

# Nutz Letter

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What a stand-out. Crisp Polar white with a black vinyl roof

## Polar Cat

Grant and Maurice Hadland's 1968 Cougar  
Story and photos by Grant and Maurice Hadland.

The acquisition of our 1968 Cougar Polar White Standard Hardtop came about in January 2003. Fortunately there was a long history and support invoices to record her past life. This particular "old" cat was built in San Jose, California, on January 17 1968 but was not sold until early April 1969. Original owner Roy Grobman bought the car from Santa Ana Lincoln Mercury and drove the car until May 1995 when it was sold locally in California to Richard Spencer. The car was

kept by the second owner until January 2000 when car collector Dean Ullman purchased the car, shipped it to Arizona for refurbishing and cosmetic detail.

Migration to Canada occurred in September 2000 when car collector Gary McCartie of Victoria, BC bought the car with 67,056 miles on the odometer from Mr. Ullman and had it transported by enclosed auto carrier to Port Angeles, Washington, and then finally on to Victoria, BC for inspection and ICBC registration. Gary enjoyed driving the car approximately 9000 miles over the next two years, replaced the black vinyl top and carefully attended to many mechanical and small finishing de-

tails.

This "cat" was well factory optioned with the 390-2V (6.5 Litre) X-CODE engine, G6 transmission, power disc brakes, power steering, console, convenience control panel, light group, vinyl roof, tinted glass, Whisperaire air conditioner, front and rear bumper guards, and remote mirror to name a few key ones.

The major expense this year was converting the air conditioning to R134A, replacing the compressor, dryer and heater core too...She now runs cold and hot on command. Also added this winter was a set of sporty new raised letter tires on her styled steel wheels. Some interior dash re-chrome work was just completed. There will be ongoing detailing of the engine compartment, rubber gaskets and window felt replace-

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The wonderfully detailed 390 2V X code engine

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ment as time permits. As you all know or will find out, an “old” car will naturally keep your wallet light.

Bottom line, this is a solid low mileage, well-preserved, rust-free, recently imported cat. She is fun to drive and will live on to provide her owners with a great deal of pride.

Many Fordnutz members are skilled and knowledgeable on most aspects of the early Cougars. We are fortunate and very thankful to have valuable advice and tips shared amongst members for maintenance and repair issues. Other good sources for information come from other Cougar/Ford clubs, trade publications and owners from both sides of the border.

Maurlice and I, and the white cat really do hope to see many of you at club functions and Lower Mainland shows through the summer. Drive safely and enjoy the hobby wherever you reside!



This car's black vinyl interior is assembly line perfect.