

# MOON RUNNER

The boy grew up in eastern North Carolina, the heart of moonshine country. He still remembers watching the police slowly drive past his father's station and down the streets of his town looking for moonshiners.



He still remembers the family gatherings each Sunday where his father and uncles exchanged knowing glances whenever his "revenuer" grandfather complained about those blasted moonshiners.

But what the boy remembers most are the cars.

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Fast. Maneuverable. Usually with big trunks. Often with modified gas tanks or trunks designed to hide their secret supply of the corn liquor illegally produced at the "stills" hidden in that part of the state.

When Chrysler started turning out the B-bodies in Detroit in the 1960's, they were marketed as low cost muscle cars based on the lightweight Belvedere body intended for younger buyers. They made the pony cars like Mustangs seem small. And unlike Corvettes, they were built for serious street driving.

So they were a moonshiner's dream. They could outrun most police cars, but were solidly built and tough enough to take almost any bump. Their high ground clearance meant they could go lots of places other cars couldn't. Plus their trunks were huge.

In 1968, Plymouth paid Warner Brothers \$50,000 to use the Road Runner cartoon image, and sales took off. Plymouth sold 44,599 Road Runners that year.

By then, the boy had finished college and started a career of his own. And although he makes his living in a legal profession and doesn't have to outrun the police, he still loves the cars. He calls this particular one "Moon Runner" because the moonshiners from his boyhood would absolutely adore it.

The H in the VIN indicates that Moon Runner came with a 383 motor. That original motor was replaced, though, with a 426 crate Hemi block that was bored, balanced and stroked to make 484 cubic inches. It has a 10.5:1 compression ratio. The aluminum dual plane intake has a single Holley Pro Series four-barrel carburetor. The Hooker Headers are connected to a 3-inch Flow Master dual exhaust. She has a four-speed transmission with a Hurst shifter.

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Moon Runner's nut and bolt rotisserie restoration is complemented by a brand new interior by Legendary Interiors. The boy-turned-man enjoys the thrill of driving her, so she's equipped to use pump premium gas. And her fit, finish and paint, even on the bottom, outshine the original.

Yes, like the Road Runner from Warner Brothers, Moon Runner is a moonshiner's fantasy. Fast. Lightning-quick reflexes. Sturdy construction. Able to go where other cars can't. And always pursued by Wile E. Coyote, but never, ever caught. Beep! Beep!

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