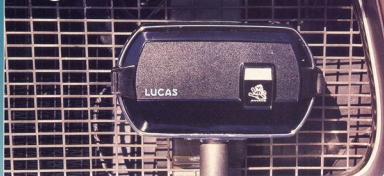


# Special Six



## KENNETH CAULKIN OWNS A RARE GT/CS.

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In 1968, anybody could have bought this Gulfstream Aqua California Special for \$3,075.86. That was about the cost of a regular production Mustang with few options and accessories, and thousands less than a high performance Shelby Cobra GT-350 or GT-500. Of course, to most "outsiders," this hardtop looks like one of Carroll's wild ponies. Kenneth Caulkins, of Weatherford, Oklahoma, verifies this sentiment with his '68 GT/CS. "A lot of people will stop me with questions. Most of them have never seen a California Special, but they recognize the Shelby parts. They pull up and ask, 'Is that a Shelby? What have you got in it?' I usually say a 200, 428. They are really surprised when they find out there's a 6-cylinder under the hood."



The reality is the 200-1V was the standard GT/CS powerplant, although, according to Paul M. Newitt's *GT/California Special Recognition Guide & Owner's Manual*,

practically nobody ordered these limited-edition sportsters with the base drivetrain. Exactly 130 California Specials (about three-percent of the total production run