

LEADER OF THE PACK!



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**CAN YOU
BEAT THIS CAR?
'69 6-PACK
SUPER BEE
POINTS LEADER!**

The Mopar hobby is loaded with cars that have gone from rags to riches. Cars that were far more dead than alive, then lovingly restored to standards Chrysler never dreamed of. The Six Pack Super Bee featured here could be the poster child for showing what can be achieved with obsessive dedication to settle for nothing short of perfection.

Back in 1992, Calvin Smith of LaGrange, OH, went to the Charlotte Auto Fair looking for a Six Pack Super Bee. Having collected Mopars for years, a Six Pack Bee with the right combination of options had eluded him. Calvin was shocked when he found the object of his desire sitting atop a trailer in the swap meet area. Of course, things were not quite as rosy as they are now.

The Super Bee had recently been pulled out of a junkyard in central Alabama! A Six Pack four speed Super Bee had remained in a salvage yard largely unmolested as late as the early 1990s! There sat the Hemi Orange 1969-1/2 Bee still wearing its original faded paint and cracked decals across its rump. Amazingly, the original hood was still in

place, the factory 440 was still up front, the four speed was intact, and the body was solid as a rock; only a crumpled right front fender marred the original sheet metal. That's the good news. The bad news was much more obvious.

The Super Bee had been used for quite some time as a doghouse! A rather large dog had obviously spent a lot of time inside the Dodge and the seats were practically nonexistent. What little else

remained of the interior was also torn to shreds or chewed beyond recognition.

To make matters worse, the Bee had apparently spent some time near a fickle body of water. Waterlines inside and out indicated that the Dodge had been partially submerged in at least a few floods. Presumably, flood damage is what led to the Dodge being transformed into a doghouse and eventually to its retirement at the salvage yard. While the car was largely complete and had minimal rust, that's about all that could be said in the Dodge's favor.

Negotiations on a purchase price took two weeks, by which time the Super Bee had been taken home to Hennigar, AL. With trailer in tow, Calvin went to fetch the well optioned prize and get busy restoring the machine to former glory. Once home in Ohio, the B-body was pulled apart for the restoration. This is when the obsessive perfection mentality grabbed Calvin and took a firm grip. Calvin's always wanted a lift-off hood Super Bee. Now that he had one, the car had to be better than perfect!

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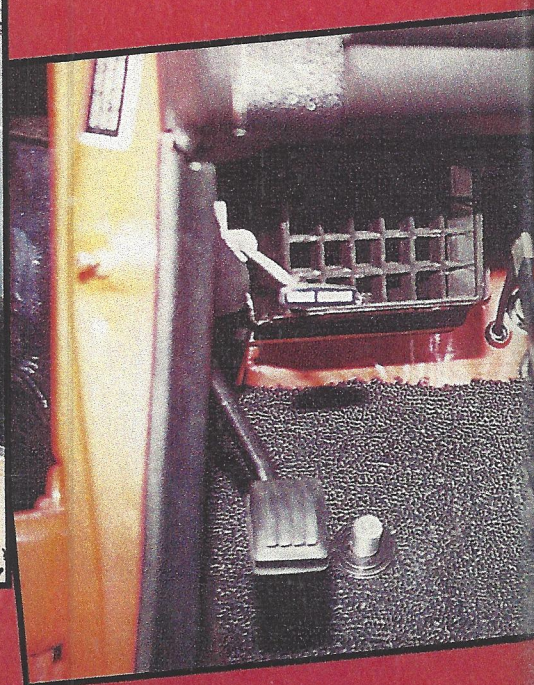
A perfect fender replaced the dented one, but the rest of the sheet metal remains original factory equipment.

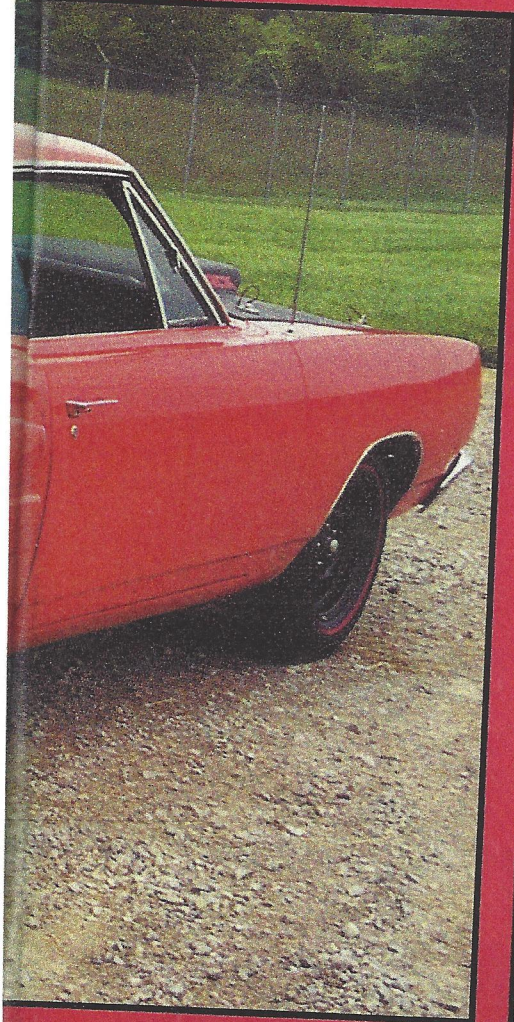
Once the flanks were smooth, a base coat/clear coat acrylic enamel paint job went on in the original Hemi Orange.

Then, the Bee went into hibernation while the parts hunt shifted into high gear. Calvin put feelers out and spread the word from coast to coast for NOS and correct date coded parts. If it fit a '69



Calvin spent countless hours behind the dash. Every wire, every hose; everything behind the dash has the factory correct part number tag. A new level of fanaticism may have been reached here!



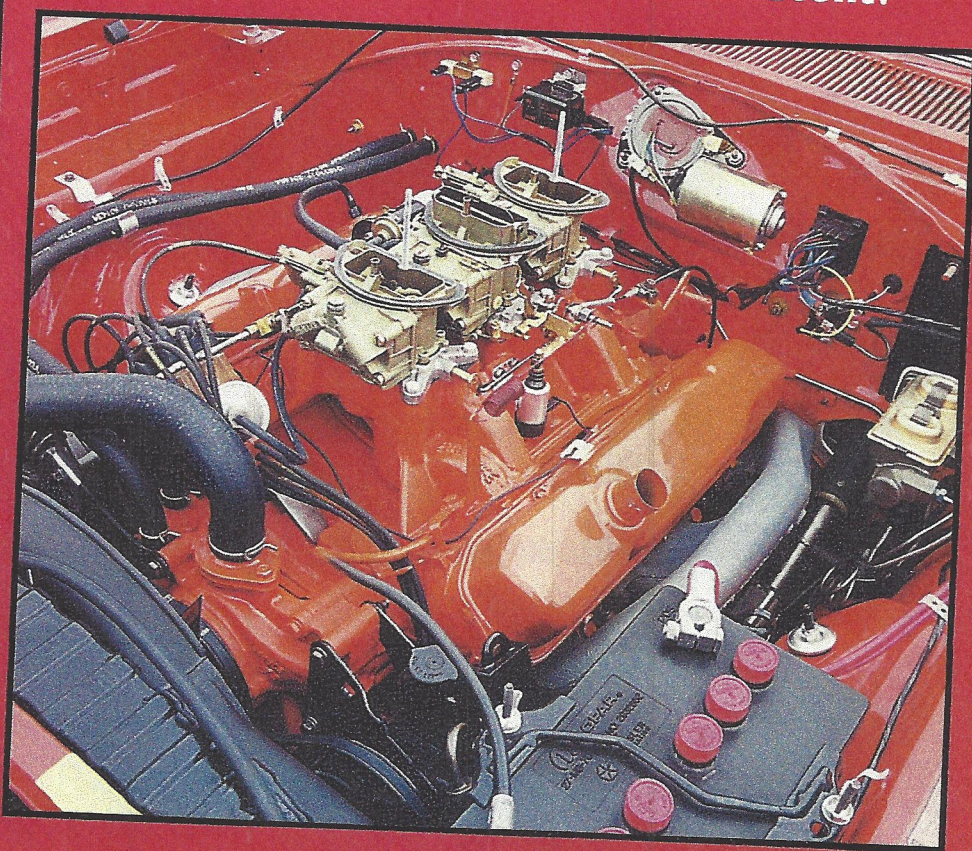


steel wheels, NOS rearview mirrors; you name it! If not NOS on this one, it's a flawless used piece. One of the hardest pieces to find was also the largest part the Super Bee was missing. For some reason, the original Dana 60 rear had been replaced with an E-body rear end years before. Painstaking parts scrounging netted Calvin a correct 1969 B-body 4.10 Super Track Pack Dana that has the correct date code for this car!

Throughout the restoration, fanaticism is not a word used lightly here. Calvin is the first to admit to this. "I built this one the way I wanted it because this is what I wanted. It's better now than it was new, and I can't think of anything that could have been done that would have made the car better."

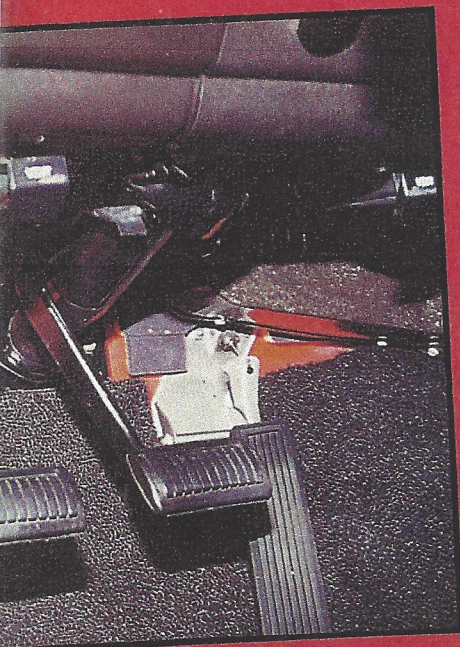
One look under the dash will

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Super Bee, he wanted it.

The search netted him some incredible finds, including a NOS windshield in California, NOS wheel opening moldings, like new correct date coded



prove this quickly. All the wires are correctly coded, tagged, and every nut and bolt under there is phosphated, cadmium plated, or powder coated. Even the seat frames are powder coated!

The original 440 and 833 four speed were rebuilt back to stone stock specs. All the smaller parts in the engine bay are correctly date coded, as are the hoses, belts, and wires. There's even a correct radiator warning tag hanging from the radiator neck! Literally, you could shave using the reflection in the Hemi Orange on those valve covers!

Calvin finished the restoration literally the day before we took these

photos at the Chrysler Classic in Columbus, OH. Then the Super Bee went on to destroy the competition in the MCG 2000 show car points series. Calvin's Bee instantly set a very high marker for the competition to shoot for at the remaining points series events. Calvin plans on making a run for the points championship with his mega restored '69 Bee. Is there a better restored Mopar out there right now? If so, Calvin's unreal Super Bee is certainly up to the challenge of a concours competition duel! You never can tell, yesterday's doghouse can very well be next year's luxury suite! ✽

Point Standings

Car Show

Points

Smith Calvin	Lagrange	OH	88-1/2 Super Bee	122
Comstock John	Grove City	OH	88 Plymouth Max Wedge	120
Crouch Ron	Pataalska	OH	87 Hemi Charger	115
Hagenhoff Jim	Jeff. City	MO	88 Road Runner Conv	115
Diehl Ray	Carnegie	PA	78 Magnum	114
King Larry	Lancaster	OH	69 Road Runner	114
Lehman Martin	Washington	IL	67 Coronet R/T	114
Jones Dave	Downs	IL	67 Charger	113
Kraeger Don	Millbury	OH	71 Road Runner	113
Lasko Joe	E. Brunswick	NJ	72 Duster 340	112
Mann Ron	Louisville	OH	88-1/2 Road Runner	112
Bender Steven	Columbus	OH	98 Ram 1500	111
Evans Sheri	Cisne	IL	89 Charger	110
Roberts Michael	Ashville	OH	76 Feather Duster	110
Bosserman Terry	Findlay	OH	87 Viper GTS	108
Crowell Mike	Newburgh	IN	70 Challenger	107
Dawson Michael	Newport	VA	70 Dart Custom	107
Galaske Larry	Hamilton	OH	79 300	107
Bonant Dave	Gibsonia	PA	68 Road Runner	105
Fuechlin Dick	Cranberry Twp.	PA	68 Charger	105
Haas Paul	Baltimore	OH	70 Cuda	105
Shaffer James	Dearborn Hgts.	MI	99 Dakota Sport	105
Verbock Michael	Bridgeport	WV	68 Belvedere Hemi	105
Zarkis Paul	Avoca	MI	70 Road Runner	104
Allen Gary	Pataalska	OH	69 Cuda 440	102
Mayle Eric	Delaware	OH	96 Ram Indy	101
Trick Ronald	Eastlake	OH	69 Charger	101
Blankenship Charles	Ashville	OH	64 Savoy Max Wedge	100
Theis Byron	Van Buren	OH	72 Charger	99
Barker Jeffrey	Piketon	OH	64 Belvedere	98
Stevenson John	Wadsworth	OH	70 Road Runner	98
Gossler James	Hermitage	PA	65 Monaco	97
Dean Jimmy	Painesville	OH	69 Road Runner	96
Goehring Bob	Evans City	PA	65 Belvedere II	96
McCoy Orb	Westland	MI	70 Road Runner	96

Points

Ream Bruce	Washington	OH	64 Dodge	96
Camp Ken	Springfield	OH	65 Coronet 500	94
Haney Larry	Harrisville	PA	73 Road Runner	94
Bowling Vernon	New Holland	OH	95 Coronet	93
Diomasso Matt	Cleveland	OH	96 Ram Indy	93
McCauley Dwight	Richmond	IN	77 Midnight Charger	93
Cullen Richard	Greenville	PA	64 Sport Fury	92
Kennedy Thomas	Summit Station	OH	72 Challenger	92
Hunsaker Tom	Springboro	OH	69 Barracuda	91
Cobb George	Jamestown	OH	72 Road Runner	90
Guy Jim	Hilliard	OH	64 Savoy	89
Coleman Mike	Morning View	KY	69 Super Bee	88
Leake Rodney	Montgomery	WV	72 Duster	88
Moffat Bill	Lancaster	OH	65 Belvedere	88
Meier Robert	Columbus	OH	87 Shelby-Lancer	87
Kirkendall John	Lucas	OH	70 Super Bee	86
Crawford Roger	Winchester	VA	99 Neon	85
Lytle Jim	Columbus	OH	71 Duster 340	85
Goldfarb Samuel	Groveport	OH	97 Viper GTS	83
Hughes Robert	Sidney	OH	65 Sport Fury	83
Dawson Tina	Newport	VA	70 Dart Swinger	82
Kohr Dennis	Myerstown	PA	69 Dart GTS	81
Firewicz Mark	Pittsburgh	PA	99 Prowler	80
Veal Gordon	Saline	MI	36 Chrysler Cpe	80
Kansy Brian	Garfield Heights	OH	00 Dakota R/T	78
Scott Allen	Gahanna	OH	70 Hemicuda	77
Roddy Gary	S. Charleston	OH	83 Mirada	76
Mitowski Phil	Stevensville	MI	69 Daytona	75
Hopkins Les	Mantua	OH	97 Viper GTS	73
Iden Todd	Pataalska	OH	96 Viper GTS	72
Burch Chris	Huber Hgts	OH	70 Charger	70
Friend Richard	Cincinnati	OH	59 Fury	70
Houghland Jeff	Chillicothe	OH	69 Road Runner	70
Olson Mark	Gahanna	OH	70 Superbird	70
Nemeth Jeff	Westerville	OH	82 Ram 150	58
Brown Jayson	Columbus	OH	67 Newport	48
Stewart Jennings	Murrysville	WV	96 Trail Charger Concept	10

Big Dog

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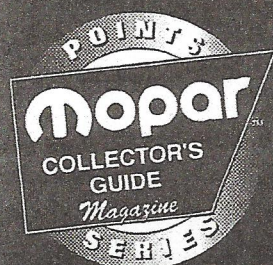
Hemphill Tom	Clarksburg	PA	69 Barracuda	80
Cook Rick	Painesville	OH	90 LeBaron	50
Hurst Jeff	Fairborn	OH	95 Dragster	50
Allen Gene	Pataalska	OH	94 Dragster	40
Jones John	Moscow	OH	91 LeBaron	40
Savola Mike	Manchester	MI	92 Daytona	30
Zaturski Cliff	N/A	N/A	86 Daytona	30
Debottis Pat	Howell	MI	95 Avenger	20
Fields Dave	Delaware	OH	99 Dragster	20
Staats Richard	Marietta	OH	88 Dragster	20
Vanosdall Dennis	Grand Island	NE	33 Roadster	20
Vislosky Tim	Indiana	PA	88 Charger	20
Allison Rick	Camby	IN	93 Daytona	10
Claypoole Mark	Harrisville	PA	71 Duster	10
Harrison Johnnie	New Carlisle	OH	73 Duster	10
Kathe Jerry	Xenia	OH	70 Cuda	10
Lesley Danny	Indianapolis	IN	97 Avenger	10
Moore Manda	Mt. Vernon	OH	89 Dragster	10
Piwowar Martin	Dearborn Hgts.	MI	67 Dart	10
Wheatcraft Chris	Jamestown	OH	98 Dragster	10

Max Wedge

Points

Doman Sean	Attica	OH	64 Plymouth	70
Lubinski John	N. Ridgeville	OH	64 Savoy	60
Horn Bill	Caldwell	OH	64 Fury	50
Day Jeff	Dellroy	OH	64 Fury	40
Marchand Joel	Navarre	OH	65 Coronet	40
Andrews Denny	Lancaster	OH	65 Coronet	30
Betzel Ken	N. Ridgeville	OH	64 Savoy	30
Dinkel John	Pinkney	MI	64 Plymouth	30
Mayle Greg	Cutler	OH	63 Belvedere	30
Mizia Joe	Bridgeville	PA	64 Belvedere	30
Nichols Jim	Centerburg	OH	64 Savoy	30
Adamek Len	Shelby	MI	63 Savoy	20
Day Harley	Dellroy	OH	64 Savoy	20
Elmore Brent	Crawfordsville	IN	63 Savoy	20
Feathers Ron	Marietta	OH	64 Plymouth	20
Holley Dennis	Portland	MI	64 Savoy	20
Krause Bill	W. Newton	PA	63 330	20
Lash Sam	N. Olmsted	OH	63 Dodge	20
Marchand Jason	Navarre	OH	65 Coronet	20
Meyer Brian	Noblesville	IN	65 Coronet	20
Wise Carl	Mineral City	OH	63 Belvedere	20
Duell Doug	Evansville	IN	64 Plymouth	10
Ewing Joe	Evansville	IN	63 Dodge	10
Kohr Allen	Fredricksburg	PA	63 Polara	10
Millward Jeff	Columbia St.	OH	64 Savoy	10
Morgan Ben	Newark	OH	64 Savoy	10

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