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Mustang Story

I have owned an array of cars ranging from an 82' Nissan Sentra (My very first car, my mom paid \$350 for it), to an 84' Chevy Blazer. I was never really happy with the vehicles I owned, just happy I owned something. It all started at the beginning of the year 2000, I continued owning whatever I could get my hands on. At that time I had just sold my 86' Honda Accord for \$2800 and wanted something new. I looked and looked, not really knowing what I wanted until I came across this Black Beauty, an 89' Ford Mustang GT with a bone-stock 302, at an auction in Cordelia. I had to have it, I bid on it and won at \$3400. Of course, the power difference and the sleek-styling of this car was amazing to me compared to the tired vehicles I had previously owned. It was love at first sight!!



After awhile I realized, it wasn't this specific car I was in love with, it was the Ford Mustang in general. I decided to sell the Black Beauty. It was sold within 2 weeks and I continued on my mission to find a Mustang in better shape with less miles. Within a week I found what I was looking for, an 87' LX 5.0 convertible with 17" Cobra R rims. It was beautiful, the guy that owned it was in the process of a divorce and it was his wife's car, but in his name. He sold it to me for \$4500. I drove that car home with a grin from ear to ear, and of course the top down, so the wind could blow in my face!! Not a soul could believe how immaculate this car was considering it was 13 years old; I got compliments everywhere I went!! I drove that car all summer and was the happiest man alive, until September 2000. I had to sell my baby because I needed the money to move out she sold very fast and I hated to let her go.

I went without a Steed in the driveway for the entire winter. I decided I couldn't take it anymore so Mae (my beautiful girlfriend) and I went down to Green Valley Ford in Fairfield. We really just went to shop around and see what we were missing, but couldn't leave one of those ponies alone for another day without an owner. The friendliest salesman I've ever come across a man named James helped us with the test drive and paperwork. We left that night with a brand new black 2001' Ford Mustang, we opted for the V6, and I must have been way too excited to care. Once again the grin on my face resurfaced and everyone who knew me knew why.

I drove her to work everyday and couldn't wait to drive home; I practically lived in that car. One day at work another very beautiful woman named Laura Mize approached me and started asking me about my car. I'm sure we could have talked for hours about cars, but we only had a 30-minute lunch, so as we parted she invited me to a DVMA meeting and I accepted. After 2 meetings Mae and I decided to join and have been members ever since.

A few months passed and I started to get the urge to go visit James again possibly trading in the V6 for a GT. I was really getting tired of being outraced by everything on the road. I needed more power and the 2001 Cobra R was slightly out of my price range by about \$40K. The urge finally took over and I went down and traded the V6 in for a white GT with every option available. The difference was unimaginable; I decided this is going to be the one that stays. Within one week I had Chrome 18" Cobra R rim's wrapped all the way around, and I had Tony Liggio and his crew at Premier Auto Sound in Fairfield

put a top of the line Rockford Fosgate sound system in the car. Since then I have installed 3.73 gears, Steeda short-throw shifter, cold-air intake, 75mm throttle body, Bassani X-pipe, 2 chamber flow masters, and an array of chrome interior goodies. I can't wait until Dyno-day!! I have also had a Cobra R front bumper and rear wing installed for that sleek Cobra R look. I plan to beef up the engine, suspension, and brakes in the near future.

This is the car I have truly fallen in love with and hardly ever miss an opportunity to show it off everywhere I go!! I'd like to thank every member of the DVMA for all the time they spend ensuring we are the best club in California and for accepting Mae and I as part of the family!

-A.J. Burnham

