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"AT THE SIGN OF THE CAT"

A PUBLICATION OF THE COUGAR CLUB OF AMERICA

At this time I wish to thank all of you who showed support in this undertaking, and to those of you who sent in articles for this newsletter.

I, like many others, was always looking for a Cougar Club to join but there weren't any to be found. I decided to start the club while out sick from work for 6 months with back trouble. I am presently back to work and hope to be able to dedicate enough time to the Club Newsletter.

Several members have volunteered their expertise for answering any technical questions that you may have. Just send in your questions to me I will forward them and the Q & Answers will be printed in the following newsletter.

A little background on myself. I am 30 years old and presently employed as a N.Y.C. Police Officer. I am married and have no children at this time. The following is a list of cars that I own at this time:

- 1969 XR-7 Hardtop 428CJ-RAM AIR & 4 speed 29,000 original miles.
- 1970 XR-7 Convertible 351C-FMX restoration almost complete on 63,000 original miles-one female owner car-fully equipped.
- 1970 XR-7 Convertible-needs total restoration-fully equipped.
- 1970 XR-7 Hardtop 351C-4spd. parts car
- 1966 Falcon-Sport Coupe 64,000 original miles-every day car.

I am looking to buy a 1969 BOSS 429 COUGAR.

Saw ad in Car Craft Magazine by RACING UNLIMITED INC. 2607 Hennepin Ave. S, Mpls., MN. 55408 they listed front and rear spoilers for '67-'69 Cougars made by MAS Engineering-price about \$35.00 ea. Unknown if they look like the factory spoilers.

I've read many articles on water injection to improve mileage and get rid of ping on today's gas. I plan on installing one unit on my '70 Convertible. Will do a follow up report on the installation and the results of same in the future. If anyone wants further information write to SPEARCO, 10936 So. LaCienega Blvd. Inglewood, CA. 90304

In April, 1979 I wrote a letter to Mr. Ray Miller, author of "Mustang Does It", asking if there were any books about Cougars in the future. He wrote back stating that there was a "SIXTY 'SIXTIES FORDS" book on the way with special emphasis on the muscle cars which included the Cougar Eliminators. He also stated that the Cougars were slated for inclusion in a forthcoming book on MERCURY-LINCOLNS. As of this date I have not seen either if these books on the market yet. When I do I will let you know.

The name of the newsletter is tentatively "AT THE SIGN OF THE CAT" the slogan of all Mercury Cougar ads. If you wish to keep this title or if you have any better suggestions don't hesitate to send them in. Let me know what you think.

Anyone wishing to have a regular column in the newsletter let me know.

The Club decals and patches are in the planning stages right now. Anyone that can help out in this area please let me know.

There will be regular wanted and for sale section so send in your ads.

LAST FORD PRODUCED CONVERTIBLE OFF THE ASSEMBLY LINE WAS A 1973 COUGAR IN 1973.

Does anyone correspond with Cougar owners in Europe or Canada?

Does anyone have spare ELIMINATOR stripe kits for the '69-'70 Cougars so we can have them duplicated? Does anyone have a spare engine hood stripe kit for the '69 Cougars equipped with the 428CJ engine?

Possibly the lowest mileage original owner Cougar in existence is owned by George Evelyn—he has a '69 XR-7 convert. with 1,450 miles on it. THE CAR IS NOT FOR SALE.

Does anyone know how many 428CJ Cougars were made? There were supposedly two 1969 Boss 429 Cougars made. Does anyone know their whereabouts?

TECHNICAL CORNER: This month's column was answered by Richard Martin in response to questions asked by Mark Strand.

Q: How do I install stereo speakers in the kick panels of '68 Cougars?

A: Cars in 1968 equipped with 8 Tracks and stereos had pre-cut panels behind the plastic kick panels. They used two 5½ inch speakers, to keep the moisture out of the speakers plastic cones were inserted into the holes and the speakers sat in them. As of last year these items were still orderable at your local dealer. Models not equipped with the radios did not have the holes cut and would mean a lot of work to try and cut out. It would be easier to mount two 6x9 speakers in the rear package tray.

Q: My '68 390 GT is getting terrible mileage and has only 9lbs of vaccum.

A: A 390 4bbl pulling only 9lbs of vaccum could have many problems one of them being age and mileage, improper seal of the intake manifold, the vaccum tank behind the left and right headlights may have developed a leak, do the "eyeballs" open slowly or not together? Or a vaccum line with a hole in it.

CLASSIFIED: FOR SALE:

Parting out 1967 Cougar write; Dan Parson #12, RD2-Box 263, Tyrone, Pa. 16686

Thin line whitewall tires E70 and F70, write Ned Flynn, RD 1, Box CC, 31, Henryville, Pa. 18332

'69-'70 parts Xr-7 and plain, write me. Tom Jacobellis

WANTED:

'68, -427 E Cougar; Richard Martin 4386 So. Escondido #21, Las Vegas Nev. 89109

1969 BOSS 429 Cougar; write: Tom Jacobellis

Front spoiler for '70 Eliminator, 428 radiator stick, woodgrain steering wheel, write: William Kaminsky 273½ East Sixth, Beaumont, CA. 92223

Needed right rear ¼ panel w/wheelhouse for '68 Cougar write: Bob Bachman, 1091 SW Guava, Ave. Palm Bay, Florida 32905

Needed tilt steering columns for '68 and '70 Cougars, write: Harold Sullivan, 522-66th Ave. NE, Fridley, MN. 55432

Needed: '67 black steering wheel, '67 XR-7 white left door armrest, '69-70 blue door assist strap, '69-70 white door speaker grilles, tilt steering column for 1970 Cougar, F70x14 Goodyear Polyglass raised white letter tires write: Kevin Marti, 3507 W Krall St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85019

Needed: '70 trunk moulding and front spoiler for Eliminator write: Nat Mellinger, 318 Archer St, Ephrata, Pa. 17522

Needed: '67-'68 8/track tape player, clocks, hubcaps, in dash A/C controls plus panels for dash write: Keith Laumer PO Box 972, Brooksville, Fl. 33512

Needed: for '69-70 Cougar, rear package tray, '69 tilt-swing away steering column, Ram Air air cleaner-top parts, 428CJ finned alum valve covers, Ram-Air air cleaner sealer, AM/FM stereo and black door speaker covers, write: Tom Jacobellis 1526 Ericson Place, Bronx, New York 10461

I guess that will be all for this time. Send in some articles. Next time will print some statistics also percentage of options ordered for each year.

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