

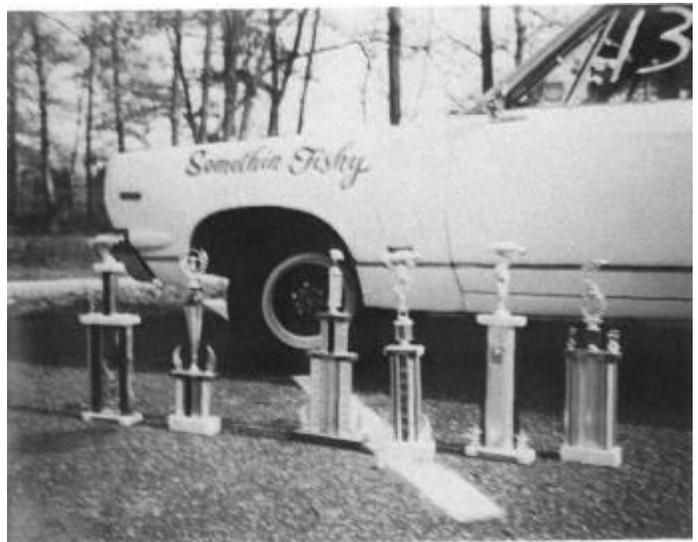
## Somethin Fishy

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I think owning 3 Marlins so far makes me a true Marlin Nut!

My first 1967 AMC Marlin had to be shipped to New York from Connecticut in 1968. There were no Marlins to be had on Long Island, and I wanted one! I got a phone call from an AMC dealer on Long Island and he told me about the car and he didn't know anything about it! He didn't know the color, engine, or options, just that it was a 1967 Marlin. He tried to sell me the new AMX or Javelin; nice but not a Marlin!

When I found out it was white, a six, that's it! Basic! Taking one minute to think about it...I said I would take it. I put 4 Mickey Thompson Mags on, beefed up the auto tranny and jetted the hell out of the 2 BBL Carter, raised the fish 6 inches off the ground and off to the track to drag race at National Speedway, LI, NY



The Marlin didn't do too badly - 10 wins out of 12 races! The 283 Chevy Impalas and 289 Ford Fairlanes were too heavy to beat the lighter, newer six-banger Marlin! Well, I was getting married and needed the money for the wedding. I sold the Marlin for a wife. Oh well we all make mistakes!!

So you thought I was done owning Marlins? So did I. The phone rang in April 1998 at six p.m., "Hey Mike want another Marlin?" my friend said on the phone that a blue 1967 AMC Marlin was headed to the crusher. What? I yelled No, it's Marlin Mad Man to the rescue!!! But do I really need another Marlin, and do I want another Marlin, YOU BET!! I am reliving my first Marlin all over again. This '67 has only 65,000 miles, a six 232, auto, p/s, that's it! It has a bang on the right rear quarter and bubbling rot starting on the rockers. Still, not bad for its age. So I popped the hubcaps and took it to the dragway



on Long Island and took some time trials. 19.67 down the ¼ mile, no whiplash here! But it's fun hearing the track announcer yelling out nice old Charger...Barracuda...Torino...Cyclone... What Ever! Ten minutes later the announcer yells, "That was a Rambler Marlin!!!"

Well it's years later when I got my next Marlin. Now when I'm older and mellowed a little through the years, this 1965 Marlin has a 327 with 4BBL carb that I wished I had when I was a young kid! This Marlin has a tilt-steering wheel, A/C (cold), AM/FM, Power Steering, and Auto on the floor, NOT BAD!!! Boy o' boy do I have a lot of fun with this Marlin.



Off to car shows all summer and cruising whenever I can. This Marlin is named "Somethin Fishy II", written on the front fenders as was my first 1967 Marlin - Somethin Fishy! I don't race the 1965 Marlin with the 327 but I still like to play with my 67 Marlin with the sixes at the track.



At the Nassau Coliseum Auto Show in November 2007 she won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in class. People don't know what a Marlin is or who made it. You have to do your homework if you own a Marlin, any year!

People ask me how does she handle around turns? The answer to that is, It Fishtales!! Painted on the rear of the car is a fishtail!

Soon I'll be heading to car shows and showing off the Marlin. That's it, Hook, Line, and Sinker!!

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