

# MCAACN BARN

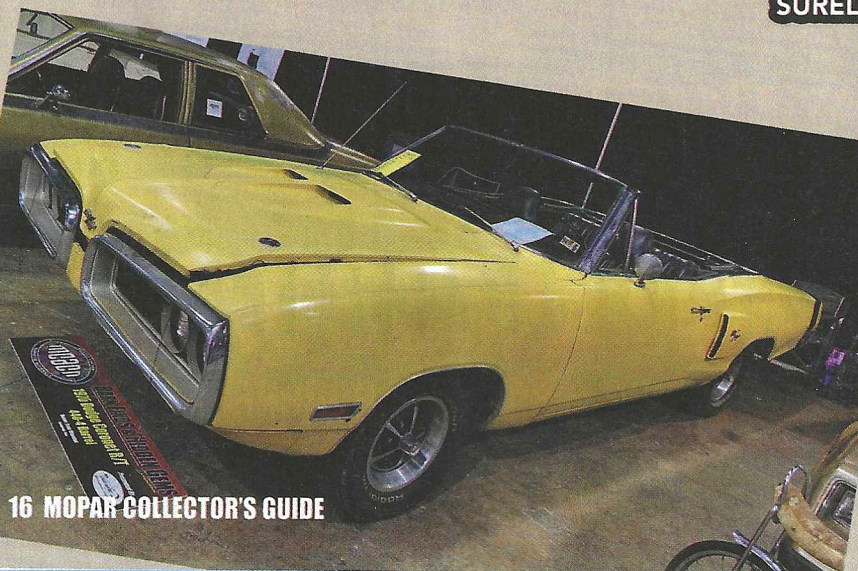


Every year, Ryan Brutt (The Automotive Archeologist) and Bob Ashton team up for the MCAACN event to showcase the greatest muscle car “barn find” cars of the year. This area has consistently been one of the most popular attractions, allowing spectators to see some serious treasures just as they were when pulled from long-term hibernation. The 2024 Barn Finds section was, once again, sensory overload, and it was filled with some ultra-rare cars.

The Barn Find section usually contains twenty-five cars, but there were a few additional cars scattered about the building because of space limitations. These cars always get an unreal amount of attention from the crowd. While the OEM restorations get the attention they deserve, year after year, we’ve watched people spend a lot of time looking at these diamonds in the rough rather than looking at the restored cars, because hey,

**WE’LL START WITH THE MACHINE THAT GREETED PEOPLE ON THE LEFT FRONT CORNER OF THE DISPLAY AND WAS A MAJOR ATTENTION GETTER. RYAN BRUTT’S FRIEND, DAVE HUNTER, OWNS THIS ONE, AND IT’S NOT SO MUCH A RECENT BARN FIND AS IT IS A CAR THAT’S WAITING ITS TURN (RYAN DID A VIDEO A WHILE BACK ON YOUTUBE SHOWING THIS CAR). UNDERNEATH THE RUST AND FILTH, THIS IS A FACTORY SILVER HEMI ‘68 CORONET R/T CONVERTIBLE THAT WAS BORN WITH A RED INTERIOR, RED RUMP STRIPE, AND A WHITE TOP! IMAGINE WHAT A GORGEOUS COLOR COMBO THAT’S GONNA BE! ONLY SEVEN OF THESE CARS WERE BUILT IN 1968, AND THIS ONE IS SURELY A ONE-OF-ONE.**

**EVAN WHEATON FROM BAINBRIDGE, OHIO BROUGHT ONE OF THE BETTER LOOKING MACHINES IN THE BARN FIND SECTION, A RECENTLY DISCOVERED 1970 CORONET R/T CONVERTIBLE WITH A 440 AUTOMATIC FOR POWER. THIS ONE IS ACTUALLY VERY WELL PRESERVED AND SHOULD BE A RELATIVELY PAINLESS RESTORATION.**

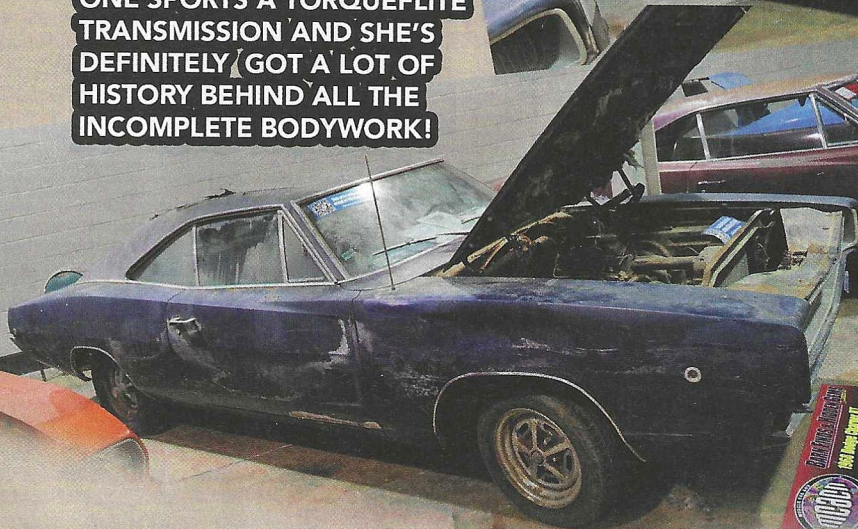


# FINDS

MOPARS5150 BROUGHT THIS HIGHLY UNUSUAL '69 HEMI CHARGER R/T, THAT'S A FACTORY MAROON METALLIC CAR. THIS ONE SPORTS A TORQUEFLITE TRANSMISSION AND SHE'S DEFINITELY GOT A LOT OF HISTORY BEHIND ALL THE INCOMPLETE BODYWORK!



WHILE THIS DARK BLUE METALLIC '68 CHARGER R/T IS A LITTLE WORSE FOR WEAR THESE DAYS, IT'S YET ANOTHER WEST COAST CAR THAT MOPARS5150 MANAGED TO DREDGE UP OUT OF OBSCURITY AND IT DEFINITELY HAS A FUTURE NOW.



JUST WHEN YOU THINK EVERY T/A OR AAR E-BODY HAS BEEN FOUND, 5150 DISCOVERED THIS LONG ABANDONED '70 PLUM CRAZY T/A CHALLENGER PROJECT CAR, WHICH WAS TORN APART AGES AGO AND APPARENTLY THE PROJECT STALLED AT THAT POINT. MOST OF THE MISSING PARTS ARE STILL WITH THE CAR, AND SHOWING IT LARGELY "JUST AS FOUND", THERE WERE LARGE PLASTIC TUBS OF TRIM PARTS SITTING IN THE COCKPIT.

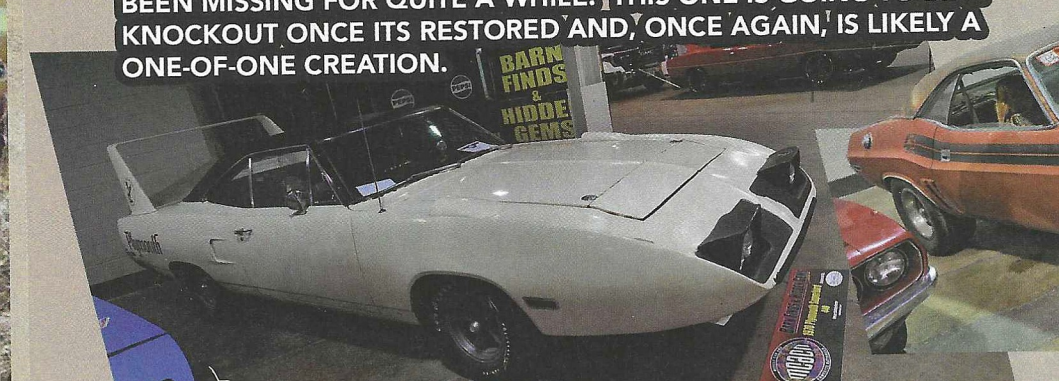


THIS MOPARS5150 OFFERING WAS ONE OF THE MORE "FUN" CARS IN THE DISPLAY. THEY'VE ALREADY GOT THIS ONE RUNNING AND DRIVING AGAIN AND HAVE BEEN USING IT AS A CRUISER AROUND THEIR SHOP IN CALIFORNIA! SHE'S A FACTORY 440+6 'CUDA WITH AN ARGENT SHAKER AND A VINTAGE CUSTOM BLACK VELOUR INTERIOR!

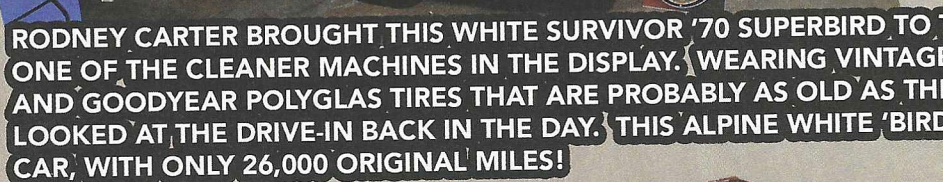





ONE OF THE MORE EXCITING CARS BROUGHT IN BY MOPARS5150 WAS THIS 1971 HEMI CHALLENGER R/T THAT WAS VERY WELL OPTIONED. COMPLETELY ORIGINAL, THE HEMI ORANGE R/T WAS MISSING ITS BLACK VINYL TOP AND THE SOUTHWEST HEAT HAD COMPLETELY COOKED ITS BLACK VINYL INTERIOR AND TURNED IT INTO POTATO CHIPS! THIS ONE TRULY IS THE BARN FIND MACHINE WE ALL DREAM OF.



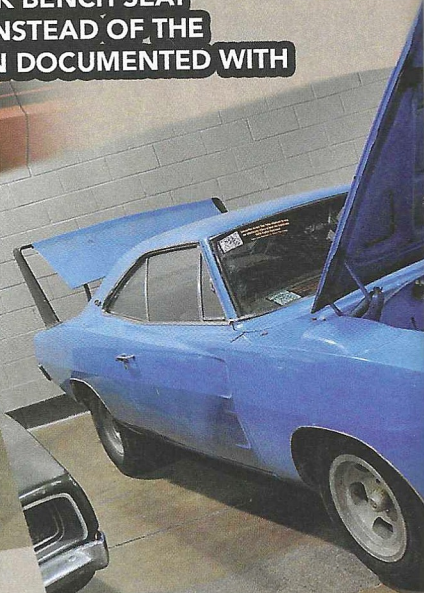
EVAN EDWARDS CAME ALL THE WAY FROM MANITOBA, CANADA TO SHOW OFF HIS UNIQUE PANTHER PINK 1970 CORONET 440 HARDTOP, THE LOWEST TRIM LEVEL AVAILABLE IN THE CORONET LINE FOR 1970, THIS ONE WAS DRESSED EXTREMELY WELL WHEN NEW WITH A WHITE BUCKET SEAT INTERIOR, A WHITE VINYL TOP, THE PINK PAINT (OF COURSE), AND IT ORIGINALLY HAD A 318 AUTOMATIC POWERTRAIN, BUT THAT'S BEEN MISSING FOR QUITE A WHILE. THIS ONE IS GOING TO BE A KNOCKOUT ONCE ITS RESTORED AND, ONCE AGAIN, IS LIKELY A ONE-OF-ONE CREATION.



RODNEY CARTER BROUGHT THIS WHITE SURVIVOR '70 SUPERBIRD TO THE EVENT, AND IT WAS ONE OF THE CLEANER MACHINES IN THE DISPLAY. WEARING VINTAGE TORO-THRUST MAGS AND GOODYEAR POLYGLAS TIRES THAT ARE PROBABLY AS OLD AS THE CAR, THIS IS HOW THEY LOOKED AT THE DRIVE-IN BACK IN THE DAY. THIS ALPINE WHITE 'BIRD IS A 440 FOUR-SPEED CAR, WITH ONLY 26,000 ORIGINAL MILES!

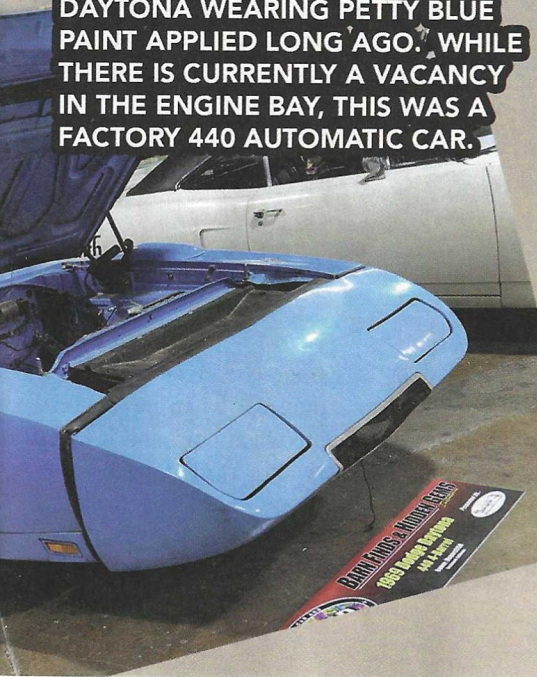


MOPARS5150 SCORED BARN FINDS GOLD WITH THIS INCREDIBLE ORIGINAL 1971 HEMICUDA, WHICH THEY FOUND, OF ALL PLACES, ON FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE! HEAVILY OPTIONED AND LARGELY ORIGINAL, IT'S AN ODD ONE WITH A COLUMN SHIFT AND A BLACK BENCH SEAT INTERIOR! IT ALSO HAS FACTORY "426 HEMI" EMBLEMS ON THE SHAKER INSTEAD OF THE EXPECTED "HEMICUDA" EMBLEM. ONLY A COUPLE OF 'CUDAS HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED WITH THIS NON-STANDARD USE OF THE EMBLEMS.



let's face it, these things each have a unique personality, they blow the lid off of everyone's imagination, and they're just downright cool. These are the cars everybody dreams of finding, but only the most fortunate among us out there actually succeed. Back in the eighties, finding these things wasn't such a big deal, but these days, we always hear from frustrated pickers that all the good cars have already been found. And, every time we hear that, we tell them, no, they haven't. And every year at MCACN, the Barn Find display never fails to prove that absolutely true. Let's face it, if they're still finding prewar supercharged Mercedes and Stutz's in sheds and barns (and they are), we'll all be dead and gone and they'll still be finding Road Runners, Superbirds, and 'Cudas that were stashed away decades ago. It's a big country, and there are a lot of little shops and garages out there, it doesn't take long for a car to completely drop off the radar, and when they do surface again, it's always a surprise. This year featured something a bit unique. Mopars5150 out of Brentwood, California brought an entire truck load of cars! Mopars5150 is well known for their YouTube and Instagram blogs and misadventures involving old Mopars, and they have a penchant for finding unrestored original cars. All that said, here's some of our favorite Mopar barn finds that were displayed at MCACN, in all their rusty and dusty glory. ✖

**ANOTHER OF THE MOPARS5150 CARS OUT OF CALIFORNIA WAS THIS MOSTLY ORIGINAL '69 DAYTONA WEARING PETTY BLUE PAINT APPLIED LONG AGO, WHILE THERE IS CURRENTLY A VACANCY IN THE ENGINE BAY, THIS WAS A FACTORY 440 AUTOMATIC CAR.**



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