

RRS Newsletter

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WHY NOT GO THE EXTRA MILE?

That's the approach Robinson Restoration and Service feels is such an important part of what we're about.

Tracey's 24 Hour Grab.

Sounds simple:

Find a "barn find" collector car and restore it!



Tracey heard about a rare Dodge D-Dart of which only 50 examples were built by the Dodge factory in 1966 for NHRA D-Stock drag racing.

Being the current owner and racing a 1966 Dodge D-Dart as an SCCA A-Sedan / TransAm car in historic racing he was more than intrigued.



So, Tracey literally put the phone down and made arrangements to get on the road to Northern Nevada. He left Denton, TX and arrived at the barn find location within 24 hours of being made aware of the "find".

Upon arrival Tracey inspected the Dodge D-Dart, including unique serial numbers which he is one of a very few to know how to identify.

He then discovered the original Dodge factory documents delivered with the car to be in the car and totally intact and legible!

- The 1966 Dodge D-Dart was built by the factory for NHRA drag racing and it was in its original form..... but, the years in storage has set in!
- Engine had to be totally rebuilt.
- The interior was destroyed by rodent population and all of the upholstery, dash, carpeting, etc required replacement.
- Complete rebuild was required of the drivetrain, suspension, wheel bearings, shocks, gearbox and differential.
- All electrical systems and wiring in the car had to be replaced as factory original.
- Fortunately, the floorboards were intact and could be refurbished.
- But, a decision was made after careful evaluation to preserve the original condition of the exterior body and paint for historical value. Even though Tracey has the best body shop technicians, paint booth, materials and painters available, they all concluded to leave the body and restore the existing body paint to a luster that is higher quality than delivered by the factory in 1966.
- This is the short version of the countless hours and attention to detail that is required to accomplish the integrity of a historical restoration.

There you have it, easy to do - NO! But with Tracey's RRS determined team and expertise they restored the 1966 Dodge D-Dart to its original condition preserving the historical value with only 13 known to remain of the original 50 production vehicles.

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