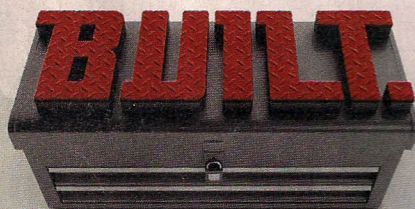


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## FLIGHT OF THE GASSER

AFTER PLENTY OF BATTLES, MACKEY'S GASSER VAN TAKES OFF *by Thom Taylor*

In typical *Hot Rod* style, Mackey's Hot Rod shop in Huntington Beach, CA, built a hot rod out of a van — a Gasser-style hot rod van. Gassers were the wild 1960s drag racing door slammers jacked up in the air with big engines on Nitro — think Stone, Woods and Cook, Big John Mazmanian, etc. Mackey's took the most impossible vehicle, a 1968 Chevy Van, and combined with a war bird theme created with aircraft parts sourced from eBay Motors, built a one-of-a-kind, badass van. A 13-seconds-in-the-quarter-mile, badass van.

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What drove this project was a challenge. eBay Motors proposed that *Hot Rod* and three other rags — *European Car*, *Four Wheeler*, and *Lowrider* — build a project with parts purchased exclusively from eBay Motors. The buildups would be broken into episodes

that would run on BUILTfromEBAY.com, with viewers voting for their favorite project. Each garage was building for a charity that would receive the proceeds when the vehicles were auctioned on eBay. Mackey's chose the Semper Fi Fund, which makes the war bird theme doubly cool as it ties in with the chosen charity, an especially worthy charity at that.

Mackey's was all-in from the start even though they were handicapped with a van instead of something cool like an El Camino or Jeepster. Then they received the van a week later than the other shops got their cars. Coming from the Midwest, the rust worm had done a number on the lower half of the van, but they persevered. 1960s Chevy Vans are oddballs in the reproduction parts world — there aren't a ton of new parts sources to begin with — but eBay Motors had plenty of new parts such as new window rubber and suspension pieces, authentic bomber seats and aircraft gauges, and a lot more.

When you put it all together — taking a van from yecchh to excellent, making a Gasser out of a geek, using a fighter theme, and promoting the Semper Fi Fund in the