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## Demo Ball

**O**ur early spring outing this year will be Demolition Ball held at the Adrenaline Zone in St. Charles on Saturday evening, March 19th.



Demolition Ball is played in a supercharged bumper car with two five-player teams. The object: To shoot a whiffle ball through a 16" circular goal using a track ball scoop. Demolition Ball creates a unique opportunity for people of various ages and athletic abilities to face off in some fast-paced fun while bonding with friends, associates, and complete strangers together. Your whole experience is made complete with music, sound effects, and real live referees who provide highlights on the action. Players must be at least 13 years old.

Our club treasury will pick up the cost of the Demo Ball competition for our club members and family. We will have pizza and salad catered in. The cost for the buffet will be \$10 per person. There will also be a cash bar.

To be part of this event you need to confirm with **cash** or **check** for each person attending as we need to know how much food to order. We will not separate non eaters as it is too confusing to coordinate.

You must be signed up and paid up to be included, no exceptions. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Syl Biermann at 636-394-5003. Directions are posted on the right.

The games will be held from 7 pm until 9 pm. Players should arrive by 6:30 pm so play can start at 7 pm sharp.

The Adrenaline Zone phone number is 636-940-7700.

## DIRECTIONS

From Hwy 70 Westbound (headed towards Kansas City):

- Exit First Capitol Drive and turn left (Hwy 94 Southbound).
- Turn right on to Pralle Lane (intersection with TGI Fridays and White Castle under construction) At the four way stop, turn right on to South Old Highway 94.
- DB-AZ is located to your left approx 1/5th of a mile down.

From Hwy 70 Eastbound (headed towards STL):

- Exit Zumbahl Rd and turn right.
- Go approx 1.5 miles and turn right onto Westbound Hwy 94.
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From Hwy 40:

- Take Hwy 94 East towards St. Charles (approx 10 miles).
- Follow signs marked Hwy 94 East.
- Turn left on to Pralle Lane (intersection with TGI Fridays and White Castle under construction) At the four way stop, turn right on to South Old Highway 94.
- DB-AZ is located to your left approx 1/5th of a mile down.

From Hwy 364/Page Avenue:

- Follow signs marked Hwy 94 East
- At the second light, turn left on to Pralle Lane (intersection with TGI Fridays and White Castle under construction) At the four way stop, turn right on to South Old Highway 94.

DB-AZ is located to your left approx 1/5th of a mile down.

# GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS TOUR

**O**n February 19th, members of our club headed to Fairmont, Illinois to tour Gateway Classic Cars. It was a great day for an inside event as the morning started out with a variety of light rain and sleet with a few snow flakes mixed in.



Gateway is a long time car show sponsor and it had been a few years since we visited their facility.

After the tour, we all headed out for lunch at Ravanelli's Restaurant for a great meal. The meal by itself was well worth the trip.



**Bill Giese and Bart McNail stand beside this Ford powered 1933 Ford roadster.**



**Standing in Mustang row are Gary Locker and Gary Burch.**



**Mike and Teresa McDougal pose next to this mildly modified 1965 Mustang Coupe.**



**Mark and Sandy Carey along with Scott Craig pose next to the \$80,000 Mach I Cobra Jet Mustang.**



**Syl and Judy Biermann admire this 1973 red Mustang droptop.**



**Donna Layton and Jim Biermann admiring this bright red Shelby convertible.**



## GATEWAY CLASSIC CARS TOUR



1. Burt Pennington and grandson Simon pose in front of this white Shelby clone. 2. Mark Wisby and Mark Carey admire this black 3 window Ford coupe. 3. Ken Farrar and Sharon Apollo shown with this lowered Lincoln Mark VII. 4. Dale Wojtkowski admires this 71 bronze Mustang convertible. 5. Bob and Donna Layton view this somewhat rare McLaren hardtop. 6. Ravanelli's accommodations and meals were outstanding. We may plan another Illinois trip just to come back here.



Most of our members were able to stay around for a late photo before we left Gateway.

# Museum of Transport Car Show

**O**ur first car show of the year will be held at the Museum of Transport in St. Louis County on April 3rd. The event is presented by The Model A Restorers Club, Model T Club & Early Ford V8 Club.

This event displays the evolution of the Ford Motor Company and their vehicles.

The show is more of a display as there is no entry fee or trophies. The event is also open to later model Ford cars and trucks.

If you would like to tour the museum,



there is a charge but it is a great place to bring the kids and grandkids.

Fords Unlimited members can travel to the show as a group if desired. We will be meeting at Sugar Creek Park located at Dougherty Ferry Road and Des Peres Road. Exit Highway 270, west to the intersection at the traffic light. We will meet at 9 am and be leaving at 9:15 sharp!! The show itself only runs from 11 am to 2 pm. Lets hope for the great weather that we had last year. This a club event for points.



**A** new event for our club this year will be a trip to Hermann Missouri for the 5th annual Shelbyfest. The Shelbyfest is a three day event but our club will only be going to the car show held on Saturday, April 30th. The car show will be held from 9:00 am-3:30 pm - nothing competitive here, just drive in, get out, hang out, and enjoy. Cars will enter from 4th street off of Market St (Hwy 19). The entry fee is \$25.

We will need to travel and enter together or else we will not be able to park together. We will meet in Wentzville and gather at the Hardees's located off of exit 208 (Wentzville Parkway). Go to the second traffic light and turn right to Hardees's. We will meet at 8 am and be leaving at 8:15 am. You can sign up at club meetings or you can call any board member to sign up. Show info available @ [www.shelbyfest.net](http://www.shelbyfest.net)

## Club Events

### March 2nd

Board of Directors Meeting

7 pm @ Sybergs

### March 9th

Membership Meeting

7 pm @ Spazio's

### March 19th

Demo Ball at the Adrenaline Zone

In St. Charles @ 6:30 pm

### March 23rd

Car Show Meeting

@ Sybergs-6:30 pm

# The 1962 Southside Winter Nationals

Info provided by Mike McDougal

**B**efore McCormick Place was built in Chicago, there was the International Amphitheater which had a long history prior to its demolition in the late 1990's. Located at the corner of 42nd and

Halsted Street, it was built in 1934 by the owner of the stockyards across the street.

Intended to host the International Live Stock Exhibition, the Amphitheater grew to become the venue of choice for the Ringling Circus, the Chicago Auto Show, music concerts including Elvis in 1957 and the Beatles in 1964. Many other events were held there, but it is likely that none were more unusual than the

1962 Southside Winter Nationals. Well, there was the 1968 Democratic Convention...

Anyway, racing promoter Bill Schade, was well known at the time for hosting NASCAR races at Soldier Field until 1964. Working in conjunction with the United States Auto Club (USAC), he hatched a plan to bring drag racing inside through the winter months in the Windy City.

With USAC sanctioning the event, the first-ever indoor drag races took place on December 30, 1962. The "track" was a 440-foot stretch of the Amphitheater, with each



lane being 60-foot wide and bordered by steel Armco guard rail. According to accounts from the event, several hundred cars showed up to race, finding the concrete slab floor "like racing

on ice."

Adding to the racers' excitement was the 660-foot shutdown area that required them to exit the building, still at speed, through a set of roll-up truck doors. As you'll see in photos from



the event, not everyone made it unscathed. In the end, the event's Top E.T. of 5.68 was hit by Richard Myracle, from Melrose Park, IL, driving a 1962 Plymouth. The Top Speed crown

went home to Wheaton, IL, with Richard Stroening and his 1958 Pontiac.

A second event was held on January 5, 1964. The first event's success drew top name local racers, such as Mr. Norm from Grand-Spaulding Dodge, and famed Pontiac racer, Arnie "The Farmer" Beswick. Despite the A-list turnout, it would be the last indoor drag race at the International Amphitheater.

No solid explanation was ever given, but Bill Schade and his co-promoter of the Soldier Field stock car races, Carl Bledsoe, called it quits that same year.



# Cool Website

**A**s we all await the warm spring weather, you may want to check out this website. It contains many makes and models from the early 1900's through mostly the 90's. You may be able to find an ad or brochure of your car.

[www.lov2xlr8.no/brochl.html](http://www.lov2xlr8.no/brochl.html)



# 50th Anniversary Shelby "Street" Cobra Sells out in 48 Hours

Press Release from Shelby American-Info provided by Syl Biermann

LAS VEGAS - Jan. 31, 2011 - Within 48 hours of the official introduction of the 50th Anniversary Shelby Cobra Street Car by Shelby American, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carroll Shelby International Inc., (CSBI.PK), all 50 cars were purchased by consumers and Shelby dealers. The Anniversary Shelby Cobra was unveiled to journalists during the Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011. The entire run of cars was snapped up when the announcement was made public in an official news release.



"The strong demand for these cars proves that the Shelby Cobra is still as desirable and sought after today as it was 50 years ago," said John Luft, president of Shelby American. "People who didn't have the opportunity to buy one in the 1960s jumped at the chance to own one of these very special collector's edition Shelby's. Although the entire factory allocation has been spoken for, a few of these anniversary cars are still available from our Shelby Cobra dealers who seized the opportunity and bought multiple cars"

Shelby American ceased manufacturing the original small block Cobra in 1965. In 1996, Carroll Shelby returned it to the streets as the CSX8000 continuation series Shelby Cobra. The cars incorporate safety and performance improvements without sacrificing originality. The Cobras retain the authentic style leaf spring suspension but

are upgraded to contemporary standards while the bodies are available in aluminum or fiberglass. Cobras can be ordered from an official Shelby Cobra dealer. Each car is built to order with the customer choosing body color and stripe configuration; it is delivered as a rolling chassis, less drive train, with a 1962 MSO. The continuation Shelby Cobra can be fitted with a proper drive train by a customer or dealer.

The limited edition street Cobras will all be painted "Shelby black" with a rich wine colored leather interior, special 50th Anniversary badges, wire wheels, Wilton Wool carpeting, modern brake discs and a stronger frame. MSRP for the 50th Anniversary Shelby Cobra starts at \$69,995 for a fiberglass or \$134,995 for an aluminum bodied car, without drive train. Information about the car can be found at <http://shelbyamerican.com/50th.asp>.

Founded by legend Carroll Shelby, Shelby American manufactures and markets performance vehicles and related products. The company manufactures authentic continuation Cobras, including the 427 S/C, 289 FIA and 289 street car component vehicles. The company offers the GT350 and GT500 Super Snake post-title packages for the current generation Ford Mustang. For more information, visit [www.shelbyamerican.com](http://www.shelbyamerican.com).



## Cindy's Deer

Club secretary, Cindy Ahrens had a run in with a deer last month. Her Escape suffered about three grand in damages, but thankfully, Cindy only came out with some soreness.



## Odds & Ends

We will be holding a car show meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd. All who are interested in being on the show committee are invited to attend. The meeting will be held at Sybergs and will start at 6:30 pm. If you need a car show sponsor form, contact Jim Biermann at 314-608-3103.

Last month we asked "how long have you owned your car?" I received this reply from Don Branson. "I have a 1959 Ford half ton pickup that I have owned since March of 1973. I also have a 1963 Falcon that I have owned since April of

1979 (my first Falcon). In addition, I have several Falcons that I have owned since the early to mid 80's". The pickup truck date means that Don has owned his truck for 38 years (some of our members aren't even that old). Can anybody beat that?

Cindy wasn't the only one who had an altercation with "Bambi" as Jack Greive's silver Merc also had a run in with a deer. Jack was also unhurt, but not sure about the deer.

Our 50-50 winner at our February meeting was Mark Carey who donated his \$34 winnings to our holiday toy drive. Thanks Mark!!

We had a display of some photo art from Studio 101 at our membership meeting last month. They do some really cool stuff. Their card is shown below if you would like to contact them for more info.



## The Ford Durango Ford Durango

was a car manufactured by Ford and modified into a Durango by National Coach Corporation of Los Angeles, California, between 1978 and 1982. It was intended to replace the Ford Ranchero. The car was based on the Ford Fox platform, specifically the Ford Fairmont Futura. Reports of the total number of Durangos

built are from 89 to 220 units. Ford Fairmonts were delivered to National Coach Corporation which modified the body, inserting a fiberglass cargo bed behind the front seats.

After conversion they were sold by Ford dealers nationwide. Durangos were powered by the venerable Ford 200 cubic inch inline six.



# Parts & Events



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## PARTS FOR SALE

**For Sale.** '67 Shelby taillight housings w/lens & aluminum bezels, \$300. '67 Shelby underdash gauge pod w/gauges. FE motor mount set, includes frame & engine mounts & NOS Ford insulators.'67 FE AC bracket, \$100. '67 ps Bracket assy., \$75. **SVO Stuff.** Intercooler w/brackets, \$100. Rear wing assy., \$150. Bucket seat set, \$125. Drive-shaft, \$50. Wheel set w/Michelin tires. **Ford B.B Stuff.** 31 spline T?L differential, 3.73 gears, new Ford cast aluminum differential cover, package sale, \$300. Gary Burch-636-575-3376.

**For Sale.** Lettering for bumper covers for late Fox bodied Mustangs. Black, brand new. \$8 per set. 2006 GT grill, perfect. \$40. Bob @ 636-397-4487 or mickie6t6@netzero.com

**For Sale.** Lear Fiberglass flat cover for Ranger 6 ft. bed. Like new. Ford Torch Red. Make offer. Call Mark-home-636-240-5189. Cell-314-422-2623.

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Please note, some events may be cancelled, moved or are using a rain date. Always check before you go to a show or cruise.**

**March 6th.** Swap Meet at the Highland Speedway, Highland, IL. Info 618-765-2199.

**March 19th.** Demo Ball. Info on page 1 on this newsletter. **Club event.**

**March 26th.** Swap Meet. Vendor registration open till day of event. A drawing held for chance for each vendor to win a free vendor space for 2012. 50/50 DRAWING to all in attendance. Info: (618) 687-2235 held at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds, Highway 51 South, DuQuoin, IL

**March 26th.** 4th annual Swap Meet/ Garage Sale. Six Flags Parking Lot. 8 am till 1 pm. \$1 admission. \$30 for

vendors. Info 636-938-6062

**April 1st.** Memories Car Club 16<sup>th</sup> Year of Cruising. The 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month Rain or Shine, April thru October. Gates open 4pm. Food Court. 50,60,70's Music. 50/50 Drawing, many free Attendance Prizes. Info: www.memoriescarclub.com Held at Life Christian Church, 13001 Gravois Road, Located one mile south of I-270 on Hwy 30. Sunset Hills.

**April 1st.** Outsiders Car Club Car Cruise held every Friday Night, March thru November ~ 6pm until 10 pm. Attendance prizes, 50/50 drawing, music.. Come have fun and great food @ Sonic. Held at Sonic located at 1002 South Kirkwood (Lindbergh) , at Big Bend.

**April 2nd.** Mustang Round up. 10am @ the Museum of Transport.

**April 3rd.** Museum of Transport car show. Free entry. Details in this newsletter. **Club event.**

**April 8th - 9th** The Branson Auction Event Location name and/or address: Hilton Branson Convention Center, 200 E Main, Branson, MO 65616. Event Hours: Friday 10am – 6pm, Saturday 8am – 6pm. Event description: Over 300 of the most beautiful, most sought after collector cars. Event Fees: \$10 per day or 2 day ticket are \$15 Contact Info: 800-335-3063 or

www.bransonauction.com

**April 10th.** April Fools Swap Meet at GCS Ball Park , home of the Grizzlies, I-255 to Exit 15, Sauget, IL. Info @ 618-887-4492.

**April 16th.** Saturday. 24th Annual Swap Meet. Effingham County Fairgrounds, Altamont, IL. Info-217-235-6634.

**April 17th.** Ranken Car Show. 10am until 4pm. Located at 4431 Finney Ave, St. Louis.

**April 24th.** HCC Easter Show held on the upper parking lot at Forest Park.

**April 24th.** Real Easter Car Show- Forest Park, lower parking lot at Forest Park.

**April 30th.** Shelbyfest, Hermann, MO. Friday evening cruise and concert, Saturday car show in downtown Hermann, Sunday morning pancake breakfast. Info visit www.shelbyfest.net. **Club Event.**

**May 1st.** The Lot Cruise Night-4750 N. Service Road, St. Peters.

**May 7th.** Classics on Wheels car show in Elsberry MO. **Club Event.**

**May 14th.** Show-Me Mustangs Ford-fest to be held at the Quick Lane at Pundmann Ford. This will be in conjunction with the J.J.'s cruise.

**May 15th.** Rides for Guides Classic Auto Show to benefit Guide Dogs of America held at the Machinists Hall at 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd. Info 630-548-2450.

**May 21st.** Cruise to Crane's Country Store, which is about an hour west on Highway 70 near Williamsburg. We will post all of those details as soon as they come available. **Club Event.**

**May 28th.** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show . South Telegraph Christian-9am until 3pm. Cars & Trucks of any ages . register 8am. Judging 11am. \$10 Entry for early registor, \$15 Entry for all Classes on day of registration. Awards for Viewer's Choice, Work in Progress, Best of Show and Furthest Traveled . 50/50 Music, D.J. Music, Food & Beverages. Info: (314) 791-4744. located at: 7531 Telegraph Rd. ( 5 1/2 miles South of I-270.

**June 4th.** First O'Fallon Car Show held at The First Baptist Church located at 8750 Veterans Memorial Parkway, O'Fallon, Mo.

**June 8th-12th.** Branson Mustang Rally at the Ramada Inn to benefit the children of the Little Light House for kids with special needs. Info www.ramadainnbranson.com

**June 11th.** Go Karts and JJ's cruise. Details to follow. **Club event.**

**June 18th.** Mustang Club of St. Louis all Ford Show held at the Museum of Transport. **Club event.**

**June 15th-19th.** 37th annual Mid America Ford and Team Shelby Nationals. Open track, Drag racing and all Ford show. Info 405-946-3382 or

www.midamericafordmeet.com. **Club Event.**  
**July 19th.** The Blue Cruise will be held again at Pur Performance in St. Charles. Details to follow. **Club event.**  
**July 31st.** Fords Unlimited 25th annual car show. Big Time **Club Event.**  
**September 3rd.** Troy 1st Baptist Family Car Show. No entry fee. Troy Missouri. Register @troyfirst.com  
**September 3rd.** Chesterfield Charity Car Show. Saturday. This event will be held at The Emerald Point parking lot located at 16141 Swingley Ridge Road just north of Hwy 40 off Olive. Right next door to the Post office Chesterfield, Mo.63017. For more info call (314) 265-1330 or visit bvscargroup.com.  
**September 11th.** River City Cruisers Car Show in the Park. Held at Herman City Park, just off Hwy. 19 across from the Hardees's. Info 573-486-3304

Our monthly membership meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except January at Spazio's, 12031 Lackland Road, Maryland Heights, MO. Phone number is 314-576-0488. Please call Spazio's to check on weather related meeting cancellations.

Our board of directors meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at Sybergs which is located at the NE corner of Highway 270 and Dorsett Road. Check with any board member on weather related cancellations.

All meetings start at 7 pm.

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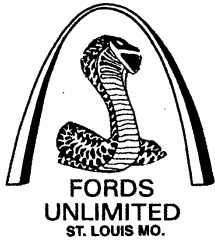
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