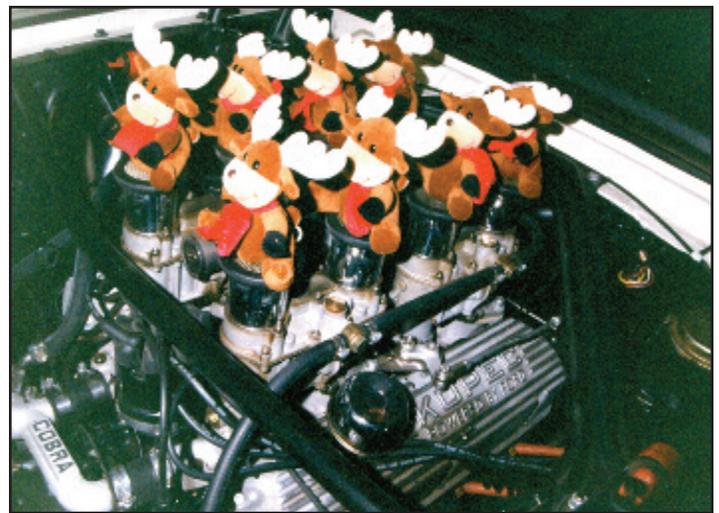


Gag Us With A Spoon Department. Believe it or not, somebody out there built this '55 Baby Bird as a "tribute" to the 427 Cobra. When we look at it all we see is a low-rent Batmobile on crystal meth. Gary Goering spotted this picture on the '55-'57 Early Bird T-Bird blog page. About the only upside we can think of is that the Junior George Barris who created this wet dream thankfully stopped short of adding a repro Shelby American serial number identification plate. That eliminates the "Did Carroll Shelby ever modify an early Thunderbird?" questions from the gullible neophytes who think they may have stumbled over the proverbial pot of gold at the end of the Guardsman Blue and Wimbledon White rainbow. We're afraid to ask what is powering this thing.



George Stauffer sent us this picture around Christmas time, of his Cobra's real power source. Our first thought was, "Hey—that's cute." But it was followed, very quickly, by our second thought: "Haven't we seen that somewhere before?" It turned out that we didn't have too far to look. We had reindeer-powered Webers on 6S118 about 20 years ago. Thankfully, for Stauffer, the statute of limitations on idea pilferage ran out a long time ago so he does not have to worry about being served. Not that we're accusing him.

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No question, as far as we're concerned, that one of the nicest ads we've seen in a long time is Legendary Motorcar Company's full-pager for some of their Shelby/Cobra/GT40 rolling stock. SAAC member Peter Klutt is the owner of Legendary in Ontario, Canada and this photo is breath-taking. After seeing this picture a lot of people will be going to sleep tonight dreaming of having a garage like this.

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