

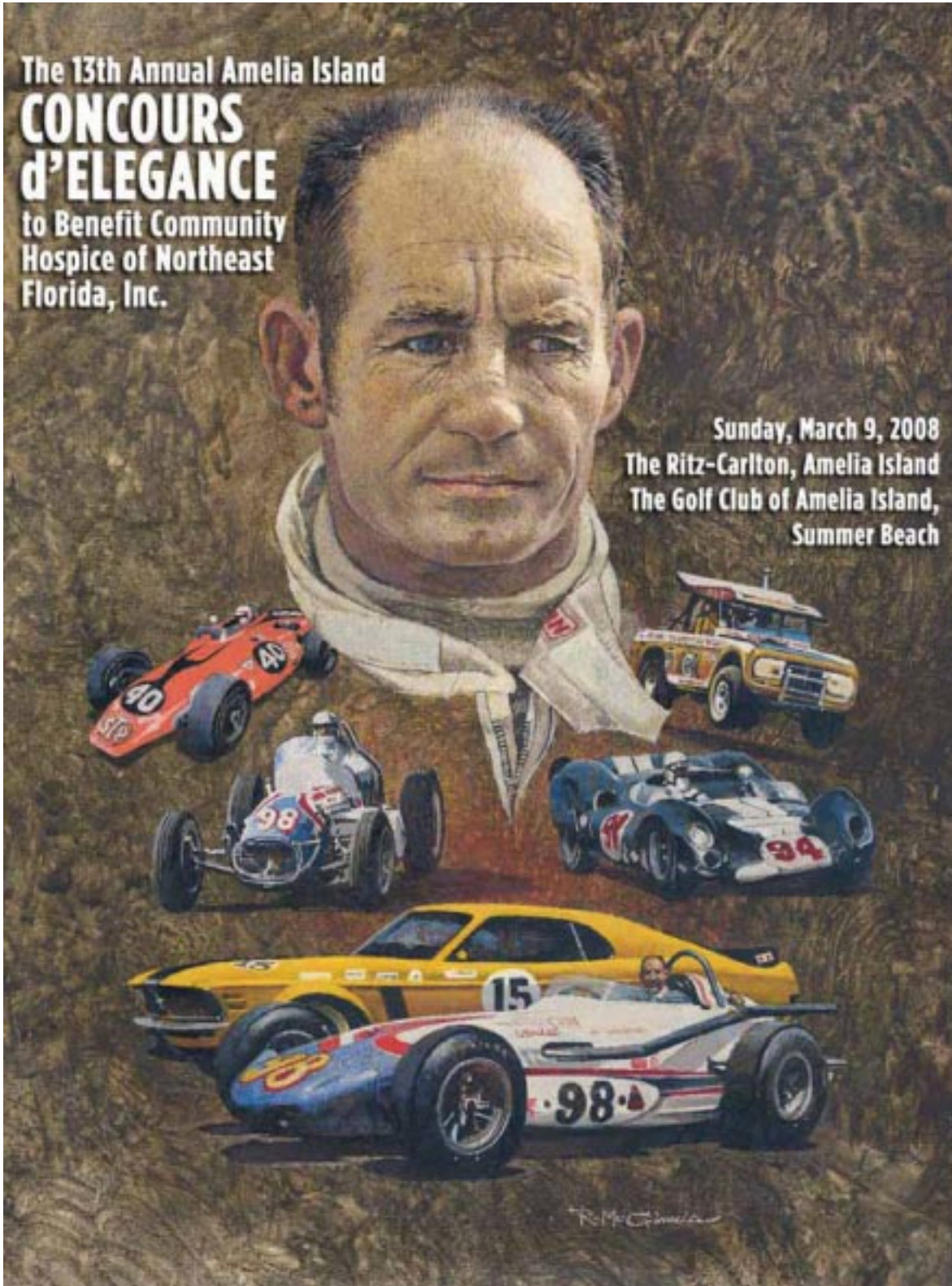


**RING FREE GOES SHOWTIME**



The 13th Annual Amelia Island  
**CONCOURS  
d'ELEGANCE**  
to Benefit Community  
Hospice of Northeast  
Florida, Inc.

Sunday, March 9, 2008  
The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island  
The Golf Club of Amelia Island,  
Summer Beach





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## 2008 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance

THE GOLF CLUB OF AMELIA ISLAND AT SUMMER BEACH

What a way to start 2008! Another honor for car #6. The Historic TransAm Group was invited to display their cars at the 2008 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.

To start things off, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Edelbrock hosted a cocktail party Friday evening for the Historic TransAm Group aboard their yacht VictorEous.



Vic Edelbrock and Tom McIntyre



Everyone enjoyed a wonderful evening as once again, the Historic TransAm Group is as much about the people as well as the cars.



There were many events connected with the show however the highlight for us was the TransAm seminar on Saturday morning featuring TransAm luminaries from the 1966 to 1972 *Glory Years* of the TransAm Series.



l. to r. George Follmer, Parnelli Jones, Dan Gurney, Jan Nelson

The Grand Ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton was packed for the seminar with over 600 people in attendance.

Jan and I decided to sit in the back row. When asked if we could move over to make room for more people I asked the person to my right if the two seats between us were taken, to my surprise it was Parnelli Jones and sitting next to him was George Follmer. Parnelli Jones is the Honorary Chairman for the 2008 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. A few minutes later Dan Gurney came by and sat down. We were able to spend a few minutes talking to them before they were introduced and made their way to the dais.

Bill Warner, chairman and founder of the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, began the session with a brief history of the 1966 to 1972 TransAm series. A video of the exciting TransAm competition of the era accompanied Mr. Warners remarks.

**David Hobbs, a TransAm veteran himself, conducted the question and answer session with Parnelli Jones, George Follmer, Sam Posey, Dan Gurney, John Morton, Horst Kewch, Tony Adamowicz, Tom Yeager, Bert Everet, Judy Stropus, Peter Brock, Gib Hufstader and surprise guest, Bud Moore.**

**The panel recalled many interesting and humorous stories, including those involving, let's say, "the stretching of the rules".**





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Saturday afternoon we brought the cars from the trailer area, along the local streets and in the main entrance of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on the way to the display area.



We were at Bridgehampton for an Open Practice day in the early 1970's when a production company arrived to shoot a commercial with Car #3, the Ronnie Kaplan Engineering, Peter Revson Javelin seen in the background in the above picture. They had some problems getting the car off the transporter so Jan and I lent a hand. We even earned \$5.00 each as "extras" in the commercial. After the shoot they let Jan take the car out for a few laps, see below. Jan took the producer out in the car. For those not knowing Bridgehampton, the main straight ended in a flat out right hand downhill into another right hander requiring a downshift to third. When Jan downshifted, the clutch never came back up! Freewheeling into this second righthander the car spun out into the sand in a cloud of dust. Back on the track Jan had to pick the clutch pedal up off the floor with his foot after each shift. Completing the lap Jan asked the producer if he wanted to go for another lap, the producer declined.



Saturday evening the HistoricTransAm Group got together at a local restaurant for a Pre-Show Dinner.



Chris Liebenberg, Jan Nelson, Marsha Denson, Frank Dobias



During the evening Brian Ferrin distributed glasses to the members commorating the event.





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Sunday saw over 30 original 1966 to 1972 TransAm cars on display. There were also numerous U2L cars.



On display were some of the cars Parnelli Jones drove during his career in NASCAR, Indy Car, Off-Road and ofcourse his 1970 TransAm Championship winning Bud Moore Boss 302 Mustang shown below.



At 11:00 Sunday morning all the TransAm cars started their engines for 10 minutes. As Tom Cotter, co-chairman of the Amelia Island concours put it, "...had people running across two fairways to see where the wonderful V-8 rumble was coming from!". Dan Scanlan of the *Florida Times Union* has a video of the "TransAm Thunder" at <http://www.brightcove.tv/title.jsp?title=1450926589&channel=1155951816&lineup=1333257700>



George Follmer stopped by (above) along with "Miss Hurst Golden Shifter" (below), Linda Vaughn.





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Our good friend and traveling crew member Frank Iacona and Jan



Vic Edelbrock and Jan



l to r - Frank Dobias, Jan Nelson, Steve Sorenson and Gary Underwood, current owners of original Shelby Group II Mustangs.

The Historic TransAm Group was honored with the following awards;

### **BEST IN CLASS**

1971 AMC JAVELIN

Katy and Jere Clark

### **AMELIA AWARDS**

**CARS OF PARNELLI JONES**

1970 BOSS 302 MUSTANG

Harry Lipetz

**TRANSAM**

1968 CHEVROLET CAMARO

Vic Edelbrock

1970 AMC JAVELIN

Bruce Canepa

1967 MERCURY COUGAR

3 Dog Garage

### **CORPORATE AWARDS**

**CONTINENTAL HISTORIC RACING ASSN.**

**FOR MOST OUTSTANDING RACE CAR**

1968 PENSKE SUNOCO CAMARO

Tom and Susan Armstrong

### **AUTOWEEK AWARD**

**FOR THE**

**MOST HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT TRANSAM CAR**

1968 PENSKE SUNOCO CAMARO

Tom McIntyre



Tom McIntyre and his 1968 Mark Donohue Penske Sunoco Camaro



At the show were 3 original Shelby prepared Group II Mustangs. Our 1966 (#72), the 1966 car of Steve Sorenson (#86) and the 1967 car of Gary Underwood (#33 facing forward).