

## COVER CAR - 1964 PURSUIT MARSHAL DEMONSTRATOR (continued)

demonstrator Pursuit Marshals. In addition to these twenty demonstrators that were built and assigned to specific police departments 'on-spec', there were eleven more units in both two (F3) and four door (Y3) body styles equipped with Jet Thrust engines where a complete list with the serial numbers is shown in Issues #5 & #11 of Jet Thrust News. Of those eleven cars that were not part of this special run of twenty demonstrators, five were completed before, (one being the only R2 powered 1964 Pursuit Marshal, a two door sedan, destined for Crescent Beach, South Carolina), and the remaining six were completed after. Of the six completed after three were simply tagged 'demo' with no destination, one sent to an STP executive, and the other two, one each for Killeen, Texas, and Trussville, Alabama. Going by this list, it appears not one order was placed for any additional Marshals from any of the twenty police constabularies who each received one for evaluation. Perhaps a major reason for this was Studebaker announced the closure of the plant in South Bend, before the testing program was over, and all the special Jet Thrust items and other heavy duty equipment required to produce them would no longer be available. Unfortunately, we will never know if there would have been any orders resulting from this special run of Studebaker's finest and best handling Pursuit Marshal ever made. What we are left with is a serious, and honest attempt at the corporation's efforts to secure their position in a highly specialized and somewhat exclusive market where high-performance and handling would be necessary in a car; and the 1964 Pursuit Marshal was there to more than capably 'fill the bill'. As it stands, there are at least nine known survivors of these twenty special demonstrator Pursuit Marshals, and at least one of the eleven other Jet Thrust powered Marshals, and owning one is a privilege.

Our thank goes to Mike Cenit for his updates and latest photos on this special Jet Thrust-powered Marshal in that it still remains in just as excellent, or better condition as it did when I saw it in 1983.



A nighttime photo of 64V 8234 courtesy of Mike Cenit.



A roll bar was installed on all twenty of the demonstrator units. It is possible a few more were installed on other 1964 Marshals that were not part of this special run of demonstrators.



The Studebaker dealer in Wisconsin added an AM/FM radio to this car shortly after it was returned from its evaluation by the Wisconsin State Police.



One can see the special bolstered bench front seat in this photo. Again, it is not known if any of the other eleven Pursuit Marshals received this type of seat.