

WA Cobra Club
Interview Questions
Paul and Sheryl Jenkins



Paul and Sheryl with their pride and joy

Q: *Did you build or buy your Cobra?*

A: Bought locally here in Perth from club member, George Relf

Q: *Why?*

A: Came at a good price, was already registered and don't have time or space to build one at home.

Q: *How long have you had your Cobra?*

A: We purchased our car in October 2014

Q: *Have you personalised your car?*

A: Yes, we've added the fore and aft white stripes, fitted custom rims from the US, and fitted personal plates, being '64 SNAKE'

Q: *What's the best thing about owning / driving a Cobra?*

A: The thrill of driving an open top sports car and the comments you get from other drivers

Q: *What does the wife / family think of your car / obsession?*

A: Sheryl is very supportive and loves being involved with the club. My boys don't like it as it's a Ford not a Holden.

Q: *What do you enjoy about the WA Cobra Club?*

A: Great bunch of people to socialise with and the great runs.

Q: *Tell us about your car?*

A: It's a 1990 RMC, and from the chassis stamp we understand it's car number 44. It has a 302 Windsor and a 4 speed Borg Warner gearbox, with a 2.88 LSD jag rear end.

Finished in BRG with the newly applied white stripes, fully polished replica 15 inch Halibrand rims and a set of hefty BF Goodrich tyres on the ground.

Paul's introduction to Cobras came about as a part of his 50th birthday present from his wife, Sheryl. A ride and then drive in Al Dewars Cobra was his present and on completion of his 'spin', he was finally hooked. An almost lifetime of passion was driven to finality and the serious search was on for a Cobra of his own.



Paul and his beaming smile in Al's Cobra



After a worldwide search, Paul purchased his car from a club member, has joined the club and been a keen participant and member. His car has the very traditional and appropriate small block ford with plenty of the right sort of showy bits. Paul says it's a delight to drive and takes it out at every opportunity.



The original thought for a cobra came about after watching the 1976 movie 'Gumball Rally' with Peter Fonda eventually and rightly winning the unofficial cross country race.

Paul has owned his car now since October 2014 and has made some personal improvements and has great plans for his car into the future.

One of the great scenes from the movie, Gumball Rally



Paul has purchased a set of replica Halibrands for his car and they sit inside some meaty BF Goodrich tyres. There are plenty of plans ahead for his car, including a 5 speed Tremec gearbox, a change of diff ratio from 2.88 to 3.54, a change of cylinder heads to aluminium and for the engine to be fuel injected.

Paul would also like to fit a set of side pipes if the chassis arrangement will allow.

Paul's car is almost a classic in its own right as a bit of investigation showed up a makers build number on the chassis at the driver's side steering rack mount. RMC 044 shows this car was built quite a while ago, was first registered in 1990 and has just over 28,000 on the clock. The overall condition belies its age and the car looks fabulous.



Paul's car also has a very well designed and fitted cockpit canopy with the separation zip down the middle. A classic addition to his car and it really sets it off, as well as providing weather protection to the cockpit.

Pauls well designed cockpit canopy

The interior of Paul's car is fitted with the usual classic VDO gauges, a Momo steering wheel and topped off with a regulation fire extinguisher, ready for track work.



Looking great from any angle.

It was a pleasure to interview Paul and Sheryl and to see their car close up. I feel they will be with the club for a long time to come. Thanks guys!



Cheers
Jock