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### EDITORIAL by John C. Guyer

I have been watching the snow melt, drinking bock beer and naturally thoughts of Spring come to mind. Warm weather and a chance to get the Shelby out on the road. One of the nice things about taking the old car out is the chance meetings with other owners, those chance meetings are becoming few and far between. This March 3! you have the ability to take the chance out of those meetings and make them a planned event.

planned event.

If you have never attended or it's been a while since you've joined in on the fun come to Dearborn's Henry Ford Library on Michigan Avenue Sunday March 31 2:00 pm.

Cobra Scores First SCCA

# National Victories.

Cumberland, Md. May 12, 1963.

Cumberland National Championship Sports Car Races.

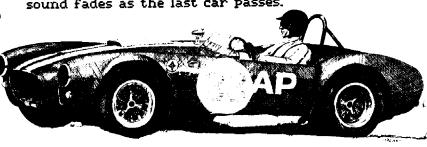
Over 45,000 people turned out to watch these SCCA sanctioned races at Cumberland's Municipal Airport. One edge of the field is a large hill from which spectators can look down and see the entire 1.6 mile course with its seven turns and 2200 ft. straight.

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The flag crew at the second turn chats amiably as the sound of the powerful engines is heard from the starting grid. The race starts with a thunderous surge of power, the cars scramble toward the first turn. Slowed momentarily by the acute right, they regain speed and within seconds are blasting past turn two. Dick Lang's Sting Ray leads the pack through this left turn and down a long straight. The competition moves to the far side of the course. No distinction can be made in the far off sounds until Bob Johnson's Cobra takes the lead and accelerates down the main straight. the cars flash past the starting line and into lap two. The Cobra's 289 cubic inch Ford engine making it's distictive sound as

it leads the field past turn two once more. Dick Thompson's Sting Ray is second, while Lang is now engaged in a four way battle for third. The sound fades as the last car passes.



Twenty-seven minutes later
Johnson has pushed the Cobra to a
half lap lead. A group of slower
cars, including three Corvettes and a
Morgan SS, procede the little 289
Cobra through the turn. There is a
short pause before a Fiat-Abarth
zips past followed by a Damlier, the
Thompson Sting Ray, a Morgan SS, and
the Lang Sting Ray.
In the closing minutes of the
race, the now third place Thompson
Sting Ray passes and a Morgan SS
and a Damlier follow, preceding a now
loafing Cobra. Johnson and the Ford
powered Cobra finish first after
having lapped every car in the race
except Lang's Sting Ray.

Johnson and the Cobra went on
to repeat win at the very next race
at Bridgehampton, Long Island, N.Y.

Glen Bates Gives

## Up Photographs and Negatives!



Ann Arbor, Michigan.
Long time SAAC member and
Shelby owner, Glen Bates recently
gave "SHELBY LIFE" his photographs
and negatives so that they could be
used for this issue.
Thanks to Glen, those of us who
could not attend the high speed
event at Mt. Clemens Race Track are
able to see some of the action that
occurred.

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If you have attended an event of interest or just have a good shot of your car we would like to share them.

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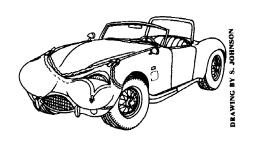
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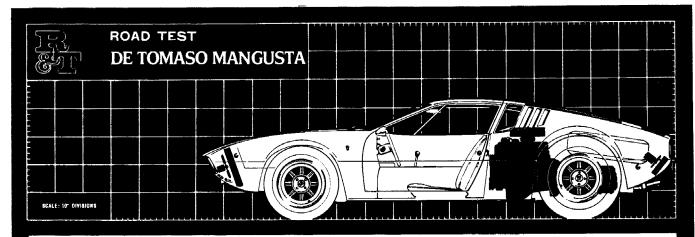
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PRICE							
Basic list						٠.	\$11,150
As tested							\$11,150

#### **ENGINE**

Type
Bore x stroke, mm 101.6 x 76.2
Equivalent in 4.00 x 3.00
Displacement, cc/cu in 4949/302
Compression ratio 10.0:1
Bhp @ rpm230 @ 4800
Equivalent mph
Torque @ rpm, lb-ft . 310 @ 2800
Equivalent mph 63
Carburetion one Autolite 4V
Type fuel required premium

#### DRIVE TRAIN

Clutch diameter, in	10.0
Gear ratios: 5th (0.846)	
4th (0.958)	4.02:1
3rd (1.09)	4.59:1
2nd (1.47)	6.18:1
1st (2.42)	
Final drive ratio	

#### **CHASSIS & BODY** Body/frame: tubular frame with

steel & aluminum body panels.
Brake type: Girling disc, 11.75-in.
dia front, 11.00-in. rear, hand-
brake by mechanical calipers.
Swept area, sq in507
Wheels cast magnesium,
15 x 7/15 x 7½
Tires Dunlop SP 185-15/225-15
Steering type rack & pinion
Overall ratio 23.0:1
Turns, lock-to-lock4.4
Turning circle, ft 37.7
Front suspension: unequal-length

anti-roll bar. Rear suspension: lower A-arms, upper transverse links, upper & lower trailing arms, coil springs, tube shocks, anti-roll bar.

A-arms, coil springs, tube shocks,

#### **EQUIPMENT**

Standard: 5-speed gearbox, electric windows, air conditioning. Optional: radio.

#### ACCOMMODATION

110001111110111111111111111111111111111
Seating capacity, persons
Seat width19.
Head room36.
Seat back adjustment, deg
Driver comfort rating (scale of 100)
Driver 69 in. tall
Driver 72 in. tall 6
Driver 75 in. tall 4
INSTRUMENTATION

Instruments: 300-kph speedo, 8000rpm tach, odos, oil press & temp, water temp, ammeter, fuel level. Warning lights: engine fan, heater fan, generator, headlights on, high beam, directional signals.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

Engine oil capacity, qt... Every 3000 mi: lubricate chassis, bleed brake lines, var. op'l chks. Every 6000 mi: chg eng oil & filter, tune engine as required. Every 12,000 mi: chk U-joints, chk entire brake system, align susp.,

pack frt wheel brgs. Every 18,000 mi: chg brake pads & seals, chg clutch slave cyl seals, chg U-joints.

Every 24,000 mi: electrical chk.

Warranty period, mo/mi...6/6000

#### **GENERAL**

<b>—</b>	
Curb weight, lb	3050
Test weight	3340
Weight distribution (with	
driver), front/rear, %	.38/62
Wheelbase, in	98.4
Track, front/rear55	.2/57.4
Overall length	167.9
Width	
Height	42.1
Ground clearance, in	
Overhang, front/rear35	.1/34.4
Usable trunk space, cu ft	
Fuel tank capacity, gal	23.8

#### CALCULATED DATA

Lb/hp (test wt)
Mph/1000 rpm (5th gear) 22.4
Engine revs/mi (60 mph) 2665
Engine speed (a, 70 mph, rpm. 3080
Piston travel, ft/mi1332
Cu ft/ton mi
R&T wear index36
R&T steering index 1.660
Brake swept area sq in/ton303

### ROAD TEST RESULTS

#### **ACCELERATION** Time to distance, sec: 0-500 ft

0 000 16
0–750 ft
0–1000 ft
0-1320 ft (¼ mi)15.1
Speed at end of 1/4 mi, mph94
Time to speed, sec:
0–30 mph
0–40 mph
0-50 mph
0–60 mph7.0
0–70 mph9.2
0–80 mph
0–100 mph

#### To pass car going 50 mph...3.8 FUEL CONSUMPTION

TODE CO.	
Normal driving,	mpg16
Cruising range,	mi

Passing exposure time, sec:

#### SPEEDS IN GEARS

5th gear (5100 rpm), mph	. 118
4th (5100)	. 103
3rd (5100)	93
2nd (5100)	67
1st (5100)	
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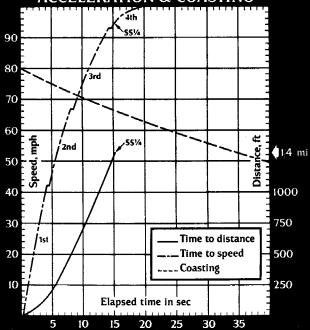
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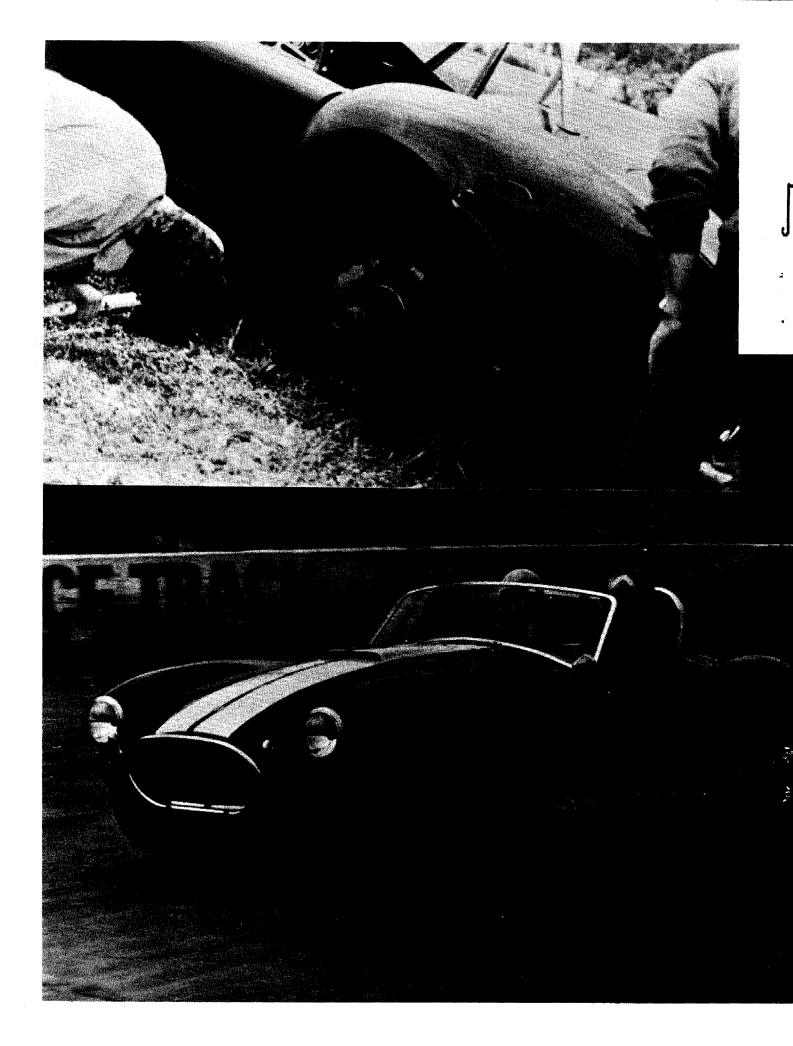
Panic stop from 80 mph:	
Deceleration, % g	84
Controlvery god	
Fade test: percent of increase	in
pedal effort required to mai	n-
tain 50%-g deceleration rate	in
six stops from 60 mph	71
Parking brake: hold 30% grade	no
Overall brake ratingfa	air

#### SPEEDOMETER ERROR

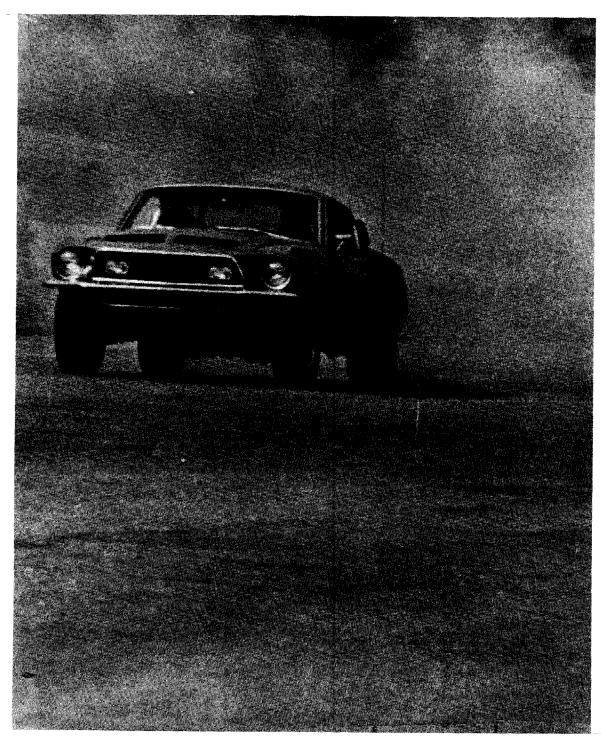
60 kph (37.1 mph) ind. actual	37.6
80 kph (49.6 mph)	49.9
100 kph (62.0 mph)	
120 kph (74.3 mph)	74.0
160 kph (99.2 mph)	
Odometer, 10.0 kmactual	

#### ACCELERATION & COASTING









Shelby Owners Enjoy Life in the Fast Lane!

Mt. Clemenc, Michigan.
Shelby owners from the Motor City Region enjoyed a day of fast paced action at Mt. Clemens Race Track this past fall. Showing just what these cars were meant to do, most of the time. (Carroll Shelby did not intend for Cobras to be three wheelers)
This year we are going to Utica in May and hope to return to Mt. Clemens also.

For those of us that don't have a Shelby American vehicle, or maybe not an operational one. Running the new Mustang, Lincoln, or T-bird is not the same but it is enjoying in it's own way to get out and see what it'll do. Without having to keep your head swiveling like a fighter pilot to detect the local law enforcement agents. This kind of event will hopefully keep this kind of headline from appearing in the newspaper:

Shelby Crashes and Explodes on 1–75!

#### MEETING MINUTES January 3,1985

Call to Order: 8:00 pm.

Sell & Swap: Items wanted and for sale in the classified section.

Editor Report: Newsletter has just been sent out.

National Report: Issue #46 of the "SHELBY AMERICAN" is about to be mailed.

Director Report: Meetings and theirlocations were discussed.

Motion: Monthly Meetings to be held at Mama Mia's with a possible membership meeting on the east side. Motion passed.

Swap Meet Report: Gorno Ford write-up area. Set up at 7:00 am. Open at 9:00am. Sunday, January 27,1985.

Motion: Membership meeting will be held March 31,1985 at the Henry Ford Library in Dearborn. Motion passed.

Tech Exchange: There is a question about Mustang front disc brake rotors - which rotors will fit other year Mustangs? Phil Jacobs will endeavor to find this information.

50/50 Drawing:

Adjourned: 10:00 pm.

#### MEETING MINUTES February 7,1985

Call to Order: 7:45 pm.

Sell & Swap: Items wanted and for sale in the classified section.

Editor Report: Newsletter now being put together anyone with something to submit for publication should have it in now.

National Report: Issue #46 of the "SHELBY AMERICAN" is out. Also you should have received one of the bi-monthly updates.

Director Report: Swap meet was discussed. Possible car show at Gorno Ford in the fall was discussed.

Club jackets and other club paraphernalia has been under study. A.J. Morrison says they can provide virtually anything we want. Jackets at \$22.50 dash plaques at \$1.00 and key fobs at \$.84 plus die cost of \$35.

Motion: Buy 250 dash plaques for \$1.04 each. Mark Corich, 2nd Rich Tweedle. Passed.

It has been rumored that John Kachigian is getting married.

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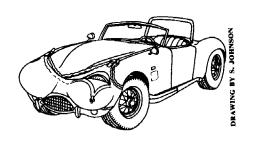
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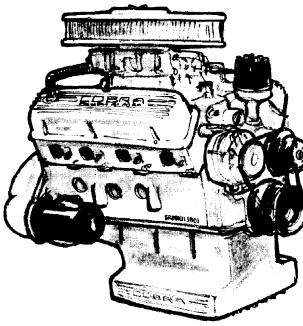


# MUSTANG ROUNDUP

### HIGH-PERFORMANCE 289 SPOTTER'S GUIDE

TEXT AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY JEFF BURGY

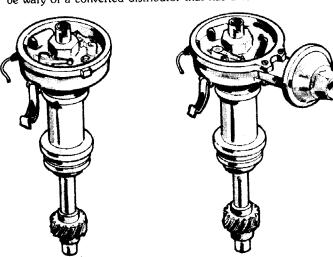
The 271-horsepower 289 Ford engine has the same problem that has plagued Corvette small-blocks for so many years. Everyone who has a 289 equipped with a 4-barrel carburetor thinks he has a high-performance 289. Unfortunately, this just isn't so. The 289 was built in horsepower ratings of 200, 225, 271 and 306 (the 306 was a Shelby-modified 271). The 225 and 271 models were both 4-barrel-equipped, but there are



several ways to distinguish a true 271 high-performance engine from the rest of the herd.

#### FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENGINE

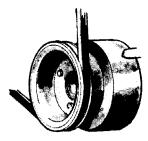
■ Must have dual-point full centrifugal advance distributor. Standard 289 has a single-point vacuum advance distributor; be wary of a converted distributor that has a vacuum



diaphragm on it or a hole where one might have been removed. The 289 high-performance distributor has a unique housing with no diaphragm or mounting hole for it.

- The Ford serial number that appears on the right-hand side near the front of the block should include the letter "K," which was the code letter for the 271-hp high-performance engine.
- Alternator should have large 3-inch-diameter cast pulley.

● Crankshaft harmonic vibration damper is very thick, about 2 inches wide, compared to standard 289 dampers, which are about 1 inch thick.



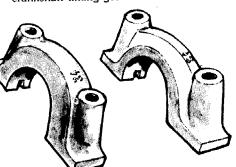


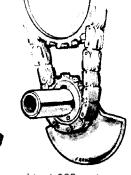
#### CYLINDER HEADS (VALVE COVERS OFF)

- 289 high-performance heads have screw-in rocker arm studs.
- Heads have narrow pushrod slot, making guide plates unnecessary.
- High-performance heads have a ridge around the valve spring forming a pocket around the spring seat.
- Some 289 high-performance heads have "HP" cast on the top side.

#### CRANKCASE (WITH OIL PAN OFF)

● Check for small special crankshaft counterweight pinned to crankshaft timing gear.





- Main bearing caps are thick and stocky, standard 289 main bearing caps are thinner.
- Rods will have %-inch bolts (with 9/16-inch nuts) instead of 5/16-inch bolts and ½-inch nuts as found on standard 289s.
- Block, rods and crankshaft should have orange paint on them.

#### ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE

- 289 high-performance engines have special cast-iron exhaust manifolds that point down at an angle instead of straight back (GT350s have tri-Y headers).
- Intake manifolds are cast-iron 4-barrel manifolds, except for those on GT350s, which are cast aluminum.
- High-performance 289s do not have 4-bolt main bearing caps. Boss 302s and a few special racing 289 blocks did, but not regular production 271-hp 289s.
- 289/271 hp engines came with 480-cfm Autolite 4-barrel carbs. 289/225 hp engines came with 470-cfm Autolite 4-barrel carbs. 289/306-hp engines (GT350 4-speed) came with 715-cfm Holley 4-barrel carbs. 289/306-hp engines (GT350 automatic) came with 595-cfm Autolite 4-barrel carbs.
- The best way to be sure of getting what you pay for when buying high-performance Mustang equipment is to join a knowledgeable club, like the Shelby American Automobile Club, 24·C April Lane, Norwalk, CT 06850. Members of the club are always willing to share their expertise to prevent you from getting a bad deal.

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