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## **Nominations:**

Nominations were received for the Director positions that will expire at the end of the year: (1) Office of Chairperson, (2) Office of Special Services Director, (3) Office of Member Services Director.

Each of the nominees was invited to submit a campaign statement for publication in this newsletter, and those submissions follow for your consideration. Voting instructions and the official ballot are on page 5.

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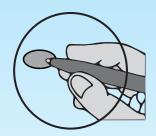






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# Amt/Mpc 1973 XR-7



his 1973 Cougar XR-7 kit was first issued by MPC that same year, created from the modified molds of the 1971 and 1972 models. The original edition has become quite rare and valuable but, fortunately, it has been reissued several times under the AMT label (which now owns the molds). They are easy to find at hobby shops or online for very moderate prices.

When building this model (or any model, for that matter), the first step is to carefully prepare the body before any coat of primer or paint. Since the plastic is quite old, it needs the flash and mold lines removed. Next, it is necessary to clean the body with water and dishwashing liquid to remove the mold-release residues (use a toothbrush to get into the simulated opening parts like doors and trunk); then let it completely dry. I primed the body with Tamiya fine gray primer, but a good automotive primer would also work. I then used a Testors bronze metallic spray can, which is very period-correct. After I let it dry thoroughly (the longer, the better), I carefully sand and polish it using a Micro-Mesh kit. If you prefer to use 1:1 automotive paint, test on an unseen area (like the underside

of the interior bucket) to make sure that the plastic doesn't craze because some paints are quite aggressive. I then shot acrylic semi-gloss brown on the half vinyl roof using an airbrush. Bare-Metal Foil was used to replicate the chrome trim.





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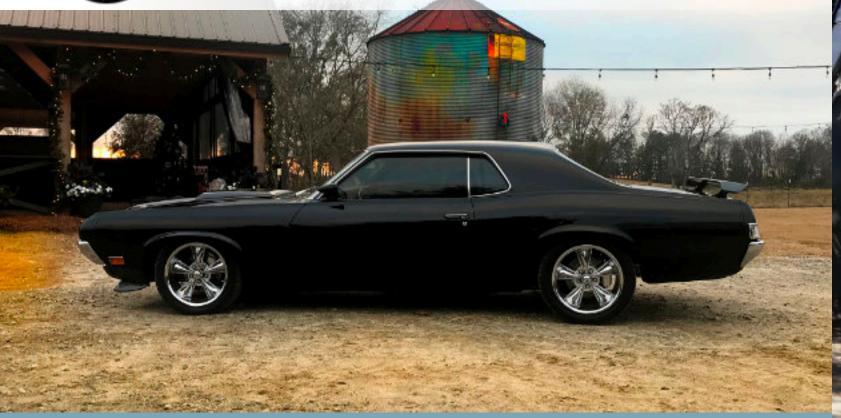








# The Journey



In 1970, my uncle Lloyd Hurndon bought this Yellow Cougar XR-7 new. After he drove the car for a few years, I asked him if he would ever let me drive it. During my junior year of high school, my 1966 Galaxie had to go to the shop for a few repairs. While it was in the shop, my uncle let me drive the Cougar to school. I would often park next to a Camaro and a Mustang. My car was out of commission for quite a while and, needless to say, I was in no hurry to get it back because I was the only kid at school with a Cougar.

After a few months, my uncle took the Cougar back, and I did not see it again for a few years. Moving forward to 1998, my son was driving a 1988 Monte Carlo to school. While his car was in the shop, he drove the Cougar to school. I thought, "How cool is it that both my son and I drove this car in high school?" My dad, Lloyd's brother, always loved the Cougar, and he had asked Lloyd to sell it to him, but he would not. Sadly, on August 10, 2005, Lloyd passed away and, in his will, he left the Cougar to my dad. For the next ten years, my dad and I worked on and drove this car all the time to get it back in good condition. In 2008, my mom passed away, and, for a while, my dad just let the Cougar sit. A few years later, he started showing interest in driving the car again. Alas, after sitting for a few years, rust had set in, so Dad decided to have it painted. In 2013, he became ill, so I finished a partial restoration, but then I rushed to try to finish it enough to where he could ride one last time because he became really sick. Mission accomplished! He passed away in January 2015.

Then I somewhat lost interest in the Cougar myself. Later in 2015, I dusted the Cougar off and drove it one last time before I started a full nut-and-bolt restoration. I remember some of our conversations about things he wanted to change, so to work I went. The powertrain is by a Cleveland that I had rebuilt, though this time I went with MSD electronic fuel injection. The Cougar also has an FMX transmission with a nine-inch 3.00 rear end. After being sand-blasted, I found out that the metal I had was not worth repairing, so I bought

a donor car along with new suspension pieces and just about every new part that I could buy.

Six years and one month to the day I started, the Cougar was now finished. Through this journey, I met a bunch of great people who shared a lot of knowledge. I simply hope Dad is looking down and is happy with the way the newly christened Black Cat turned out.







## UNKNOWN AUTHOR

# 1968 Restored GTE



father told his daughter, "Congrats on your graduation. I bought you a car a while back. I want you to have it now."

Before I give it to you, take it to a car dealer in the city and sell it. See how much they offer."

The girl came back to her father and said, "They offered me \$1,000 because it looks very old."

Father replied, "Ok, now take it to the pawn shop."

The girl returned to her father and said, "The pawn shop offered \$10,000 because it's a very old car and needs a lot of work done."

The father told her to join a passionate car club with experts and show them the car. The girl drove to the passionate car club. She returned to her father after a few hours and told him, "Some people in the club offered me \$100,000 dollars because it's a rare car that's in good condition."











wards the end of summer 2021, I was talking with our intrepid CCOA President Gavin Schlessinger and I mentioned my "bucket list" desire to attend either the Barrett-Jackson Auction or the Mecum Kissimmee event. I had been planning to attend either in January 2022 and, thanks to Gavin's connections with the Mecum folks, it became clear which one I was going to attend.

The Mecum representative kindly gave me two passes and a parking pass as a Media representative for the CCOA. This was great because I had planned to document my experience and submit an article to be published in ATSOTC. My good friend Allan Steinbock lives in neighboring Tampa and was anxious to attend with me so, with a general plan in place, I began to make more specific plans.

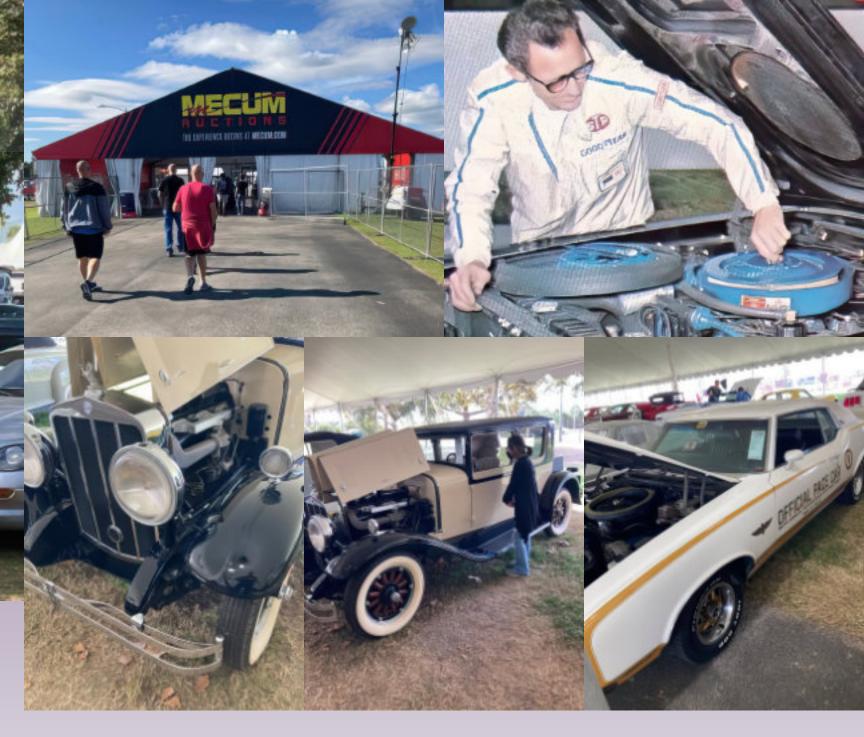
The Mecum Kissimmee event is the largest collector car auction in the world by several metrics, including the dollars spent, days of the event, number of cars sold, and the number of attendees (to name but a few). This year's event was scheduled to begin on January 6th and finish on the 16th. I looked at the lots of cars being auctioned, considered my budget and schedule, and decided that I would attend from January 13-15th. My planning was done in October 2021, at which time there were no Cougars listed to be among the

cars sold during my time at the auction. Nonetheless, reservations were made.

Through the week preceding the event, a 1970 Cougar Eliminator was on the schedule to be sold the evening of Thursday, January 13th, as Lot #T303. This was an Eliminator known to the Eliminator Registrar with VIN 0F91G515673. It was listed as being restored to original condition in Competition Orange with black and white Houndstooth upholstery. The Mecum website description was scant:

- Rebuilt Boss 302 CI engine
- Rebuilt close ratio 4-speed transmission
- Power steering
- Power disc brakes
- Black Houndstooth interior
- Sport mirrors
- Original tires
- Marti Report

There were also only a few pictures, some showing an overabundance of paint daubs on the underside of the car a mark of an amateur restoration, which sent up red flags for



me. One of the photos also showed a nasty-looking weld going across the floor just forward of the area of the trunk where the staggered shock upper mounts go (see Image C on page 21), which is a distinctive feature of any Boss Eliminator.

Bear in mind that Mecum uses the photos and descriptions supplied by the owner in these online catalog entries. None of the content is represented by Mecum to be accurate or honest. It's a simple situation—the buyer and seller are making a deal facilitated by Mecum. Which does not offer any guarantee of authenticity or provenance. That responsibility lies with the owner/seller.

Mecum is of course a for-profit business. It collects a fee upfront for a vehicle to participate. If the car sells, both the buyer and the seller pay a commission based on the sale price. Mecum can of course negotiate any of the fees and prices as part of the deal.

Arriving at the Osceola Heritage Park entrance for the Mecum Auction is exciting. Everyone has to pass through the metal detector before entering the auction.

From the main gates to the auction arena is a distance of about half a mile. One of the first things that you encounter is a field about five acres in size containing the "Bid Goes On" cars. These are cars that failed to sell when they crossed the block originally. Most if not all had the final bid price listed on the windshield sticker. There were some very nice cars in this field, and I was impressed by the overall quality of the cars.

The next thing I encountered was a series of enormous circus-style tents. These were used for staging the cars, in this case, cars that were to be auctioned on Thursday, which is the day I took this picture. At this moment, the Fairlane has

returned from the auction and has a sold sticker on the windshield, as did the Hemi'Cuda next to it. In the background, you can see a line of cars waiting to be auctioned. An auction worker tells each driver when to start the vehicle and drive to the pre-staging area near the entrance to the arena.

Of course, there was a Batmobile-actually, there were several plus a replica Batcycle too. The ones that I saw were replicas based on a 1970s chassis, not ones actually used in the Adam West/Burt Ward TV show.

The variety of cars was strong and all-inclusive. I stopped to admire a 1930s Franklin sedan and was flattered by the Corning headlamp lenses. Those must be hard to find! Mecum too is famous for its variety of muscle cars, and I was not disappointed. There were a dozen or more Hemi-equipped cars for Mopar fans. W-30 Oldsmobiles were all over the place. Boss 302 and Boss 429 Mustangs by the roomfull.

There were 30+ collections of cars at Kissimmee. In many cases an entire building would be filled with cars belonging to a single person. The 1967 Fairlane with its original W-code single 4V 410-horsepower 427 was impressive.

These vehicles were displayed with placards indicating the seller's asking price and were not part of the auction. Most of them were owned by Dana Mecum himself. He was on stage at times during the event, but it seemed to be primarily supervised by Dana's son Frank, who was on stage virtually the entire time we were there.

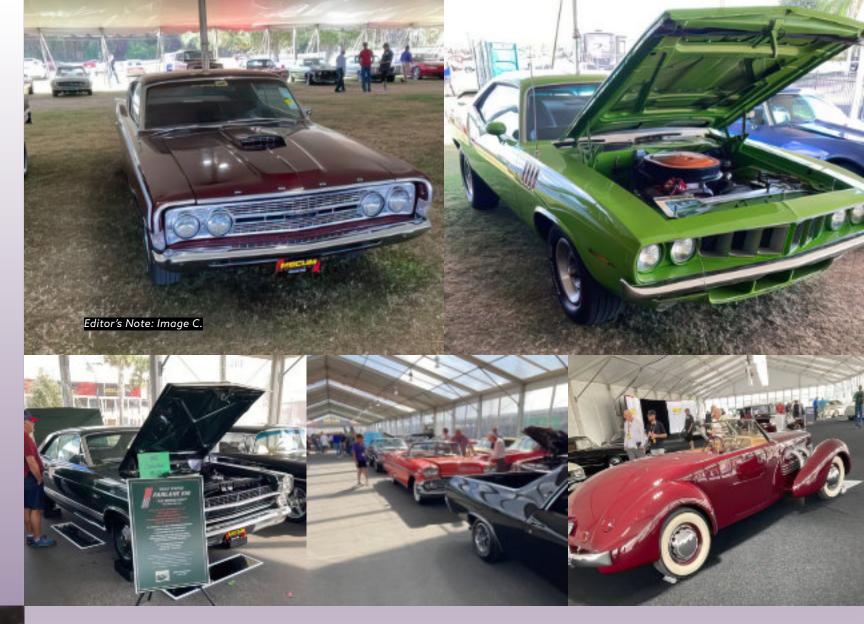
One collector brought several top fuel dragsters to sell,

including a 1980 Tommy Ivo creation that had four injected Buick 401 "Nailhead" engines—two powering the front wheels and two powering the rear. It was an exhibition-style dragster, not built to compete but to be driven and shown with all four tires smoking down the drag strip. The fuel used in this car was a mixture of ethanol and nitromethane, one among a bunch that participated in Friday's "cackle fest" where all the nitropowered cars were started, to the delight of the crowd.

I went up to the balcony to try to capture the auction. You can actually get a better idea of the scale by watching it on TV. The event had been televised by NBC Sports in the past, but NBC decided to pull the plug on one of its cable channels recently, so the event is now carried by Motor Trend on their app or Motor Trend TV cable channel. If you look hard, Bill Stephens is on the red carpet at the far end of the arena, and Scott Hoke and John Craman are on air at the desk to the left of Bill. This was Thursday around 1:00 p.m. when the TV show had just started.

Every day, Mecum creates a "Green Sheet" for the cars that will be auctioned the following day. This image shows the Friday green sheet, since all the numbers are preceded by an "F". The Thursday Green Sheet went from T302 to T304 there was no Lot T303, which was supposed to be the Cougar Eliminator! I was a little surprised by this and, when I asked a Mecum staff member, he told me that if a lot was not shown on the Green Sheet, it had been pulled from the auction for some reason. I was disappointed because this was going to be the highlight of the trip, and now it seemed like it was not going to happen.





Fortunately, Dave Wyras, our Eliminator Registrar, was at the event. I texted Dave, and he assured me that the car was at the event and would be auctioned. I went to the staging area and there it was!

I looked under the hood first, and it was pretty dirty, as if the car had been assembled years ago and driven a lot since. Lots of parts were either original or older reproductions, and none looked new. Looking at the front suspension, the alignment was visibly off, especially the left front tire which was splayed outward at the bottom. The lights in the staging area are harsh fluorescents, perfect for showing every defect in a paint job, and the paint on this particular car was obviously applied years ago with the surface not particularly flat or well-prepared. The interior looked a little tired, although it may have been the best part of the car. We talked to the driver, who was a Mecum employee, and he had not seen the owner/seller. We went to the stage to await the car's sale.

A few minutes later, around 6:45 p.m., the Eliminator drove into the arena. The engine sounded good and it didn't smoke. The front end alignment still looked bad as it drove on stage for its turn at the auction.

Final hammer price: \$72,000 plus fees. I hope the new

owner likes it!

The next day seemingly was "Ford Day" at the event, as there were dozens of Ford and Mercury muscle cars scheduled to be sold. One that caught my eye was a 1969 Boss 429 Mustang. It had been restored a long time ago, with some rather odd detailing done to it at some point. For example, there was a tire pressure decal affixed to the cowl. Next to the tire pressure decal were some undersized inspector stickers. The paint was lifting in places from age. It hammered at an auction price of \$390,000, putting the total well over \$400K for the buyer. It seemed like there were not any good deals to be had. We watched as several Boss 302 Mustangs went across the block at record-setting prices.

Saturday was the day for a lot of General Motors muscle cars, but the highlight of the day was the so-called "Flying Shelby", a 1965 GT350R with serial number 002 that had been driven by Shelby team driver Ken Miles at the Green Valley Texas SCCA Trans Am race in 1965. Photographers marveled and captured images of the car becoming completely airborne multiple times as Ken refused to lift at a spot where the pavement was uneven. The car ended up changing hands at \$4.2 million.

Favorite Things About Mecum Kissimmee

My favorite place to watch the auction was in the staging area immediately to the left of the center arena. You could easily glance at the screen and see where the bidding stood. The cars had to drive past, and it was interesting to hear and see the cars in action. Downside: lots of fumes from all the carbureted big-blocks and race gas.

While in the entry area, we spotted this 1971 440 Charger. It should be of interest to ATSOTC readers because it is equipped with a rare Mopar factory option—an ASC electric sunroof, the same basic unit that was offered on Cougars that year. Many of the parts from this Mopar sunroof interchange with ASC sunroofs installed in Mercury Cougars from 1967-75.

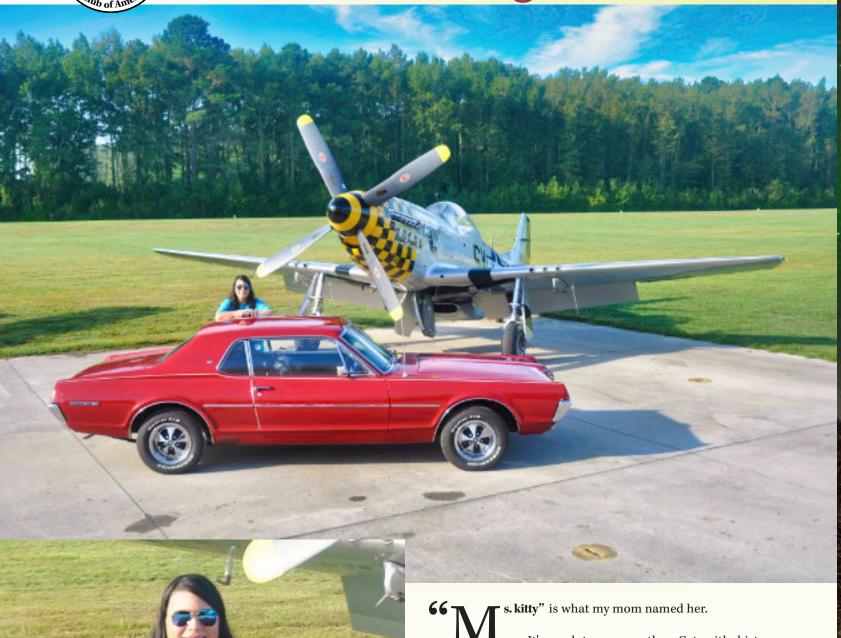
Just outside the arena was the staging area. It's a lot quieter there, and well-ventilated, too. You often meet owners here who choose to drive their cars across the stage. It's a great place to look at cars. If I were buying one, this is where I would want to be.





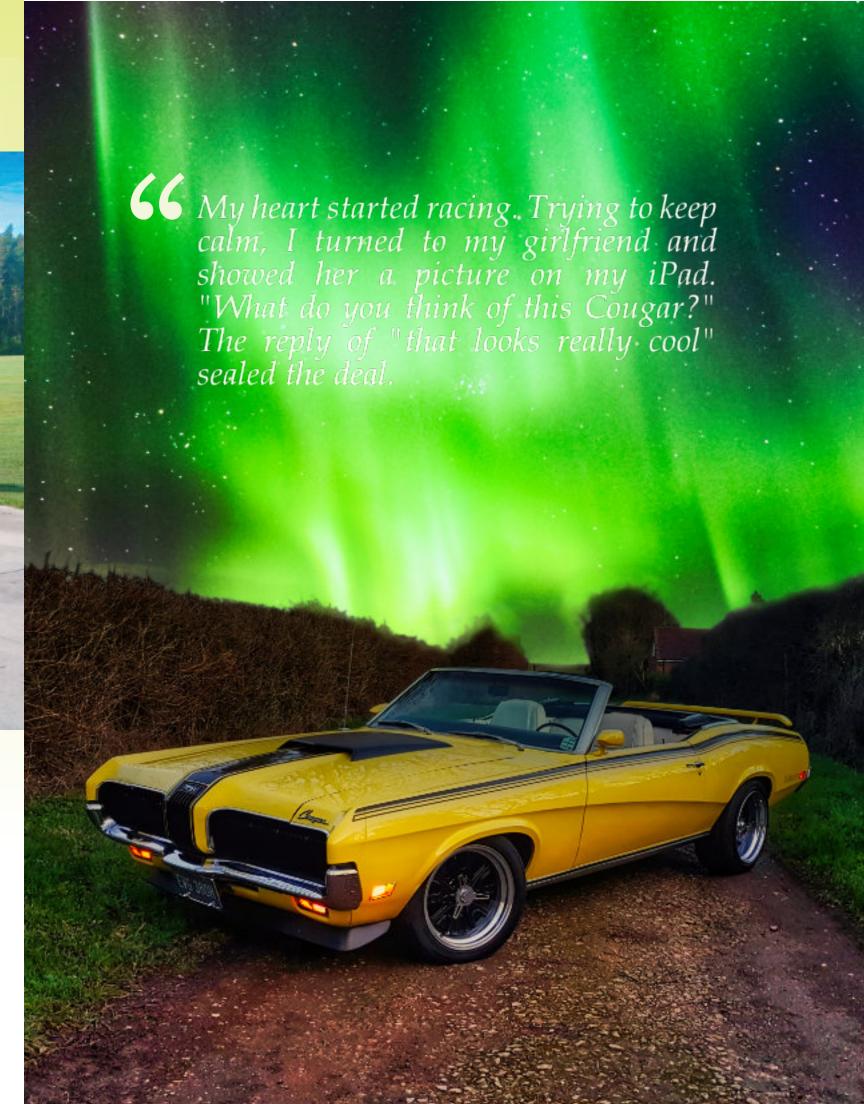


# 1967 Mercury Cougar XIR-7



It's cool to see another Cat with history from Virginia Beach. I would love to have my Cougar featured. It is a Cardinal Red 1967 Mercury Cougar XR-7 with a black vinyl top. There is a great story behind it. I have attached a picture of Ms. Kitty when she turned 50.

My father was the second owner of this XR-7—he literally bought it from an old lady. He did a small, minor restoration on her but eventually sold it for a 1978 Cadillac Coupe deVille after my mom got diagnosed with breast cancer, as she wanted an antique car with air conditioning for their touring club. Sadly, she passed in 2014, but I managed to track down the Cougar (I knew who had it) and bought her back!





ike a lot of us, we tend to want a particular car because they remind us of our childhood and have subliminal messages stored in our heads that say, "You NEED one of those". There are those fantasy cars that are so far out of our reach that we are left with only dreaming about owning one. Yet for the lucky few, fantasy can become reality, though that tends to be later in life. I always remember seeing old guys driving my fantasy cars and thinking, "What a waste of beautiful machinery!" and how it would be so much better if I was driving it. Now, as I approach 60 years old, I fully get it. The clock keeps ticking and the bones get older but, in our hearts, we are still young and we still get excited over the same things.

Cars come and go. Some you miss, some you are pleased to see go, and others you kick yourself for not buying at the time-especially if it was on your

fantasy list, priced right, and you didn't follow through. For me, that was a Monteverdi 375L in 2010. I like obscure, and I could have enjoyed it and sold it for a handsome profit. At the time, I was in the middle of a 19-year(!) restoration of one of my fantasy cars, an Iso Grifo Series 2. The thought of potentially spending more of my time, if it turned out to be a poor car, put me off. I have kicked myself ever since. The Grifo was one of five Series 2 smallblock Chevy cars made in right-hand drive (RHD). My 1987 De Tomaso Pantera GT5 was one of 8 made in RHD. That beast has a Cleveland stroked to 408ci and sounds like thunder!

So, by now, you are realizing this Brit loves American V-8s. Whether it is in a Swiss, Italian, or American body, you just can't beat a V-8! Sure, I have ticked a few of my fantasy car boxes, but it is my two American V-8s that will be the last to go. Both of these cars are

not the "pretending to live a millionaire's lifestyle"-kind of car, but are quite simply just COOL!

When I was 17, two guys pulled up outside the cinema in a Corvette C3. As they drove off, I thought they were just so cool to be driving such a sexylooking car that sounded so awesome. It took me a few years of saving in my 20s, but I got there in 1989 when I bought my Tuxedo Black 1968 Corvette convertible in Kansas City, Missouri. Described by my friends as "the son I never had", the Corvette just seems to fit me and I have become emotionally attached. It never lets me down, and it always delivers smiles.

"Hey! When are you going to start writing about Cougars?" you may be wondering. Okay, alright, I was just trying to paint a picture of what has happened in my car life.

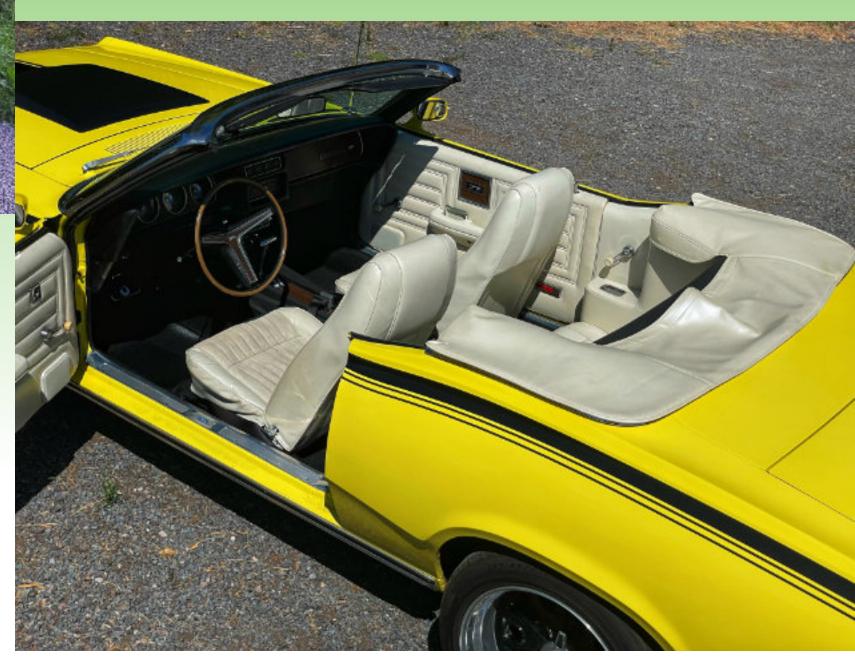
Around 1971, when I was 9, there was a TV program where they ambushed celebrities in unexpected places. They took them to a studio and recounted their lives and reintroduced old friends etc. I will never forget one episode where a man's wife was in on the surprise and convinced him to go to the gas station to fill his car, and that is where they caught him. The car was a 1969 Cougar convertible in Medium Lime—what a color! I loved American cars, especially muscle cars, but this was so classy. I couldn't stop thinking about it.

Fast-forward to 1984, and a friend tells me that he has seen a Cougar that he might buy. Do I want to go with him? A silly question! It was an orange 1970 Eliminator. To be fair, it wasn't as wellloved as it could have been, so he walked

Moving to 1996, I am in New Orleans on business, so I decided to phone home to speak to my girlfriend. We have been together since 1982, and she knew I loved cars as much as she loved animals. We had recently moved into a bigger house, and she was going crazy with getting everything she loved: horses, chickens, ducks, geese ... but she wanted a cat. "Okay, you can have a cat". But on the call, she tells me, "I have a couple of cats, you will love them". Two! Hey, that was not the deal...! We had a rule that special animals had

to be named after cars (to keep me happy). When I arrived back in the UK, I was introduced to Viper and Cougar! Be forewarned, guys, the opposite sex knows how to wrap us around their finger! Well, Cougar was my favorite cat of all time, and I am not ashamed to say I cried on the day a passing car took his life far too early.

Time moves on, and I was preoccupied with work and restoring the Iso Grifo to even think about getting a Cougar I can drive ... but it doesn't stop me from looking, of course. The majority I had seen for sale in the UK had not been maintained with an adequate budget or have suffered from our weather and road conditions. About five





years ago, I was on the Internet and found an orange 1970 convertible for sale in Florida, and the spark was reignited. I NEED one of those. I started actively looking, and then my search paid off.

A garage had a Competition Yellow convertible for sale that a previous owner had made into an Eliminator tribute. My heart started racing. Trying to keep calm, I turned to my girlfriend and showed her a picture on my iPad. "What do you think of this Cougar?" The reply of "that looks really cool" sealed the deal. I had owned a Jaguar and a Pantera, so the Cougar just had to happen. It was a sunny day when I arrived, and the Competition Yellow paint was as bright as the sun. I remember walking straight by the car and into the dealer's office without even giving the car a proper look. There

would be no Monteverdi-style regrets about not closing the deal ... this Cougar was mine!

I needed to put gas in the tank for the 120-mile trip home. A Harley-Davidson pulled up and this giant

of an American started to come towards me, waving his hands. "Dude, that is awesome! How long have you had it?" "About 5 minutes," I replied. If that is what it was going to be like, I definitely made the right decision.

My Cougar was originally a Windsor 351-2V with an FMX auto, born in October 1969. The Marti Report says it was one of 134 convertibles with this paint code. Passing from father to son in Santa Rosa, California, it changed ownership and moved south to Pismo Beach, CA in 1990. The Cougar stayed in the dry Californian sunshine until 2011 when it caught a ship to the



United Kingdom. Two Cougar enthusiasts then owned the car, with one of them transforming the looks by adding a black top (it had been white), hood scoop, rear spoiler, Eliminator stripes, and a set of stunning wheels that really make the car stand out. My Cougar has benefited from its previous lives and location, so it is super solid and original with no rust.

Knowing from the outset I was keeping this car for hopefully many years to come, I have spent many British Pounds having various parts shipped over from West Coast Classic Cougar and other suppliers—things like new carpets, trunk mat, radiator, dash lenses, detailing the engine bay, etc.

Wherever I take it, the Cougar gets admiring looks, and people want their pictures taken with it. Every time I take it out, I come back with a big smile. That is what car ownership is all about.

As a side note, I have been with my girlfriend for 40 years in June 2022. We never got married and never had kids. We like things just the way they are. She is a keeper and I couldn't be happier. The Cougar is the same. When you are lucky enough to find something that good, you keep hold of it and enjoy every moment you can. Great memories are created, and new adventures can be started. My Cougar will not be eliminated.















# **Cat Scratch Fever**

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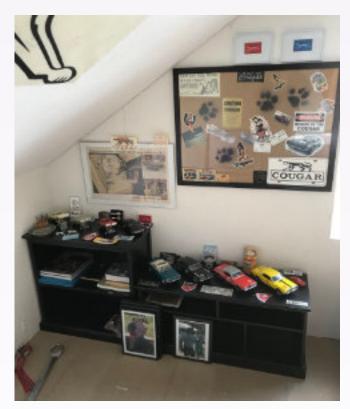


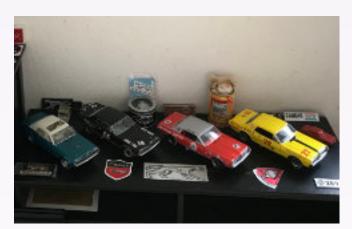
# ORABILIA & TOYS

**↑ his color** is a bit special—it's House of Kolor Blue to Red Kameleon (KF-08-16). I bought my 1968 Cougar XR-7 in Seattle in 1998 (my brother lives there), which explains why my membership is the Cascade Cougar Club. I handled all the paintwork myself, subsequently winning numerous awards at car shows through the years. I also collect promo items and basically all things Cougar.















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Use this form or the online registration form at <a href="https://ccoa.cornerstonereg.com">https://ccoa.cornerstonereg.com</a> today. Annual dues are \$30 for members who receive the newsletter by email. For members who want a printed newsletter by mail, the dues are \$45 for U.S. addresses or \$50 for non-U.S. addresses (payable in U.S. funds only) Become a member of the club that is *exclusively* dedicated to the preservation of the Mercury Cougar.

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**▼ HE SUMMER TIME BLUES** are here and greens with this months cover featuring a bright green aurora. When I first saw Ian's photos, I was left curiously wondering how his car would look under an aurora sky. With only 10 locations around the world that you can see this natural phenomenon, I wanted to bring this surreal experience to you and myself included, being it's one destination I would love to see with my own eyes someday. With every issue, I strive to to bring you a compelling experience, even if we don't travel to world famous destinations... that's okay, I am here to bring them to you.

It has been an amazing year for ATSOTC Magazine. By the time you are receiving this, our schedule will be back to our normal routine. As of this writing, we have already begun work on the next issue; Fall, bringing the final issue to print in 2022. Our Winter is issue scheduled for an early 2023 release.

Head over to our new ATSOTC Magazine Showcase that display all the covers that we have to date! https:// cougarclub2.org/collectibles/atthesignofthecat.

Send in your stories and photos to my new email is: editor@atsotcmagazine.com, however, nothing to fear, editor@cougarclub.org will continue to find me as well.

Until next issue, stay safe out there!







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#### MEMBER REPORT



CHARLIE BROWN **Member Services Director** CCOA #8693

#### WELCOME TO CCOA

Summer is heating up! Stay cool out there and keep your Cougars out there cruising. Please share your magazine with a fellow Cougar enthusiast or send them to our website to learn more about becoming a member. Please keep posting pictures of your Cougars on our CCOA Facebook page, no matter where you are on your build. I want to wish all of you a safe and fun-filled fall this year and hope to see you at a car show/event sometime in the future.

CCOA membership stayed fairly flat for the last 3 months. I wanted to share some statistics.

As of September 1st, 2022, Cougar Club of America has 779 active members, down from 787.

From June 1st, 2022 to August 31st, 2022, a total of 66 members renewed their membership

From June 1st, 2022 to August 31st, 2022, we added 31 new members.

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Check your **CCOA** membership card for your due date. All members receive, if you are an e-member, the email with the download link will let you know if it's time to renew. If your renewal is due, just use the "JOIN" button at cougarclub.org and this link will take you to Cornerstone Registration for renewal Membership processing (https://ccoa.cornerstonereg.com). If you prefer, you can send a check using the membership form found elsewhere in this newsletter.

#### SPREAD THE WORD

If you know someone who appreciates the Cougar but who is not yet a member of the CCOA, share your newsletter or invite them to visit our website. New members are always welcome!

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joining the club from April to June of 2022 are the following new members: Welcome new members!

CCOA#	Member Name	City	State
10449	JOHN WRIGHT	PROVO	UT
10450	BECKY & DON BRINSON	EAGLE	NE
10451	CHUCK CLARKE	NAPERVILLE	IL
10452	MALCOLM & TAIMI MCMILLAN	PORT MOODY	BC, CAN
10453	JIM CHAMPEAU	CUMBERLAND	RI
10454	TYLER HUSBY	BUCKLEY	WA
10455	SHERRI JOHNSON	PLEASANTVILLE	ОН
10456	ERIC HARTZLER	SMITHVILLE	ОН
10457	WILLIAM DICKS	MILWAUKEE	WI
10458	RICHARD & CHRISTOPHER DIZINNO	MILTON	MA
10459	TONY SAMPLES	ATLANTA	GA
10460	CHARLES & TRACY ELLIOTT	FISHERS	IN
10461	JOSEPH DALLAVALLE	WINDBER	PA
10462	JAMES BAKER	CEDAR SPRINGS	MI
10463	STEVE DIPPERT	ROSEVILLE	CA
10464	DARROLD WITHROW	CONCORD	CA
10465	JASON COMBS	FAIRFIELD	CA
10466	BRYANT DAVIS	WATERTOWN	NY
10467	TIM MADGE	BRENTWOOD	CA
10468	KENT & LEONARD KOSTUK	SASKATOON	SK, CAN
10469	CORY HECKENLAIBLE	LESTERVILLE	SD
10470	BILL HAVENS	SPRING VALLEY	CA
10471	FRED RICHARDSON	AVON	IN
10472	DAVID & JOANNE GLEN	WASAGA BEACH	ON, CAN
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10474	FRASER MITCHELL	PLYMOUTH	MI
10475	MATTHEW & PATTIE HINDI	BLANCHARD	ОК
10476	TYLER BROOKS	FORT SMITH	AR
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#### **Price: \$4,450**

TOTAL BIDS

Year/Model: 1995 XR7

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Miles: 102,333 Condition:

Comments: This XR-7, in the same family since new, came with the optional V-8 that has only 102k original miles on the odometer. This Cougar has the Bostonian package, tilt, cruise, ac, sunroof, Blueooth stereo, half leather carriage roof, luggage rack, tinted windows, and power seats, mirrors, and locks. The tires are nice, the battery, starter, and brakes are new, it has had a tune-up and oil change, and more. This XR-7 has always been well maintained, and runs and drives great. Has no rust anywhere, the interior is very nice and everything works as it should. Comes with original window sticker and owner's manual.

# MERCURY COUGAR

#### **Price: \$7,601**

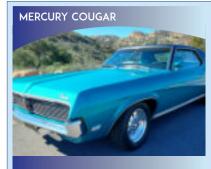
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Year/Model: 1967 XR-7 VIN:

7F93C604372 Miles: Unknown

Condition:

Comments: An original Cougar that was originally purchased in Arizona and has remained there ever since. The only visible rust is on the passenger door. No rust at all on the floorboards or within the trunk. It was parked over 20 years ago and currently does not run, though when parked the engine was running. The original engine and two replacement fenders comes with the car.



#### **Price: \$16.400**

TOTAL BIDS

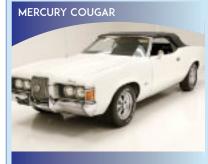
Year/Model: 1969 XR-7 coupe VIN:

9R93H507476

Miles: 84,460

Condition:

Comments: This XR-7 is in good overall condition inside and out. Not many came from the factory in Dark Aqua metallic with a light aqua interior and black vinyl top. Has center console, power front disc brakes, power steering, working AM radio, rear seat speaker, and tinted windows. Has a new radiator, and the carburetor was recently rebuilt. The 351 runs and drives wonderfully, and the automatic transmission shifts smoothly. There are a few minor item in need of repair: the clock is only correct twice a day, the gas gauge works intermittently, and the headlight doors have a slow vacuum leak. There is small crack on the dash, so it has a custom-made dash cover and floor mats. The paint, trim, chrome, and upholstery are in good condition. This Cougar comes with a full Marti Report and many extra parts including an extra set of Uniroyal Tiger Paw whitewalls with the original XR-7 wheel covers. This XR-7 will be a nice driver car for someone.



**Price: \$15.500** 

**TOTAL BIDS** 

Year/Model:

1972 XR-7 convertible VIN-

2F94H558125

Miles: 102,163

Condition:

Comments: There were only 1,929 XR-7 convertibles built in 1972 and this is a great example of one. This Cat has had a cosmetic restoration at some point in the past which included new upholstery and a newer top. A new paint job covers the panels which shows some usage and fading as well as runoff, but shows with no rust. The top has a plastic rear window, the top has a leak where it meets the windshield. The chrome bumpers and all trim retains its shine and shows very little wear. Has dual exhaust with turn down chromed tips, has new chrome 15" Cragar wheels. The interior seats have been recovered with standard vinyl upholstery instead of XR-7 leather like it originally came with, has power driver's seat. Has an Edelbrock 4bbl carburetor and a chrome Edelbrock air cleaner assembly. Although this XR-7 has a little over 100k original miles on its 351/FMX it still runs strong. The undercarriage has some surface rust, particularly around what appears to be a new fuel tank. The floors, rockers and torque boxes remain solid and



**Price: \$12.702** 

TOTAL BIDS

Year/Model· 1969 Std. Convertible

Miles. 41,000 Condition:

VIN:

Comments: This standard Cougar convertible is in very nice condition and

can be driven as-is or restored. No rust can be found on this car, it's very solid. Runs and drives great, showing only 41k miles (I don't believe it's 141K miles). The brakes work great and the tires are in good shape, plus the headlights work. The power top works but needs to be replaced. Has new shocks and power steering pump. Only reason for selling this Cat is to fund the restoration of my 1967 Cougar.





**Price: \$2,750** 

TOTAL BIDS

Year/Model:

1993 XR7

VIN: 1MEPM6241PH621795

Miles: 48,797 Condition:

Comments: This XR-7 runs and drives like new and has just 48k original miles on its V-6/auto. This XR-7 is in EXCELLENT condition both in and out.



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Club Name:

Submission to be considered for?

Car Make/Model Info:

Location:

Photographer Credit:

Is article write-up included or being penned?
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