



INSTANT REACTION: "The country boys love it," says Clinton White of Retrobuilt's GT500 CS. Among the "country boy" fans is Carroll Shelby.

a new Mustang instead of an old one?

"We were eating dinner at a steak house for some reason, and having a glass of wine after work. And I looked at him and said, 'John, this is a pretty radical idea, but here's what I think. I think we need to take a brand new Shelby and re-body it to look like a '67. Then, you'd drive it every day like you do your Mercedes 'cause it would be fuel injected and have all the things you want.' He said, 'I don't think that's a crazy idea at all,' and called my son up and said, 'build me one.' And that's how all this got started."

The first build was the "RSC/GT," for "Retrobuilt Super Car." The company spent

1,200 hours cutting up a 2007 Mustang GT to accept doors, fenders and quarters from a 1968 Mustang fastback. The metal panels had to be "elongated, stretched and made taller" to fit the Gen 5. They used three OEM hoods to create their custom hood, which was six to seven inches longer than stock. The front end featured 1967 fiberglass Mustang headlight buckets grafted to a fabricated grille surround and fabricated lower bumper cover.

Their next build was even more radical and time-consuming. Starting with a 2007 Shelby GT500, Retrobuilt created a custom tribute to the 1968½ GT500KR.

After building what were essentially two costly prototypes, Retrobuilt basically

