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1960 Thunderbird

I purchased my 1960 Thunderbird in 1991, as a rust free, original, California car. I had interest in restoring an old car after 25 years of drag racing a car in the NHRA Stock Eliminator category. In 1992 I had the interior done in fresh leather, and I installed it, only to take everything back out to do a complete, every nut and bolt restoration.

The car was completely stripped to bare metal, all suspension pieces powder coated, and all fasteners re-plated, along with all the chrome. I did all of the restoration except paint and body work. Over the next several years I documented original cars, and collected New Old Stock parts to complete the restoration. I dated coded many parts myself including the ignition coil, radiator, and glass. I also made paint inspection stamps, and wiring harness tags, as these detail items were not available for this car.

I completed my restoration just 3 days before the AACA Fall Meet in Hershey, Pa. in 2006. Out of five cars going for the "First Junior" award, I was the only car to receive that award. I have since won a "Senior", a "First Grand National" award, "Senior Grand National" award, and the coveted AACA "Thunderbird" award in 2012. To date this is the only 4 passenger Thunderbird to ever win that award.

My Thunderbird is also a Senior Award winner with The International Thunderbird Club, and a Best of Show winner twice with another National Thunderbird club.