"AT THE SIGN OF THE CAT"

A PUBLICATION OF THE COUGAR CLUB OF AMERICA

I wish to begin by thanking all of you who have sent me anything to help with the newsletter. Also, everyone else who is spreading the word of the Club.

I have recently purchased 1,000 various auto magazines and National Dragster newspapers. There are many auto ads and roadtests on Cougars and other makes. Send me your specific needs and I'll xerox for you - Send SASE; will bill you for cost of xeroxing - about 25¢ a page.

If anyone writes me and wishes a personal response, please include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to cut down on postage costs.

The numbers next to your name on the newsletters is the number you are in the club membership. When writing, please try and use this number AT ALL TIMES!

I plan on putting out a Club Roster in the near future, with the names and addresses of all members and their cars. Anyone wishing not to be listed or not having their telephone numbers listed, please send me a postcard stating this so you will not be included in the list published. Send cards as soon as possible because I hope to have the roster out before the next newsletter.

For those of you who do not know about HELMS INCORPORATED, PUBLICATIONS DIVISION, P.O. BOX 07130, DETROIT, MI. 48207, you can order shop manuals, wiring diagrams, and owners manuals from them for a fraction of the cost for the same items from retail dealers. THEY ARE WORTH WRITING TO IF YOU NEED THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR CAR!

Following are some statistics on Cougars:

1967 Cougar Hardtop - Price: \$2,851 - Number produced - 150,893 - Estimated number existing in 1979 - 38,477 - Common trouble spots - None

OPTIONS: 80.9% automatic; 13.8% 3-speed transmissions; 5.3% 4-speeds 76.8% PS; 22.2% PB; 13.9% Disc Brakes; #10.1% tilt steering wheels; 59.7% tinted glass; 33% air conditioning - GT package cost - \$325.85 - Other options included: bench seat and TV set.

Number of XR-7; Model 65B-27,221 GT produced - Model 65C-7-412 Model 65A - 116,260 ATTENTION:

ALL MEMBERS PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SENT IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE CLUB, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT OWN A CAR AT THIS TIME. IF THE FORMS ARE NOT FILLED OUT AND SENT IN, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE ON OUR CLUB ROSTER AND WILL NOT GET THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. THIS IS BECAUSE MANY OF YOU JUST SENT LETTERS, AND MANY OF THEM HAVE GOTTEN MISPLACED. THE REG. FORMS ARE KEPT IN SEALED, PLASTIC FOLDERS IF YOU DO NOT REMEMBER. IF YOU SENT IT, SEND ME A POSTCARD AND I WILL CHECK AND GET BACK TO YOU.

PLEASE CHECK IT OUT!!!!

BOB COOK FORD - Hazel, Kentucky - Can get a lot of obsolete Cougar parts that other dealers won't bother to look for. He can get the convertible top rubber seals and the window weather seals.

If anyone has written me and has not received a response, please bear with me as I have been inundated with correspondence, and sometimes some of it gets lost in the shuffle. Please don't get mad and think I don't care. Please write back and tell me I did not respond to your letter - Don't forget to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a quick response.

Bob Fischer, 1721 Summit Avenue, Richmond, VA. 23230, is starting a Cougar junkyard - If you have any needs, write him or phone: 804-358-8731 (office) and 804-353-1468 (home).

Going to try and compile a listing of all Mercury sales brochures and magazine articles on Cougars. If you have any info on same, send in a postcard so it can be included. It would help other people who are looking for literature on their cars.

Vic Yarberry, 7105 Winans NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, is taking orders for the thermistor repair kit (low fuel sending unit and console sight) for XR-7 - Needs 50 to 75 firm orders before they can be made - Write him.

There have been several suggestions to change the name of the newsletter to "CAT TRACKS" or "CAT TALES" ----

I think "CAT TALES" should be used as a heading for stories about Cougar owners and their cars, or any type of stories.

Will try and get Mike Martin to draw a big cougar tail next to the title, or the back end of a cougar with a sweeping tail.

"CAT TRACKS" should be a title heading for possibly technical articles, or any other type of article you can think of. Could also possibly have Mike Martin draw the back part of a Cougar (car) leaving rubber (tracks), or just the paw prints of a cougar (the cat) walking away.

Do you have any other ideas for title headings for various sections of the newsletter?????

Jim Osborne will duplicate any decals for Cougars - We have to get him the originals so he can duplicate them... Need the air cleaner decals, door decals, or any other you can think of.....

Vince at Glaziers Mustang barn is supposed to have access to many '70 eliminator stripe kits... 531 Wambold Road, Souderton, PA 18964 - Phone: 215-723-9674.

Tony D'Branda is supposed to be reproducing eliminator stripe kits which should be on the market by the time you read this. Will be advertised in Hemmings Motor News - Write: 1434 East Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 - Phone: 814-942-1869.

All you Eliminator owners, drop Kirk Younberg, 1301 SE Sharon Drive, Ankeny, IA 50021. He is currently starting an eliminator registry to those fast and wonderful Eliminators.... so write him.

SO FAR, THERE ARE 180 MEMBERS - STILL GETTING MORE MEMBERS!

HOPE TO HAVE THE CLUB PATCHES WITHIN A MONTH OR TWO. MARK STRAND DESIGNED THEM AND HAVING THEM MADE UP IN KOREA. THEY ARE \$2.00 EACH PER PATCH. SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE WITH TWO STAMPS - SPECIFY IF YOU WANT XR-7 ELIMINATOR, OR WHATEVER MODEL YOU HAVE, ON THE PATCH.

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THOMAS D. JACOBELLIS; NOT THE C.C. OF A.

PLEASE INCLUDE A SECOND S.A.S.E. FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

DOES ANYONE HAVE OR CAN GET ACCESS TO A VARI-PRINTER??? LET ME KNOW:

CLASSIFIEDS:

WANTED TO BUY: XR-7G parts - Lucas rectangular foglights; new or used, chrome exhaust extensions, dark blue, '68 right front kick panel and leather bucket seats - Write: Laurence Juhnke, 11604 SW Lancaster Road, Portland, OR 97219.

WANTED: Rocker panel mouldings - air scoop w/5 black stripes part numbers C9WY-6510176-C and 77-C 351 engine hood stripe kit, trunk floor mat, hood quilt #C9WY-16738-A, luggage carrier part #D7AZ-6255100-A, door window guide latch side #D0ZZ-6522A56-A, front apron #C9WY-17620-A, rear apron #C9WY-6545544-A, vacuum motor behind center grille. Write: John Noble, 430 Hedges Street, Tiffin, OH 44883. John also has a Trailer Hitch #C9WJ19D522-B minus ball for sale.

<u>WANTED</u>: For '70 XR-7 - interior parts; dark green seat belts w/retractors, glove box door, driver's seat, console insert, starter neutral safety switch - Write: John Sportelli, 3753 Herbert Street, San Diego, CA 92103.

WANTED: Cougar Group II engine parts, original only - will pay top dollar - Gary Buelow, RR 3 Box 315, Mosinee, WI 54455 - Phone: 715-693-3101. Gary also has a finned alum. repro Cougar oil pan for sale.

WANTED: Someone who fixes Cougar clocks - Write: Charles Williams, 60 Haywood Avenue, Canton, NC 28716.

WANTED: Tachometer factory for '68 XR-7G - Write: Wayne Pompey, Route 15. Box 688F, Tallahassee, FL 32304. - Phone: 904-878-5392.

FOR SALE:

FOR SALE: 1967 Cougar - 289 - auto - PS, PB, 6,000 miles on complete overhaul, body and interior nice, bench seat - \$1,600.00 - Write: Charles Williams, 60 Haywood Avenue, Canton, NC 28716. - Phone: 704-253-4369.

FOR SALE: 1969 Cougar Cobra XR-7,428 CJ, fast, beautiful, rare - 3,000m on complete professional rebuild - \$5,700.00 - Write: Joe Olles, RR 3 Poland Road, Danville, ILL 61832. Also has '69 Cougar parts for sale.

FOR SALE: BOSS 302 parts, air cleaner, rev limiter, exhaust manifolds, 428 SCJ parts also - non member - Write: Mike Greiman, 40-H Stony Lane, Dover, PA 17315.

Automotive Collectibles & Hobby Shop, 1366 Lyell Avenue, Rochester, NY 14606, has 1970 Cougar 1/25 scale models - hardtops and convertibles for \$10.00 each, plus \$2.00 per order for shipping.

Helm Inc., Publications Division, P.O. Box 07150, Detroit, MICH 48207, has shop manuals - average cost \$11.00, owners manuals \$1.55, and wiring diagrams \$3.00, for all 1967 to 1973 Cougars. Save yourself some money and write to them before you pay higher prices for these items.

Valley Ford Parts Company, 11604 Vanowen Street, No. Hollywood, CA 91605, has XR-7 & XR-7G emblems and shifter knobs available; also Eliminator stripe kits.

Super Stang Shop, 25 Burton Street, Clyde, NY 14433, has finned repro oil pans for Cougars - Also in process for reproducing the intake and valve covers for Cougars.

Ned Flynn has the '69 Salesman Info folders and Product manual for the Cougars - Will duplicate same if enough interest is shown - Write him at Cobble Creek Drive, RD 1 Box CC 31, Henryville, PA 18332. FOR SALE: Parting out '69 Cougars XR-7 - Convertible and Hardtop - both interiors, tilt wheel - Write: Mike Callen, 260 Leo Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71105, or call: 318-868-8864.

FOR SALE: 1,000 magazines Hot Rod, Super Stock, Car Craft, Car & Driver, etc. 1967-1979 also hi-performance car ads - '65-70 Shelbys and other Ford products; also other makes - Write: Tom Jacobellis SASE.

WANTED: '69-'70 Cougar rear window package tray, tilt steering column, 428 CJ finned alum. valve covers w/snake, ram-air air cleaner top, alum, police interceptor intake manifold for 428CJ - Write: Tom Jacobellis, c/o C.C. of A.

WANTED: Front spoiler for 1970 Cougar - Write: Thomas DeLee, 204 Lighthouse Road, Hilton, NY 14468.

Tony D'Branda Performance, 1434 E. Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602 - Phone: 814-942-1869 - Has '69 Eliminator stripe kits.

WANTED: Pt #C5ZZ-6523342C- rear & window crank handles, #C7ZZ-13786B - rear & courtesy light chrome and lens, #C6UY137-88A overhead console light, #C7WY 6543600 B trunk lock assembly, low fuel warning switch or entire tank unit for '67 Cougar - Write: Richard Phillips, 1919 Las Tunas Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

If you would like a dealer invoice for your Cougar, send your Vin number and \$5.00 to Mrs. Lois Eminger, P.O. Box 220, Dearborn, MICH 48121 - It shows the factory price of car; all options and dealer price.

WANTED: GT-E front fender emblems - Write: Fred Seay, 2755 Brandon Avenue SW 73, Roanke, VA 24015.

<u>WANTED</u>: I need the 1970 Series Service Bulletin #37 to complete my set. Will accept a xerox copy of same if original is not available. Write: Tom Jacobellis, c/o C.C. of A. - Could also use many 1969 series Service Bulletins.

FOR SALE: 1973 XR-7 Convertible - Call Jeff Ray - 301-434-7745, Maryland.

FOR SALE: 1969 XR-7 Convertible \$4,000 - Call Scott Lininger - 814-833-1364, PA.

FOR SALE: 1969 XR-7, 428 CJ-4 speed - Call Rich Kancel - 316-722-1997, KANSAS.

FOR SALE: 1968 Cougar 1st place show winner - R&P seats, dash, trunk - \$6,000.00 - Call Bob Fischer - 804-358-8731, VA.

If you need a headliner for your Cougar, try: ACME AUTO HEADLINING CO., 550 West 16th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813. Price for '69 was \$38.00 according to Rod LaBahn - states the quality and color is outstanding to the original headliner. I have not dealt with this company - This was sent in by one of the members.

WANTED: For '69 Cougar - 2-front fenders, air cond. compressor, for 351 c 2bbl. R.J. LoGuidice, 71 Thorse Street, Jersey City, NJ 07307.

WANTED: For '67 XR-7, original black floormats and mag wheel caps - Write: Jon Hornberger, 1825 Crosby Road, Carrollton, TX 75006.

WANTED: Power window setup for '71-'73 Cougars; all or part - Write: Ron Weaver, 1228 Capri Drive, Crestwood, MO 63126, or 1-314-822-2992 (collect).

WANTED: '68 GT emblem for trunk lid - Write: Charles Neumeister, 940 Drumgoolo Road West, Staten Island, NY 10312.

WANTED: '68-'70 Cougar, preferred w/o engine and fair condition - Write: Robert Ford, 103 Monticello Terr., Staten Island, NY 10308.

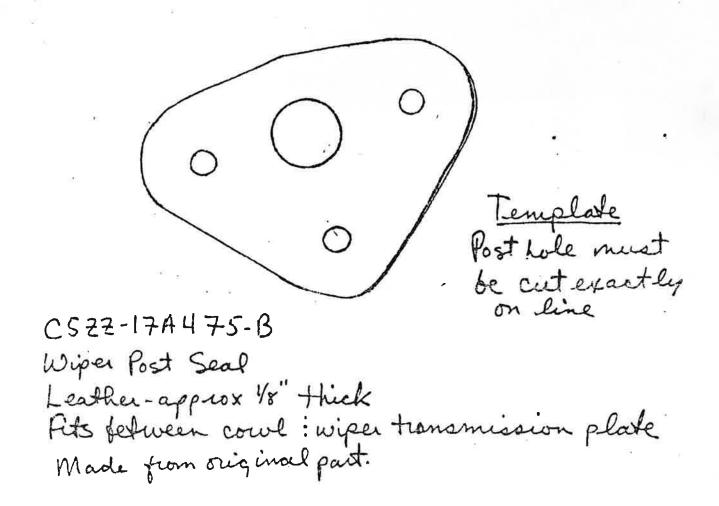
Does anyone know the serial number and whereabouts of the last Cougar off the production line in 1973????

ATTENTION:

Due to the fact that the newsletter is being done at a printer's, please include \$1.00 with your next S.A.S.E. (Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope) to help defray the cost of the printing.

THANK YOU.

T-SHIRTS AND DECALS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES RIGHT NOW::::



This is for *67-*68 Cougar owners who are having leaks from under the das I just installed a pair on my car and they sure cured the problem. They go on the wiper posts between the wiper transmission and the cowl and are made of leather approximately 1/8" thick.

THE FOLLOWING WAS TAKEN FROM THE SUPER FORD MAGAZINE:

Rub It Out

Scratches on glass can be a pain in the . . . pocket-book. But they don't have to be. Scratches on your windshield, caused from worn wiper blades, can be a real downer. Instead of writing the glass off, the best thing to do is simply remove the scratch. How? The answer is easy. Optometrists use a substance similar to Jeweler's Rouge which can be mixed with a little water to produce a rubbing

compound for glass. By taking your time, you can remove scratches from any glass and make it just like new. This process is no miracle worker, however. Deep digs in the surface will not come out. Now, when you're out in a salvage yard looking to replace your broken windshield, you can probably get a super deal on a glass with wiper marks on it and fix it yourself!