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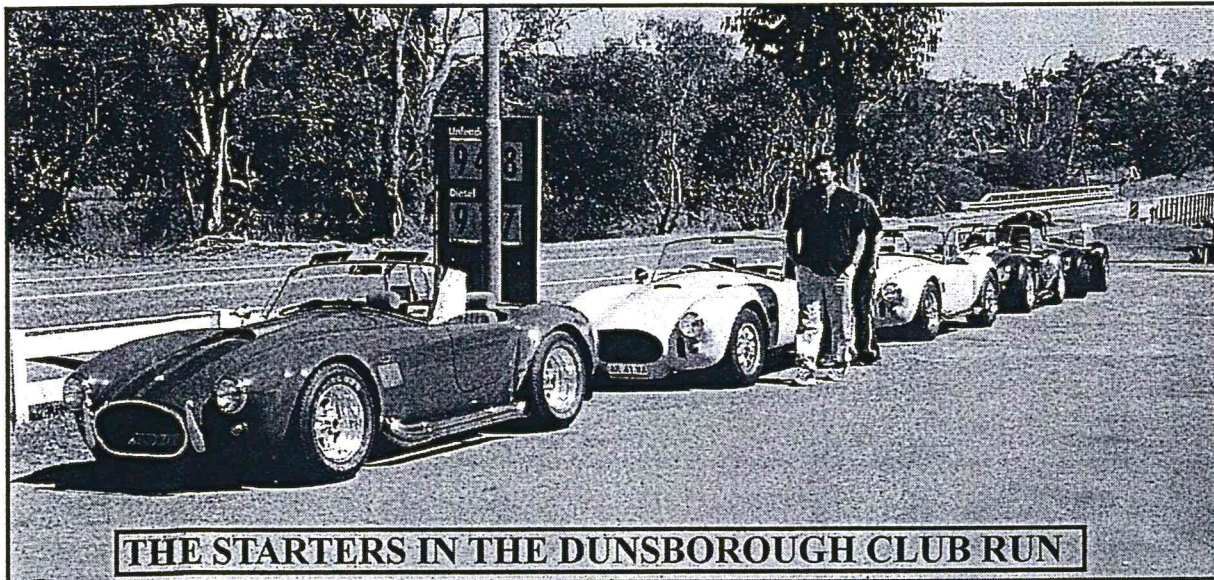
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"2003 Show and Shine Results"

CHEAP SPEEDO ON A RUN TO YORK



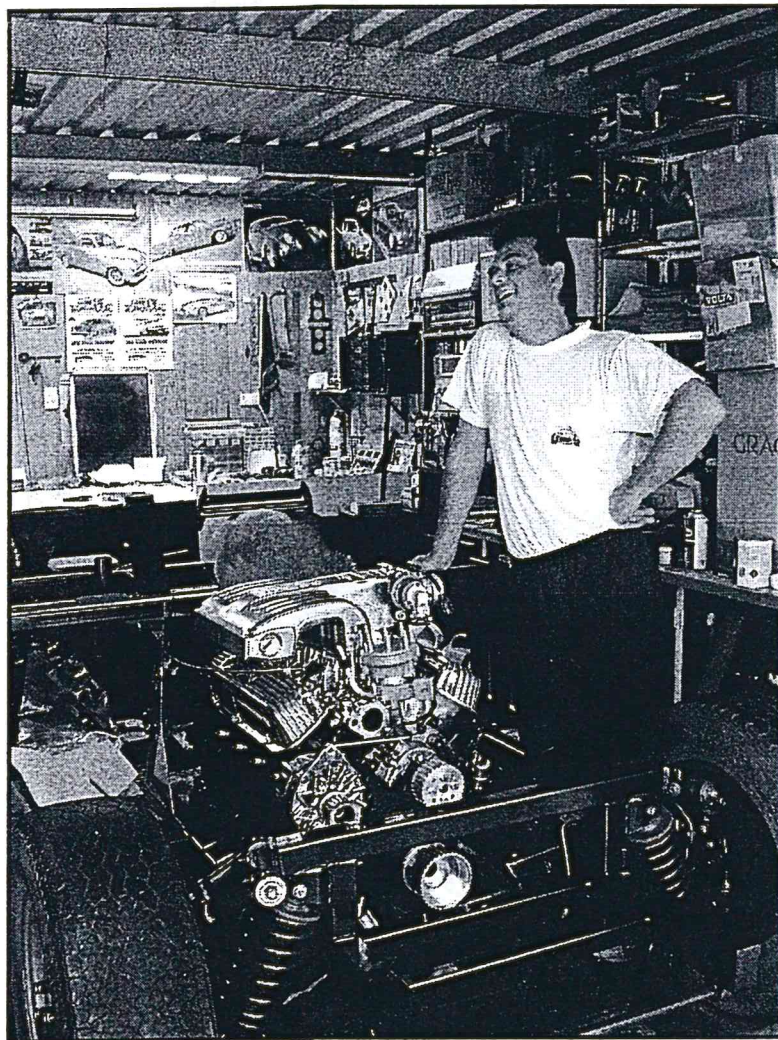
DUNSBOROUGH CLUB RUN 25th/26th October



THE STARTERS IN THE DUNSBOROUGH CLUB RUN

Another perfect 27 degree day with Ron and Nola McNally, Rob Payne, Burnie Stellaman and yours truly we set out for North Bannister for breakfast and to meet up with Dick Hoges. After the usual feed we made our way to Boddington where Burnie turned off for Dwellingup to return home.

Through Quindanning picking up a few stone chips on the way to Collie where we refuelled and caught up with Crosby Vickers. Our host put on morning tea, after our inspection of his Cobra project—which has progressed considerably since our last visit—with a lot of attention to detail. From Collie our route took us across to Mumballup then across to Donnybrook an Capel for lunch. A short cruise across to Busselton then Dunsborough where we parked the cars and settled in for the rest of the day with an ale or two.



Ron contacted Ian Reid, Rob Weymes, Frank O'Keefe and a couple of Rob's mates who called in for a chat. Frank has recently painted his car and it looked a treat.

Dinner at the hotel and a few night caps before some serous ZZZZZ's.

Sunday morning after a leisurely breakfast, our trip home took us down through Nannup, Bridgetown to Donnybrook to refuel, back towards Balingup and up through the Ferguson Valley to Dardanup then the South West Highway to Pinjarra for a late lunch and the last leg home.

This was another brilliant weekender and a great job by Ron & Nola for planning the trip again. We drove through some of the prettiest countryside on some very interesting roads with perfect weather—this is what owning an driving one of these unique cars is all about.

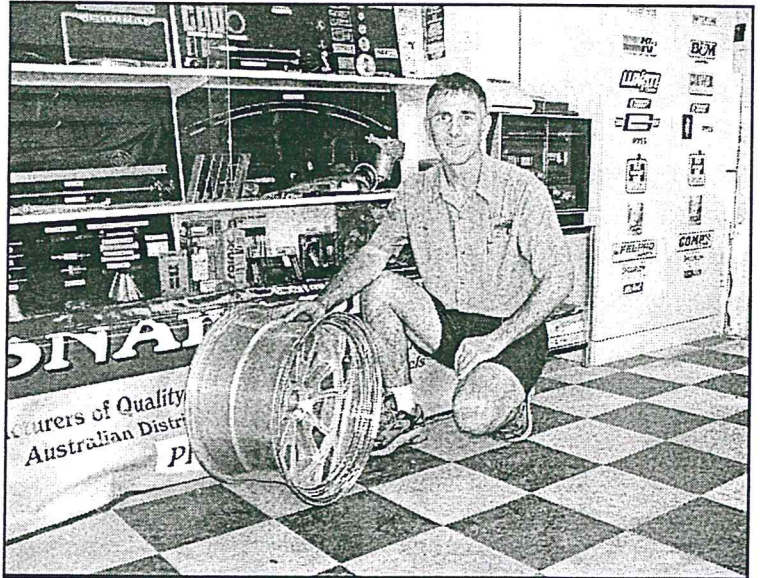
Brian Plank

Crosby Vickers, Car and Workshop

QUEENSLAND HOLIDAY LOOKING AT COBRAS

THE OTHER SIDE

The other side of this big island is called Queensland, among other states that grace the east coast. While over there I had a chance to visit "The Cobra Shop" which is part of KCF Rallysport at Redcliffe and spent an hour discussing Cobra's with Keith Fackrell, qualified automotive engineer who has spent a lot of time setting up race suspensions on Cobra's with great success.



DON PILLING OF SNAKE BITE WITH A 17"x 11" RIM

A visit to "Snake Bite" Cobra parts and accessories company on the Gold Coast led to a meeting with the proprietor Mr Don Pilling. Don's large display cabinet was a Cobra person's dream, with all things "Cobra" which Don either imports or meticulously manufactures in-house, items too numerous to mention in this article but can be found in the catalogue printed in this issue of "Snakeskin". Don had just purchased his second Cobra, a rolling motor car from a chap who had it for 8 years and ran out of enthusiasm. This car is a Robnell with an awesome chassis and one of the super special US Jag rear ends you only see in magazines ex the U.S.

There were many other pieces on the car that makes one jealous. One item of great interest was the pedal box—a solid die cast aluminium housing that bolts up to the firewall and mounts everything to it, pedals, brake booster and clutch master cylinder. This I thought must have been another import from the US due to the excellent design and finish but hey! Not so, listen up you Cobra builders, Don told me the secret of the pedal box and I shall pass it on to you—it is out of a Morris Marina? I am currently looking for one now, but there aren't too many around.

While there, Don invited me to the Queensland Cobra Club monthly breakfast at Sanctuary Cove—a beautiful place on the water just north of Surfer's Paradise overlooking the canals filled with large boats—a nice place to meet and have a leisurely breakfast.

Approximately 85 attended the breakfast—although numbers were down a little due to some members being at a race day to race their Cobras on a nearby race circuit and from what I could gather this is a regular event. The breakfast menu had a great choice to choose from and all for a set price of approx \$11.00. One thing I did notice, all the organizing was by the ladies—the raffles, the introductions of guests and visitors, yours truly included, made for a very friendly and welcoming atmosphere—one lady in particular—Marilyn stood out throughout the morning, only to find out that Marilyn is the President of the club and most of the Committee are ladies, possibly one of the reasons why the club has so many people attending such functions on a regular basis—makes me wonder about our Club—maybe we need more feminine input into the running of the Club

A beautiful sunny Sunday in Sanctuary Cove with 17 Cobras lining the paved streets outside the Café, along with 3 of the most exquisite GT40's. Amongst them, one GT40 painted in the Gulf Le-Mans racing colours of pale blue with orange stripes, adorned with all the appropriate racing stickers—looked like it was doing 200mph just standing there, an awesome machine

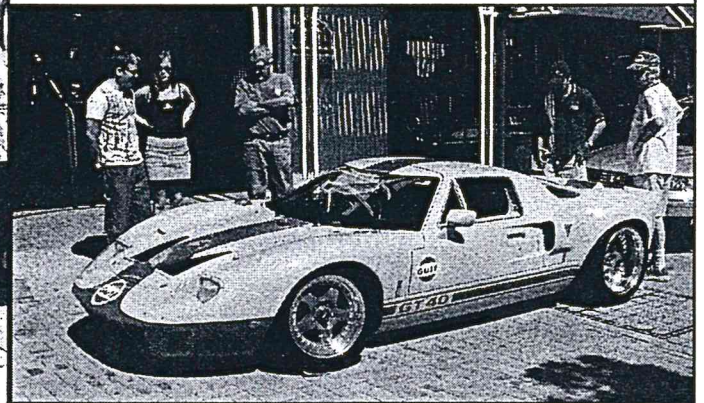
QUEENSLAND HOLIDAY cont-

The quality of all the cars there was excellent, in all aspects of Cobra worship—with lots of chrome, paint and leather Oh! and some very wide tyres.

Talking of GT40's, two visitors to the breakfast were a couple of ladies from Texas who were over in Queensland to get a GT40 built for one of their husbands—the car is then to be shipped to the US for fitting of engine and gearbox, then used in the next Cannonball run ... I might mention that to my wife Coleen and keep my fingers crossed ... Nah! she would just tell me to finish the Cobra first or paint the house or fix the gardens—but I can still dream.....

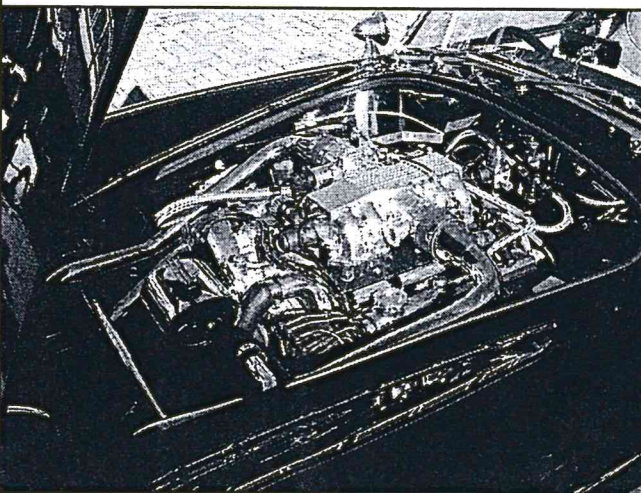
A big well done and thank you to Don and the Queensland Cobra club for their hospitality .

Harry McClymans Editor
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Above..... GULF GT40

A stunning and powerful Cobra as the number plate says 450KW and powered by a twin Turbocharged Lexus V8.

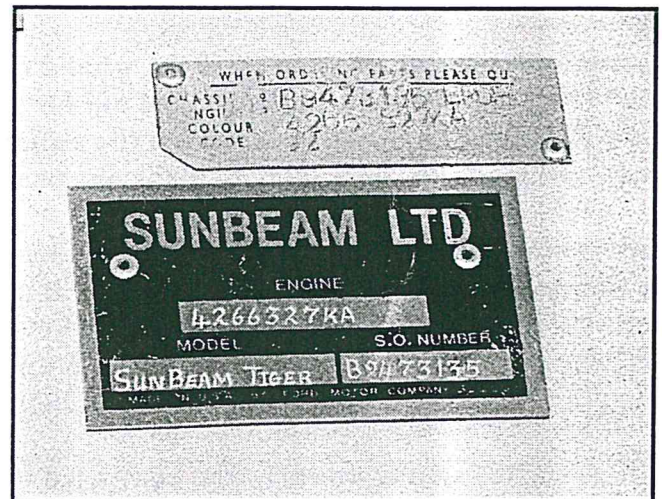


Such a pretty site to see on a Sunday morning, a street full of COBRA'S and GT40'S



A PIECE OF SHELBY HISTORY

A piece of Carroll Shelby history visited our Show & Shine on Sunday, it was a genuine Sunbeam Tiger, the car was very neatly fitted with a small block Ford, leaving very little room for any kind of working space. The Tiger was in stunning condition for a car of its age and the owner was hoping to sell it for \$60,000.



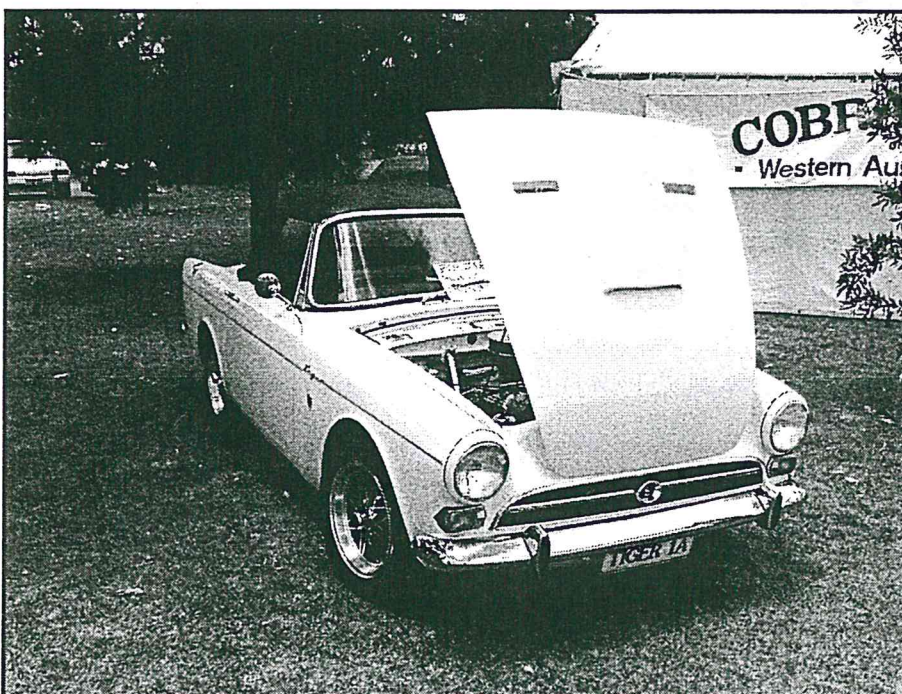
Sunbeam Tiger

1964-1967

Tiger Mk I

The **Tiger**, launched in 1964, was the result of fitting a Ford 4.2 litre V8 into the Sunbeam Alpine body shell. Initiated by Ian Garrad, it was developed from two Alpine V8 prototypes built by **Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles** respectively. The 4.2 litre engine produced 164bhp @ 4400rpm. Tigers were built by Jensen Motors at West Bromwich. A small number were also assembled in South Africa from CKD kits. 6,546 examples of the Mark I were built. The Mark II Tiger of 1967 received a 4.7 litre V8, developing 200bhp @ 4400rpm. Mark II production totalled 536 examples. The takeover of Rootes by Chrysler led to the untimely demise of the Tiger. Chrysler did not want to be seen to be building Ford-powered cars, and did not have a suitable engine of their own.

The Tiger was sold in some countries as the Alpine V8. It is perhaps most famous for its role in the television series *Get Smart*.



Winners and Grinners from Burswood

Congratulations to all—what a show, what a turnout, what a day—just a simple way to say “Thank You” to all the club members, new and old for such an excellent display for our Annual Cobra Car Club Show & Shine. Twenty-five cars from the unfinished to the trophy winners, local cars and cars from far away—all made up the display to make one proud editor put pen to paper and say “Well Done!”

The Sunday started fine but very windy, with a sou’wester blowing across the river causing concern for the marquee erectors, nevertheless, they got it up and it stayed up all day, also the cloud cover helped make it a pleasant cool day. Unfortunately, I could not display all the posters, pictures and memorabilia this year due to the very strong winds which would have caused havoc to the entire display, hopefully next year I can do it again, even bigger and better.

Cobras started setting up early and continued through the morning with final cleaning, dusting and polishing even to the extent of one very shiny red one—well done Colin Rainbird. The cars were given numbers and supplied with description cards attached to the windscreens for the public to peruse. Cars were arranged in one long line, I personally would have preferred the cars to be grouped in a smaller formation to create a community atmosphere.

Our secretary, Rob Payne, was flat out all day collecting fees and information on cars for the members file among many other things, so a busy day for your Rob—keep up the excellent work. Oh! And you looked ‘good’ with your clipboard (very official).

The display was an impressive sight with 25 Cobras presented, with many club members and friends attending. I have one gripe though, I would liked to have seen a lot more club shirts being worn, there was a very small percentage of members wearing club shirts, even though there was several styles to be worn. I think we should start again in the apparel side of things with caps, shirts and this time jackets, I realise everyone’s tastes are different and so are their budgets, however, we have been going as a club now for 9-10 years and I feel we are floundering on presentation as members.

Experience tells me you cannot please everybody, however, if we can get a decent ‘package’ together we should be able to please most of the members perhaps this could be something we can work towards next year.



“Cobra Club Owner/Builder Trophy”

Brian Plank receiving his award from Club President Dave Kent.

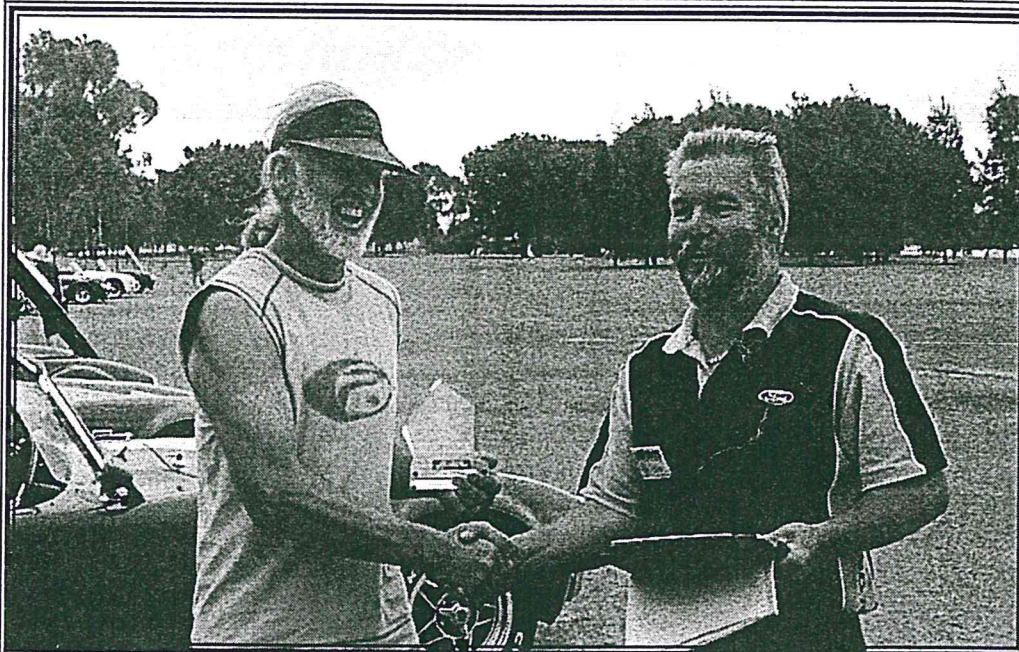
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The Grinners

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"Believe it or not"

A little trivia from the Show & Shine day, the average angle of the windscreens on the Cobras was 55 degrees, The steepest one was 59 degrees and the lowest at 45 degrees. Upon knowing this information one clever member pointed out that the average age of the club members is also 55, so on a personal note that means I am above average, mmmmm.



"Cobra Club Members Choice Trophy"
Nev Costello accepting the trophy on behalf of his son Craig Costello.

Judges Terry Lovell and Graham Sach had a task in front of them with 25 cars to judge in two different categories at the Show & Shine. Terry and Graham have an abundance of experience in the owning and building of Cobras, both are long term club members and for many years have been active in the running of the club. I have it on very good authority, the criteria for judging the cars is based on the fact that the cars are Cobra replicas and the closer to that benchmark the higher the points score e.g. Halibrand wheels would rate top points, Smith gauges also rate with top marks and the closer to an original Cobra the better, mind you, finish quality of the car must be of an excellent standard to be judged a winner, thank you Judges. The day ended with acknowledgments to the organizers and the trophies were awarded to the class Winners by the Club President Dave Kent, the day then wound up at around 3.30pm.

Harry Mac.....Editor.

SHOW & SHINE 2003 WINNERS

"Best Cobra Over 10 Years"

First place trophy.....	Colin Rainbird,	Red	G-Force/Jaguar
Second place.....	Dave Kent	Blue	Boomerang/Toyota
Third place.....	Ron Meechin	Blue	Replica Motor Co/Jaguar

"Best Cobra Owner Builder"

First place trophy.....	Brian Plank	Blue	Replica Motor Co/Jaguar
Second place.....	Ron McNally	Red	G-Force/Jaguar
Third place.....	Frank O'Keeffe	White	G-Force/Jaguar

"Members Choice Cobra Trophy"

First place trophy.....	Craig Costello	Silver	G-Force/Jaguar
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ANOTHER SHOW & SHINE WINNER WITH THE RUNNER UP IN THE SAME CLASS



**“Cobra Club- Best Cobra over 10 years”
Awarded to Colin Rainbird for his very clean and shiny Cobra**

WORK VERSES PRISON

In prison you spend the majority of your time in an 8x10 cell. At work you spend most of your time in a 6x8 cubicle. In prison you get 3 meals a day. At work you get a break for 1 meal and you have to pay for it. In prison you get time off for good behaviour. At work you get rewarded for good behaviour with more work. In prison you can watch TV and play games. At work you get fired for watching TV and playing games. In prison a guard locks, unlocks, opens and closes all doors for you. At work you must carry around a security card and unlock and open all doors yourself. In prison you get your own toilet. At work you have to share. In prison they allow you to visit your family and friends. At work you can't even speak to family and friends. In prison all expenses are paid by taxpayers, with no work required. At work, you get to pay all the expenses to go to work and then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for the prisoners. In prison you spend most of your life looking through bars from the inside wanting to get out. At work you spend most of your time wanting to get out and inside bars. In prison you can join many programs that you can leave at any time. At work there are some programs you can never get out of. In prison there are wardens who are often sadistic and psychotic. At work we call them managers!

Snake Bite...Sale

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Proprietors Don & Vicki Pilling

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| 3. | 6 x Spax G841 Coil over Shocks | | | \$1400 |
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| 5. | 2 x Wilwood Superlite 4 Spot Callipers & Disc Pads | | | \$ 790 |
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Billitt Boss MK 3 (No Horn Control)	\$255.00
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ENGINE BAY	
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Air cleaner wing nuts (each)	\$3.00
PCV Tappet cover grommets	\$10.00
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Oil temp mech	\$94.00
Oil pressure sender	\$64.00
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8 Pin Plugs for Tacho/Speedo (each)	\$10.00
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GAUGES	
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13 REASONS WHY IT IS COOL TO BE A MAN

1. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
2. You can go to the bathroom without a support group.
3. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
4. If someone forgets to invite you to something, he or she can still be your friend.
5. Your underwear is \$10 for a three-pack.
6. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
7. Same work, more pay.
8. Grey hair and wrinkles only add character.
9. Wedding dress: \$2,000. Tuxedo rental: \$75.
10. If another guy shows up at a party in the same outfit, you just might become lifelong friends.
11. You are not expected to know the names of more than 5 colours.
12. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
13. Christmas shopping can be accomplished for 25 relatives, on December 24th, in 45 minutes.

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