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Grant and Maurlice in their red 73 XR-7 convertible, with white interior and white top. Photo Alex Bronevitch.

The Hadland's Den of Cougar Drop Tops

Story by Grant and Maurlice Hadland

Maybe it was the proverbial change in life, or just old desires to re-live some past memories, but we did our 'crazy car thing' in February 2001. The event was the acquisition of our first Cougar. The Cat was a local one-owner, 1973 XR-7 convertible in overall good condition. The mileage was low and the car a bold Ford red with a white interior. Some TLC, along with the usual 'elbow grease' and a few new parts, had this car looking pretty. Collector plates were purchased for those Sunday drives. While still working on the red Cat, Grant, who was guilty of regularly searching the local papers, spotted a potential littermate from North

Vancouver. An inspection and a test drive showed this 1973 XR-7 convertible had potential. The widow owner had the car for over 25 years and had kept it in original condition except for a new coat of yellow paint. She was somewhat reluctant to sell the car for obvious sentimental reasons, but felt the need to part with her car and to get on with her life. So in June of 2001, we acquired a second 'kitty'. The newest Cougar

received considerable attention over the next 10 months. The first costly repair was a new black top. Then, came new brakes and finally many winter hours of engine compartment detail and paint. Lastly, the engine received new hoses, belts, decals, and fluids. The before and after results were very noticeable! Collector plates were applied for and received in May 2002. This second Cat now looks and drives with renewed spirit. Alas, two Cats in the garage have not gone un-

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The Hadland's other 73 XR-7 convertible. This one is yellow, with brown interior and black top. Photo Grant Hadland.



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noticed. Maurice would like just one, you see, her daily driver sits outside... So now begins the emotional search for a new owner. Grant is not so sure he wants to sell the yellow beast after all the care that he bestowed on his new pet. However, he is mindful of his position at home. Enough said. If the right opportunity should come along, we may be a one Cougar den once again. In the meantime, two Cats are fun!!