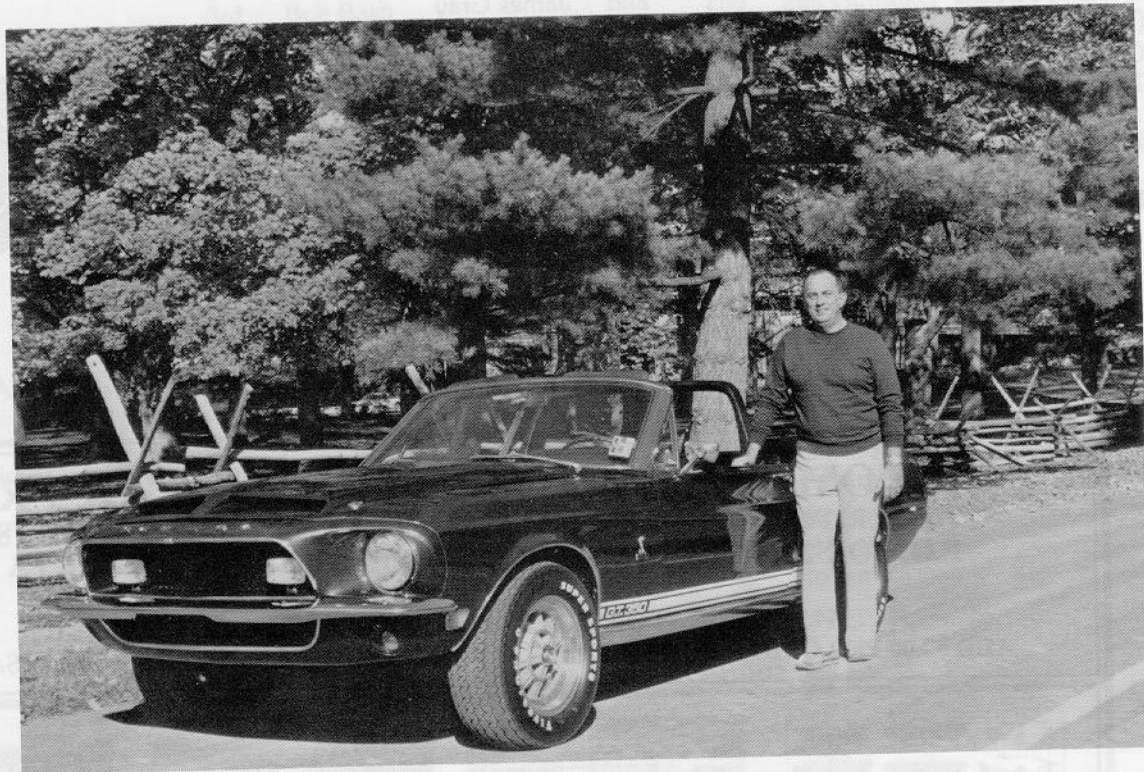


## POWER BY SHELBY



by Jim Aberts  
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Warren Perkins is always in the market for a nice Ford product to drive. The more performance options the car has the better he likes it.

In 1968 Carroll Shelby put together a screamer in small-block form that the country's performance buffs took to the road within search of any stray Chevrolet products that needed taming.

It was eleven years later in 1979 that the 51-year-old personnel manager came upon his first Shelby and found the high performance heritage that comes from the world of Shelby.

The search for a "60's" car ended in a garage in Icedale, Pennsylvania where a convertible collector had stored the damaged Shelby since 1973 when it had been hit near Warren's Downingtown, Pennsylvania home. The damage didn't frighten off a Shelby lover, especially since this Forrest Green GT 350 is one of only 404 convertibles made in 1968.

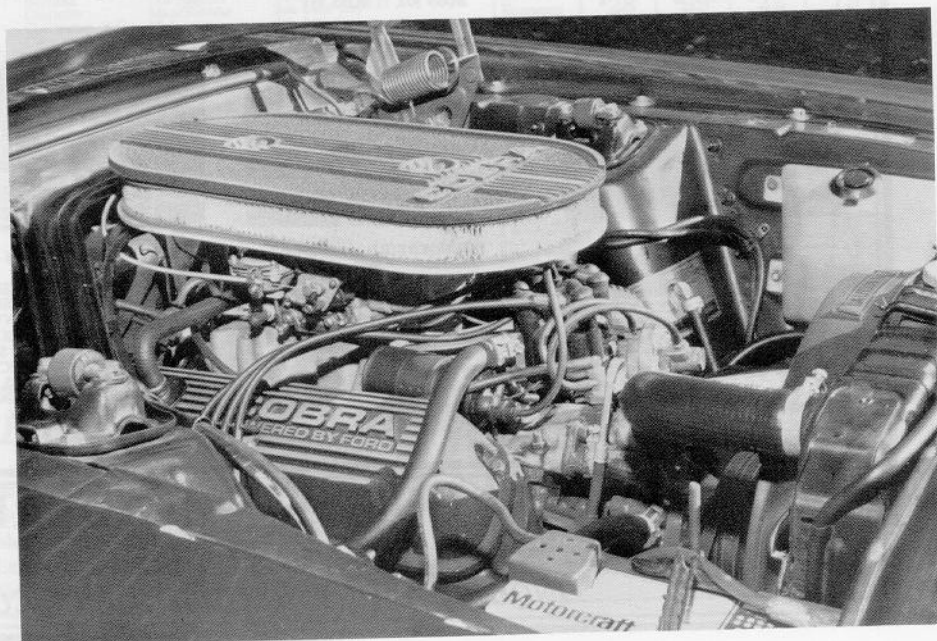
After a year of restoration which included new floor pans, a new front end and bumpers and a new white top

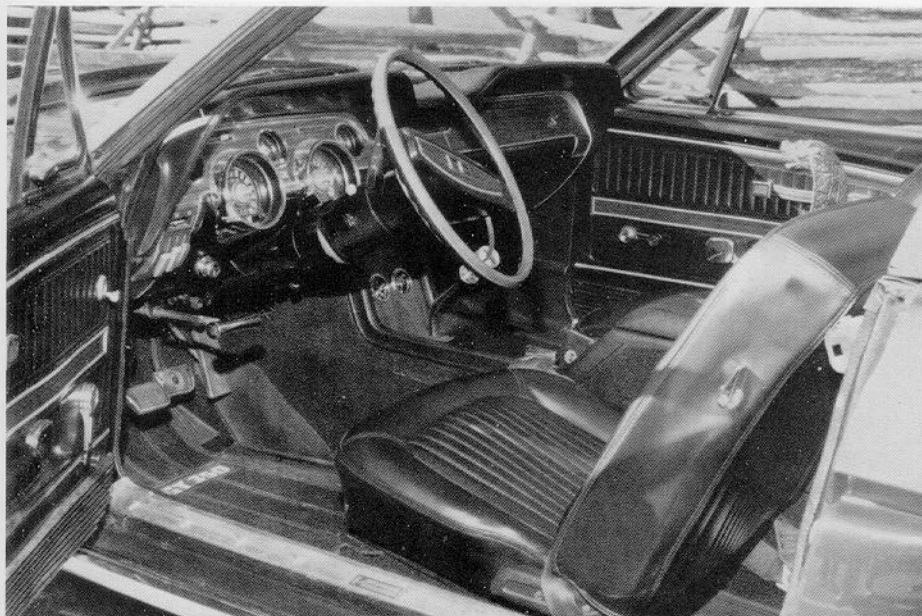
the Shelby was on its way to becoming what Warren always wanted, a show car that turned heads on a Sunday drive.

Inside, new carpet and front seat covers brought the black interior alive and a paint job and Shelby "10-spoke"

wheels finished off a GT 350 restoration.

Of course there are the standard Shelby goodies such as the Cobra high-rise aluminum intake manifold, dual exhaust, adjustable shocks, a special console, Halogen driving lights





and a fiberglass hood and trunk lid. A rebuild of the 250 HP 302 C.I. engine brought back the power that made the Shelby's the terror cars of the '60's.

Warren now proudly displays the Shelby at car shows and has helped other members of the Valley Forge Mustang Club, where he is a past president, to take a special interest in this rare breed of Mustang from the '60's.

One of the best places in Pennsylvania to view the fall foliage change is at the Valley Forge National Historical Park where the Shelby shined in one of its brightest moments. **MT**



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