



# TAME COBRA



World Championship Cobra rides the range in North Dakota

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In 1965, six Shelby Cobra coupes campaigned for the World Manufacturers' Championship. This car driven by Bob Bondurant and assorted co-drivers, won six races: Sebring, Monza, Nürburgring, Rossfeld, Reims and Coppa Di Enna . . . and contributed toward a decisive win over Ferrari. Later bought by John Simonson of Grand Forks, North Dakota, it was completely rebuilt and converted for street use. John uses the Cobra to travel between his six service stations spread throughout the state, the farthest 340 miles from home. The aluminum-bodied coupe uses the standard AC-Cobra chassis, is powered by a 380-horsepower 289 Ford with Weber carburetors, and will easily top 150 mph. Only change from race trim: upholstered interior.

