



The Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

1964 Shelby FIA Cobra



The “real” 1964 Shelby American FIA Cobra # 36 of 50

“Time To Go To War” !??? What I’m referring to is the famous Cobra-Ferrari Wars of the early 1960’s.

After his Cobras finished 1-2-3 at Sebring in 1964, Shelby decided to send his team to Europe to contest the FIA World Manufacturers Championship. By then the Cobra’s reliability had improved, though Shelby still understood that he was taking on the world’s best. His press release was carefully written: “We would be remiss if we didn’t at least try for the Championship. An American car has never won before. It would be presumptuous on our part to say that we will win, but we hope to make a good showing. It is only our second year of competition, and Ferrari has a great record, as well as more experience...”

Among the 64’s distinctive touches are its wider front fender flares, its cutback doors (their rear edges match the shape of the rear fender flares), the oil cooler scoop below the radiator air intake, and, last but not least, the subtle pyramidal protrusions in its trunk lid, created to allow the required FIA suitcase to fit inside. The car also has the “cheater” tilt-back windshield, designed to flop back at speed and reduce drag.

During 1964, the FIA carried the teams usual color, Viking Blue, with a Hot 289 motor. Shelby himself had raced in Europe in the 1950s, so he knew what to expect, but apart from Phil Remington and a few drivers, most of his crew members had little, if any, international experience. *(Continued on page 2)*

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The interior of Gene & Lynda’s FIA Cobra.



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A good European partner could help. He chose Alan Mann Racing to enter, manage and maintain the cars.

In 2014, it had been 50 years since Carroll Shelby introduced the Ford-powered FIA Cobra and to commemorate the occasion, Shelby American released a "Limited Edition" continuation of the car, held to be among the most important car in American racing history.

The 50 total Cars sold out in 30 minutes. I was one of the lucky enthusiasts to get one for my collection. Only 50 were built by Shelby in 2014 to the original 1964 specs. Ours was on display at the 2021 Keels & Wheels Concours and was in the tents with the 3 Movie Cars from "Ford vs Ferrari." I was lucky enough to meet Carroll Shelby's grandson, Aaron, and Ken Miles' son, Peter at the Keels & Wheels event. I had them both sign under the hood of the FIA Car. My FIA Cobra is super fun to drive, and always gets lots of waves, thumbs up, and heads turning when I take it out for a drive.

Gene and Lynda Wall



THANKS TO YOU ALL!

For supporting the motion to help fund the special bike trip undertaken by member Anthony Hernandez. The Gear Up Florida 2021 challenge was met as he rode over 925 miles on his bicycle to earn funds for the mission. Our donation was used to move the mission forward and connect someone in the disability community to a college student who cares about them. As Liza Loeber, Executive Assistant, wrote "it is time to reconnect our vulnerable friends."

Don't forget to come to Tracy Gee on June 14th for our next post-Covid meeting.

By the way, the Tracy Gee Center is fully open now.



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★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

John Dalton	6/8
John Sweney	6/13
Abby Hernandez	6/17
Bea McLellan	6/17
Carrie Huber	6/18
Sandra Johnston	6/21
Barbara J. Wahlberg	6/21
Paul Tetrault	6/24
Robert Wheelless	6/26

JULY

Elaine Bullard	7/7
Ferrell Moore	7/18
Ray Amos	7/20
Bill Palmer	7/25
Anthony Hernandez	7/27
Nell Willis	7/27

Let's Hit the Road!!



Hurry up! Reserve your spot now for the mini-tour planned by Rob McLellan for **Sat., June 26.**

The Williams' car collection is fantastic and will build up our appetite to eat at Joe's barbecue afterwards.

Call or email Evelyn:
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



JUNE

Ferrell & Norma Moore	6/18 (66 yrs.!!!!)
Stephen & Lynn Morris	6/19 (39 yrs.!!!)
Clay & Amberly Kolby	6/22 (20 years!!)
Robert & Bea McLellan	6/27 (7 years!)

JULY

Chris & Jamie Baccaro	7/2 (20!!)
Chuck & Sherry Sheldon	7/3 (50!!!!)
Steve & Dee Wanderman	7/4 (46!!!!)
J.T. & Betty Gorrell	7/11 (34!!!!)
Larry & Carrie Huber	7/12
Dennis & JoAnn Husfeld	7/23

HAPPY 4th of JULY

but
Don't forget, our celebration will be on Sunday, July 11th for lunch Sign-up will be sent via email soon.

Long may it wave!!





MINI-TOUR

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

However you come, get there.



- When ? Saturday, June 26, 2021
- What time? Get there between 10 and 10:30 AM
- What ? Williams car collection: from early jeeps to classics like his L29 Cord
- Where? Terry & Mary Williams 2391 Austin St, League City, 77573
Joe's 1400 E. Hwy 6, Alvin 77512

The McLellans have outlined a trip to this southern part of our territory and we will be able to check out cars and eat, both of which we do rather well!

Dr. and Mrs. Terry Williams have an extensive antique car collection that fills three large metal buildings on their property in League City. They are members of our GCR AACA club, but Terry has been busy working as a dermatologist so he did not attend meetings and you may not know them. He recently retired so we hope to see more of him, beginning on this tour of his facility. A few years ago we were able to see his collection with the Packard Club. He has enlarged it since then and added more automobilia as well.

We will be onsite for about 1 1/2 to 2 hrs. Then we will caravan to **Joe's BBQ in Alvin**, Nolan Ryan's favorite).

Robert and I had talked about going to San Leon or other places south, but decided with our members coming from all around the area, having it in Alvin on HWY 6 would be more central to your going home. Rob will have maps available at Terry's so you can make the trip to Joe's easily.

Depending on the number of GCR AACA and Packard club members who **RSVP**, we may use the private room upstairs or if need be the separate event center next door. Therefore, it is important that you let me know as soon as possible if you are coming, **the latest being June 20th.**

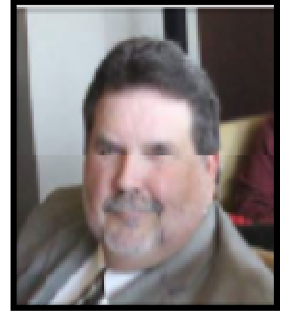
Bring an antique if it is not too hot. Let me know if you will be driving one. Remember, GCRAACA members take part in **\$100 drawings** at special events if their name is drawn.

RSVP to me NO LATER THAN JUNE 20th. No exceptions.

EMAIL: evtimmins@aol.com I will reply to you so you know I got it.

Phone: 281-797-6788 If I do not answer, leave me a message, I will reply to confirm your RSVP.

Moving on Down the Road..... with Pres. Jim Johnston



I know we are an “Antique Car Club,” but what I am going to share with you will be drawing a comparison for the vehicle owners’ manuals for older cars to today’s 2021 vehicle owners’ manuals.

To begin, I recently purchased a new 2021 Ford F-150, and it is a great truck. Right now, they say it is the number one selling truck. Ours is an XLT edition with some “kicked up” suspension, drive train, engine, tires, plus some other added special features like a 61/2’ bed/box. The truck looks great, rides great, and is amazingly comfortable while driving down the road. But what I’ll be sharing with all of you is not something that has only changed for Fords in the year 2021. I have been told the same holds true for GM and Dodge vehicles. I’m not sure about the foreign vehicles. What I’m talking about is OWNERS MANUALS, the go-to reference material owners rely on to find out all they need to know about their vehicle.



In the above photo are pictures of my 1942 Passenger Car Reference Book, “Owner’s Manual,” as well as the 1956 Ford Thunderbird Handbook, “Owner’s Manual” which we no longer own. It is kind of interesting to point out that in the 14-year span of time from 1942 to 1956, Ford was able to provide all you need to know about operational issues for those “42” and “56” model cars. It is kind of funny that for both those model year cars, BOTH owner manuals were only 64 pages long. Boy have things changed in 79 years!!! But to be fair, the vehicles have really changed as well, for the better, more complex, but

better.

The other two pictures in the photo are what I received with our 2021 Ford F-150. On the left is the 135-page 2021 F-150 “Supplemental Owner’s Guide,” and on the right is a 27-page “THE ALL NEW 2021 F-150 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE”, which, together, I’ll call my owner’s manual reference material found in my glove box.

But there is another reference resource buyers receive with the purchase of a 2021 F-150 Truck. I had upgraded to an upgraded 12” in dash video screen, which provides me a selection item for my full blown “Owner’s Manual.” But in that “computer system” owner’s manual, if you don’t know how an item is identified, you may be out of luck on finding the subject matter on the desired issue in the “on board” system.

One example I was trying to find out how the key fob wireless remote settings are programmed to lock or unlock the truck or anything else you’d use the key fob remote for. In my case, while up at Pate this year, I noticed that if I got within about 15’ of my truck, the doors would un-lock because I had the key fob in my pocket. So my assumption was there had to have been a “default” setting in my key fob or my truck system that was causing this to happen. So, I began looking for how to change those default settings. I could not find the information in any of the two provided books or while looking in the onboard computer system owner’s manual. So, while at Pate, I had both Robert Wheelless and Wayne Bartlett trying to help me out. We never could figure it out. But once back in Houston, I got help by going to my Ford dealer and the sales guy helped me. Key fob problem solved, not sure today how he did it, but at least I can walk up to my truck with-out causing the truck to un-lock, unless I touch the door handle.

My next step was to call Ford Customer Care, the go to people at an “800” number when you

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have a problem. On my agenda with Ford was how do I get a full printed version with an index of my truck's owner's manual. They referred me to the Helm Group and told me I could get them to send me an owner's manual for my truck. From Ford I found out the full printed owner's manual is a 1,200 + page book. I contacted the Helm group, they asked for my VIN number and I found I can get them to send me a full copy of my truck's owner's manual for just over \$42 which includes the processing fee. Next call was back to my salesperson, who told me he would get me a full manual ordered. I should add at this point, I purchased my truck at a local Ford dealership in the greater Houston area and this is not an issue caused by the dealership.

I did have another option as my wife Sandra put it, I could also sit in my truck and read through the system provided manual on the 12" screen. Only problem with that is, if you sit in your truck idling for very long, you get a message that in 15 seconds, the truck is going to automatically turn off. So, I guess if you do ever start reading the "on-board" owner's manual while sitting in the truck with the engine running, be sure to write down where you are in the manual before the engine shuts down!! But keep in mind you'll only have 15 seconds to get that done.

So, my advice to all looking at a new 2021 vehicle regardless of the make, if you are a "linear" person like me, once you settle on a price and trade in deal on your new vehicle, be sure to tell them the deal is "a done deal", if they make sure they get you a full "paper copy" of the owner's manual, because with technology being what it is today, that new vehicle can't be explained in a 64 page book!!!!.

But we do love our new 2021 Ford F-150 that runs on gasoline. I shudder to think what it must be like with the just released Ford Lightning all electric Ford F-150!!!! But now that I think about it, we also loved the way the things used to be with the Owner's Manual of the Good Ole Days!!!!

Keep on "Moving on Down the Road".
Jim Johnston

Summertime Has Arrived!
By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster Editor, May

I don't know about you, but I consider Memorial Day Weekend to be the start of the summer season. (I guess summer doesn't technically start until the Summer Solstice happens on June 20, but I'm sticking with my unofficial calendar.) With temperatures in the 80s and 90s this week in Hershey, it sure does feel like summer is knocking at the door. The flowers and trees here at the new AACA Headquarters are in full bloom and look beautiful.

This summer season will be especially sweet for so many of us for so many different reasons. At this time last year, the majority of the world was in a state of shutdown and uncertainty. Today, Pennsylvania announced that we are on pace to have 70% of adults in the state fully vaccinated by the end of June. I know some states are more open than others, but the overall trend in the U.S. points more and more toward a return to normalcy this summer. That means travel and vacations again. That means hosting your family and friends for a barbeque. And the thing that most of us are super happy about... That means travel and vacations again. That means hosting your family and friends for a barbeque. And the thing that most of us are super happy about... that means lots and lots of car shows!

I'm finding that I am looking forward to both the small and large things we have planned for this summer. Even just the fact that I am putting events and activities on my calendar again is thrilling to me. I am especially excited that the re-scheduled and revamped AACA Annual Convention coincides with the start of summer, too! This will be my first official AACA event of this year and I cannot wait to see all of your smiling faces. So, I say, it's time to put those tops down and get on the road to start this summer off right!



On the Road Again

From our Sister Chapter in the Deep South Region, Mobile

THE GREAT RACE 2021

The Great Race was the main topic of conversation every-time the two got together. Stories were shared about their experiences all filled with fascination and laughter. The two friends from Alabama have spent several years sharing great conversations. Stories became dreams, what if's and we can's that filled the barns and garages they hung out in.

Darrin Dahlenburg and Sam Barnett grew up with old cars. Both have enjoyed The Great Race in different ways. Darrin was part of a support crew for an X-Cup team for several years starting in 2016. Sam served on The Great Race team in 2013 driving the catch truck and helping crews work on their cars at night. Over the course of time, the two have explored many different parts of the country and enjoyed meeting people from all over.

Darrin and Sam began looking for the perfect car. While every car they came in contact with became part of the dream, they turned out for various reasons not to be right or were priced out of range. As such, they looked into the field of cars the two currently owned.

There were some great possibilities in the Barnett Collection and Darrin had a few that fit the bill. The 1974 Buick Apollo and the 1961 Cadillac Convertible were the final two contenders.

"Big Red", the 1961 Series 62 Cadillac convertible, is no stranger to touring. Ron and Sally Barnett (Sam's parents) drove the Cadillac in several AACA National Tours. Big Red has a big history to go with her having been ridden in by President Lyndon B. Johnson when he was Vice President. She was also featured on the cover of the May/June 2001 issue of Antique Automobile.

The 1974 Buick Apollo has been in the Dahlenburg family for over 20 years. Darrin's daughter Bobby Sue drove the car for several years while at college. She and the car no doubt turned a few boys' heads. The Apollo is mostly a survivor and would now need a lot of work. Thus, the logical choice turned out to be Big Red.

Big Red made her way to Mobile, Alabama, in November of 2019. Darrin spent many hours going over the Cadillac listing what would make it roadworthy for the 2020 Great Race. Items to be repaired were listed on a whiteboard that hangs in the garage. These items have slowly been crossed off. Test runs around the city and county became

became the norm.

Finally, it became official! Team Alabama and Big Red were registered in the 2020 Great Race starting in San Antonio, TX and ending in Greenville, SC. The event would be held June 20-28, 2020. Darrin Dahlenburg would drive, Sam Barnett would navigate and Paul Dagenais and Charlotte Dahlenburg would be the support crew. The car was then given the number 25.

The car was driven around Mobile to key car shows and cruise-ins to create the excitement needed to round up sponsors for the race. Then the world came to a stop. Social distancing, masks and working from home became a lifestyle everybody was trying to figure out. The race continued as planned and so did the work on the car. On May 7, 2020, it was announced that the race would be postponed until August 22-30, 2020, with a limited field and many of restrictions to provide safety for the teams.

Many of the racers enjoyed the virtual race each evening when the June dates arrived. These racers would talk about the places and towns through which over 100 antique cars would travel. Each night there was a bonus prize, one for each of the three divisions, Rookie, Sportsman and Expert/Grand Championship, a winner that was drawn from a hat.

Team Alabama will be competing against 38 rookies in their class. It will be a monumental effort to win this class. Practice time has been limited and the lack of rallies across the country will make the quest difficult. Recently, all the rookies had a chance to take part in training via Zoom with 78 people participating.



Team Alabama now has a new tow vehicle, a 2021 Dodge Ram 2500 with 6.7 Cummings engine and big-horn package.

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Meeting Minutes From May 10, 2021

President Jim Johnston opened the meeting at 7:44. Diana Forbes led the club in prayer, and Dean Forbes led the club in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim reminded everyone that the board meeting is from 6:30-7:15 and the general meeting is from 7:30-8:45 with 15 minutes left for cleanup so we are out of the building by 9:00.

Wayne and Robert reported on Pate. Over 9,000 spaces were sold with 3,400 already sold for next year. This year was a challenge, but successful. There were vendors from a variety of states. They were mainly buying to take back and resell. Jim thought that if Pate had more time to plan, this was a better side of the track to use. Robert and Wayne received many suggestions to improve Pate and they will take those to the next Pate meeting.

Ev reported that Keels & Wheels awarded trophies to all Gulf Coast Region members that entered a car for judging.

Treasurer's report – Ev reported that the club is in good standing financially. Several club members have passed and the club has made a \$200 donation to the AACA library in each person's memory.

Jim said that the board voted to approve the expenses we incurred for Pate. We had about 10 people volunteer to work.

Rob McLellan is working on a driving tour to San Leon to eat and to visit Terry Williams' car collection. He needs to coordinate with Terry to get a date.

The July 4th gathering will be held on July 11th at the community center in Julie's neighborhood.

Jim shared information about an AACA fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each. The prize is a 1973 Jeep Commando or \$5,000 cash. The drawing is 10/9/2021.

Jim and Sandra's great nephew, Anthony Hernandez, is participating in a bike ride that benefits a group, "Ability Experience.org" which benefits children with

disabilities. Elaine made a motion to donate \$100 to this fundraiser. Ev seconded the motion and it carried.

Elaine gave a brief talk on their trip to Kentucky.

Jim talked about his brief encounter with Robbie Wolf.

Diana Forbes won \$10. Leon Ahlers won the attendance pot for April. Since it has been so long since we had a meeting, the pot started over. The May pot was \$10 and Patsy Bennett's name was drawn, but she wasn't present so the June pot will be \$20.

Diana read the birthdays /anniversaries for May.

Elaine made a motion to adjourn and Norma seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 8:47.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Bullard, secretary

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They also have a new open bed trailer. The team will show off Big Red with all her race stickers all the way to Texas, across the southern US and back to Mobile.

You can follow Team Alabama on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GRTeamAlabama and meet the team at any one of the lunch or overnight stops. Don't forget to bring your sign with #TeamAlabama on it!

Check out the Great race at www.greatrace.com/route. The race begins in San Antonio, Texas. There are four cities in Texas; San Marcos, Temple, Grandbury, and Nocona. The race then moves to Rolla and Cape Girardeau, Missouri. There are four stops in Kentucky: Paducah, Ownesboro, Elizabethtown and Lexington. Racers then will cross into West Virginia and stop in Huntington and Beckley. The next two stops are in Galax, Virginia, and Mooresville, North Carolina. The race will have a grandfinale in Greenville, South Carolina.

Thanks to **Charlotte Dahlenburg, editor of the Deep South Region AACA Newsletter**, for this interesting and exciting story about their upcoming trip (June 19-27). 2021).

Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- June 14 Regular meeting of GCR AACA at Tracy Gee Center. Meeting begins at 7:30.
- June 26 Joint Mini tour set (with Packard Club) at Terry & Mary Williams' collection in League City and lunch at Joe's Barbecue in Alvin. RSVP Evelyn 281-797-6788 by June 20. (See pg. 4 for details.)
- July 11 "4th" of July gathering for lunch and tire kicking at Julie Palmer's Northampton Clubhouse in Spring. Flyer will be sent to RSVP.
- July 26 Last day to submit information/content for the August-Septemer issue of the Antique Expression.
- Aug. 9 Regular meeting of GCR AACA at Tracy Gee Center. Meeting begins at 7:30.
- Dec. 4 Annual Christmas Lunch

As we schedule meetings, you will receive an email. The items below have not been checked as to their current availability. You might call in advance to confirm or check Showplace Classics.

Public Car Outings.....

Sunday, 8-12 Prince's Hamburgers, near Sharpstown Golf. Kicking tires with friends.

Friday evenings Pearland Antique & Classic Auto Show (PACA) Cruise Night at parking lot behind Freddy's Hamburgers, FM 518 & Pearland Parkway. 6 PM

Saturday evenings cruise in at Chick-Fil-A in Home Depot's parking lot, 5 PM, Hwy 146 and FM 2094 in Kemah

Last Sat. morning of the month: Coffee, Cars, and Books from 8 - 10 AM in Barnes & Noble parking lot on Bay Area Blvd.

Last Sat. morning of the month: Coffee and pastries at Gateway Classic Cars, 71 Esplanade Blvd., Houston, 77060

Third Sat. of the month: Tailpipes and Tacos, 8-11 AM. 99 & Kingsland.

The Antique Automobile Club of America

Is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of automobiles and automotive history. It is the country's oldest and largest automotive historical society.

**Gulf Coast Regional Meetings at Tracy Gee Center
3599 West Center Dr.,
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**Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.
2nd Monday of each month,
Except for February, July
and December, when
special activities are scheduled.**

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June REFRESHMENTS

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Robert Wheelless**

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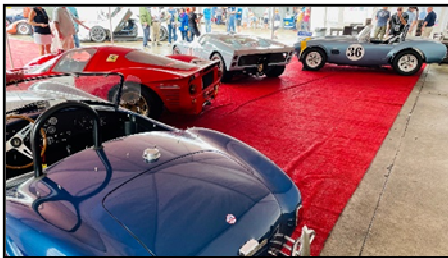
Out and About with Members and Friends

Keels & Wheels Ford vs Ferrari

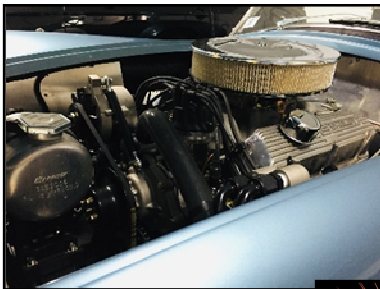
Left to right: Gene with Aaron Shelby, Gene Wall, and Peter Miles.



The Movie Cars #1 and #27, and the nose of the Blue AC Cobra Matt Damon drove in the movie.



All the movie cars with Gene and Lynda's FIA Cobra on display at Keels & Wheels May 1 & 2.



The FIA Cobra's Ford 289 power plant



Photos from Gene Wall, Charlotte Dahlenburg and the Speedster Editor

The Great Race



Days in the garage are the best, especially if you have help.



Hit the road, Jack.
Happy trails to you!

