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FEATURE: If you're interested in seeing cool, custom, classic cars then this month's feature is a must see!!!

In this issue we are featuring a custom 1960 Buick Lesabre owned by one of our customers John and Jane Burke from New Mexico. John contacted us in searching for a quality, chrome finish for his one of a kind custom project. John first tried us out by sending several pieces for us to restore. Once he saw the quality of our chrome, he knew he found the right place! Over the next 2 years, we helped John with several chrome orders. It was always great to hear the beginning ideas of the project, the updates and progress of the build. The final outcome far exceeded my expectations. We were honored and thrilled to be part of this one of a kind build.

When I first heard the ideas for the '60 Buick, I knew John was building something awesome! John's design ideas were inspired by jet airplanes. He wanted the car to have a streamline, jet look. John knew he needed the right guys to help build his ideas and hired

Aaron Lobato and Jimmy Gutierrez from US Kustoms in Albuquerque NM. Aaron Lobato's work has been featured multiple times in various hot rod magazines. Twelve times to be exact. Aaron and Jimmy do amazing work and have built themselves a great reputation with their skills. John defiantly found the right guys to help and as a team they created one sweet, custom ride.

The '60 Buick was modified from front to back and top to bottom. They used parts from other years and makes which is no simple task. As Aaron explained it is not only important to make the parts look like they belong but they also need to function as they should.

For the front they decided to use a HUGE front bumper from a 1960 Imperial. This bumper worked out perfect and really pulled off the front look of the car. The guys did a great job getting that large bumper to fit and look original to the vehicle. The custom front grille was made up of fourteen 1950 Mercury hood ornaments. The fourteen missile shaped hood ornaments give the front of the car a fully locked and loaded jet airplane look. To help maneuver the car they used a steering wheel from a '60 Imperial. The front bucket seats are from a Camaro and they used two '65 T-Bird center consoles, one for the front and one in the back. In the center of the back seat you will find the fifteenth '50 Mercury hood ornament used for this project. The pop up exterior door handles are off of a Fiat Barchetta. This was a unique touch considering most of the other parts were used from vintage cars from the 50s and 60s. The exterior color is Emberglow from PPG paint. The exterior color goes great with the two tone custom leather interior.

To give the Buick a more stream line, jet look it received a 1 ¾" chop. A new RideTech air suspension provides that low, jet flying stance. The wide white walls tuck nicely when the Buick is laying frame. The added curves to the rear fins and jet engine style tail lights ties in perfect to the jet design look. With the '60 Buick being powered by an LS3 Corvette engine it is ready to take flight. John, Aaron and Jimmy spent 2 years transforming the 1960 Buick Lesabre. They were able to complete the project just before the 2018 Grand National Roadster Show in California. It was time to introduce to the Hot Rod world "Jet Sun" or "Jet" for short. The long hours and hard work were for this moment. This was their game day. "Jet Sun" placed 3rd out of 100 cars at the 2018 Grand National Roadsters Show. The other 100 cars were also some awesome, custom rides. Placing 3rd amongst the caliper of competition that day says a lot. "Jet Sun" flew onto the hot rod scene and people sure did notice. In late July they will be in Salina KS for the KKOA show. If you have the opportunity to see "Jet Sun" at that show we recommend checking it out. The car looks awesome in the photos but seeing first hand you can truly appreciate the craftsmanship and skill that went into this one of a kind build.

TESTIMONY: I got a biggie off my bucket list. I designed and built my dream car with the master craftsman of USK (Aaron Lobato and Jimmy Gutierrez), as well as Joe DelVecchio of Reds Parts and Chroming. The process was very exciting and my team met every challenge I threw at them. I have taken JET to 6 shows since the 1st of the year from CA to MI and have gotten a great response. In late July I will be in Salina KS for the KKOA show. If you have not been it is one of the best shows for this style of car. I wish I could do another one. It was great viewing the transformation from start to finish. It was like Christmas every time I opened a package from Red's Parts Attic & Chrome.

RED'S COMMENTS: John and Jane Burke thank you for the opportunity to be part of your restoration project. It was awesome to see "Jet" go from idea to completed project. The final outcome turned out amazing. It was nice to finally meet you in person at the Austin Roundup in April. It was great to be able to see "Jet" up close. I enjoyed seeing peoples reaction as they stopped to admire what you created. We wish you all the best in the future as you continue to build great memories with "Jet". Thank you for your business and support.

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CLASSIC REPAIR TIPS: Keeping up with maintenance on a classic vehicle will include replacing the fluid in the automatic transmission. Using the manufactures guide for fluid and filter change is always the best information to rely on. Most automatic

transmission pans have a drain plug and many do not. Adding a drain plug has been made easy by Dorman Products. They have a leak proof solution for the task of adding a drain plug to your transmission pan. Another item to consider once you have removed the pan is the addition of a super strong pan magnet by OES. Be sure to position the magnet so it does not come in contact with the valve body. Adding a magnet will help in catching metal flakes that are floating in the fluid. These flakes are generally from the friction plates that use metal in the friction material. Looking closely at a friction plate you can see them clearly. The metal flakes help to treat the surface of the mating steel plate to maintain a surface finish that is necessary for proper application. Be sure to position the magnet so it does not come in contact with the valve body. One last tip is to apply a little blue Permatex to the pan bolts. This will ensure the bolts remain torque.

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