

WA Cobra Club
Interview Questions
John M



John and his pride and joy

Q: Did you build or buy your Cobra?

A: Built

Q: Why?

A: Because I thought I could

Q: How long have you had your Cobra?

A: 6 years, with a 4 year build time

Q: Have you personalised your car?

A: Private plates 427 AC in blue white acrylic, a rather special amount of detail into the 427 under the bonnet and a set of Simpson racing harness's just to name a few.

Q: What's the best thing about owning / driving a Cobra?

A: The thrill of it.

Q: What does the wife / family think of your car / obsession?

A: They love it – except the ex that is!

Q: What do you enjoy about the WA Cobra Club?

A: The friendship

Q: Tell us about your car?

A: A G-Force Cobra with a 427 Ford engine with a Tremec 5 speed box and a 3.54:1 Jag diff. It's finished in Mazda pearl white with Mazda blue stripes. 18 inch wheels all round with 335's on the rear and 235's on the front.



John's car began as a phase 5 kit from Rob at G-Force and his Cobra was completed over a four year period at two main locations, being John's factory and at his engine builder's workshop. John confesses that he had some issues with build process that involved lengthy discussions with Rob at G-Force to get sorted.

His 427 engine is a Dart Block 351 cu in which has been bored and stroked, with a pair of Edelbrock heads.

A very tidy interior, with Momo Wheel and VDO Gauges



John's Cobra

John's engine has all the right Cobra hallmarks, being a rather special hand built 427 with a set of heads that breathe well, an MSD ignition and a CSR performance electric water pump. The Ford racing rocker covers take pride of place in the engine bay along with a chrome K&N air filter, a billet accelerator cable assembly and a pair of Allstar performance crankcase ventilation breathers. He has also fitted a high volume oil pump and a large volume sump as well.

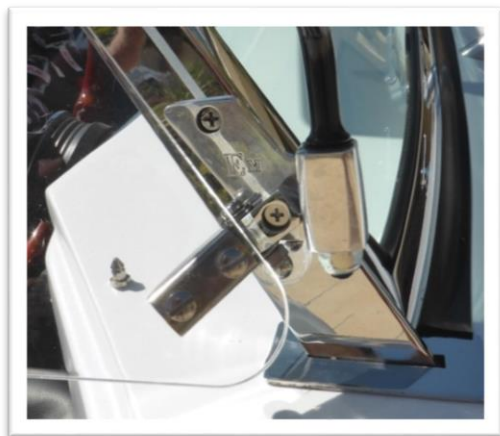
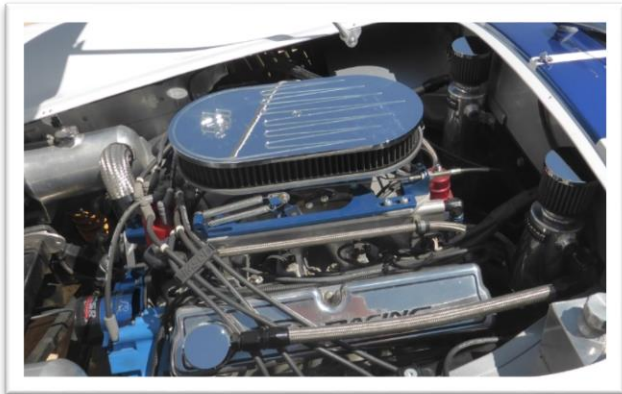
John is a regular at Cobra outings and the car gets used on a regular basis. With just two years on the road his car has amassed 11,000 kilometres!

The 18 inch Halibrand replicas also set the car apart.



John's engine bay does him proud

With all this performance in mind right from the beginning John took some good advice and has had an extra cross member built into the car under the engine bay to add to the stiffness already built into the big block ladder framed chassis. With all this horsepower under the bonnet John has only just begun to get some serious times at the drags. With a 13.02 under his belt he believes with a bit more practice he can get down to around 11.5 on the quarter mile.



Looking great in the pearl and blue colour scheme

Another fascinating special feature of John's car is his side mirror brackets. Rare in Australia, they are from Emmerson Motorsport in the US, and are engraved with the 'EM' logo of the company. With a set of Harley Davidson side mirrors, the windscreen mount cleans the lines up of John's cobra nicely.

It was a privilege to be able to meet up with John, to see his car close up and to do their interview. I'm sure he'll have a long and happy Cobra future in front of him.

Cheers

Jock