

THE 2024 NALRETO MEET WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE BENCHMARK CLASS TRUCKS.

BENCHMARK TRUCKS ARE UNMODIFIED TRUCKS WITH UNDER 10,000 MILES AND TOTALLY ORIGINAL, LESS ANY MAINTENANCE ITEMS. THESE TRUCKS ARE A REPRESENTATION AS TO HOW THE DODGE LI'L RED EXPRESS TRUCKS WERE BUILT AND DELIVERED TO THE DEALERS NEW IN 1978 & 1979. SOME OF THEM HAVE HAD MAINTENANCE ITEMS CHANGED, DUE TO AGE AND USE, BUT BASICALLY ARE TOTALLY ORIGINAL, IN EVERY RESPECT. BENCHMARK TRUCKS ARE THE GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW, IF YOU WANT TO RESTORE A LI'L RED EXPRESS, TO WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE WHEN NEW.

WHEN VIEWING THESE TRUCKS, REMEMBER, THEY WEREN'T BUILT AS A COLLECTOR VEHICLE, THEY WERE BUILT ON AN ASSEMBLY LINE WITH ALL THE OTHER DODGE TRUCKS. YOU WILL FIND MANY IMPERFECTIONS, PAINT RUNS, OVERSPRAY AND MISALIGNED PARTS, ETC. HOWEVER, THEY REPRESENT A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN DODGE TRUCK HISTORY AND DESERVE TO BE HONORED.