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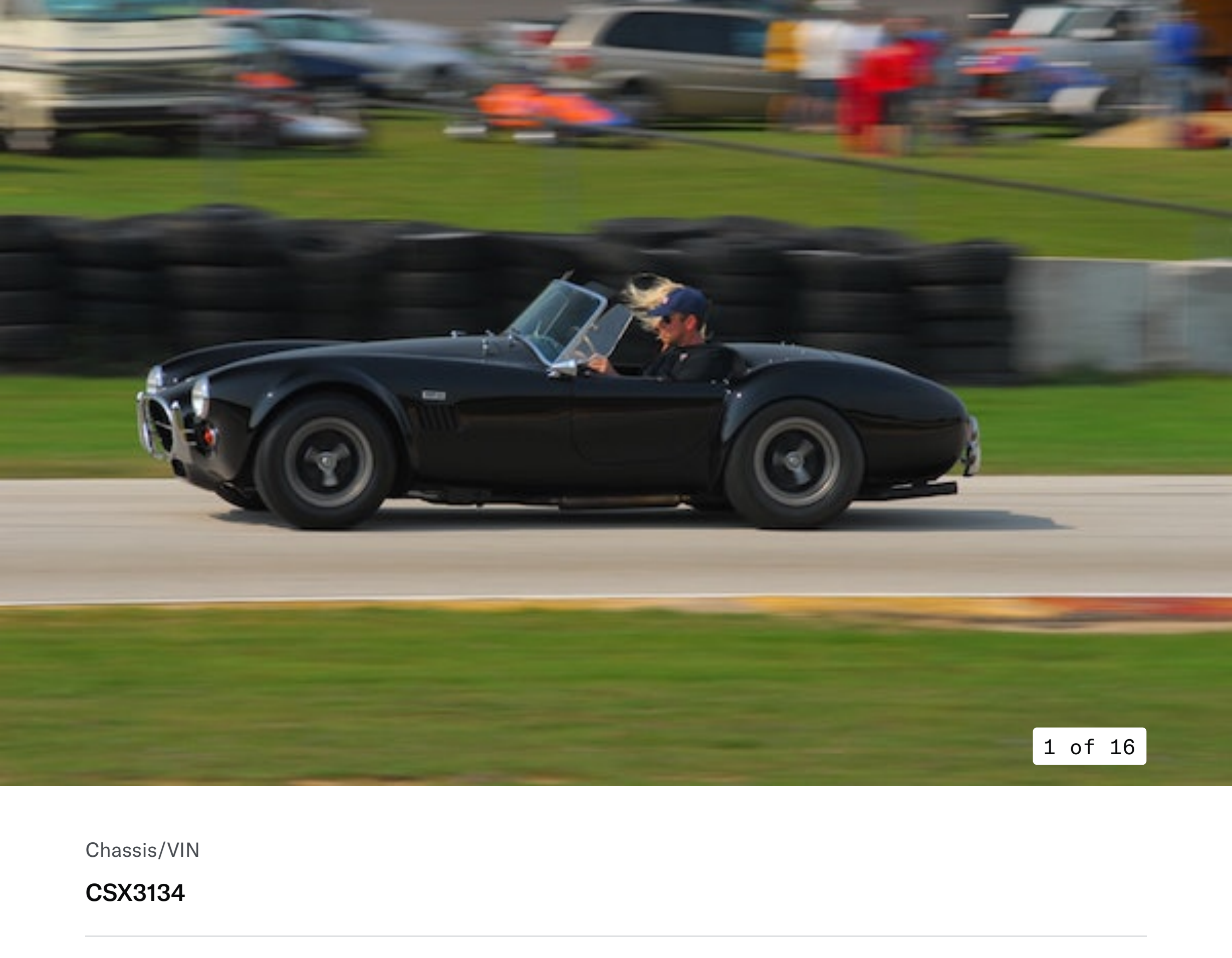
1965 Shelby 427 Cobra

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Chassis/VIN

CSX3134

Engine

8-cyl. 427cid/425hp 2x4bbl

Body Style

2dr Roadster

1 of 32 "Narrow Hip" 427 Street Cars

1965 Shelby 427 Cobra CSX3134:

CSX3134 is one of just 260 original 427 Street Cobras produced. It is not a reproduction or continuation car. Early in the production run, Shelby was unhappy with the appearance of the wide-hip competition body when fitted with the street 7.5 rear wheels in place of the competition versions 9.5 wheels. The solution? After the 25th car was produced a modified rear fender configuration was introduced. These cars (including CSX3134) are known as narrow hip cars. Shelby later deemed it was not worth the added expense to make two 427 Cobra body configurations, and only 32 narrow hip cars were built. This makes narrow hip cars not only the rarest of 427 Cobras but also the most aesthetically pleasing. With their far more fit proportions they look like a proper sports car, along the lines of the original 289 Cobras.

All narrow hip Cobras were fitted with 427 Center Oiler engines, an aluminum Low Riser intake and dual Holley 600 CFM carburetors, under car exhaust, and oil cooler scoop below the radiator opening. They also have the street version dashboard with unique gauge placement. It was a narrow hip 427 Street car that Ken Miles used for his legendary 0-100-0 run of 13.2 seconds, with Jerry Titus riding shotgun.

CSX3134 had an original list price of \$6,425.00 and was sold to its first owner Willis Laatsch in late 1965. Its second owner was Tom Utterback who purchased 3134 in 1967. Herb Wyman, who purchased it in 1972, was 3134's third owner. In the late 1970s Garwin Brown of the Brown and Forman Distillery became 3134s 4th owner, who sold it in 1985 to Roland Anderson. In 2004, a friend of mine purchased 3134 from Anderson upon my recommendation. After watching it languish unused in his garage for two years, I couldn't stand it anymore and became 3134s 7th owner. It now sees regular (and often vigorous) exercise, just as it should! While most 427 Cobras have suffered the indignity of having side pipes, hood scoops, roll bars, fender flares and other components of the Pamela Anderson Starter Kit fitted, CSX3134 remains in exact as-delivered 427 Street Cobra configuration. It has never been restored, only repainted over 20 years ago. It has not been modified, but simply maintained. 3134 is an undamaged original car fitted with all of its original components right down to the grease gun and weather equipment. Proving that others love 3134's honest and original presentation, 3134 was awarded not only "First in Class" but also "Best in Show" at the Road & Track Kohler International Concours in July of 2007 against over 100 of the best sports and racing cars in existence. 3134 then went on to win a Class Award at the Masterpiece Concours in August, 2007 - again, against many pristine flawlessly restored cars at this invitation only event. On the other rare instances where I have subjected this poor car to sitting on a show field it has also been well received, including "Best 427 Cobra" at both SAAC-35 (Sonoma) and SAAC-39 (Road America.)

While other cars may have more shine, or more flash, 3134 wears its patina like a badge of honor-a reward for its 55+ years of enjoyment given and the care it has received in return. She is an elegant movie star aging gracefully and only improving with age. This is another one of my favorites, and a car that gets driven extensively, over 15,000 miles to date since I purchased it including three 1,000 mile trips on the Copperstate 1000 and one Cobra 1000 Tour to date.

CC350's Garage

1963 BTM Cheetah #004

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1995 Roush Trans-Am (GT1) Mustang Race Car

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1954 Jaguar XK 120

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1974 Ferrari Dino 246 GTS

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1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Veloce

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1972 Alfa Romeo GTV 2000

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1958 Austin-Healey Sprite

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1941 Ford Pickup

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2019 Ford GT

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1966 Ford Bronco

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2020 Ford GT500

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1969 Ford Boss Bronco Prototype

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2006 Ford GT

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1979 International (IHC) Scout II

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1953 Kurtis 500S

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1985 Ford Mustang Saleen "Big Wing"

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1964 Shelby 289 Cobra

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1988 Ford Mustang Saleen #01

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1965 Shelby GT350

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1966 Shelby GT350

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1967 Shelby GT500

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1969 Shelby GT500

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1973 Toyota Land Cruiser

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