

My Car's Story

As told by John and Joanne Dwyer

In March, 2008, I was approached by a gentleman who wished to obtain information on the Model T Club. He also indicated that he had an old Mustang that was for sale. When he told me that it was a convertible, I was immediately interested. We met about a week later and discussed the condition of the car and the asking price. After much discussion and negotiation with both the seller and my wife, I purchased the car and hauled it home a few days later.



The car is a 1966 Mustang convertible with a 289 engine and a three speed transmission. The car had been sitting in a storage barn for 24 years. He indicated that it was parked in 1984, which the license plates also indicated, due to a blown head gasket. However, upon reviewing the car once I finally got it home, I found that it was much more than just a blown head gasket. I pulled the engine, had the block bored .030 over and in short, went through the entire engine. The car needed to have the entire brake system rebuilt, a new gas tank, radiator rebuilt and some interior work. After all of the necessary items required to get it running, I had rust issues with the body taken care of and had the car repainted the original Raven Black color. The old white top didn't look good, so I replaced it with a new black convertible top in order to have a triple black Mustang. Since all of the initial work, I have also added GT dual exhaust for better looks and sound. In addition, I found the original top boot, boot storage bag, jack and lug wrench in the trunk and the original owner's manual in the glove box. The car is an on-going project and I am planning to make additional changes in the future. In short, it's just a lot of fun driving around in a spiffy, 50-year-old convertible.

