



script emblem, California Special chrome side script emblems, fiberglass nonfunctional side scoops, rear deck lid and side stripes, quarter-turn hood locks as on the 1968 Shelby (but with box-shaped retainers), and a modified 1967 blacked out grill with pedestal-mounted Marchal or Lucas fog lights painted Dark Gray Metallic.



try your luck on the take-off. A California Special can be equipped with a 428 Cobra Jet, 390, 302, 289, or six-cylinder powerplant. The example featured here is powered by a 289 2V coupled with a C4 automatic transmission.

The cockpit, as shown here, features standard black 1968 interior or garb. Creature comforts include air conditioning and a full length console.

Unfortunately, the California Special did not sell as well in California as anticipated, so in April 1968, the decision was made to release the limited edition to other sales districts. The California Mustang was sold in Vancouver, Phoenix, Salt Lake, Oklahoma City, Dallas, and Houston. Production ended on July 18, 1968, with a total of 4,025 units.

Carol and Carlton often find themselves answering numerous questions about their unusual

steed as they are frequent show-circuit attendees. However, "it was not love at first sight," as Carol puts it. Before purchasing the pony, Carlton removed the fender (with the owner's permis-



sion), copied the VIN, and made numerous phone calls. Sure enough, the car was proven to be authentic with the DSO indicating Phoenix, and a title that can be traced back to New Mexico.

