

An occasional publication of Hoosier Cobra, Inc.

## Are You Ready to *RUMBLE?*

An introduction...

Hey Cobraphiles! The weather is showing signs of maybe, just maybe, easing up a bit. And you know what that means...it won't be long until the air is once again filled with the sounds of sidepipes and the smells of high octane gasoline being burned in large quantity.

Hoosier Cobra will soon begin its 3<sup>rd</sup> season as a car club. For those of you who haven't tuned in to this channel before, Hoosier Cobra is a club of folks who share an appreciation for those largely uncivilized automobiles produced by Carroll Shelby a few years ago.

We like to cruise, eat, talk about our cars, and generally have a good time being together. As is the case in any organization, communication is important, so we try to get the word out through our newsletter and via an ever-growing email list and telephone network.

## Can You Believe it? Dues Go *DOWN AGAIN!*

When the club was just being formed, there were expenses associated with start-up. For instance, we had to hire someone to make a logo and someone to help us through the process of incorporation. We needed someone to help us put up a website.

As our club has gained momentum, we no longer have some of those start-up expenses. Furthermore, we've economized wherever possible. For example, we have a wonderful lady



We're incorporated as a non-profit and we've got our own website. We carry insurance on the club and we offer Hoosier Cobra logo items bearing our own distinctive logo.

We don't take ourselves too terribly seriously. We just want to have fun, make friends, and enjoy our cars. As with some clubs, we charge dues. This helps us stay in operation. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year in operation and our 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year to lower our dues amount. We have a small board of volunteer directors, to help keep things moving generally forward. Why not check us out?

from the Renegades Car Club who operates our website, and she does it for almost nothing. Thanks, Pam!

When the club began, dues were set at \$70 per year. The following year, we were able to lower that amount to \$50 per year.

Well, here's the good news. This year, you can belong to the club by paying only \$40 per year. That's only \$3.33 per month. Eleven cents a day!

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## What Are We Going To Do This Year?

It's hard to decide what to do with such an assorted group of folks from all over the state (and beyond). We're always looking for some entertaining place to go, with fun roads to drive on. We'd like to involve as much of Indiana as we can. We're going to add in spontaneous cruises whenever we get favorable weather, too.

We've drawn up a tentative schedule of events for the club. Please note that this schedule is subject to change in case of bad weather or if we find



something more fun to do.

Some people wouldn't mind going somewhere every weekend. Some are content to cruise with the club much less often.

We've tried to make a schedule that will give you several options from which to choose.

## Thanks To Our Corporate Sponsors

Our club has been fortunate to have the benefit of some corporate sponsors.

**SBC Wealth Management** was founded by Hoosier Cobra founding member Scott Holley. For personal financial planning, investment advisory services, or retirement planning, contact SBC at 866-818-1028.

**Mikar** is a specialty auto repair shop in Carmel. Owner Mike Hamblin and his staff know how to maintain and repair your specialty car. With nearly

40 years in the specialty car repair business, you can trust your car to Mikar. Call them at 317-575-8282.

**Darrings Detail** offers a wide array of detailing services, including cleaning, touch-ups, paintless dent removal, polishing, shampooing, and other services. You can call them at 317-879-WASH (9274).

Please utilize these businesses whenever you get a chance.

*If you have an idea for a cruise or event, just say so—we'll let you organize and lead the event or help you, if you want.*



*Jim's stunning replica*

## Tentative 2016 Schedule

April 23 begins our season with our annual meeting, where we meet up with the Cobra buddies we haven't seen all winter. If the weather's nice, we'll drive the Cobras. Last year, we met at the New Castle Motorsports Park for a short business meeting. Then, we jumped on the rental karts and blistered the track, chasing each other around. The location isn't finalized for this year's annual business meeting, but the location will be announced shortly.

May the 7<sup>th</sup> finds our club on a cruise of the scenic area in Morgan and Brown counties. This is a favorite cruise of the club that we've done every year.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our annual picnic, where we meet somewhere, do a little cruising, and sit down to some really good food and conversation. This location will be announced as this date gets closer.



*Here's Jeff, keeping a shine on his #28 corner carver.*

June 23–26 will find several club members at the London Cobra Show. This is such a big deal that I'll describe it in a separate article, elsewhere in the newsletter.

On July the 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll head southwest to cruise some scenic roads and hopefully stop in on one of our founding members, Rick Yeager. Rick is a retired doctor who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis. Read about him in his book, entitled,

*(Please see Tentative Schedule on page 4)*

## London Cobra Show–You Really Have To Go!

For many of the members, the highlight of the summer's activities is the London Cobra Show, or LCS. Always on the weekend after Father's Day, the LCS is a multi-day event, featuring cruise-ins, sightseeing tours, a car show, a banquet, a track event, autocrossing, and general good times with Cobras.

Best of all, though, the event's purpose is to raise funds to be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. If you don't know about CF, it's a dreadful disease that robs young children of their ability to breathe easily. In the past few years, several strides have been made to mitigate the symptoms of this disease somewhat, but the goal is to eradicate it altogether.

The hosts of the LCS, Ohio Cobra Club, have banded together with Cobra drivers all over the U.S. and beyond to raise funds toward this goal. To date, the OCC has been able to donate over \$1 million to this cause.

Each year, a Cobra is constructed and raffled off by selling tickets. This year's car is a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary model of a Factory Five Racing Cobra. It's a very nice car.

For more information, check out [www.londoncobrashow.com](http://www.londoncobrashow.com) and [www.ohiocobraclub.com](http://www.ohiocobraclub.com).

This is an incredibly fun weekend in a Cobra. The

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Just belonging to the club would be worth that much. But, there's more.

As a dues-paying member, you get the satisfaction of knowing that you're helping to keep the club going.

Plus, you get the option to have your car pictured on the club's website, identifying it as your ride of choice.

*LCS*, from page 3

bulk of the activities take place in the Columbus, Ohio area, with Saturday's events taking place in London, Ohio, at their annual Strawberry Festival.

The townspeople of London line the streets, welcoming the parade of Cobras back to town. The local police block off the main street of town so that the Cobra drivers can give spirited rides to passengers who pay \$10, which goes to Cystic Fibrosis.

*How many times have you been asked,  
"Is it real?"*

*I just say, "No, it's a figment of your  
imagination."*

In addition, you get a handsome windshield sticker that will identify you and your car as being part of Indiana's #1 Cobra enthusiast organization.

If this is a deal for you, mail your dues to:

Bob Lennon, 210 Surrey Hill, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Then, it's back to the hotels near Columbus where a scrumptious banquet awaits, with auctions, guest speakers, and the announcement of the winner of the raffle car. Finally, the OCC makes a "big check" presentation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the LCS winds down for another year.

I recommend arriving no later than Thursday evening and staying through Sunday morning. It's a real treat, and it benefits a wonderful charity.

*Tentative Schedule*, from page 3MS: Beyond the Red Door.

July 23 sees the club heading southeast on one of our favorite jaunts, the Madison cruise. August 13 is the date for the annual Poker Run and Cruise, with fun and prizes included.

August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Route 66 cruise. Did you know that Indiana had a Route 66? We hope to have a cruise to the northern part of the state on September 24. (Any ideas?) We plan to head west on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 to check out some covered bridges and the Newport Hill Climb.

We'll wrap up on October 8 with our annual cruise to Nashville, IN and the Story Inn.

## Getting Ready To Hit the Road

Safety is always supremely important to a Cobra driver. After storing your car all winter don't just hop in your car and fire it up. Check it over closely to make sure that it doesn't need anything.

Nothing lasts forever. This applies to your belts, hoses, and tires, too. Even if you don't run a lot of miles, if any of these items are approaching 10 years old, you need to think about replacing them.

Remember that all those wonderful vibrations that give your car its character also work at loosening fasteners, like nuts and bolts. Check every nut and bolt that you can possibly reach. Get under the car and triple check everything on the suspension.

Taking a break at the Poker Run

Do a fresh oil change. Check tire pressures and fluid levels. How old is that air filter anyway? Are your turn signals flashing, your brake lights lighting?

Do you have a fuel filter that hasn't been changed for a while? Speaking of fuel, today's ethanol-laced gasoline attracts water, which your car doesn't digest well. "Phase Separation" causes the water to float on top of the gasoline. Fresh gas should definitely be on your list of things to do.

These are simple cars, but you don't dare neglect them.



## Don't Forget Those Hoosier Cobra Logo Items

Wear your Hoosier Cobra logo with pride. We have a source that gives us a decent deal on tee shirts, polo shirts, hats, and other things—all sporting that distinctive HC logo.

The club doesn't make a dime on these. We sell them to members at our cost. If you'd like any of these, just call or drop us an email.



Having a blast at last year's Annual Business Meeting



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