

CAR OF THE MONTH

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Here is the car I wanted so much to be able to bring to Atlanta in August of 1979 but couldn't make it.

I purchased the Boss in September of 1977 from the original owner. It had 11,998 miles on it. I proceeded to replace every body piece with new ones and had the motor rebuilt by a speed shop. The only parts not original are a Holley carburetor, a set of appliance headers with straight pipes to Corvair turbo mufflers and tailpipes bent under the rear axle. Gabriel shocks all around and Lakewood traction bars complete the furnishings. The interior is Serial Number 1P02R207461, basically original besides a rear plexiglass where the Craig speakers are mounted.

A major portion of the engine compartment was chromed including oil pan, bolts and all pulleys. Paint is Ditzler acrylic enamel (original color) and stripes are painted on as close to original as possible.

The car now has 19,904 miles on it and has never been winter-driven and is the proud child of Andrea and Wade Rapinda.

I would like to thank the people most involved with my Boss: H & H Competition, Gary Pellitier and Andrea.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We would like to thank Wade for allowing us to feature his 1971 Boss 351 as our April Car of the Month. This is the first car we have received from Canada to be considered for Car of the Month and certainly are looking forward to seeing a lot more from up that way.

