

My Car's Story

As told by Larry Beach

A PAIR OF KINGS

I was born with the love for cars in my blood. My dad is a car guy. He worked for the Ford Motor Company for as long as I can remember. When I turned 16, I used to drive his 1985 Mustang GT to school. I've had numerous Mustangs over my life and so has my dad. But nothing compares to what we have now.

I remember the first time I saw the 2008 GT500KR in person. It was at the Texas State Fair. I was in awe! In my opinion, it was a thing of beauty; Perfect in every way. I hoped that one day I would be able to own one. Since there were only 1000 ever made, they were way out of my reach, but a guy can dream right?

A few years later, I decided to visit my dad in Toledo, Ohio. He always had a new Mustang. I knew he had a triple black 2004 Cobra Convertible, but I had no idea what he was going to show me. He opened the garage door, and there sat a black 2008 GT500KR! I nearly fell down when I saw it. He started it up and the exhaust growl was something I had never heard before. It was beautiful music! He backed it out and we looked it over. His had received a few modifications and was putting down 605 horsepower to the rear wheels. The car was stunning. We took it out for a drive and he let me drive it. I admit, I was scared of it. I had never been behind the wheel of a car like that!



I returned to Florida, but couldn't get his car out of my mind. My desire to own one of my own grew, but I didn't think I would ever find one in my price range, and I really wasn't looking either. But one day in October 2014, I happened to be looking at Craigslist when I saw a black 2008 GT500KR for sale in Clearwater. The price was low and I initially thought it was probably a clone. I went to take a look at it anyway, and immediately knew it was the real deal. I made the owner an offer and the car was mine!

As I drove the car back to Orlando, I couldn't believe it was real! Not only did I finally have my own KR, but my dad and I had twins! I called my dad and told him what I bought. He was in as much shock as I was! My goal then was to somehow get our two cars together. My dad's car had 3000 miles on it. There was no way he was going to bring it to Florida, so I would have to go to him. I knew he was going to take it to the Ford Nationals in Carlisle, PA. I arranged to go to the show and surprised him. It was the first time our two cars have ever been together since being built.

Since that time my dad has moved to Florida and our twins have been together numerous times now. My dad and I have been to numerous shows, poker runs, monthly breakfast meets and even driven on Palm Beach International Raceway. We have since upgraded both of our cars so they continue to maintain their twin status. While he's still at 605 HP, I'm closer to 725 HP. According to the Shelby registry, we are the only father and son team with twin KR's.



The cars have brought us closer together and will forever be in our family.