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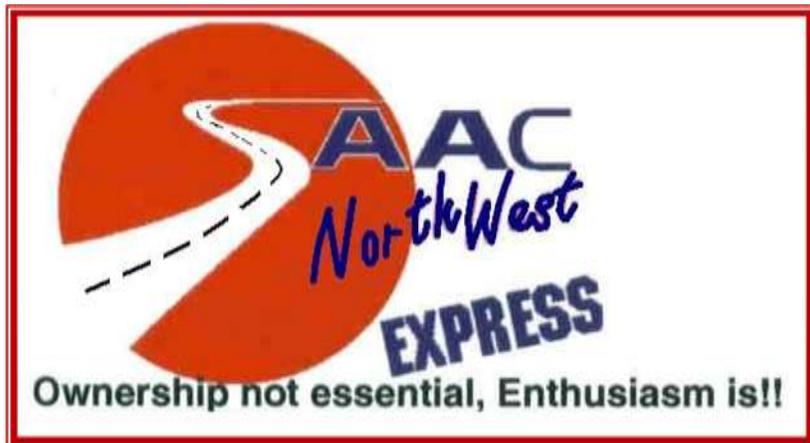
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August 2010

Next club meeting August 15, 2010 at

Wilsonville Denny's at 6pm

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2010...

Aug. 8th- *All Ford Picnic- Champoeg Park, Wilsonville*

Aug. 14th- *Poker Run- Newberg, OR*

Aug. 15th- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm Wilsonville
Denney's

Aug. 20-21st- *Wapato Showdown- Gaston*

Aug. 21st- *Cobra Cruisin- Vancouver WA*

Aug. 26-28th- *SAAC National Convention- Sears Point, CA*

Sept. 4-6th- *Columbia River Classic Road Race- PIR*

Sept. 10-12th- *Rod Run to the End of the World- Long Beach, WA*

Sept. 13- *Kirkland Concours- Kirkland WA*

Sept. 19th- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm Wilsonville
Denney's

Oct. 2-3rd- *Maryhill Loops Hill Climb- Goldendale, WA*

Oct. 17th- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm Wilsonville
Denney's

Nov. 21st- SAAC NW Meeting- 6pm Wilsonville
Denney's

President's Report

President Steve Thomas brought the general meeting to order at 6:10 P.M. Steve mentioned that we have a guest at our meeting tonight, Mr. Mike Hammond. Mike has built a lot of cool cars, including the Radio Flyer Wagon with the V8 engine and the Isetta with the motorcycle engine that was shown at the Portland Roadster Show. Mike has about 26 Fords in his collection.

Steve then asked for the Secretary's report for the April meeting.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Paul Blanchard read the meeting minutes for the month of April, then asked for approval on the meeting minutes. They were approved as read with no corrections or additions.

Vice President's Report

Bill Meloy talked about our club participation at the Suburban Auto Show in Sandy, mentioned that the members in attendance were, Bill Meloy, Doug Buchner, Spencer White, Jim Hill, Steve Thomas and Brian Bogdon. Bill talked about the upcoming cruise to Dufur and tour to the Oregon Raceway Park in Grass Valley. There are some members that will be going to the Rose Cup races on the same weekend as the tour to Dufur.

Bill talked about the Historic Races coming up on July 9th 10th and 11th at PIR, we have 11 signed up so far, last year we had 22 participants.

July 14th is our track day at PIR more information to follow with Doug Buchner and his Track Stewards report.

The Mustang Roundup is on the 16th, 17th, and 18th at Belleview Washington.

The poker run to the coast will be on August 7th will end up at John Zeggerts' house on the Nestucca River. Larry Cockerham is putting the tour together, said the date will coincide with the annual Hill Climb that is put on in the area.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Donahoo gave the treasurers report gave the balances from our checking account and from our money market account. We received some money from membership renewals that wasn't included in tonight's report. Linda mentioned that our CD is also due, it was for 13 months before if we renew with a new 19 months the rate is much better. It was agreed by all members present at tonights meeting to go with the better rate. Linda says that we have a good treasury.

National SAAC Rep

Dan Jones gave his report, said that he had talked with Howard Pardee at SAAC National about the upcoming National Convention at Infineon Raceway. Howard said that if you are going to the Convention you can drop off our trailers at the track on Thursday. There is RV camping at the track, but there is a phone No. that you have to call first. The dates for the SAAC National Convention will be August 27-29, 2010. Norcal SAAC will be the host car club and they are giving up their mini-nats to host the National Convention this year.

Dan mentioned that there are now 3 members in our club that can sign off on special interest license plates, Larry Cockerham, Mark Pendergrass and Dan Jones. There is paperwork that you need to fill out it can then be signed off by any one of the 3 mentioned members to help you get the special interest registration.

Dan Jones wanted to talk about the club trailer being parked at Mark's house at present, it would be a good idea if we could park it at the track. If it could be permanently parked at the track it would make it a lot more convenient for everyone, Doug Buchner commented on the fact that several other car clubs are doing that now. It is something that needs to be looked into.

Track Steward's Report

Doug Buchner talked about the work that he is doing in preparation for the track day coming up on July 14th.

Doug mentioned that he is incorporating the changes into the track pack, at present we require a fire suit in the fast run groups, Doug says no other club has that so that we won't require it.

Doug went over the passing requirements, a general discussion followed with some good ideas being discussed.

Last year we hired turn workers for the 1st track day, had our own club members as volunteers for the second track day.

The question came up as to what the requirements were for taking passengers. Linda mentioned that the passengers need to have the same clothing requirements as the driver, other than that there is no age limit for passengers.

Doug made the comment that there is a concern on the part of liability insurance, if there is an accident and your passenger is injured most insurance policies won't cover it. Something to think about, maybe a good time to review your insurance policy with your agent.

MHRC Report

Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard gave the MHRC report for the 11 May meeting. Roll call was taken with all 17 clubs present.

PRS manager Dwayne Caseday said that the ISCA has charged us \$21,000 for judging at the PRS felt that we needed to do something different was asking for

a club take back. Dwayne felt that we could hire local retired ISCA judges, use the ISCA judging rules as a pattern to help us develop our own. In the past ISCA membership included cars on the ISCA show circuit that helped us with participation of quality cars. This year we received one car. What does the SAAC Northwest membership feel about the continued cost of ISCA participation at the Portland Roadster Show?

Dwayne wants to establish some prize money for feature cars, \$10,000 for 1st place, \$5,000 for 2nd place and \$2,500 for 3rd place. This would help encourage people from the local area to compete and could help bring in quality cars from throughout the Northwest.

John Bukovi made the motion and it was seconded by Dick Harmon that nominations for officers be opened, a roll call vote was taken 16 clubs voted yes 1 abstained.

Nominations for MHRC officers were taken, with the election following. These are your new officers for the MHRC:

President

1. Mike Conn

Vice President

1. Bob Miller

Secretary

1. John Bukovi

Treasurer

1. Marlene Miller

Sergeant at Arms

1. Dick Harmon

Ken Crawford of the Pharaohs car club gave a presentation on the mission of the Pharaohs car club. There are a lot of Oregon veterans that have passed on with their remains still in funeral homes with no families available to give them a burial. The mission of the Pharaohs is to provide all of the Oregon veterans whose remains are unclaimed a military burial. On the 28th of May in conjunction with Memorial Day there will be procession leaving Clackamas Town Center to Willamette National Cemetery to give 6 Oregon veterans final military burial.

The final gate for the Portland Roadster Show this year was 12,000 paid attendance. The figure was somewhat misleading as there were a lot of children under the age of 12 that were able to get in for free.

The announcement was made that the Portland Roadster Show meetings will be suspended for the summer, June, July and August with the meetings resuming in September.

There was a lot of favorable response from the presence of Chip Foose at the show this year. Chip gave generously of his time and was willing to sign autographs for all who were waiting in line, often times for hours on end. What a great ambassador for our hobby!

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Rick Sattler said that he doesn't have anything new to report. He hasn't made some new updates as of yet but will soon. If you have any interesting pictures of car club related events send them to Rick.

Newsletter Editors Report

Lynette Spohn is always interested in members sending in a one sentence item, such as a cruise-in that you attended, or a car fix that would be of interest to all members, in general something auto related that would be of interest to all members.

New/Old Business

Paul Blanchard wished to make the comment that his other car club the Associated Fords of the Fifties put on the Happy Days Cruise at the Bomber.

We had a good turn out with a little over 125 cars, in spite of the rain. Of interest to the members of SAAC NW is the fact that we had in attendance a yellow 1969 Shelby GT-350 owned by Larry Smith.

Steve sent in the check for our space at the Portland Swap Meet next to Fred and Gayle for next year.

Fred and Gayle extended the invitation to Dick Roush from Seattle that he could sell parts from their booth. As it turned out Dick brought enough parts for sale that was in not only Fred and Gayle's space but spilled over into our space as well. It was noted that there were several of our members that helped Dick unload his stuff for a presence in our booth and Dick also brought some items from his friends in Seattle as well. We should establish some ground rules as to what we should allow to be sold in our space, if items are sold than we should receive some compensation. The comment was made that he sold quite a bit of his items for good money we would be willing to work with him on the cost, but it shouldn't be for free.

Steve Thomas adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary

President's Report

President Steve Thomas brought the general meeting to order at 6:15 P.M. Steve mentioned that since our last meeting we lost one of our members, Bill Stevens. Bill was one of only a handful of people who had the opportunity to drive a real Cobra in real races for real points back when the cars were new. With Bill as we look back we think about how glamorous it must have been and yet often times in racing it came down to a loose spark plug wire or some brake fluid or something simple that could alter the outcome of the race.

Steve mentioned that so many people read books about the Cobra plus the building of the replica Cobras and continuation Cobras and just for a moment they are trying to capture the glory of what it was like to drive in competition back in the day. That in and of itself is a tribute to Bill, he is listed in the record books so he will always be remembered for his driving ability with the real Cobra.

Vice President's Report

Bill Meloy wasn't present at tonight's meeting so Steve gave the report for him. Steve commented on the club tour to Dufur and then to the track at Grass Valley.

All of the members that went on the tour enjoyed it and received plenty of track time. Steve said that his arms got a little tired from tooling his big Galaxie around the track without power steering. The Nascar drivers of today think that they have it tough, compared to the real men in the days of Ned Jarrett and Tim Flock piloting their big Galaxies, I don't think so.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Donahoo gave the treasurers report gave the balances from our checking account and from our money market account. Linda said that we have a little different report tonight because we have some monies that have come in for the Historic Races but will go back out again when we purchase the tickets from PIR. We also have some money that came in for our track day with only 12 participants so far. There will be more to come for sure.

Linda says that we have a good treasury.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Paul Blanchard read the meeting minutes for the month of 16 May 2010. Paul then asked for approval on the meeting minutes. They were approved as read with the following corrections, "The question came up as to what the requirements were for taking passengers. Linda mentioned that the passengers need to have the same clothing requirements as the driver, other than that there is no age limit for passengers." Linda says that is not correct, the age limit is minimum 8 years old to age 16 but they must have a waiver signed by their guardian to be eligible to ride as a passenger.

MHRC Report

Alternate Rep Paul Blanchard gave the MHRC report for the 8 June meeting. Roll call was taken with 14 clubs present with 2 absent. We had some guest speakers representing an organization called Forward Edge, an organization dedicated to helping the children of Haiti, they are putting on a Cruise-In.

PRS manager Dwayne Caseday lost his daughter last week, the memorial service was held in Colville Washington.

This was the third meeting for the West Side Cruisers of Washington County, a vote was taken all 14 clubs voted their acceptance into the MHRC.

A vote was taken for the MHRC and the PRS to keep the ISCA or to look for alternatives. It was a unanimous vote everyone agreed that we should look at alternatives. Konnie Martin made the suggestion that the MHRC donate teddy bears for the Ronald McDonald House, all fourteen clubs said yes. It was decided that we would purchase 20 teddy bears as a charitable donation.

National SAAC Rep

Dan Jones wasn't present at tonight's meeting, Steve Thomas gave the report for Dan. For the members going to the SAAC National Convention at Infineon Raceway near San Francisco on August 27-29, 2010 it was noted that RV camping will be allowed in the Paddock. There is no dumping of water or waste at the site there are no provisions for that. If you are planning on camping there you must contact United Site Services at (707) 566 – 2000 and you also have to provide your own power. The gate will open at 6:00 A.M. and close at 10:00 P.M. Saturday may have a bit longer hours but it isn't known yet.

Newsletter Editors Report

Lynette Spohn asked for pictures of the club tour to Dufur, it was noted that Brian Bogdon took several pictures of the event. Lynette will ask Brian for pictures. Lynette is always interested in members sending in a one sentence item, such as a cruise-in that you attended, or a car fix that would be of interest to all members, in general something auto related that would be of interest to all members.

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Rick Sattler wasn't present at tonight's meeting. If you have any interesting pictures of car club related events send them to Rick for inclusion into our club web site.

New/Old Business

Chris and James Field were present for tonight's meeting their dad owns a 1967 Shelby. While they aren't new members it isn't very often that we see them, Steve wanted to extend a warm welcome to them they were here to receive information on our track day.

Ed and Jill Jones were present at tonight's meeting, talked about some problems that they have experienced with their new Mustang. It seemed that it centered around the exhaust system, when the car was manufactured there were some bolts that weren't tightened, as a result the catalytic converter had moved over with an opening in front so the computer couldn't take a reading to have the dash warning light go off. There was a loose fastener that was in the catalytic that caused a drone at high RPM. After considerable time and effort at the dealers including a new gear set in the rear end he finally got it fixed.

Track Steward's Report

Doug Buchner sent around a sign up sheet for track day volunteers. Doug talked about the track day and his approach to the driver and car requirements. Doug said that he was trying to standardize our track day to be in keeping with the way that other clubs run theirs. Members can join with other clubs track days to get more track time without having to learn new rules. We no longer have to have a fire suit in the advanced run group. Doug says that we will have three run groups,

advanced, intermediate and novice.

Doug went to the Porsche track day about a week ago and found some things that they did that he would like to incorporate for our track day. They have their participants sign a waiver absolving the club of all liability. They found that there were some drivers that had gotten through without signing the waiver. Drivers are required to get a colored arm band after they have turned in their signed waiver. They then go to their run group and get a different colored arm band. If someone doesn't recognize them and asks to see the waiver arm band and if they don't have one they are required to sign a waiver or they won't be allowed to run.

Doug mentioned that the BMW club has a pace car for the novice group for the first two laps so that drivers can learn the line and braking points.

Doug said that the Porsche Club for the first run of the day the novice drivers will be riding with the advanced drivers for three laps. That is a plan that he wishes to adopt for our track day. We will have 15 minute run group sessions for six sessions for the day.

Doug said that he talked with PIR about our trailer being parked at the track, and he was informed by PIR that before the trailers were in a fenced enclosure, but now with Pro Drive the space is no longer available. The trailers are now parked in a space next to the chicane with some of the PIR material. There is an eighteen wheeler trailer parked there, other clubs park their trailers backed up against it to minimize the potential for break in. Doug doesn't think that it is a good idea to park our trailer there year round, but wouldn't hurt to have it there 3 days in advance. Doug says that no other club allows any driver or passengers under the age of 18 to be on the track we will adopt that as well. No passengers will be allowed in the novice class. The reason given is for safety concerns. The exception would be for parade laps at noon.

Doug mentioned that since he is an insurance agent he knows that if you have an incident with a 13 year old passenger in your car for example the insurance company can't close the claim until the passenger is 18 years old because the guardian can't sign away the youthful passenger's legal rights. Doug will have the Paramedics available along with the Pro corner workers. No lunch for the corner workers this year.

Doug asked that all members get the word out to all interested drivers because we need more participants.

Steve Thomas adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Paul R. Blanchard, Secretary



Member's Tips and Events...

*****If you would like to submit tips, events and stories for our next newsletter, please email them to deprincess64@aol.com with SAAC tips in the subject line.

KIRKLAND CONCOURS

There is a quaint town on the shore of Lake Washington, Northeast of Seattle, called Kirkland. On September 12, 2010, at Carillon Point in Kirkland, Washington will be the location of the 8th Annual Kirkland Concours, benefiting Children's Hospital of Seattle and Evergreen Medical Center. The Kirkland Concours has raised a total of 1.2 million dollars for these two worthwhile charities in the past seven years.

This year's Kirkland Concours will be gathering 30 prominent automobiles from Shelby American, as well as 70 other handpicked classics and wood boats as well. The quality and uniqueness of the cars selected to represent Shelby American will never be gathered again in the Pacific Northwest. At the present time we have 10 Cobras, 10 GT40's and 9 early GT350's.

Among the Cobras at the Kirkland Concours we have:

- *Daytona Coupe - one of six made, one of three left in the U.S. This coupe won the most races of any of the Daytonas and was driven by Gurney and Bondurant.
- *Dragonsnake - Lynn Park's drag race prepared "El Cid".
- *The Flip Top - Ken Miles' "The Turd".

Among the GT40's at the Kirkland Concours we have:

- *One of every body style GT40 will be present, MKI, MKII, MKIII, and MKIV.
- *One of the GT40 roadsters, 1 of 5 made. Ken Miles' 1966 Lemans 2nd GT40.

Among the GT350's at Kirkland we will have:

- *The first street 1965 GT350 built.
- *The first R- model built ex. Miles, Titus, Cantwell.
- *One of every color available for the 1966 GT350 model line.

There will also be a collection of 10 to 15 Shelby Mustangs and Cobras from the Washington State Shelby Club in an area just North of where the Concours is located. Peter Brock, Shelby American's head of special projects and designer of the Daytona

Coupe is an honored judge at this Concours. Peter has written 6 pages on his favorite Cobra stories for this year's event program. There will also be a section of the program for the GT40 and the GT350.

You may find more information about this event by going to www.kirklandconcours.com. If you click the "Gallery" section on the top of the home page you can see the quality of cars which have attended this event in the past.

There are several reasonably priced hotels in the immediate area near Carillon Point. Please do not miss this opportunity to see these very historical automobiles all in one location for only \$25.00 per ticket.

Tell your friends!!!!

Cobra Cruis'in

Your all Welcome to come out to our 3rd annual Cobra Crusin Saturday August 21st 10:00-? Well Have Allen Grant and his #96 Coventry motors cobra. There wont be any trophies and we wont charge you,so come out and see Allen and have a free lunch. Hope to see you all here. This event is open to all Shelby type cars new and old and any cool hyperformance Ford cars

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"POKER RUN"

On August 14th, Larry has put together a poker run that will start in Newberg, 9am Safeway parking lot and end at John Zeggert's home in Beaver, which is near the coast. We should have good weather, as it will be August, and a lot of fun.....

We will need a head count of those attending so we can plan the lunch. Please let us know ASAP who will be attending and how many in your party so there is enough food to go around. Check our SAAC NW website for more information.

Thanks

Linda



"GO LIKE HELL "

I bought the book at Borders a couple of months ago and read it in a few days. It was a fun read. It draws a lot of different players into the story. The author did a good job pulling together facts, and documenting them, then bringing it all

to life. He helps the reader understand what all the different people are thinking

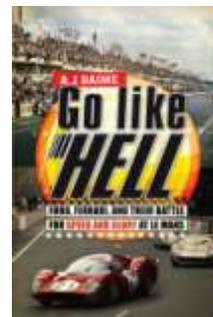
and the stuff they are dealing with during the years leading up to the GT-40 finally winning at Le Mans.

The book starts back in the 50's with Ferrari, the man, the cars, the drivers, accidents and victories. It sets the stage with a taste of F1 racing in general during the late 50's early 60's. The efforts at Ford in the 50's to make the brand more competitive in the states. Ford's decision to directly support racing in the early 60's. Ford corporate spreading into Europe to sell cars, and how that was a factor when they decided to compete at Le Mans. Then Shelby comes into the picture with the Cobra, Shelby American racing team, their drivers and their successes (not much on the Daytona Coupe). Some info on other racing teams like Holman Moody, the drivers in Nascar and sports car racing in USA, the drag racing efforts, including a bit on Tasca Ford. What factors that lead Ford to make the decision to compete in Europe, try to buy Ferrari, end up working with John Wyer in England, just lots of stuff..

The book does a very good job merging many little bits of info from many sources into a big picture of the events during the years before and up through Ford winning Le Mans with the GT-40 twice..... a cool bit of history that I was old enough back then to begin to understand the competition part and young enough to idolize the lifestyle :)

It might even make a cool movie.

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Scott and Laura's

August 21, 2010

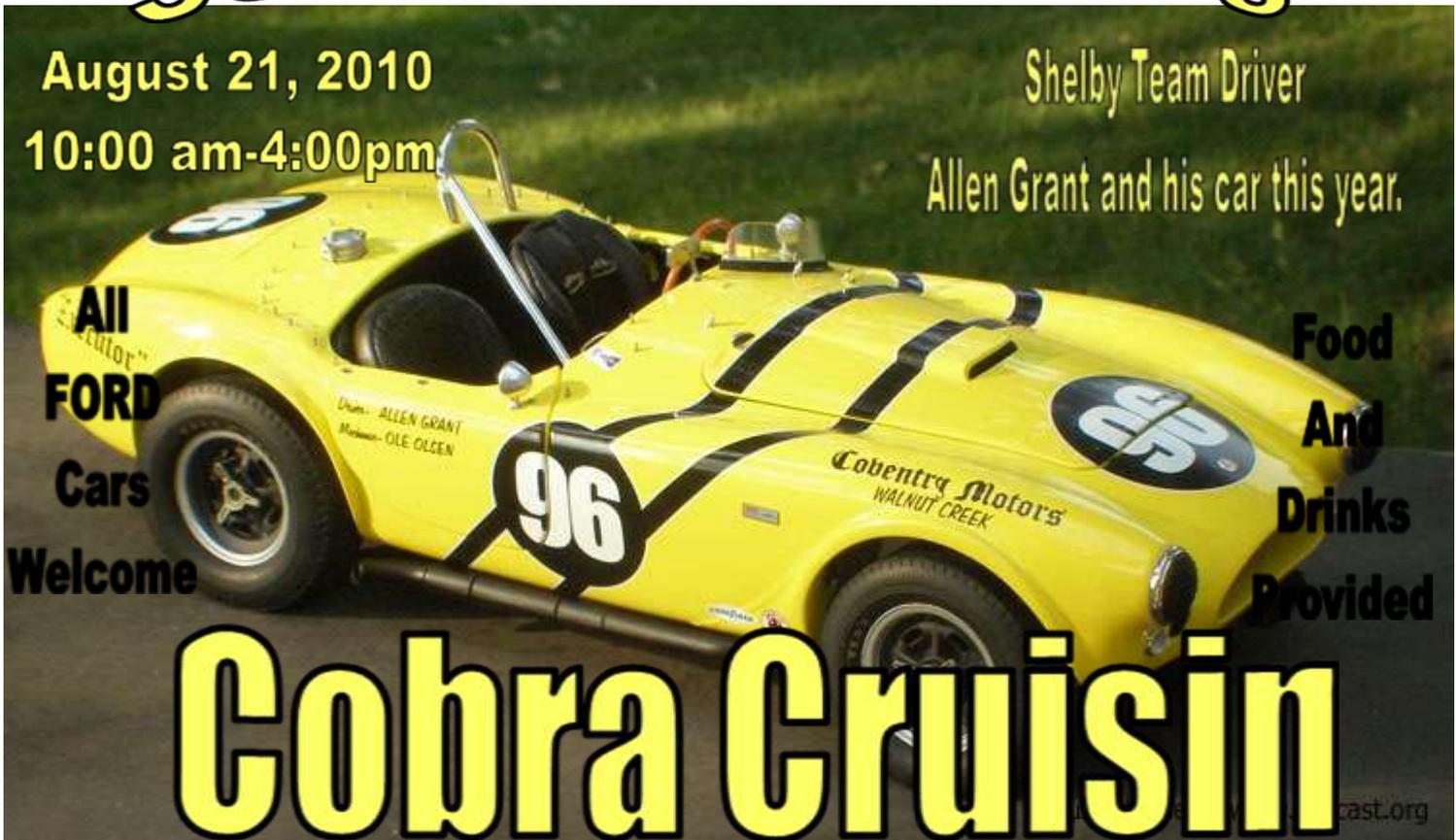
Shelby Team Driver

10:00 am-4:00pm

Allen Grant and his car this year.

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