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Nothing GOES like a

v-r-r-room!

This weekend the world's greatest racing classic--the Le Mans 24-Hour Race of Endurance--will sprint a field of 55 men to an internationally famous start.

In an effort to repeat last year's triumphant endurance test, Ford will field six cars--3 each by Shelby American and Holman & Moody. The entries will be 4 Mark IV sports-prototype vehicles and 2 Mark II-B cars, revised versions of last year's winner.

In addition to the six Ford entries, a Ford Mark II-B has been entered by Ford of France by Charles DeClulhac, 2 Ford-powered Mirage sports-prototypes by J. W. Engineering, Ltd., of England and listed as a "Shelby American", our own GT 350, by our Belgian dealer Claude DuBois.

The stunning list of internationally famous drivers for our team will include: Ronnie Bucknum-Frank Gardner, Peter Revson-Mark Donohue, and Lucian Bianchi-Bruce McLaren with Skip Scott and Paul Hawkins as reserve drivers.

The race will be an excellent one and VERY fast. In trial runs the Phil Hill-Mike Spence Chapparral piloted a new course record breaking Gurney's record by 3 seconds.

A CONTROVERSIAL MIRAGE

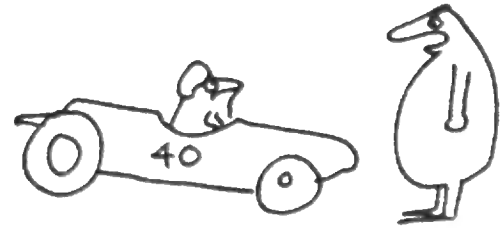
A topic of heated controversy in racing circles is the J. W. Engineering, Ltd. car--the Mirage. The Mirage is a modified GT 40 running a 351-CID Ford engine which is similar to the engines used in the Can-Am Series.

The car, created by John Wyer in England, won Spa and was about to take the lead at Nurburgring when it ran over something in the track and blew out 2 tires.

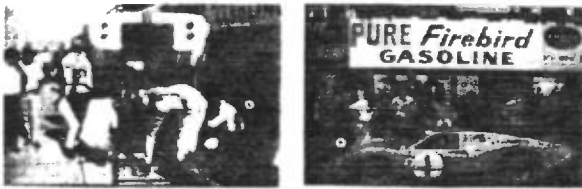
The controversy stems from the vehicle's victories. If the FIA decided that it was a Ford car, the winning points from the Spa win would serve to place Ford above Ferrari in World Manufacturers points. However, FIA chose not to list it as a Ford, and the Ferrari contested battle was over.

Two Mirages are scheduled to be run at LeMans with Dick Thompson-David Piper, and Dick Atwood-Jackie Ickes driving. Besides owning the Mirage, Gulf Oil also runs one of our sedans in the Trans-Am series.

Although the field is fast, the team spirit is high--a win now could mean the championship.....and with a 24-hour race ahead of us, we can be glad we have top managers like Dowd and Remington on our team!!



"We have a rule about excessive noise. So stop grinding your teeth."



MY JOB AT SHELBY

What is it like to work at Shelby? Really, it is a lot of things. Occasionally I wonder if I was really cut out for this sort of rat race. For an example, this is my typical day:

Work starts at eight o'clock sharp. By nine I feel as if I have put in a full day's work already. There are five phones ringing and not another soul in the office; four people wanting pool cars when I haven't even one; four letters and two telegrams to type by 10:00, (and it is now 9:50); three loads of cars have to be serialized and Quality Control is screaming; and I'm wondering. "Why didn't you stay home in bed!"

When I arrive home at night and have put my daughter to bed, cleaned the house, washed two loads of clothes, ironed 20 pieces of clothing, washed and set my hair, and am finally getting into bed, my last thought is: "I guess today was all worth while; my boss said that I make good coffee."

BY - Pam Williams

EMPLOYEE TOUR

Employee tours have been initiated for the benefit of both new and old employees who are interested in knowing "what it's all about".

Anyone interested in attending these tours, should contact the Public Relations Department, and an appointment time will be set-up.



From left to right: Pat Sirrine, Eng; Jackie Daily, Eng; Sherry Seitz, Distribution; Barb Hunt, Eng; Eugene Mullen, Eng; Douglas Puschak, Eng; Lew Spencer, Master of Ceremonies.

LATE NEWS

The 5th race in the Trans American Series will be billed this Sunday in Lexington, Ohio.

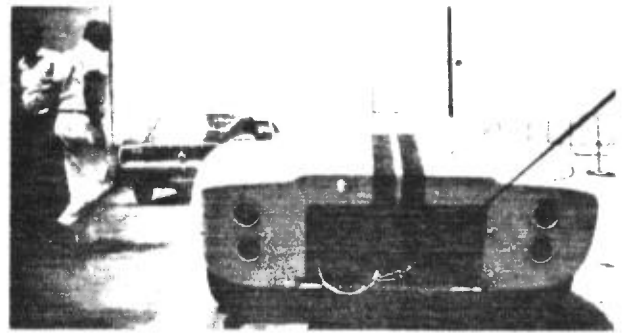
Lew Spencer said, "The Mid-Ohio will prove an exciting race as the 4-mile track is very tight with reverse camber and 13 wicked turns."

Our challenging Mustangs will include the Grady Davis car driven by Jim Adams, the Terilingua car with Jerry Titus at the wheel, Clarence Mathew's car piloted by Milt Minter, and George Kirksey's car driven by Alan Moffet.

Bob Grossman and Steve Bronstein are expected late entries.

Prior to tomorrow's trials, the team has been practicing wheel changing and refueling for pit stops. Wheel changing was reduced to half the normal time, and refueling got down to a hair-splitting 14 seconds to fill a 37 gallon tank.

The race will be 125 laps for the 312 mile finish.



FERRARI'S EYE-VIEW OF
A MARK IV

The Engineering Department hosts a bit of talent. Jackie Daily, secretary, sings with the Westchester Concert Chorus which is a division of the Los Angeles Bureau of Music. Jackie sings first soprano, and has been with the choir over a year. She is presently Social Chairman for the group.

Last night she sang at Royce Hall at UCLA with a combined chorus of 350 people before a full house.

Next Saturday at Pilgrimage Theatre there will be the combined groups of the Philharmonic, COTA, and Westchester Chorus for the general public.

EDITOR -IN-CHIEF - Diana Trampe

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Terry Clow, Purchasing left yesterday for a whirl-wind flight to Europe. Upon reaching Paris his English cousin and he shall tour the French countryside (ummmm) and join other Shelby-ites at the Le Mans Race.

After touring France and England, Terry will be home to relate all of these wonderful tales on Tuesday.

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The Hilton Racing Team has officially disbanded bringing a welcomed sight back to the plant--Lance Smith and Gene Woods.

The former Don Pike racing car is up for sale. Anyone interested should contact Don Pike.

JUST A THOUGHT.....

A youthful figure is something you get when you ask a woman her age.



"Why Mr. Keene, what do you think you're going to do in that cape & tights get-up?"

Heard Richard, Race Shop, really goes for the new fashions-especially micro-minis.

Shelby American was represented in the Custom Car Show at the Sports Arena by a supercharged GT 350 and "Big Red" our blown experimental GT 500.

Hey Don Pike, where did you get the purse?!!

Have you seen Lloyd Rosier's new blonde secretary?

Marta Rice has a new hobby, collecting cravats!!!

You've all seen Diane's foot but you really should see the horse, two black eyes!!

Understand Bob Vickery really does it up right when he goes to a race--going to Santa Barbara again next year Bob?

What was Leroy saying to the girls upstairs that made them all blush?

Gordon Goring, Purchasing Department, has returned to England for a visit.

Marta Rice, Competition Sales, is planning a trip to Australia.

Super-sleuth Don Fryer nearly fell off of a mountain while looking for locations for '68 advertising.

Wide World of Sports will air the Le Mans race on ABC-TV in two weeks.

Harvey, Accounting, will be leaving at the end of June to get married and will move to Oregon.