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The tyres of this Shelby Cobra are still warm from the RAC TT

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Race on Sunday, sell on Monday – there could be not better proof of the old rule than this 1963 Shelby Cobra. After competing in the RAC Tourist Trophy Celebration at the Goodwood Revival last weekend, it's now for sale in the Classic Driver Market...





Having witnessed Shelby Cobra CSX2112 running close to the front of the ultra-competitive RAC Tourist Trophy at the Goodwood Revival and even leading the race for six laps, it's hard to believe that this very car led a peaceful life on American roads in the first 37 years of its existence. Having owned the car for more than 20 years, Jim Gould turned the Cobra into a track car in 2000 to compete in vintage rallies. After buying CSX2112 in 2012, the current owner took on the European historic racing scene, scoring many wins and podium finishes, including two victories in the Peter Auto Sixties Endurance race during the Spa Classic.



After a crash during the 2016 Goodwood Members Meeting, the car's bodywork was meticulously repaired by G&A Fabrications as well as a mechanical overhaul by Classic Racing Cars Ltd, one of the world's leading preparers of racing Cobras. With a rebuilt V8 engine, gearbox, suspension and brakes as well as a new fuel cell and fire system, CSX2112 was better than ever. In 2018, the car's body and interior were extensively restored by Brooklands Motor Company. Described by its current owner as 'one of the most competitive, best-handling, attractive and front-running FIA racing Cobras in Europe', the race-prepped car is the ideal entrant for next year's Goodwood Members' Meeting, Tour Auto or Modena Cento Ore. The car is currently offered for sale in the Classic Driver Market by Nicholas Mee & Company.

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