

FEATURE CAR

New member, Jason Peters submitted his Galaxie to be featured this month. Jason is our long distant member who resides in Kansas City.

I purchased the my 1969 Galaxie 500 in 2004 after seeing it listed in the St. Louis Post Dispatch in the classified ads. I had been searching for some time and being a tall guy, knew I wanted something large and comfortable. Growing up in a GM family, I ended up switching over to Fords after falling head over heels for a new Crown Victoria. I had always been around vintage cars. First, my uncle with his 1948 Packard and mid-Seventies Lincoln Town Cars, then my dad had a 1972 Chevelle. What can I say, it was contagious.

I called the guy up, set a time to go look at it, take it for a drive, kick the tires. It was love at first turn! The size, the feel, and especially the style of the car appealed to me like no other. I also liked that Galaxie's seem to be almost non-existent. Most people remember them but you hardly ever see one at shows and especially not on the road. We made the deal and I drove her home a week later, after making room for it.

The seller's uncle purchased it new from Dave Sinclair Ford in July of 1969. After a few years, he became ill and was no longer able to drive and shortly after, passed away. His aunt continued to drive the car for a couple of years until she too was no longer able to drive. At that time, she parked the car, outdoors, where it sat for several years until she too passed away. At the time, he was looking for a daily driver for work so he purchased the car from the estate, performed the required repairs and had a below average re-paint done in an awful shade of green. I think the years of sitting outside had not been kind but fortunately it was nearly rust free.

What it lacked for in options, it more than made up for in potential. I loved that it was simple with few options. All of this, combined with a low, 41,600 miles on the odometer... made me feel as though I had something special. It left the factory in Black Jade with a black vinyl top, the Rim Blow steering wheel, white wall tires, full wheel covers and the 390-2 barrel with single exhaust. I knew right away that someday I would return it to how it looked on that July day in 1969 when it was brought home from the dealer. R&A Motorsports, a Mustang and Shelby restoration shop in Lee's Summit, MO performed nearly all of the work knowing it was going to be a challenge. They definitely weren't used to working on a car this large!

Nearly eight years later, it was completed in the fall of 2011 and once again looks like new with a whopping 43,700 miles on it! I definitely purchased it to drive and show, so every beautiful day we have I try to get it out for a spin, besides... it helps keep my mind off what the final bill came to!



Note classic Dave Sinclair emblem