

1968 FORD MUSTANG GOLD NUGGET SPECIAL REGISTRY

The following letter and information was provided by William R. O'Gorman.—Ed.

Having been corralled by the Mustang bug just over two years ago, my pony and I have come full circle. In June 1997, I purchased a '68 Coupe, 302 with a four-speed. It had fresh paint (corporate yellow, not Y5 Sunlit Gold) and needed only some minor finishing for this rust-free car to be show ready.

I contacted Tony Garcia of MCA times for a "window sticker." He informed me of the special code when I gave him the door data plate information, and, after a few days of effort, he advised that my car was a "Gold Nugget Special" although at the time we could only guess about what that meant.

From there my "bug" has pushed me to learn more about my car, and Mustangs in general. In January 1968, the Seattle area DSO participated in a Northwest promotion for a special edition ponycar to be built at the San Jose assembly plant called the "Gold Nugget Special." Hardly anything was known about this car except for speculation that it was trimmed out like a California Special only in Sunlit Gold with special graphics.

With the help of Kevin Marti of Marti Autoworks (www.martiauto.com), there is now proof that the rumors were not true. Kevin, through a contract with Ford, has access to all production records for any vehicle produced by Ford from 1967 to 1973. Like many specials, this was a production car with specialty badges (new rumors have surfaced that the dash has the original owner's name inscribed on a plaque with a gold nugget but this has not been verified) and was used for a regional promotion. These vehicles were only produced for a short time in January and February 1968. As such there were only 481 produced. In addition the special DSO code is 74-1111. Only Gold Nugget Specials have this code. At present, only a handful have been found and I'm currently working on verification of these cars.

Sincerely,

William O'Gorman

Mr. O'Gorman is requesting that any owners of potential Gold Nugget Specials

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(they must have the previously referenced DSO) who are interested in being listed in the registry provide the following information:

- Current owner name
- Current owner address
- Current owner telephone number
- Vehicle Identification Number
- Clear data plate rubbing

Photo of front, side and rear of car
Dealership where ordered/delivered
Date sold

The information can be sent to :
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