

# Caroline's

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Caroline's loss was her Mom and Dad's gain!



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**George and Ginny Barber**  
Miami, Florida  
1967 Mustang coupe

In 1987, George and Ginny Barber of Miami, Florida, were shopping around for a car for their daughter Caroline to use for transportation to and from college. While visiting Caroline's grandparents in Mississippi, the Barbers spotted an Aqua Green metallic 1967 Mustang coupe sitting on a used car lot. The car was equipped with factory air, AM radio, tinted glass, original vinyl top, rocker panel moldings, power steering and power brakes, and the optional 271-horsepower, Autolite-equipped, 289 and C-4.

Feeling they've found the perfect transportation for Caroline they doled out \$2,100, and the coupe was headed for its new home in Florida.

Upon its arrival, George decided to spruce the car up a bit. He added an upper and lower console, and a new set of styled steel wheels. The coupe would be a very fitting everyday driver for their deserving young daughter — or so they

thought. To their dismay, Caroline didn't share those sentiments. Feeling the car was too "old" she actually declined the gift!

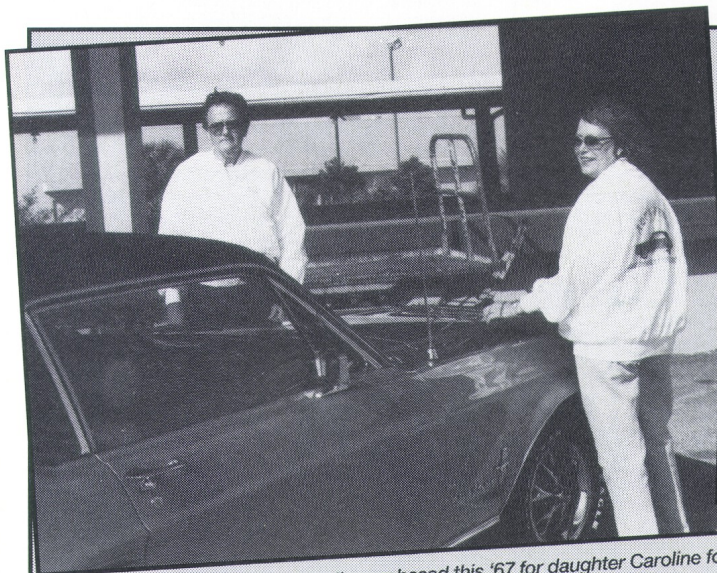
Since the Mustang was such a fine running driver, the Barbers decided to keep and restore it. After reading a few Mustang enthusiast publications, *MI* included, they felt they could do much of the restoration work themselves. After traveling to lots of Mustang car shows and swap meets, and purchasing lots of NOS parts, the three-year restoration began. Ginny and George rebuilt, restored, and detailed the car's entire suspension — right down the 3.89:1-g geared eight-inch rear. Likewise, the optional factory 271 horsepower Autolite-equipped 289 and engine compartment was detailed, and then the coupe was completely disassembled — doors, hood, trunk, fenders, and window glass — and delivered to Allen Lee Paint and Body in Miami for paint. It was there that the car

was completely block-sanded, and multiple coats of Clear Water Aqua polyurethane paint were applied.

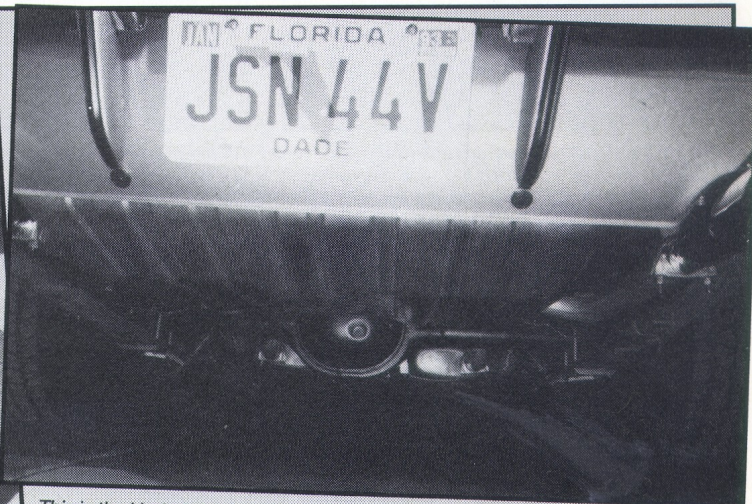
From there it was back to the Barber's garage where the car was completely reassembled. On the inside, they installed a new 6K-trim code aqua interior complete with a set of extremely rare Rotunda accessory headrests. Outside, the coupe was treated to new chrome, and it should be noted that it still retains the factory black vinyl top.

The car's grand debut was in November 1990 at the local Magic City Mustang Club-sponsored meet where it took First Place. Since then, it has been entered in 22 shows, and has won firsts at 21 of them — two MCA events included.

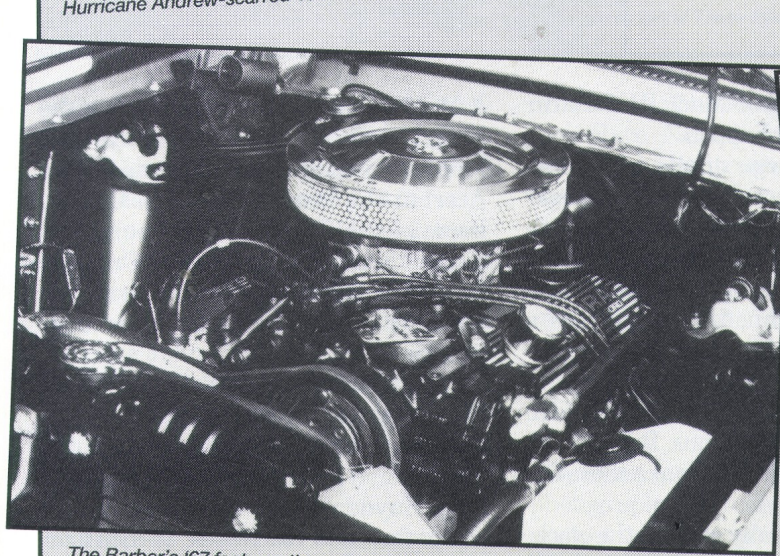
And what does Caroline think of all this? According to George, "After we got the car all fixed up, and started winning car shows, she said that she wouldn't mind having it after all"! Sorry, Caroline. "She who snoozes, loses"! **MI**



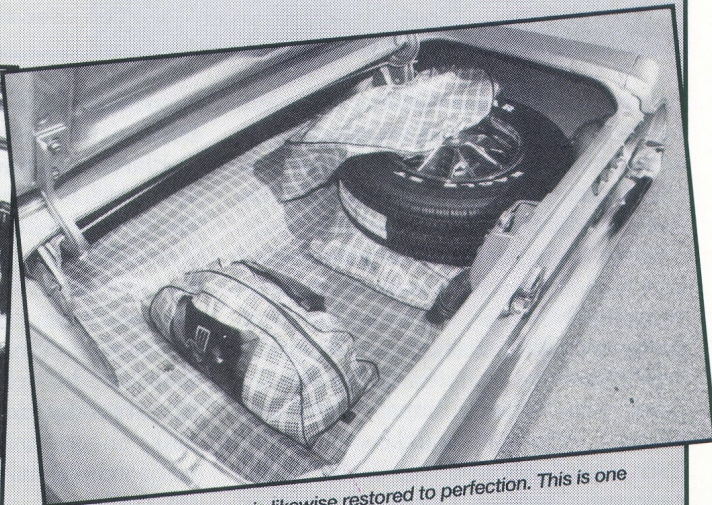
George and Ginny Barber originally purchased this '67 for daughter Caroline for college transportation. The Barbers are also in the process of restoring a Hurricane Andrew-scarred 1967 Mustang GTA convertible.



This is the kind of detail that wins car shows — and MCA car shows in particular!



The Barber's '67 features the optional 4V Autolite-equipped 271-horse 289 V8 and C-4 engine package, meticulously detailed to MCA specs.



The coupe's trunk area is likewise restored to perfection. This is one outstanding '67!