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2008 SHELBY MUSTANG COBRA



What year and make is your car, and what attracted you to it?



It's a 2008. The grill mimics the 1966 Shelby and the mustang tricolor ornament is exactly the same item as the 1966 part.

Can you tell us about the history and original use of your car?

I bought the car with 23,000 miles and I now have over 112,000 miles. I've raced it on road courses and several trips to the mountains. We have the backseat covered so our dog goes with us all the time.

Have you restored or customized the car, and if so, can you tell us about the process?

It's original, except for regular maintenance parts like shocks, brakes, or the occasional bushings.

How often do you drive your Cobra, and where do you take it for drives?

I drive it pretty much everywhere: Home Depot, Lowe's, Saint Augustine. It's been as far north as New York state, and as far west as New Orleans. I have gotten way more enjoyment out of my car than any depreciation I have gotten because of the mileage!

What do you do to maintain it and keep it running well?

It is always garage kept and washed regularly, even underneath, and the engine compartment. I routinely vacuum it when needed as well. I always use a high-grade synthetic motor oil and change it regularly. I don't neglect anything at all on it as far as maintenance.

Are you a member of any classic car clubs or organizations, and have you participated in any events or shows?

I'm not currently a member or any club, and I prefer cruise insns versus shows because they're not judged. I'm not envious of the other Shelby owners, but a car with as many miles as mine on it doesn't have a chance. I think trophies and plaques are overrated.

Are there any unique features or quirks about the car that you enjoy? And ones you don't?

It handles like a dream in the curves, and has more than adequate acceleration and brakes. The exhaust system is a Ford racing item specific to the car, and sounds great, but quiet enough to have a conversation while



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driving moderately. I took it to Sebring race track for two full days of all out, racing with a professional driver, and it was incredible. The driver even complimented me on how the car handled as he drove it first.

What is your favorite memory or experience with your car, and what do you love most about owning it?

I went to the World's Fair in 1965 with my parents and saw the new Mustang. Shortly thereafter after my mom ordered one. I've had other Mustangs, but this is my favorite. The body style is the closest to the original 1966 Shelby fastback.

