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What revs your motor? Take Amy Haydock for a spin [e rockymirror@capnews.com.au](mailto:rockymirror@capnews.com.au)



Mustang with true pedigree

American classic from the '60s gets to coast and trips away

What is your name?

John Elmes

What is your current job?

Communications technician

When and where did your passion for cars start?

Helping Dad when he was tinkering with cars when I was a kid.

How many cars/vehicles do you own and how many have you owned?

Thirty-two that I can remember; I currently have three.

What is your mechanical specialty?

I'm a tradesman panel beater, and a self-taught mechanic.

What was your first car and why did you choose it?

It was an XK Falcon, and I got it because it was all I could afford on apprentices wages.

What has been your most memorable experience in any vehicle you have owned?

Rolling that same XK Falcon. Also being pulled over four times in the Mustang for a breathalyser test. Every time it happens, they go to test the passenger as it is left-hand drive.

Where is the best place to go in CQ for spin?

There are not really many places to go in Rocky, probably only the beach. That's why I enjoy going on trips away with the All



UP FRONT: John enjoys touring in his 1966 Ford Mustang with the All Classic Motor Club and Highway 66.

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Classic Motor Club and hot rod club Highway 66. We've been to Hervey Bay, Bargara and the Sunshine Coast which have all been really good times.

Tell me about your favourite car. What is it and why do you love it?

XY GT Falcon because it's still classy-looking for a 41-year-old car. I always had Fords and then had a dud one and went on to Holdens, but I think I got the Mustang in a mid-life crisis.

How many hours/weeks/years of work have gone into your featured car?

When I first got it I worked on it a lot.

I beefed up the motor and

“ John Elmes, Ford lover

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made it reliable.

What has been the best thing about anybody has ever said about one of your cars?

Things like “look, the steering wheel is on the wrong side” and “looks classy”.

What cars are in your wishlist and why?

An XY GT is all I've really ever wanted.



PRIZED POSSESSION: John Elmes dusts off his 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe for the photo shoot.



ENGINE: The much-loved 289 V8 Windsor engine.



CLASSIC CAR: John's 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe has some handsome lines.



NICE RIMS: The wheels on John's 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe are unmistakable.