

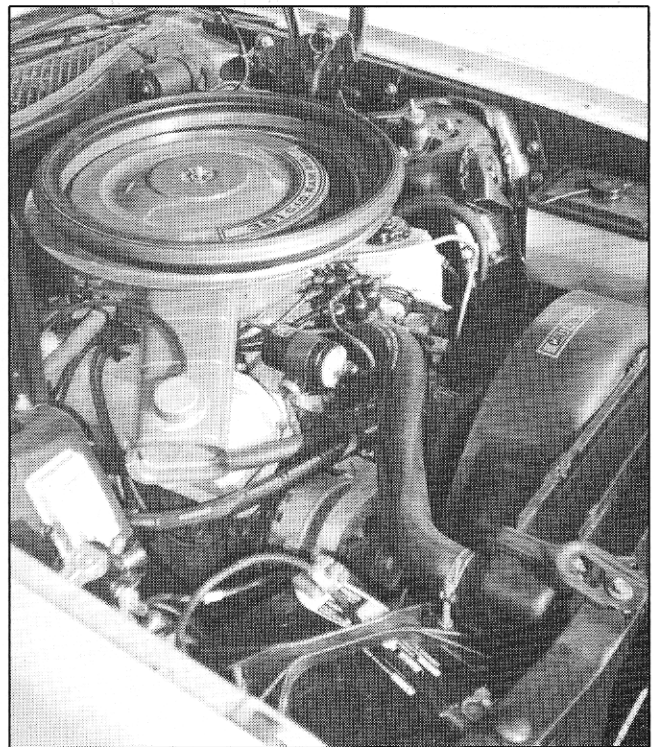


Alternate Flight Plan by Roger Johnson

Anyone who has ever studied cars and the people who buy them realize one basic fact. **MILITARY PILOTS DON'T DRIVE SLEDS!** When these guys are hard at work they can kick down the door to the speed of sound with the same wrist action it takes the rest of us to click open a file with our computer mouse. Within a matter of seconds, these pilots can feel more g-forces (2 to 3 times more) than the drivers of the fastest race cars on earth. Naturally, they are not going to drive underpowered whimpmobiles back and forth to the base.

This basic fact of life was very good news for Roy Sutton (MCA# 33155) of Niceville, Florida. You see, Roy bought this 1971 Boss 351 from its original owner...a Navy Pilot...in 1973. The main reason this machine is so clean is that it has only been driven 27,900 miles since new.

Another very interesting aspect of this car's history was the fact the original owner, the pilot, also worked for Ford Motor Company. He even took part in some of the Boss 351's initial design work. It was this fact that prompted him



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to order this particular machine. It's 351 Cleveland engine utilizes 11.0:1 compression and Ram Air to push the horsepower number to a seriously respectable 330. Only about 1800 of these cars were ever sold making them very rare AND fast. Zero to 60 figures were in the 5.8 second range.

Roy's 4-speed car also packs 3.91 gears so the 351C can get to work the instant the trigger is squeezed. That's Navy pilot talk.

Pewter is the name of the paint color while the interior was ordered in classic black. Absolutely nothing has been restored, repaired or replaced on this car. However, tires, oil and gasoline have been added to protect the innocent.

When Roy shows the Boss 351 in the unrestored class it usually wins first or second place which means this car is one very slick puppy. And even though it started out as some fantasy ride for a Navy jet jockey / hot rod Ford engineer, Roy thinks the best part is the fact this Mustang has been in *his* hanger for the last (and next) 23 years.

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