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WITH THEIR GT500 CS, RETROBUILT CREATED A WAY TO MAKE A NEW MUSTANG LOOK LIKE A CLASSIC 1969 SHELBY GT500



LAST NOVEMBER, JIM OWENS SWUNG OPEN A BIG WAREHOUSE DOOR AT SHELBY AUTOMOBILES. I FOLLOWED HIM INSIDE PASSING BY SHELBY AFTER SHELBY. HE WAS HUNTING THE NEW SHELBY TURBO FOR MY PHOTO SESSION AND TEST DRIVE. IN THE DARKNESS I NOTICED A WHITE 1969 GT500 FASTBACK.

Or, was this silhouette a new Mustang made to appear like a '69? The striping pattern was definitely '69. The overall shape was '69, too. I could see chrome bumpers. But, the roofline and overall dimensions appeared more like a Gen 5.

"What's that?" I had to know.

"It'll be at the press conference

tomorrow," Owens said.

Oh boy, this was another exciting new Shelby in the works. Owens didn't want to go into detail. My initial reaction was a 2010 Mustang with body panels resembling a classic 1969-'70 Shelby.

Basically, I was right. The next day I met Clinton White standing beside this

white-with-red-stripes fastback at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, the site of the press conference. Six-foot-two-and-a-half inches tall and wearing cowboy boots and a dog-eared cowboy hat, Clinton spoke in a Missouri drawl and wore a big smile on his face.

"My first car was a Model A I bought for