



He wanted to pull the car off eBay and strike up a deal with Shelby Automobiles to sell the car as a real Shelby.

Amy invited Retrobuilt to bring their car and themselves to the Shelby press conference and the SEMA show in Las Vegas in November of 2009. But, she also had a tall order for them. Could they also build and bring to SEMA a Retrobuilt 1969 GT500 based on the 2010 platform?

Clinton White (senior), who makes a habit of omitting pronouns from his sentences said, "Literally finished that car up Saturday evening about 10:30 in the evening. Put it in the trailer 10 minutes later and then unloaded it to Shelby's and the first people that seen it outside of the people that built it was Shelby's people."

This white GT500 CS started life as a Mustang GT with the upgraded interior. Clinton explained the build was possible in such a short time because "all the basic components between the 2005-2009 and 2010 are the same. So we didn't have to start over is what I'm telling you. We just had to make a few modifications to account for the body change."

The red car was the initial prototype. They displayed this car at SEMA. The white car stayed for the Shelby press conference at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Retrobuilt is located in the same state as Cobra Fiberglass, in Jackson, Missouri. Also a father/son business, Cobra Fiberglass has been in business

for 30 years. They supply Shelby fiberglass body panels for Retrobuilt.

Clinton said, "Their parts were good enough a lot of judges couldn't tell them from the originals."

The car "draws a crowd everywhere you go," Clinton said. We found this true on our photo shoot. It was difficult getting out of the parking lot at Shelby Automobiles with people walking up to the car and wanting to know exactly what it is.

Clinton says, "The country boys love it." One of those country boys is none other than Carroll Shelby himself. Carroll spent a full hour and a half with the car. Pleased, he met Clinton.

Clinton slowed down in a reverent manner to insert a pronoun into his dialogue. He said "I got 10 minutes by myself with him. [I said] that I truly appreciated the inspiration he'd given me in my life and that when my son and I decided to build this particular car as a tribute to his work, we really endeavored to make an accurate portrayal of the car. And Carroll said he thought it was the biggest compliment to his work he'd ever had. And that he was truly impressed with it."

Shelby Automobiles and Licensing requested Retrobuilt add "CS" to the rear quarters. The CS will be the way you can tell it's not an original, so no confusion. Apparently, CS stands for Carroll Shelby and adds identity to the GT500 logo. The Retrobuilt GT500 is a GT500 CS.

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The company is ready to start production. They already have a flurry of inquiries and two customers want to modify their new Shelby GT500s into the 1969 GT500 CS.

The way the license agreement is set up, Retrobuilt will turn out the cars. They cannot sell kits. Shelby Automobiles is concerned about quality issues and the integrity of the Shelby name.

Each GT500 CS will come with a numbered dash plaque from Shelby Licensing. Shelby will enter each car in the Registry as an authentic Shelby built under license by Carroll Shelby. Retrobuilt can start each build with any 2005 and up Mustang, apparently right through the end of the Gen 5 series.

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