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Alex and Carla's cool 65 Ford Custom



Left, On display at the Muscle Car Cruise In 99.
Below, an older picture. This is a car that needs to be
seen up close to be really appreciated.



Story and photos by Alex and Carla Bronevitch

Our family has always been a "Ford only" family. Because there was always an older Ford around, the fun thing to do was to look through the Buy & Sell and check out the cars. One day I saw an ad for a 65 Ford Custom. I knew what Comets or Fairlanes were like, but I wasn't sure about the Custom, so I went to take a look. I drove out to Surrey and there it was. Big, red exterior, beige interior with a 352 engine. The body was in pretty good shape for having been a daily driven vehicle. The price was right so from that day in 1982 she was mine. I drove her home, put some new tires on and that was it. She was my daily driver until 1986. That's when the body started looking a little tired and I decided to spruce her up a bit. That's when it all started with one piece of chrome.

We started off by replacing the valve covers with aluminium M/T covers and decided this car could "use more power". We removed the engine and replaced it with a 390 from a 1968 Cougar GT. The boys in the shop thought we could warm the engine up a little bit more so we bored out the block .30 over, added a Crane cam, installed a high volume oil pump, double roller timing chain and a few other little goodies. Since the block was done, we figured the drive train could use a little attention. We installed a C-6 automatic, a 3500 stall converter, B&M shift kit with heavy duty bands. Since we decided this vehicle wasn't going to be a highway driver, we changed the rear gear package to 4.11 gears. Next comes the body work.

Since time was starting to show in the body, she needed to spend about a month in the shop for a little nipping and tucking. After all the stripping and sanding came the time to figure out what colour to paint her. We decided on 86 Lincoln red. Unfortunately because of the size, we ran out of paint and had to finish off with 86 Fiero red. Add 3 coats of clear with a red pearl, and voila, she was finished. Aside from a few cosmetic changes, what you see today is what she looked like coming out of the shop.