

Racing legend donates car from personal collection

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NASCAR legend Bill Elliott last week donated a 1937 Ford from his private collection that will be raffled off to raise money to support the Dawsonville History Museum.

"It's for a good cause and that's all that matters. Maybe it'll bring a lot of money. That's what we need it to do," Elliott said.

The Gibbon Fiberglass car was built in the late '80s and has a 356 cubic inch 351 Ernie Elliott-built engine.

"I've probably driven it 100 miles in 20 years," Bill Elliott said.

The car will be auctioned off during the 47th annual Mountain Moonshine Festival in October.

"It's being donated to the live auction portion of the Moonshine Festival for the Dawsonville History Museum which has

just last week received its official 501c3 status," said Cindy Elliott, the NASCAR champion's wife and a Georgia Racing Hall of Fame board member.

There will also be a silent auction leading up to the festival.

"The silent auction portion will open on Wednesday the week of festival and will run all the way through Saturday at 1 p.m.," Cindy Elliott said. "Everything will be on display right inside the doors of the alleyway of the hall of fame. Then, 10 minutes after the close of the live auction, the silent auction will begin.

"We hope a lot of people will come out and support us. We hope a lot of the local businesses will give donations to support the silent and live auctions."

The Mountain Moonshine Festival will be held Oct. 25 and 26 in downtown Dawsonville.



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Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Unveils Class Of 2014 At Gresham Motorsports Park

The Class of 2014 inductees to the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame boasts one of the most successful dirt track campaigners in the state's history, a historic driver turned car builder, a veteran wheelman who ruled the short tracks and competed in NASCAR, a legendary Super Modified driver and a legendary pioneer drag racer.

With fans packing the grandstands, the five new inductees into the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame were announced Saturday night on the frontstretch of the historic, high banked half-mile Gresham Motorsports Park in Jefferson, GA, as the speedway hosted "Georgia Racing Hall of Fame" night as part of a big night of racing at the famed speed-plant.

The five new inductees include multi-time dirt track winner and champion Leon Archer of Griffin, GA, race driving winner turned champion car builder Roscoe Smith of Griffin, GA, short track ace and

former NASCAR Sprint Cup driver Jack Pennington of Winston, GA, Super Modified race and

championship winner Charlie Burkhalter of Athens, GA and pioneer drag racer and NASCAR car owner Julius Hughes of Atlanta, GA.

The announcement was made during the opening ceremonies of the

graph session featuring several past Hall of Famers, including Charlie Mincey, Ronnie Sanders, Warren Johnson, Hubert Platt, Charlie Bagwell, Hoyt Grimes and Bruce Brantley, along with members of this year's class. Also on hand were other members of the "Fast 15" semi-finalists, including former AMA Motorcycle and Stock Car champion Tammy Jo Kirk and veteran stock car ace Harold Fountain.

The 2014 Georgia Racing Hall of Fame Induction banquet will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014 at 2 pm at the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, located inside the Dawsonville Municipal Complex in Dawsonville, GA.

A limited number of seats for the banquet will be available. For more information, call the Hall of Fame at (706) 216-RACE (7223) or go online to georgiaracinghof.com.



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