

SAAC NEWS

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3 MONTHS TO GO!



Are you ready for VIR? We're getting cranked up. When we say this will be a convention you won't want to miss, that's not wild hyperbole. SAAC-36 is going to be a...

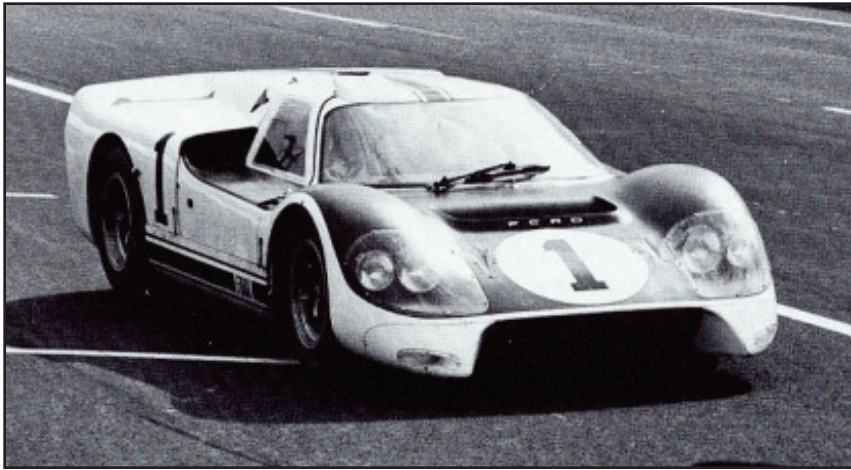
MARK IV-FEST

If you'll recall, last summer's *Shelby American* carried an article about Mike Teske's GT40 MK IV continuation project. Those 7 cars (J-13 through J-19) have been making steady progress. After the tubs and associated pieces were made and assembled by

Teske, the cars were turned over to Cobra Automotive for paint and final assembly. Then they will go to Kenny Thompson's shop in North Carolina for engine installation before coming back to Wallingford, CT for track-testing. Then each one will be turned over to its owner. The first one (J-13, pictured) is finished. Owner Fran Kress decided to paint it Viking Blue. J-16, owned by Joe Henderson, is also finished. It is painted a couple of shades lighter than Kress' car with red trim. J-14 is owned by Jim Dolan (color still uncertain). J-15, owned by Gary Moore, is yellow and J-18, the car Mike Teske kept, is copper. We're pretty sure that these cars will be unveiled at SAAC-36. They will all be powered by genuine 427 LeMans engines and none of them is being completed as museum display piece. They will all be out on the track, converting racing fuel into noise. When they're all parked together they're going to look like a spilled bag of jelly beans. This is one convention you'll be telling your kids about.

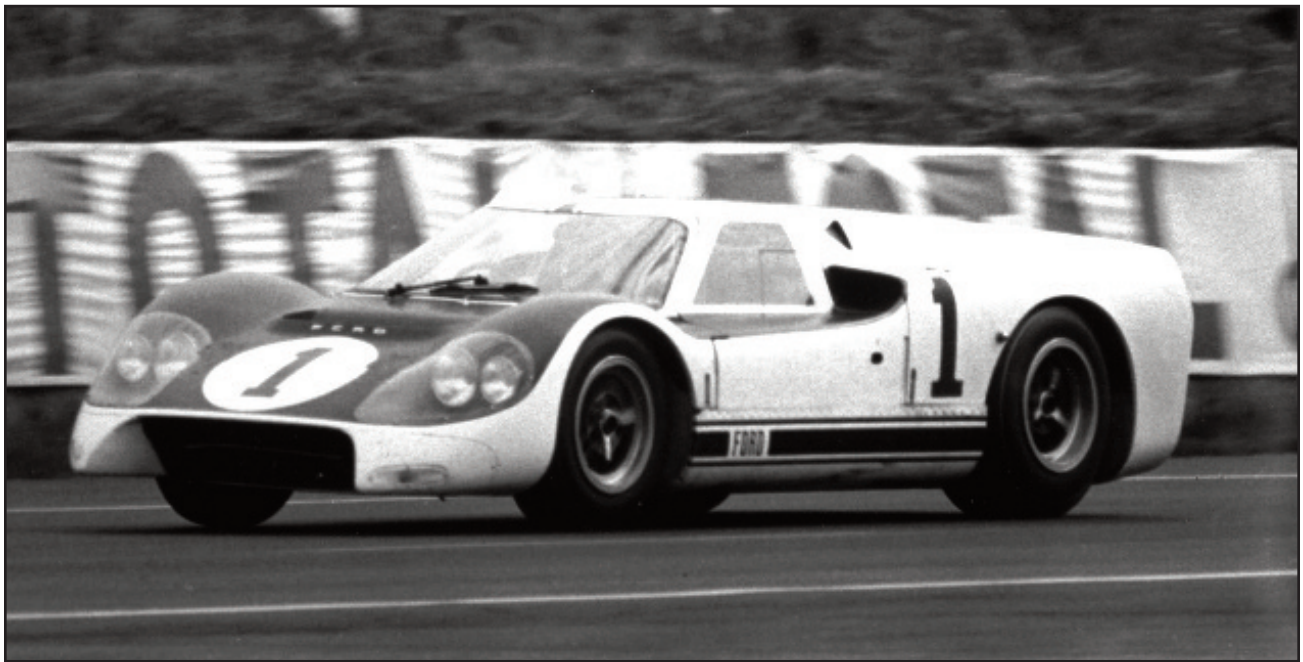


COULD IT GET ANY BETTER?



You bet it could! The last car in production, J-19, is being completed by Kenny Thompson, one of the cars' fabricators, as Ford's Breadvan, complete with the famous "picklefork nose." The original was tested at the LeMans trials in April 1966. It was also tested at Kingman, Arizona and at Riverside. Following Ken Miles' death in J-2 in August, J-1 was sent to Ford in Dearborn and disassembled, in an attempt to find out what caused Miles' accident. The remains of J-1 are presently in the Shelby American Collection in Boulder, Colorado.

The only people who have ever seen the original car are Ford employees who built the car and the spectators who were at LeMans in April of 1966 to see it run. That's why seeing J-19 will be such an exciting event at SAAC-36.



The photo at the right was taken back in the summer of 2010. Kenny Thompson's "Breadvan" is much farther along now and when you see it at SAAC-36 it will look exactly like the original, pictured above. We can't wait to see and hear it at speed at VIR. Imagine being out on the track and having this beast fill your mirrors!



STILL NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?

Look for Holman-Moody's Lee Holman to be at SAAC-36 and there's a good chance he'll bring one of his continuation MK IIs. And why not? Virginia International Raceway will be thick with GT40s. We can't get enough of these cars, and probably neither can you.



MORE CONVENTION UPDATES

Everything is moving right along with the rest of the convention. We have close to 400 people registered already and that's a pretty good number, considering there is still snow on the ground in a lot of places. It's hard to think about running around in a t-shirt, or worrying about sunblock at this time of the year. But Memorial Day weekend will be here before we all know it.

- The garage/suites have all been taken. Bring sun block.
- The Lodge is full (don't even ask).
- There are open track spots available on all days.
- We're getting vintage race entries on a daily basis. We doubt if anyone will get shut out because on a 4.2-mile track we can start 90 cars. But we'd still like you to sign up early. All vintage cars will be timed by transponders on

every lap they are on the track. If you don't have a transponder we will have a limited number to rent but you shouldn't wait until the last minute. This vintage race is going to be a very big deal.

- We'll also be conducting Parade Laps at lunchtime so you can drive VIR even if you haven't signed up for the Open Track. And passengers are allowed.



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