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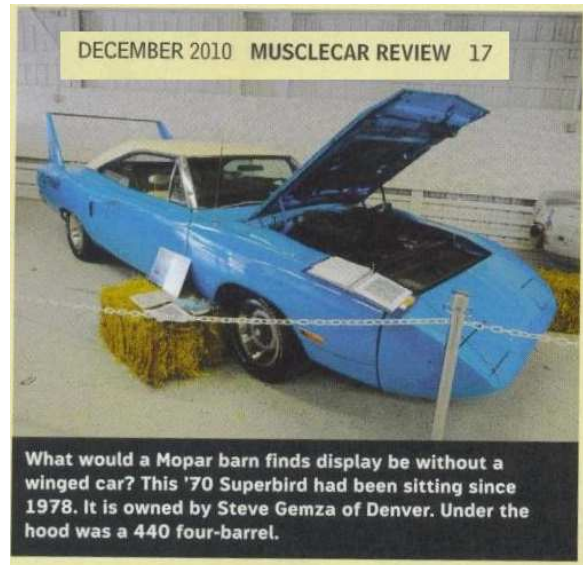


"BANNED BIRD" NHRA TOP STOCK ELIMINATOR

Plum Floored Creations' latest car to debut in 2016



Banned Bird



Concept: A real Barn Find 1970 SUPERBIRD turned into a new 700-HP SUPER STOCK Street car.

The “Banned Bird” appears at first glance as a barn find drag car brought straight out of the 1970’s. The style of the sponsor decals and art work on the car looks period correct (old looking), but that is just the hook. Under the skin the car has been modernized with a current generation drivetrain and suspension. The car is to be capable of an 11-second quarter mile and have no issue with a 2,000 mile road rally. All modifications to this rare bird are to done in a manner that can be painlessly removed if a future owner wishes to return the car back to stock.

Car: Spending 25-years in a barn helped keep this car under 30,000 miles. It is a true Superbird that had not been modified other than being repainted from B5 to Petty Blue prior to 1978.

Engine: The heart of this build is a Chrysler Gen III all aluminum 6.1L HEMI block from *HEMI TUNER PERFORMANCE* bored and stroked to “around” 440 CID by *INERTIA MOTORSPORTS*. Inside is a premium rotating assembly with *CP-CARRILLO* pistons and Molnar crank shaft, capped with CNC ported Thitek aluminum 11.0:1 heads hand worked by *PHIL COLEMAN*. A 244/254 camshaft courtesy of *CROWER* controls the oversized valves. A *MILODON* rear sump oil pan with windage tray and trap door will cap the bottom.

Engine Management: An aftermarket fully programmable ECU and management system from *HOLLEY* is utilized. A twin pump *ATL* fuel cell is used to feed the motor for any action it sees.

Transmission: A custom built 6-speed 4L85 based automatic from *ZERO GRAVITY PERFORMANCE (ZGP)* is used for this build along with a *WILCAP* transmission adapter. An 11-inch 3500 rpm stall converter with lock up capabilities will handle the power transfer.

Front Suspension: Fresh tubular front K member, rack and pinion steering, and double adjustable coil over shocks. The 1.5” drop spindles will provide the 1970’s rake angle.

Rear Suspension and Axle: A ProLink rear suspension replaces the old leaf springs with a triangulated 4 link system and a Watts Link. A Strange Engineering S60 (Dana) rear axle with a Tru-Trac locker at 3.54:1 replaces the Superbird’s original factory 8-3/4 rear.

Brakes: The “1970’s tech” brake system is replaced with current technology Wilwood 4 wheel disc brakes and master cylinder from *MAGNUMFORCE RACE CAR FABRICATORS*. The 11-inch rotors with 4-piston calipers up front will provide the much needed rapid deceleration.

Exhaust: The sound system consists of 2" primary headers from [TTI](#) with 3-1/2" pipes and 3-1/2" side exiting exhaust. Electronic cut outs allow using the mufflers when getting groceries.

Cooling: An oversized custom aluminum radiator with dual [SPAL](#) electric cooling fans keeps the air moving when it is not naturally flowing into the bird's original steel nose. A custom chin spoiler helps to bring in more air (and adds to the aggressive race look!).

Wheels and Tires: Vintage style slicks/skinny tires and rims for the track, with conventional size for the street and cross country touring. T/A Radials and S/S rims thanks to [BFG](#) and [CRAGAR](#).

Exterior: The "Petty Blue" circa 1970's paint job will provide the perfect patina complimented with vintage style graphics and decals. All decals are "weathered" to match the appearance of the existing paint. A [STINGER FIBERGLASS](#) hood saves the original steel one from modification. A new white vinyl top from [LEGENDARY INTERIORS](#) relieves the torn 1970's one.

Concept Renderings and Distressed Decal Artwork: Created by [Spencer Ward-Bowen](#).

Shows: The Banned Bird will be at many 2016 events including NASCAR, drag races, and cross country tours. The full schedule is listed and updated on the car's web site www.bannedbird.com and [FaceBook/bannedbird](#) page.

This is our second Superbird converted to a Gen III motor, but the first real 'Bird. Plum Floored Creations' cars have been featured on television including Car Crazy, Autoweek TV, SEMA TV, and in the Fireball Run Movie. We have been covered by Autoweek, Popular Hot Rodding, Mopar Action, Super Rod, and others. Our vehicles have been featured in prominent national market campaigns by our sponsors as well. We run our cars on the track as well as feature them in shows. We have run three Cannonball Run events, placed First in Class, and Second overall twice. (These have been USAC sanctioned events). Our cars have been on display at SEMA from 2006 to 2014. We attend national and regional shows with our vehicles. We are very active with social media, with some of our cars having dedicated Facebook pages. We have had our vehicles shot in professional 4k video, and all of our builds are professional photographed with images provide to our sponsors. We **greatly value our sponsors** and take pride in providing maximum value back to our sponsors.

- We look forward to hearing from you.

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