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Newsletter Date: March 1, 2010

## A Message from Dennis

We hope that you have enjoyed our first issue. We have had a very positive response, thank you. We encourage you to let us know of anything you would like us to address or that you have a question about.

We took part in the races at Sebring, FL this past weekend with our GT40 and our cars were very popular as usual. I won all three races and we had our first "Arrive and Drive" customer, Jim Cullen, who was very happy with his experience and his car. We have one GT40-R car for sale and ready to race, should you be interested – give Dennis a call.

We are heading back to Sebring for the 12-hour event and will be showing some of the Superformance cars. We invite our Florida SPF customers to come and see us while we are there.

We would like to invite you to bring a friend to our Open House on April 17th (full details appear on page 4)

This Spring we have not been able to secure a date for a track event but we will be joining the SVT Cobra Mustang Club at VIR from May  $28^{th}$   $-30^{th}$ . They will be handling all the registration and documentation. We will have our usual instructors and support available to our cus-

tomers. Please check our website for more details and how to register with the Mustang Club.

Now is the time to get the dust and covers off your cars and check them over for Spring. Should you need any advice or work done, please contact us to set up an appointment.

Enjoy this Update issue and email us your questions, comments and ideas through.

www.olthoffracing.com or at bolthoff@salisbury.net .

## **Superformance News**

In late 1962 Chevrolet chief engineer Zora Arkus Duntov set out to build a production run of 125 purpose built Corvette racecars with the ultimate goal of winning the GT class at the 24 Hours of LeMans. Inside Duntov's shop, the project was known as the "LightWeight". As they neared completion, Chevrolet marketing christened the cars Grand Sports. After a pilot run of five cars, GM brass cancelled the project and ordered the cars destroyed.

Zora put away the first two cars and sent serial #'s 003, 004 & 005 to John Mecom of Houston, Texas. John sold the three cars to Texans Alan Sevadjian, Delmo Johnson and

Jim Hall respectively.

In the last International race of his career, Delmo drove Alan's GS #003 at Sebring in March of 1965. For that race, Duntov provided the race team with the first racing big block engine



ever to leave the GM factory.

Several engines were used in the first five Grand Sports, perhaps the most famous being the all aluminum 377 cubic inch small block with Weber cross

ram intake. A modern version of this original engine with 48mm Webers is available today for installation in the Superformance Corvette Grand Sport street roller. Seven other motors are available from our partners at GM Performance Parts for installation in any of our Grand Sports, ranging from the 350 HP ZZ4 iron small block to the all aluminum supercharged and fuel injected LS9. All of these engines carry a 3 year / 50,000 mile warranty services through your local Chevrolet dealer.

Superformance now brings you the excitement of the Corvette Grand Sport in two distinct packages. The Roadster and the Coupe models

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Track Proven and
Tested Racing
Technology



GORGEOUS!

The driving
season is here so
now would be a
great time to
schedule your
car's yearly check
-up and to have it
professionally
detailed. Call
for ......... details

## From the Driver's Seat "Arrive and Drive Program" If all you want to do is race.....then that's all you have to do!

With Olthoff Racing's new "Arrive and Drive Program", grab your gear and drive to the track. You will find your racecar waiting for you...professionally prepared, clean and ready for an exciting weekend of racing. We will provide everything that is required, leaving you to concentrate on driving and having fun.

Our Service Includes:

- Complete professional racecar preparation and general maintenance.
- Transportation of your racecar to and from the track in an enclosed transporter.
- Setup at the track and race tent, with an air-conditioned lounge to relax between races.
  Snacks, lunch and drinks are provided.
- Track side support includes:

- Making sure your race car is compliant with and passes tech inspection as per the race sanctioning body.
- + Basic check and clean up after each track session.
- + Set up adjustments
- + Fuel service (fuel cost is not included).
- Tire servicing (if needed).
- Incident repair includes labor only. Parts will be billed separately. Our trailer is stocked with a spare transmission and other essential parts.
- + Each driver is assigned one dedicated mechanic in addition to the shared support of the entire crew for quick repairs between sessions.

Items provided by you as the driver:

- Event registration and fees.
- Helmet and driver suit.
- Hans device or equivalent, as per regulations.
- Proper medical and racing license.
- Travel and hotel.
- Race fuel and tires (to be billed separately)



<u>Car storage at our Facility:</u> This service is provided free of charge while we are actively working on your racecar or while it's running in an active series of races with us (minimum of 5 races/year).

Call us to get more details.

## **Shop Specials and Promotions**

## **Coupe Headers Sale**



5 sets are available. \$400 per set.

4 Silver Ceramic Sets
1 Black Set

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## Cars and "Rollers" for Special Prices

# Paccar Car

## The PPG Pace Car !!!

This car was used by the Indy Car Series as a Pace Car for 3 years. Once back at Olthoff Racing we fitted the car with an aluminum 408 engine and finished 3rd overall in the "2001 One Lap of America". The car has won the "Run & Gun" competition twice. The motor has just been freshened with new rings, bearings and valve springs.

This car is an ideal track car for a Cobra enthusiast and is ready to go at \$50,000.

SPF number 308
Car is on MSO
396 cu. in Windsor with TFS R
Heads
550 hp; 540 ft.lbs
Tremec TKO 600-4617
Dual disc McLeod clutch
Torsen limited slip differential
Upgrade chrome-moly axles
17" Wheels with Hoosier tires
Kirkey road race seat
Fire system
Fuel cell
Full width roll bar with door

bars

Superlite big brakes on front
Upgrade rear brakes
Upgrade custom adjustable swaybars
Competition Bilstein shocks and springs
Lexan windshield
Many more custom upgrades

## MKIII Cobra

Color is the "Roush Edition" Red with dark silver stripes highlighted with black pin stripes along the edges. The roller includes stainless steel bumperettes and black ceramic side exhaust pipes. Call for a Special Price on this unique roller.

If you want to put one together, buy a model. If you want to drive one, buy the best!

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## **MKIII Cobra**

Color is Indigo Blue with silver stripes. The roller includes twin polished stainless steel roll bars, roadster bumpers and silver ceramic under body exhaust pipes. Call for a Special Price on this stunning roller.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### March 2010

March 3rd, 4th & 5th, Historic Sportscar Racing Sebring Florida. Dennis will be driving.

March 6th, Cars & Coffee from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 6801 Northlake Mall Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216 (weather permitting)

March 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th, Sportscar Vintage Racing Association, and 12 Hours of Sebring



Smokin' 'em at the skid pad

## April 2010

April 3rd, Cars & Coffee from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 6801 Northlake Mall Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216 (weather permitting)

April 8th to April 11th Charlotte Autofair, Lowes Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC. Superformace will be participating.

April 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th Sportscar Vintage Racing Association Savannah Spring Races .

April 17th Olthoff Racing Open House from 10 AM until 2:00 PM

April 29th, 30th, May 1st & 2nd Historic Sportscar Racing "The Mitty" at Road Atlanta, Braselton, Georgia. Dennis will be driving.

## May 2010

May 1st, Cars & Coffee from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 6801 Northlake Mall Dr. Charlotte, NC 28216 (weather permitting)

May 13th thru May 16th, Historic Sportscar Racing/ Sportscar Vintage Racing Association at Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Dennis will be driving.

May 20th to May 23rd Historic Motorsports Productions Race at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Alabama. Dennis will be driving

May 21st to May 23rd Kit Car Nationals in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. 28th,

May 28th to 30th VIR Track Event. Registration is through and the SVT Cobra Mustang Club. The Olthoff instructors and support crew will be there.

## Owner's Corner

Jack Allen



Save the Date !!!! Olthoff Racing is having an Open House at the shop from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 17th. This will be a super way to start the 2010 driving season, so bring your car and bring a friend. The shop will be performing dyno-testing for \$50.00. This is a 30% savings over the standard price. If you're interested, please call Cheryl at (704) 647-9924 to reserve a spot as there are only 12 time slots available. Also, please note the rain date is April 24th. If we need to make change due to bad weather.

On another matter, are any of you interested in participating in a NC Superformance Cobra/Coupe/GT 40 Car Club? The basic premise would be to create

opportunities to get together will other car owners and enthusiasts, trade stories of great exploits and daring, talk about the cars, trade tips, plan weekend day trips, and to have a good time. If this idea is appealing, please send us an e-mail (bolthoff@salisbury.com). Include any other activities you might like to suggest.

"There's an exception when it comes to Jimmy Price and Lance Stander. Superformance International makes replica Cobras in South Africa and calls the two-seat roadster they build the MKIII. It's not a true Shelby, but I've endorsed and licensed the car for being as close to correct and well-built as possible."

- Carroll Shelby (Octane, Oct. 2006)

