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Look, It's a Unicorn!

By Teresa Tedone

It was warm the morning of the Snakes at the Farm Car Show, but certainly not hot enough to cause hallucinations. But there it was right in front of me - an automatic Cobra! I wondered how I never heard of this before, but I soon learned there were fewer than twenty 289 Cobras with a C4 automatic gearbox built. And only a few are known to exist today.

Carroll Shelby was a man with long legs and a lanky build. Eliminating the clutch pedal meant more legroom. He assumed he wasn't the only Cobra driver out there that would appreciate the extra space, so Shelby American built the extremely rare 1965 Cobra 289 with an automatic transmission.

The automatic Cobra was so unusual that the original dealers had a hard time selling them. On January 28, 1965 the Reynolds Motor Company in Syracuse, New York received a Cobra automatic in Silver Mink, with the highly desirable red interior and the Class "A" accessory group that included whitewall tires, five chromed knock-off wire wheels, a dash-mounted mirror, wind wings, front and rear bumperettes, and a quick fill gas cap. These are all very desirable features. But despite the features and an invoice total of \$6,047.05 including freight, the dealership could not find a buyer. Reynolds contacted Shelby and returned the car to the factory, ordering GT350's with the credit. It actually took a couple of years for this automatic Cobra to find an owner – and then it sold at a loss. It sold in California for \$5,300.



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To provide a common meeting ground for Mustang Owners and further the enjoyment of ownership: to include workshops, question and answer sessions and technical sessions. To promote a more favorable relationship with the general motoring public. To further the preservation and restoration of all Mustangs. MOST IMPORTANTLY TO HAVE FUN.

DVMA General Information

The DVMA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Fuddruckers. The Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at one of the Board Members homes on a rotating basis.

Club Meetings

When: The second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM...Arrive early to order food. Order and pick up your food downstairs. Bring your food upstairs to the meeting.

Where: Fuddruckers

1975 Diamond Blvd, Concord, CA 94520

(925) 825-1443 In the Willows Shopping Center

Directions

From the South:

Take Highway 680 North to Willow Pass Road. Exit at Willow Pass Road and at the light at the bottom of the ramp, turn right. Move immediately into the left lane and turn left on Diamond Boulevard (the next traffic light). Stay in the left lane and turn left into the Willows Shopping Center.

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DVMA Membership Information

Membership is open to any Mustang enthusiast. Dues are \$30.00 per year plus a \$10.00 first year initiation fee. Business card size advertising is \$50.00 (25.00 for members) for 12 monthly issues. ¼ page ads are \$100.00 per year. Other advertising and insert rates are available. Members are allowed brief, one-time For Sale and Wanted ad's.

DVMA DISPATCH

President Message from Harry Davis



Welcome to our new member - Mike Fontaine. We hope to see you at a meeting or event before long. (Mike is registered for the June 12 Car Show.)

Have you registered for DVMA's All-Ford-Powered Car Show on June 12? It will be a great introduction to all of us to get outdoors and enjoy beautiful cars and great weather. The flyer states that masks are required but current guidelines may indicate that some will not be wearing their masks while outdoors. Stay as safe as you can. Board members have put some time into planning this

event and I hope all of our members will register their vehicles and participate. Note that all entries/registrations must be pre-registered. There will not be any drive-in Day of Show registrations. DVMA will award one trophy per class, and everyone registered has a chance to win! Be at the Show!

Members had an opportunity for various events in May and the summer is ahead! June and July events are being planned, including the Breakfast on first Saturdays, Detail Garage on last Sunday of each month, and Cobra Experience Open Days.

Our June general meeting will be held inside at Fuddruckers on June 9. Everyone enjoyed indoor dining and the DVMA meeting in May.

Harry Davis

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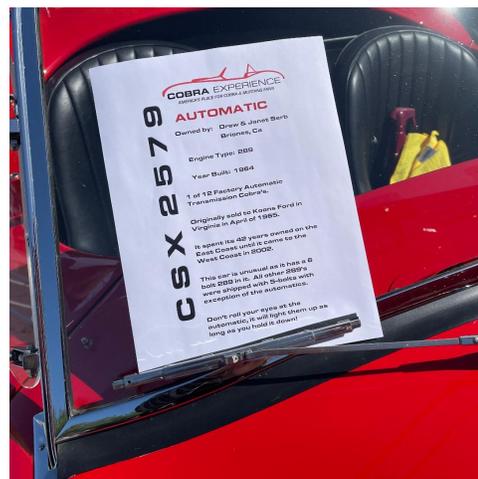
If you're interested in owning an original Cobra 289 you should know that finding one for sale will be quite the challenge. And if you're wondering if you have enough coins in the piggy bank should one come available, here's how the market's been trending over the last five years:

Average selling price - \$953,398

Top sale - \$1.8 million²

Most recent sale - \$990,000

Anyone have a time machine I can borrow?



General Meeting Notes from May 12, 2021

With masks and social distancing restrictions, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Ten members and four guests attended. Welcome to everyone attending! Guests were Bill and Julie Kinsey, and Terry Herringshaw and Pattie McNamee.

DVMA's All-Ford-Powered Car Show - June 12, 2021 – Red Robin parking area at The Streets of Brentwood. Bill Brandt Ford and Delta Bay Mustang are sponsors. There will be 90 parking spaces, and more space available, with cars parked with two door spaces apart. Jason is the lead judge. Volunteers are needed for all parts of a Car Show function. Sign up in the Event Book or talk to any Board member. All Show entries must be pre-registered and paid; deadline extended to May 27. There will not be any Day of Show drive-ins or entries.

PAST PRESIDENT – John Haugrud – John has some club hats available and for sale, from the club Store.

VICE PRESIDENT – Matthew Hawkes – No report

MEMBERSHIP – Ed Guldner – DVMA has a new member, Mike Fontaine, and now has 44 memberships, 92 members, 111 cars, and 17 MCA members.

TREASURER – Dwight Moreland – No report.

TOUR COORDINATOR – Karen Davis – The Event calendar has been updated for May, and thanks to Nicole for updating the website calendar.

UPCOMING -

May 15 – Poker Run by Sacramento Area Mustang Club, Sacramento

May 16 – Cobra Experience Open Day

May 25 – DVMA Board Meeting, by Zoom, 7:00 pm

May 30 – Detail Garage, 1853-6A Monument Blvd, Concord, informal car show, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Cars and drivers come and go throughout the two hours.

June 5 - DVMA Monthly Breakfast at Country Waffles, Clayton Station, Concord, 9:00 am

June 5 – Cobra Experience 7th Annual Cobra Day

June 9 – **DVMA Meeting** at Fuddruckers, 7:00 pm

June 12 – **DVMA Ford-Powered Car Show**, Red Robin parking area, The Streets of Brentwood

June 20 – Cobra Experience Open Day

June 27 – Detail Garage, 1853-6A Monument Blvd, Concord, informal car show, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Cars and drivers come and go throughout the two hours.

July 31 – Adopt-A-Street, 8:45 am, Seafood City parking lot, Diamond Blvd, Concord

MCA 2021 National Shows

- June 11-13, Thunder on the Mountain National, Eureka Springs, Arkansas

- July 23-25, Follow the Yellow Brick Road National, Overland Park (Kansas City) MO

- Sept 3-5, The Great Mustang Round Up, Mustang OK – MCA National Show

- Oct 7-10, Spirit of the West, Tucson, Arizona

NEWSLETTER – Anne Haugrud – Anne has input for the next newsletter and welcomes photos.

DVMA Adopt-A-Street Cleanup

On April 24, 2021, DVMA members met for the Concord Adopt-A-Street community participation. Ed Guldner, Matthew Hawkes, Anne Haugrud, Erik Miller, Hugh Blackwell, Carole Klevins and Paul Bailey-Gates, and Harry and Karen Davis walked both sides of Diamond Blvd and picked up trash, litter, and an occasional metal balance that had fallen off of someone's car tire. Trash varies and used cardboard was the main item this time.

The City of Concord sets a schedule for four pickups in one year. The next Adopt-A-Street will be held on July 31. Meet at Seafood City parking lot, Diamond Blvd, Concord, at 8:45 am.



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WEBSITE – Nicole Melton – No report

MCA REP – Jason Ingle – No report

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES – May birthdays and anniversaries were announced by Karen. Congratulations to each birthday and Anniversary celebrants in **May**.

BOARD MEMBERS – Ed Guldner, Bobby Hubbell, Lisi Dennis – No report

PAST EVENTS – There were 9 members at the Adopt-A-Street on April 24, next is July 31. Ten DVMA cars and members enjoyed Sonoma Raceway, the car corral, and the drive around the track on April 24.

Two DVMA members and families enjoyed the Laguna Seca track drive on April 10.

The Cobra Experience Snakes on the Farm was a fun event for those who attended.

CLUB RAFFLE – Winner of a club hat - Nicole.

OLD BUSINESS – None

The next DVMA Board meeting will be on May 25, 2021.

The **next DVMA** meeting is scheduled for **June 9, 2021**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm by Harry Davis, President.

The cure for Spring Fever!

The month of April brought a serious case of Spring Fever to many DVMA members and Sonoma Raceway seemed to have just the right “cure” for it on April 24th. They sponsored a show and shine, a track drive and some vintage car racing that seemed to provide an “antidote”. Quite a few members joined several hundred others with the same “affliction” that day. Steve Suzuki and his son Ryan shared some of the pics they took during the track drive. Thanks guys!



Nice closeup of Keith's 2016 Black Shelby GT-H 5.0L



Cars were able to get a little more speed on the downhill.



Going uuuuuup



Coming downwwwwn



Son Ryan gets a little taste for himself; thanks Dad!
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Awwwww, over too soon!

Sign up for the car show now! Go to dvma.org today!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Bruce Baker

Dean Cofer

Tom and Francine Martindale

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