



# Newsletter

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## 60 YEARS A LEGEND

This month celebrates the 60th birthday of the Shelby GT350 Mustang and of course the much celebrated Shelby GT350R (R for racing) version of which only 36 were built.



FEBRUARY 14-15, 2025



**WILLOW SPRINGS RACEWAY**  
CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GT350'S FIRST VICTORY



Visit RRS YouTube Show #19  
**"A Day At Shelby American"**  
for a walk through of  
Shelby's Heritage Center.

## OVC - Original Venice Crew

A big party is being held at Willow Springs International Raceway in Rosamond, California for two days and nights of track time and awards.

A fantastic roll call of former Shelby employees, many of whom help build and crew the original Shelby Mustang National Championship winning team car will be in attendance.

Hosted by OVC, the Original Venice Crew's Jim Marietta, custom Championship Award rings will be given out to those who not only were part of the GT350 team but for other members of the Cobra, Daytona Coupe and Ford GT teams.

A long overdue recognition for an amazingly talented and hard working group of people.



**PLASTIC AND PROUD....** A lot of replica vehicle companies have come and gone over the last thirty years. Just a handful of the best products have stood the test of time. **Chuck Becks'** Porsche 550 Spyder, 904 GT, Early coupe and Lister Corvettes are still being made to this day.

**Superformance** is still doing high-quality Cobra, Daytona and Ford GT products. Racing Replicas still makes some of the best ever produced sports racers and **Factory Five** is still the "Go To" company for highly engineered and constructed Cobras, Daytonas and street rod cars.

We've been spending some time of late with the Cobra Daytona replica and continue to be impressed at how they continue to develop that product.

# THE BIG GAMBLE.....

**If you're fond of your money you might think twice before jumping into stocks regarding Electric Vehicles. When one looks at the state of stability of that side of the industry what you find is...THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS STABILITY.**

Nearly every automotive manufacturer is scrambling to commit to a platform that will work in the new market place. **Problem is there isn't currently a real marketplace to measure against.** What's scarier is just about the time they think they know the direction they should go, the U.S. Government changes the rules.

Consumers already know that the feds blew it with regard to charging stations, wasting billions in taxpayer money. Hate to say it, but for us we're taking a wait-and-see until the business case is a bit more decided.

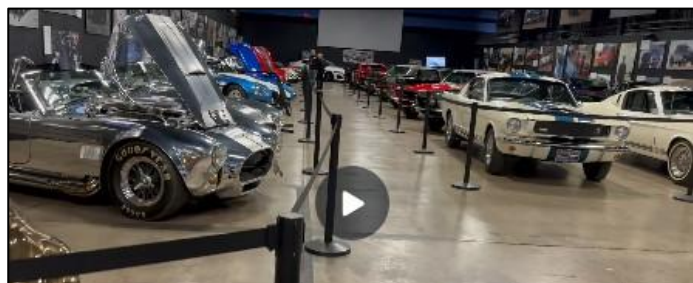
**WHAT HAPPENED TO DODGE RAM....** Ram trucks were marching straight to the front of the pack, closing in on Ford's 43 years of market leadership at a hectic pace and then they stalled. Even General Motors, with aging product was able to secure its usual second place in sales.



There does appear, based largely off rumor that Ram is about to introduce some new product that could be a game changer, not only for Ram but for the other players as well.

Toyota, based on a solid reliability reputation was really coming into play but out of nowhere quality issues, frame, engine and suspension, drug them back to fourth in segment. Nissan's Titan is history, shame too as their V8 engine was pretty wonderful.

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