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ALAN AND CAROLIN'S 67 COUGAR



Photos and story by Alan and Carolin Laary
Top left, Before the restoration.
Bottom left, After winning second place at the Cascade Cougar Club's "Prowl '97", in Bellevue, Wash.
Right, The day before the Prowl, Alan finishes the detailing operation .



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In the winter of 1996, Carolin my girlfriend, soon to be my wife, wanted to buy an old car. She had her heart set on a Mustang, but after looking for a few months we realised that with the budget she had we were going to be purchasing a basket case. So I suggested we take a look at some Cougars for half the price you get twice the car. She reluctantly agreed. I was on the hunt, this being the first time looking at this model I was unfamiliar with what to look out for, you know "green". After looking at a few I found a "good one" so I called Carolin at work, "Guess what I found a 1967 Std. with a rebuilt motor, re-arched springs all sorts of money spent on it. The interior is all original and in nice condition. Only one problem, it's been sitting in a farmer's field for the last five years with ducks and chickens, but for \$800.00 you can't go wrong." She said, "Go ahead and buy it, if you think it's a good deal."

After dumping some gas in the carb and giving it a jump, she fired up with out too much trouble but without any brakes she was going home on the hook.

At last at home in the driveway, with a big grin I wait for Carolin to get home from work. When she finally arrives she walks down the driveway with a look of disbelief. "Well what do you think?" "I don't know," she says, "looks a little rough." I could tell from her expression she was less than pleased.

The car had green algae, mold and slime inside and out, but I could see that with a lot of cleaning, paint, carpet and some mechanical work it would be ready to return to duty as an every day driver. Carolin wasn't so sure.

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At this time the car was a robin egg blue with a white vinyl roof, the paint code N called for white but since this was going to be daily transportation Carolin wanted it painted red.

My first lesson on what to look for on Cougars came when I removed the seats, (rusty floor boards) second lesson came at my friends alignment shop (cracked shock towers) but these and other "minor things" were corrected. Canadian Mustang makes floorboards and they worked perfect.

Well to make a long story short a few thousand dollars later Carolin finally got to drive her car and last summer at the West Nationals in Bellevue, Washington she took second place in the peoples choice show for 67 Stds. Now she was smiling!

P.S. When we were working on Carolin's car we picked up a parts car, check this out.

Carolin's V.I.N. 7F91C577475 Date 22C D.S.O. A7

Parts car V.I.N. 7F93A577477 Date 22C D.S.O. A7

Anyone know were 476 is?

Now I bought a 68 XR7 it's originally from California and I just recently found out it was once owned by Scott Ferguson. It's rust free (see lesson 1) and in very good shape but could use a little TLC. Sound Familiar?