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June 2008 Newsletter

Take a new look at the Mission Trail Newsletter and let me know what you think ,of the slightly new look.....

Member's Ride:

Jim Johnson

1967 Coupe & 1997 Convrt.

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Club Meeting

Friday June 6th 2008

**Scott's Garage located in Niles address
37298 Niles**

Blud Niles 94536

Barbecue 6:15pm

Meeting 7:00pm

Yes we will be having a Raffle & Barbecue

see you all there

Member's Ride

Owner:

Jim Johnson

Year:

1967 Coupe & 1997 Convrt.



For those of you that might remember, I started my trip into the Mustang world back in 1997 when I purchased my third Mustang, a 1967 Wimbledon White Coupe. It had the original 289 with a cracked 2-barrel intake, a barely functioning 2-barrel carburetor, 4-wheel manual drum brakes and a C4 automatic. It did have the center console and the interior was almost perfect. The paint job was a sleeper and was one of the best I can remember. It was mostly unmolested and I was the third owner. I actually used it for three years as a daily driver after my oldest son, Sean got his license (he drove my truck) As time passed on, so did the engine, transmission, steering wheel and rear end. The suspension failed and the brakes faded away. Well all that weekend I worked in the garage and that led to some serious shoulder problems. After two major surgeries (one on each shoulder) and the passing of my son, Neil in 2004, I completely lost all desire to work on or even look at the car. Neil loved the car and every time I looked at it, it reminded me of him. So at the advice of my doctor to change hobbie (tearing the car apart every other weekend) and in a fairly deep depression, I sold the car.

Now, you are probably asking yourself what a 1967 Coupe has to do with a 1997 convertible. One of the wonderfull pleasures during my tough times was the support and companionship of MTM members. Even without a Mustang in the corral, i still attended the meeting's and met with my friends. This was therapeutic and really helped me get through the loss of my son. After a year without a Mustang, I decided to purchase one so I could attend events with all my friends in MTM. The search was on. I wanted a convertible that had low miles and looked good. I really didn't care about the year or a V-6 or V-8. Long time knee problems made a automatic necessity. After five months of searching , I found my little beast on a used car lot in San Mateo. It had an ugly , torn and leaking top but the body looked fairly straight and the paint was good. I drove it a downpour (remember the month of February two years ago, it rained every day for one whole month. I went back three times to negotiated a fair price. After putting a new top on the car a many weekends polishing and cleaning it looked pretty good. Then I had Scott detail the car and repaint the front bumper (it had some holes punched in it from folks that couldn't back up if they had sensors in their kazoo's) And finally, the thing (as one member jokengly calls it) not only runs great, it won a first place in the Show and Shine division of the Wild west Mustang Nationals.

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Birthdays

No Birthdays for June

Don't see your special day email me at
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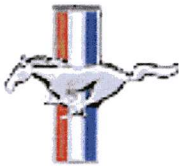
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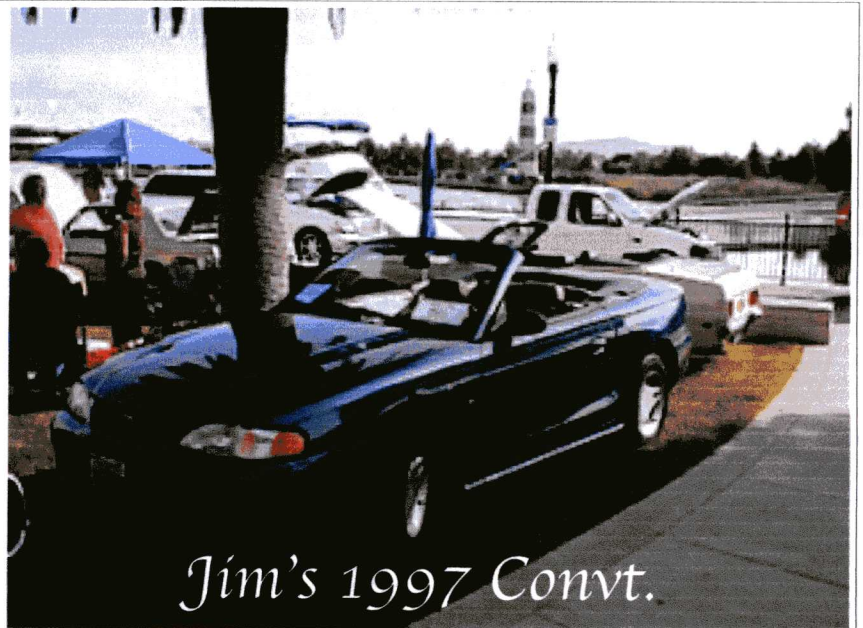
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Jim Johnson's story continues



But honestly, I really don't care if the car ever received a single vote. It's what I think of it, and nobody else. I drive my little V-6 automatic convertible with the top down on sunny days and just smile, knowing I belong to a great group of car enthusiasts who have always been there to support me in my time of deepest sorrow. Thank You!

Happy Father's Day to all



