

WA COBRA CLUB
Interview with Ron Duyvestein



Did you build or buy your Cobra?

Purchased car from Dave Tradic (Club Member)

Why?

Don't have the space or time to build one, nor the patience.

How long have you had your Cobra?

October 2014

Have you personalised your Cobra in any way?

No, we intend to redo the upholstery and change a few things under the bonnet over the next 12 months.

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

Driving a car that we always dreamed of owning and cruising with people who have the same passion of owning a Cobra and of course the attention it gets when out driving.

What's does the wife / family think of your car obsession?

Wife loves the fact that WE own a Cobra. As for our family AND FRIENDS, they think I'm going through mid-life crises, and they're right. Our boys have grown up and now we can start buying and doing things that we always wanted to.



Ron's car looks great from behind, particularly with the big rubber on the back. The Cragar rims set it off nicely.





The 347 small block with fuel injection, warmed over by Tony Ierace looks great and keeps Ron on his toes.

The engine bay looks fantastic and it's hard to believe Ron's car is well on its way to being 20 years old.

What do you enjoy most about the WA Cobra Club?

Friendly people, being able to talk to others who have a better understanding about the mechanics of the Cobra (I need lots of help in this area) and going out on cruises with club members.



A really neat interior with a very impressive carbon fibre dash and door trim fitted.

Tell us about your car?

As I purchased the car as is, I don't really have a full understanding of what the spec's are on the car, I just know it can be scary to drive, maybe somebody can help understand what I really have, details are as follows;

Body/Chassis: Replica Motor Company chassis No 72, Colour Blue

Engine: Built 2011 by Tony Ierace - 347 Ford Windsor EFI

Gearbox: AU XR8 5 speed manual

Diff: Jaguar 3.44 to 1

Suspension: Jaguar with Spax coil-overs front/rear

Brakes: RDA slotted rotors

Wheels: Cragar Super Sports 15 x 8 (f), 15 x 10 (r)

Tyres: Yokohama 352

Build Time: 1996 – 1999 (3 years) (honours to Dave Tradic)

Ron and Yvonne are definitely proud owners of their Cobra and enjoy their car immensely. They tossed up between an MGB or the Cobra for their toy car, and are very happy with the Cobra as their choice.

Ron has owned a string of cars in his time starting with an XR Falcon and a 262 Cu in 6 Cyl Leyland Marina, back in it's time a unique and quick machine particularly when fitted with triple SU's.

Changes planned are for the interior refurbishment, with sliding seat rails for the driver's side for Yvonne to drive the Cobra as well. Under bonnet dress up with a bit of chrome to really make it fancy.

It was my pleasure to meet with Ron and Yvonne and it's great to have them as part of the WA Cobra Club.