

## *First Dream*

Growing up in eastern Iowa in the late 60's was a very memorable and impressionable time for Jerry Miller. He was 15 going on 16 the first time he saw a new, yellow 1969 Boss 302 Mustang drive by on the street. As he stood there watching the shape of the car with its stripes and the sound of the exhaust, he had no idea the car would grow on him. As time went by, he yearned to just drive one to see what it was like, but being a young kid at the time he knew it would probably never happen.

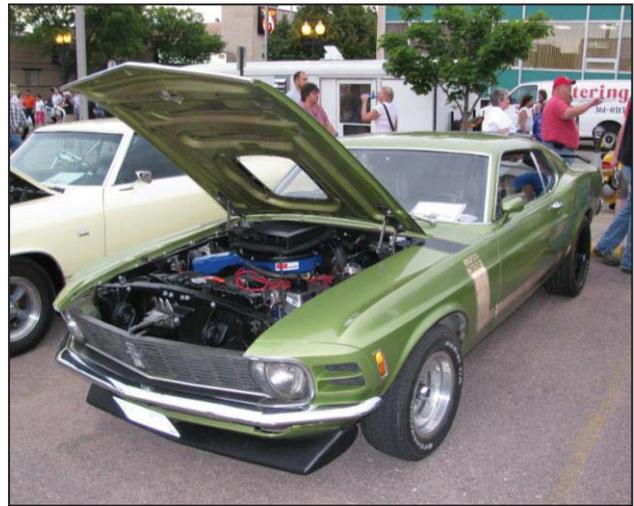
A year later, he saw the same yellow Boss 302 in a used car lot with a new engine that was replaced under warranty. Approaching his dad about the car, his dad's response was that the car was abused and beat by the previous owner and wasn't worth having. So with that, Jerry put having a Boss 302 out of his mind until later in life.

In 1985, he found his dream car in the Argus Leader for the price of a new car in 1969, which wasn't too bad by today's prices. It wasn't yellow but was a much rarer green color with a repaint job. Everything about the car was correct, and after waiting 15 years, Jerry couldn't allow his dream to slip away. Without hesitating, Jerry took out a loan for the car and brought it home, which wasn't agreed to by his wife and later added to a divorce picture. Jerry was able to hang onto the Boss 302.

As time went on, he met and later married Robin. During the early stages of their marriage, a stranger out of the clear blue offered Jerry \$10,000 for the Boss as it was. Robin, knowing how important the Boss was to Jerry, told him not to sell it. During the next few years, the Boss took a backseat to other needs.

While doing a routine oil change in 2007, antifreeze was noticed in the oil. Knowing that everything in the car was correct and wanting to retain all the matching numbers, Jerry chose to have Scott Sehr rebuild the engine to original factory specs. Once completed and dyno-tuned before reinstallation, the original quoted cost of \$3,500 to rebuild the engine, as with most car-related projects, wound up costing a little more than anticipated. Luckily, understanding the value and importance of this rare car, Robin helped pay for the rebuild of the engine.

Jerry and Robin enjoy the car together on a regular basis, when schedules permit. The only thing Jerry still wishes to do on the car is to strip the paint, do body work and repaint it to its better-than-new glory. But, he realizes that it will be sometime in the future with Robin's blessings. Good things are worth waiting for.



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