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SCOTT'S 1968 MERCURY XR-7



Welcome to The Fordnutz Collector Club newsletter. We are looking for members to join the club and become involved in planning and participating in events. I also encourage ideas for a name for our newsletter. In future issues I would like to see some of the club members write some of the articles, we will also profile a members car each issue, as well as include a section to buy and sell cars and parts.

This is the first time my 1968 Mercury XR-7 has seen sunlight in over 4 years. Two months before this picture was taken the car had quite a collection of dust on it and looked like it had been abandoned in my garage for some time. It has taken a lot of TLC to get it to this condition, but, as every car buff will tell you, it will never be completely finished. There is always something that you want to do. This car was ordered in the fall of 1967 with Dark green Forest Metallic paint, Saddle leather bucket seats with adjustable head rests, Tilt away steering wheel, shaded windows with front tint, Oxford roof (black vinyl), Styled Steel Wheels, and the full XR-7 trim, light and instrument decor group. It was completed on the 22nd of December 1967 and shipped to Zephyr Mercury in Vancouver, B.C. The car arrived at the dealership at the end of February 1968, however, the car's owners, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Brown, were on one of their many extended vacations. Upon their return they went to the dealership to pick up the car and noticed that the Styled Steel Wheels were not on the car. The salesman explained that while they were on their vacation another couple had seen their Cougar and liked the look of the car's wheels so much that they wanted some on theirs, he went on to explain that they ordered replacements for their XR-7, but, they would not be in for a few more days, in the mean time some Wire wheel hubcaps were installed on the car. They liked them so much they decided to keep them on it. They took possession on the 22nd of April 1968. The Brown's car spent it's time mostly on the highways in the southern United States and even to Mexico twice. The car was painted in 1978 due to a fender bender. Mr. Brown passed on in the early 1980's and the car sat in the garage for about five years. I met Mrs. Brown's grandson while working on a case with the Richmond RCMP, after court I offered him a ride home, when he saw my blue 1968 Cougar he told me of his Granny's Cougar and talked me into driving by her house to take a look at it and every receipt that was with it. I asked what she was going to do with the car and she told me that she did not know, but would call me if she decided to sell it. A month later I received a call from Mrs. Brown, she asked if I wanted to buy the car. I told her how much money I had to spend (\$3,200.00), she said bring over \$2,800.00 and the car is yours. I purchased the car from this little old lady from Point Grey on the 19th of September 1988, it had 76,000 miles on it. I found original Styled Steel Wheels from a 1968 Mercury GTE and installed them on the car. The car has never been restored and had 100,176 miles on it the day this terrible picture was taken. **Photo and story by Scott Ferguson**

Cascade Cougar Club Hosts Cougar Club of America West Nationals in Seattle, Washington

The Cascade Cougar Club is proud to be the host of the CCOA West Nationals which will be held in Bellevue, Washington, just north of Seattle on August 8th, 9th and 10th, 1997. The club hosts a show every year in the Seattle area called "The Prowl" which is always a fun event with over 350 Ford, Mercury and Lincoln automobiles and trucks. This 3 day show will have participants from all over North America. One of the displays at this show is the very first production Cougar, affectionately called "Cougar One". This car was built in Dearborn, Michigan and shipped to New Brunswick to be sold. It remained in the area until a few years ago when Jim Pinkerton, from Seattle, purchased the car and had it shipped to Washington and began a long and, most likely, costly restoration. On the 10th of August the Cascade Cougar Club will host it's annual "Prowl" show, open to all Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, Edsel and Pantera vehicles - - and maybe more. Included in this event is what they are calling The "Border to Border" run. Groups are getting together from various points and travelling together, meeting up with another group and so on all the way to the show. I will organize a group that will leave from our area and meet up with a group leaving from the Bellingham, Washington area and travel down to the show. The event schedule and Border to Border registration form will be inside.

Can-Am Cougar picnic to be held at Hovander Park in Ferndale, Washington on the 7th of September 1997