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FUTURE MOPAR SHOW STOPPERS

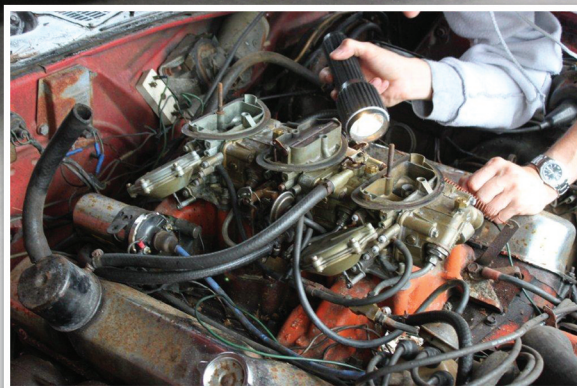
LAST 70 PROMO CHALLENGER FOUND!



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ichael Mancini, up at American Muscle Car Restorations, recently unearthed one of the “Holy Grail” of E-body finds and they’re about to begin restoration on this holy relic for a longtime customer. Last July, Michael got word about a Challenger R/T convert sitting stashed away in a barn where it had been for decades. He investigated, and on August 2, 2011, the red/red/white machine you see here finally came out of hiding and proceeded to their shop. What’s so special about this E-body? Aside from the obvious point that it’s an R/T convertible? Good question.

On the first day of Challenger production, August 2, 1969, Dodge built seven nearly identical red/red/white Challenger convertibles for use as public relations, auto show, and magazine road test cars. This one is the last one of the seven that had been unaccounted for! With the discovery of this car, all seven of the 1970 Challenger PR department show cars are now accounted for and still survive. This one was in the hands of its second owner, who’d owned it since the seventies, and it’s still wearing its original paint and is absolutely untouched. Making things better, it’s a 440 Six Pack car with a Pistol Grip four-speed and a 4.10 Dana rear. As with the other six red show cars, this one also



has a luggage rack on the deck and just about every option available.

We’ll have more on this one in an upcoming issue, but since it spent a lot of years in a northern barn, despite appearances, the convert needs a total restoration. By the time you read this, Michael and the crew at American Muscle Car will have begun their work, so stay tuned for updates on this important find. ✖