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42. The end (no matter how you spell it) was a lot closer than Associate Editor Britt suspected. When this road sign appeared near the New Mexico/Texas border, Neil should have recognized the omen. But he pressed on in his cross-country romp with our Grand Prize Mustang, determined to fulfill his responsibility to deliver the Mustang at the Street Machine Nationals in Indianapolis. Little did he suspect the adventures that lay ahead on the interstate—the thrill of rebuilding turbochargers on off-ramps, the agony of roadside restaurants.



50. The wings of man take many forms. Wayne County Speed Shop's Opel B/Gasser is as far removed from conventional race cars as the supersonic Concorde is from a biplane. Tech Editor John Baechtel detoured through Fairfield, Illinois, to uncover the Wayne County wondercar. He did more than uncover it—he stripped it bare, then probed the minds of its creators to find out what makes this Opel fly.

64. This one made it to the top of second gear before the connecting rod came out the side of the block. Some of them didn't last that long. But that's the price you pay when you're on a scavenger hunt for horsepower. The big-block in question came out of our old Super Mod project, which made the pain all the more acute. With a trail of broken parts stretching from Sacramento to Orange County, the editor earned a reputation for being as hard on engines as he is on late copy. "Pshaw," quoth Voegelien. "We just wanted to find out how thick the cylinder walls were. Besides, there's most of seven cylinders left, and it makes a swell pot for growing strawberries."



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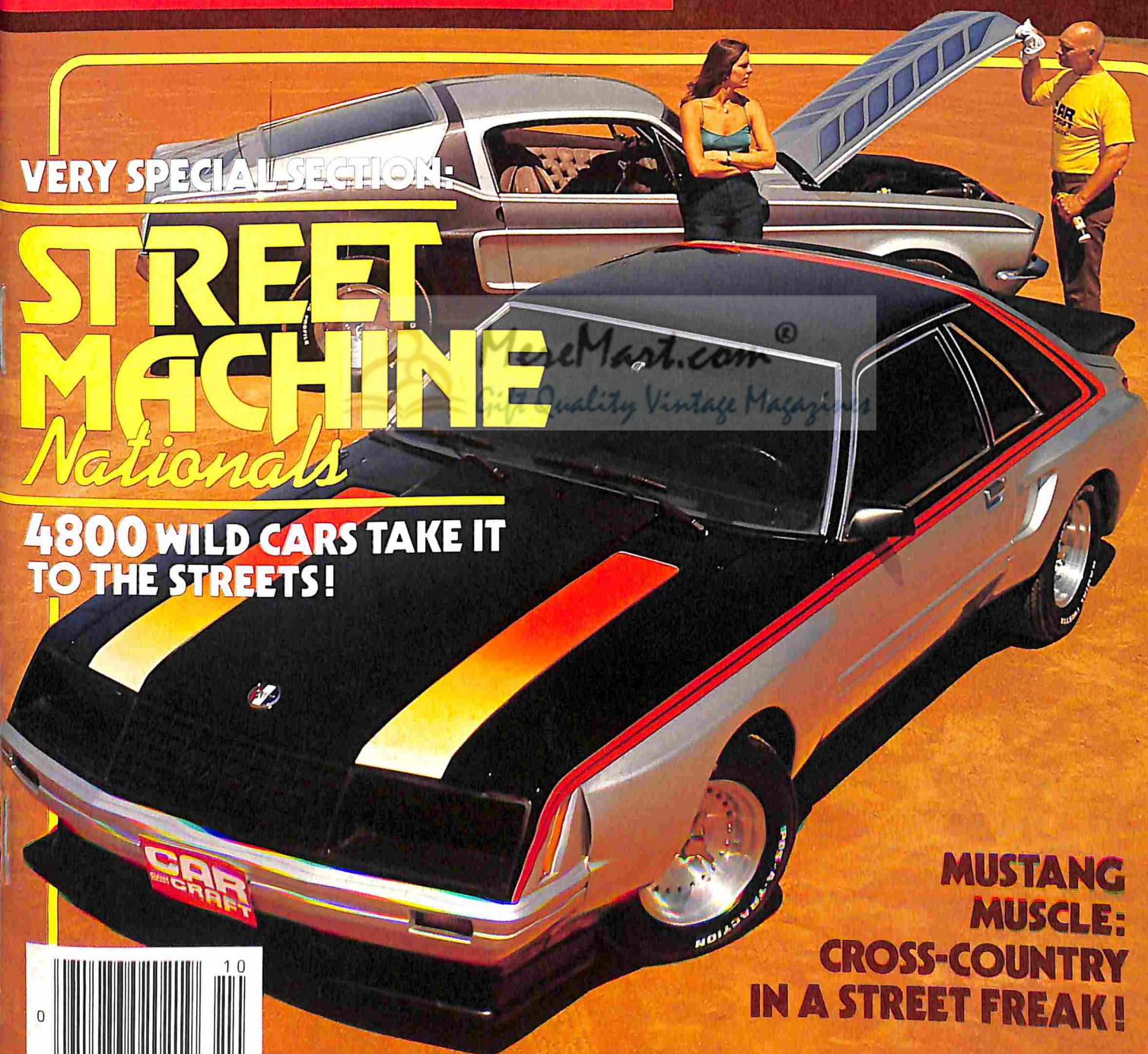


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