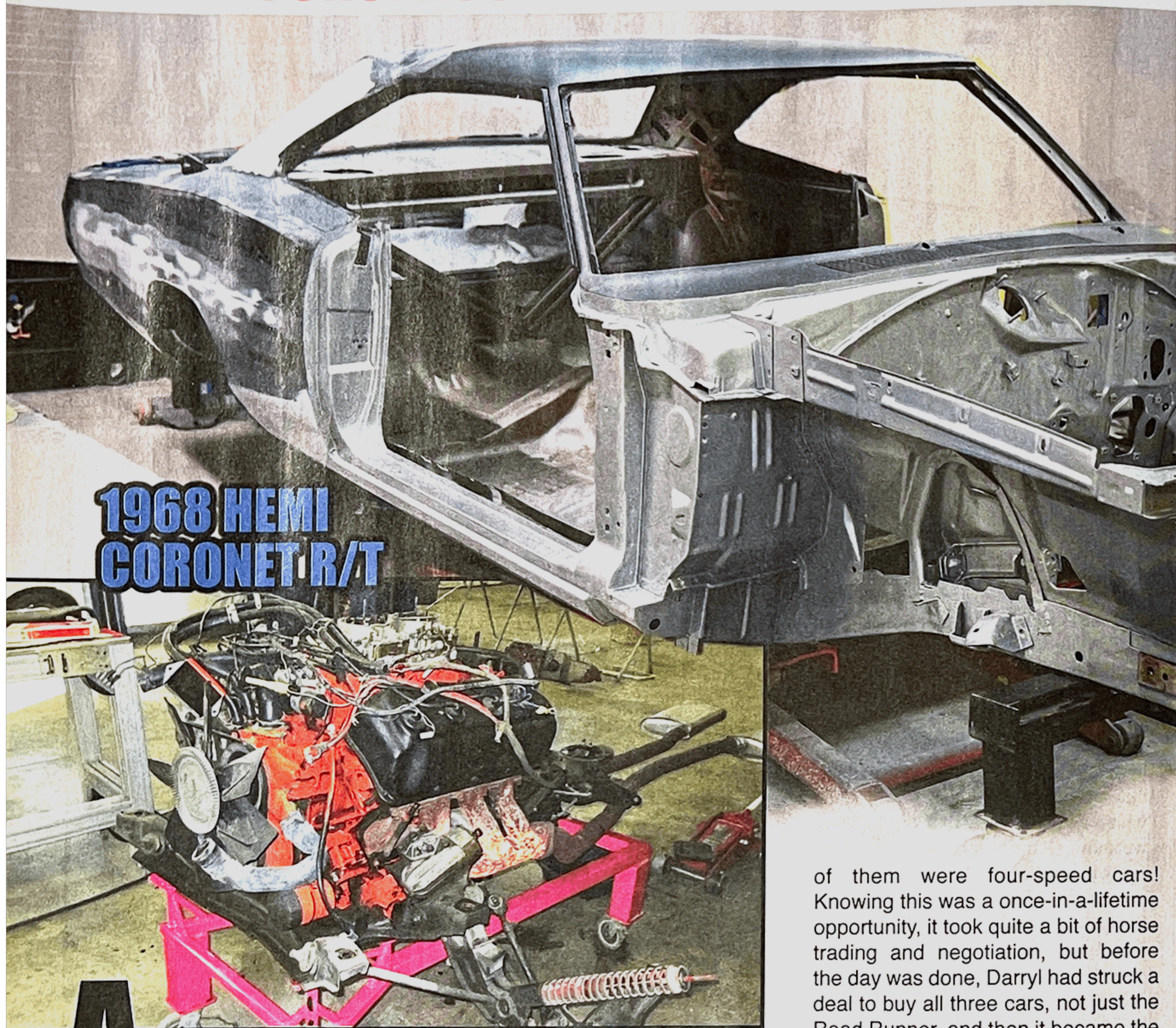


UNDER CONSTRUCTION FUTURE SHOW STOPPERS



**1968 HEMI
CORONET R/T**

Andrew White, up at Apex Autosports, has had his work featured more times in the pages of MCG than we can count on both hands, and for good reason – Andrew and his crew turn out some of the finest restorations in the country. Another name you'll likely be familiar with is Darryl Wischnewsky, because while Darryl is a hardcore collector down in Houston, he sends all of his muscle car restorations up to Apex in Wisconsin. Together, over the last half dozen years or so, this combination has turned out a steady stream of

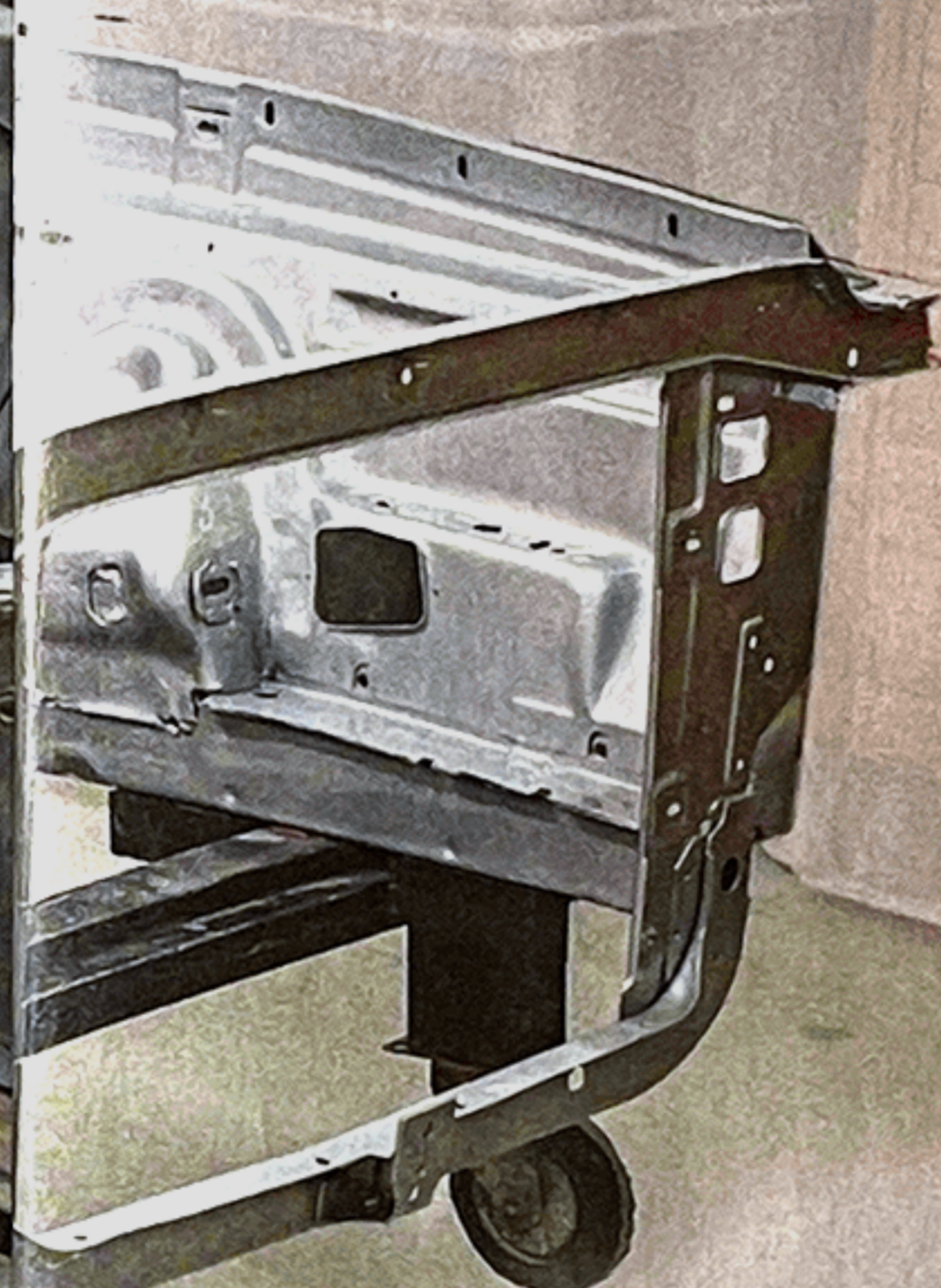
OEM award winners at national meets all over the country, so quite wisely, the guys are sticking with the age-old credo, if it ain't broke, don't fix it!

While 2020 was a year most of us would like to forget, not everything was absolutely terrible for everybody. Darryl spied an advert back in the early part of the year for a '68 Hemi Road Runner for sale in Georgia. Upon going to investigate the car, it turned out the same guy also had a pair of 1968 Hemi Coronet R/T's sitting in the garage, and both

of them were four-speed cars! Knowing this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, it took quite a bit of horse trading and negotiation, but before the day was done, Darryl had struck a deal to buy all three cars, not just the Road Runner, and then it became the task of figuring out which one to send to Andrew for a full-bore restoration first. On looking at photos of the cars, it didn't take them that long to decide on this one, because while no '68 Hemi Coronet R/T is exactly commonplace, this one is very much out-of-the-ordinary.

Seen here stripped to its bare bones, the restoration began in September, 2020 at Apex. Andrew tells us this one has been a fantastic car to restore because it was a very clean original, wearing only one cheap old 1980s repaint. Thus, they've managed to keep all the body

panels and it's an all matching numbers machine. This was a special ordered car when new, coming in the unique extra-cost "Buffed Silver Metallic" paint, without a vinyl roof and this is a stripe delete car, so that's a whole lot of silver! The original owner also deleted the console, so the shifter just protrudes through the



floor between the black bucket seat interior. It came with the plain painted steel 15x6" wheels and redline tires, and, of course, everything is going back exactly as it was as per the broadcast sheet, which is thankfully still with the Coronet. The Hemi and drive train are already finished as this is being written and the car itself will be painted by the time you read this, with reassembly and finishing up hopefully done by the middle of summer. Andrew and Darryl are planning to unveil the R/T at the MCACN event in November and, as soon as this one's finished, the other Hemi R/T that was sharing garage space with it in Georgia, which is a blue car, will be heading to Apex for its revival.

Kudos to Andrew and Darryl for keeping the hits coming, and all this goes to demonstrate, yet again, there are still some darned cool cars sitting out there tucked away in garages! ✱

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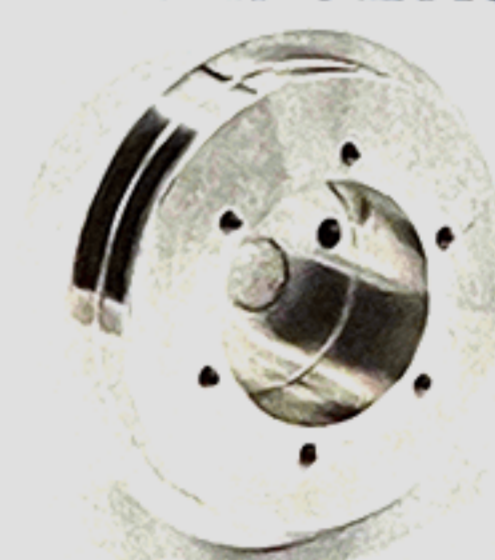
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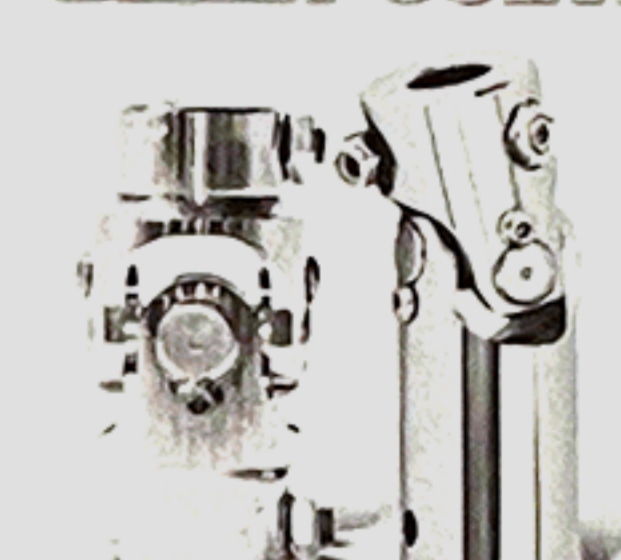
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