

1968 Ford Torino GT 428 Cobra Jet: Family Heirloom Restored | David Sullivan's Story at MCACN

We were honored to meet David Sullivan at the 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals and help unveil his amazing 1968 Ford Torino GT 428 Cobra Jet, a family heirloom with a history that's as thrilling as it is sentimental.

David Sullivan, known for his roles in television and film, unveils the heartwarming narrative behind this exceptional muscle car. A car show isn't merely about machines; it's about the profound stories woven into them. Watch as David shares the emotional journey of his father purchasing this unique vehicle brand new in '68, only to sideline it for decades to prioritize family.

The Torino, ordered with a rare all-black exterior and red interior, was a symbol of speed and passion. However, family responsibilities led to a pause in its journey until David took the reins, restoring it with a dedicated team from Billups Classic Cars.

Witness the touching moment as David and Kevin Oeste unveil the once neglected Torino GT, now gleaming in the spotlight, a tribute to a father's legacy and a son's devotion.

More than just a muscle car show, the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) is a place where stories come to life. David's Torino is more than just a car. It's a symbol of family, love, and the choices we make in life. His journey to restore it is an inspiring testament to the power of perseverance and the memories we hold dear.

But this video is just the beginning. We want to hear your stories too!

- Do you have a family heirloom car?
- What special memories are tied to it?
- Are you considering restoring it?

Share your thoughts in the comments below, and let's celebrate the cars that connect us to our past and inspire us for the future.

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1970 Buick GSX Prototype Show Car Muscle Car Of The Week Episode 284 Video V8TV

**** UPDATE:** It's with heavy hearts that we regret to inform that the owner / caretaker of the 1970 Buick GSX "Prototype" show car Brad Conley has passed. He's owned this extremely special car since 1978, and it is largely responsible for our host Kevin Oeste's obsession with Muscle Cars. Please join us in extending our condolences to the Conley family, but also our deepest appreciation to Brad for finding, restoring, and showing this amazing car that touched so many lives.

Most of us have a particular car that left a mark on us, and this Muscle Car Of The Week left a burnout on host Kevin Oeste's brain like a Buick 455 burning bias ply tires across a slick parking lot. This week, Oeste is united with a childhood dream car, seeing the 1970 Buick GSX Stage 1 "Prototype" show car in person for the first time at the 2018 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Chicago. It was one of many special moments from the MCACN show, and a great example of why all muscle car fans should attend this amazing event. Special thanks to car owner Brad Conley for the personal tour of the GSX.

Interview With Owner Brad Conley: <https://youtu.be/KWdznFjK4fs?t=7702>

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2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Recap, Automotive Trivia, on the V8 Radio Podcast

Kevin Oeste and Mike “Q-Ball” Clarke chat about their recent trip to Chicago for the 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Show! The 2023 MCACN show brought out hundreds of the most amazing Muscle Cars in the world, and Kevin was once again honored to help unveil some of the Featured Restorations and Emcee the event. Keep your eye on our V8TV YouTube and Muscle Car Of The Week channels for new videos from the event. Of course, there’s automotive trivia and some other nonsense along the way, making it a legendary episode of the V8 Radio Podcast!

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This amazing 1970 Oldsmobile 442 W-30 convertible is wearing an unusual color for an Oldsmobile, it's actually a factory Chrysler color called Plum Crazy Purple! However, this amazing car was painted by General Motors in this Chrysler color back in 1970 and is considered correct for the car. How can this be? We got the whole story from restore Allan Steinbock at the 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show in Chicago.

This is not just a pretty face, as this 442 features the 455 V8 engine with the W-30 performance package, including an aluminum intake manifold, hotter camshaft, tuned carburetor, and other blue-printed engine parts. It also features sport suspension, and the W 27 rear axle as well.

Although it is not a typical car, it is typical of the types of amazing and rare muscle cars found each year at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Show in Chicago, we hope to see you there!

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2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals Preview Special Episode of V8 Radio Podcast

Muscle Car fans from around the world are gearing up for the 2023 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show in Chicago, and we have MCACN Managing Partner Bob Ashton on the V8 Radio Podcast for an exclusive show preview! We are really looking forward to seeing legendary designer, engineer, and racer Peter Brock at the show, in addition to all the amazing cars! Bob, Kevin Oeste and Mike "Q-Ball" Clarke throw down automotive trivia questions, laughs are had, and much more on the V8 Radio Podcast!

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1971 Plymouth 'cudas are scarce, even more so are the 17 440 convertibles built that year, and this one is one of the hottest! This 1971 'cuda convertible features a 440 six-pack V8 engine breathing through a shaker hood, and is coupled to a 4-speed manual transmission. The list of options is long on this car, including front and rear body-colored bumpers, front and rear spoilers, dual color-matched side

racing mirrors, leather bucket seats, a Dana rear axle, and much more. We caught up with owner Bob Bartosiewicz after unveiling the freshly restored 1971 440 'cuda convertible at the 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show where he shared some of the cool stories behind this amazing muscle car. Would you believe it was ordered new by an FBI agent? Who specified every option except power windows? Bob tells us all about it in this special episode of Muscle Car Of The Week from the 2022 MCACN show!

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1971 Pontiac GTO Judge 455 4-Speed Pilot Car Restored at MCACN Muscle Car Of The Week

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We originally featured this great-looking 1971 Pontiac GTO Judge Pilot car on episode 338 of Muscle Car Of The Week, and now it has just been unveiled at the 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals with a new owner and completely restored! Gary Riley of Level One Restorations takes us through the car.

PRE-RESTORATION VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/QUpWdezpa-k>

It's believed to be the first '71 Judge off the line, and it was used as an evaluation car to confirm assembly procedures and details for the '71 Judge program.

And a cool history, the car has indeed. You may recall that the original Judge

concept was to sell a low-frills GTO to compete with other bare-bones Muscle Cars like the Plymouth Roadrunner. However, It's interesting to note that the Judge began to pick up extra equipment over the years, and by '71, you could get almost anything you wanted on the Judge. This one is lots of comfort options like power steering and brakes, comfy bucket seats, pushbutton radio with an 8-track, and wood grain dash trim.

The original dealer is noted as Pontiac Motor Division Engineering Development on the invoice, and when you couple that with the low sequence VIN and the early production date, you have further evidence of this car's place in GTO Judge history.

But this 1971 GTO Judge is not just cool because of the pilot car status. It's a fully-stocked rockin' machine featuring all kinds of signature Pontiac goodies, starting with the 455 HO engine. The 455 got the round port Ram Air IV cylinder heads to help it breathe through the aluminum intake manifold, resulting in 335 HP, but also churned up 480 lb-ft of torque as soon as you stabbed the throttle. All that twist worked up the heavy-duty clutch and close-ratio Muncie 4-speed transmission, but the Safe-T-Trac rear end did what it could to put the power to the pavement.

1971 saw the revised nose design on GTOs, and this one is made from the flexible Endura material. The rear wing adds to the speedy look, as do the color-keyed side sport mirrors. Honeycomb wheels and raised white letter tires complete the look.

Our first feature of the car showed it in mostly original condition, and now it is as fresh as brand new. What do you think? These are the kinds of cars you can see in person at the Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals in Chicago!

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1969 Dodge Charger Daytona 440 at Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals 2022 MCACN

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The 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals featured an unbelievable display called "Wings Over America", and it consisted of dozens of "Wing Cars", also known as 1969 Dodge Charger Daytonas and 1970 Plymouth Superbirds. These factory-built customs shared some of the same distinctive modifications made to their NASCAR racing counterparts. In fact, Dodge and Plymouth were required to build street-legal versions of their race cars in order for the race cars to be legal in NASCAR stock car racing. They called it "homologation", we call them awesome.

This amazing 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona is wearing a fantastic color combination of orange with a white interior and Daytona wing stripe. The owner claims the car is wearing most of its original sheet metal. The orange steel wheels with "dog dish" hubcaps and redline bias-ply tires look perfect on the car, and the original white interior still looks great today.

Under the extended hood you'll find a 440-4 barrel V8 backed by a 4-speed manual transmission. A Dana rear axle spins the tires.

Perhaps one of the greatest attributes of the car is how the owner drives the car as much as he can, with his wife and young kids on board. They all enjoy the ride... and who wouldn't love a bright orange and white Dodge Daytona? This video was shot at the 2022 Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals show in Chicago.

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2022 SEMA Moments, MCACN Preview, Automotive Trivia, and More on the V8 Radio Podcast!

Mike “Q-Ball” Clarke and Kevin Oeste recap the 2022 SEMA Show and look forward to the new developments to come next year. A highlight for Kevin was hosting the SEMA Central Stage and interviewing people from all aspects of the automotive world, but perhaps the most memorable was surprising SEMA CEO Mike Spagnola with a Mikey Thompson streamliner model kit... just like the one Mike built as a kid that got him enthused about cars! Tears were shed, for sure. Other notables included Top Fuel racer Antron Brown, Hoonigan rally driver Ken Block, and more. Of course, you’ll find Automotive Trivia and much more on the latest V8 Radio Podcast!

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The Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals had enough cool cars on hand to make any Muscle Car fan's head explode. In this video, we chat with Dan Vasic about the amazing 1970 Buick GS 455 Stage 1 4-Speed Convertible display. These are some very rare and powerful cars disguised as luxury rides, and the display was very popular at the MCACN show!