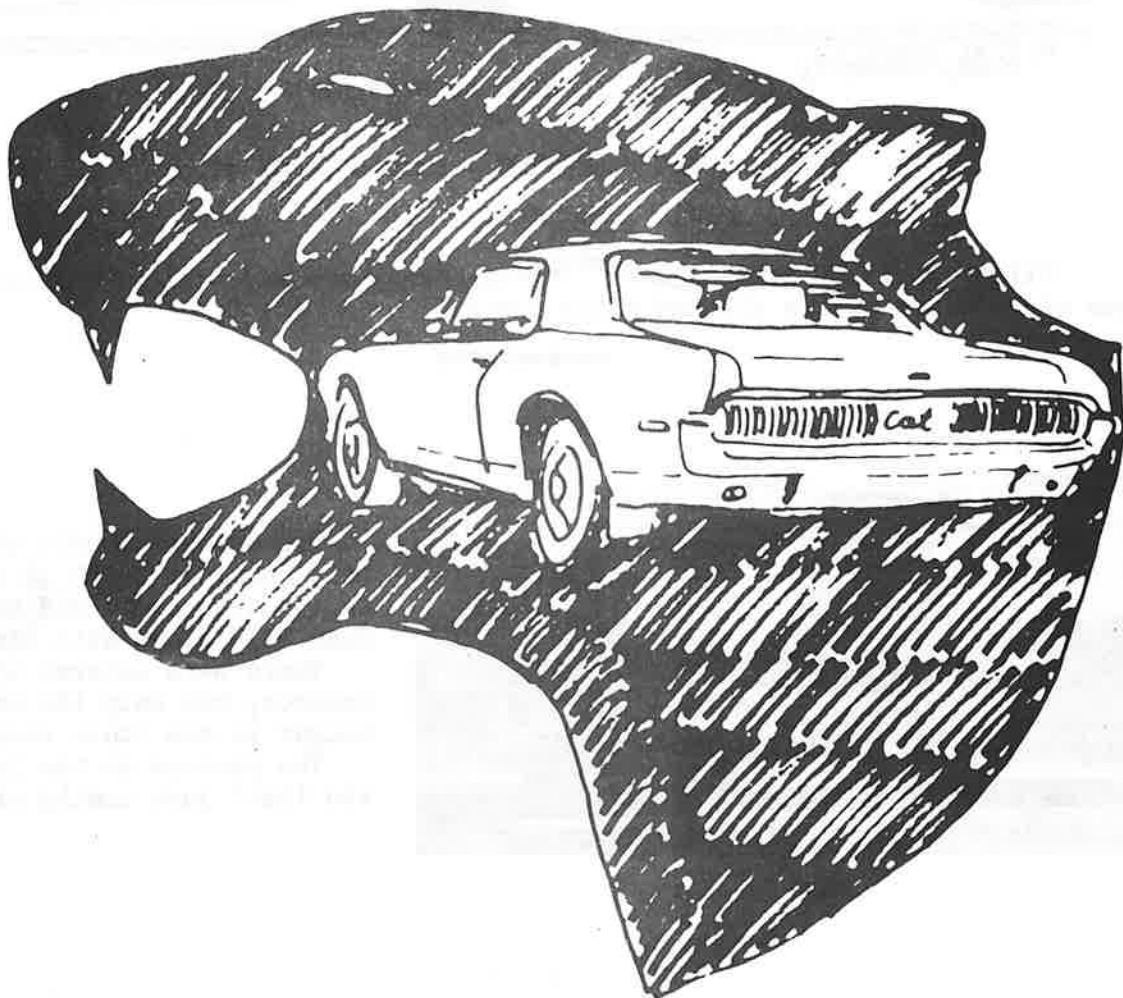
The Gaternationals which were held Saturday March 13 was attended by Steve Shore #38 and Jim Dunn #338 along with some friends.

There were several 67-69 Camaros, but only the one 69 XR-7 Cougar in the Stock race.

The picture at the left shows the 'Cat' just coming off the 'line'.



Here is a nice '72 Convertible owned by Vickie Reardon #886. It started as a 'rebuildable, but with a lot of effort on her part it became a real gem. It has a built up 351 Cleveland, with Holly manifold, 411 posi rear, c-6 trans, Mallory ignition, dual points and exhaust. A very nice car Vickie, we know you're proud of it.



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