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## Art & Donna Pavlish #19635

1933 Plymouth 5-Window Business Coupe MSRA SPRING CAMPOUT



This mighty fine Mopar is the first nomination for Art and Donna. It's also their first attempt at building a street rod. Not bad for a first try! There is way more to this little coupe than meets the eye. In fact there is far more than can be covered in a profile. But if you are wanting to know more, and believe me you want to know more, then check out this car's website at www.rumblecoupe.com. Art and Donna's daughter, who is a very talented graphic artist put together one of the nicest websites devoted to a single street rod that I have seen.

Art and Donna live in Rochester and they both retired about 8 years ago. When Art was a younger man he was interested in cars. His first car was a '59 Plymouth. Later on he owned a '69 GTX, a car he regrets selling even to this day. After retirement Art decided it was time to start playing with cars again. After all, many of his very good friends were still playing with cars so he could get plenty of advice and help from them.



Art has been an electronics guy for pretty much his whole life, he spent many years working in the field. So to find that this car has an electronics theme should come as no

surprise. I mean, "come on, the car has its own website!" In fact this story starts online. Art located the car on Ebay in Woodland, Alabama. They are the fourth owners and they have all four titles to prove it. This car was incredibly rust free. The only rust hole in the entire car was in the trunk where a mouse nest had been. One quick patch and that was it for rust repair. As might be imagined, after nearly 80 years of service those lovely flowing front fenders were in rough shape. They had been damaged and badly repaired, probably more than once. But luckily for Art, he lives in what must be one of the most magical neighborhoods in the Midwest. He has a neighbor with a fully equipped shop, including welders and another who just happens to have an English wheel that bring fenders back from the dead. Not to mention his very good friend and second set of hands Al VanDewalker #20143 who you may recall had his '52 Chevy Pickup on the cover last month.



So despite being his first attempt, Art had surrounded (quite literally) himself with the right people to help him. Art's plan was to build a car that looked nearly stock on the outside, but be thoroughly modern underneath. His plan was to simply build a 1933 Plymouth coupe SRT8. Art has a 2006 Chrysler 300 SRT8 that he loves to drive in the summer. So why not have all the creature comforts, and brutal power the 300 has. No problem, right? just stuff a big modern Hemi under the hood and wire all the nice stuff inside. The Chrysler factory maintenance manual is 9,600 pages long. If you go to the website there are pictures of the build that show some of the wiring harness. It truly boggles the mind. It's like trying to count the stars in the sky. However, Art is very detailed oriented and electronics are his thing, so he methodically worked through each piece of the electronics and wiring puzzle. This took a great deal of time and he ended up with three spiral notebooks on wiring notes he made to try to keep it all straight. But in the end it all was worth it. Everything works. The remotes will unlock the doors

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the windshield wipers will sense the rain and start working, even the Bluetooth will connect to his cell phone. When he first powered the system up he had over 70 trouble codes, this actually helped in tracking down the problems and fixing them. Whew!



The body was blasted with glass beads by Anderson Sandblasting, a long time advertiser in the *LineChaser* and Art is eager to tell us what a wonderful job they did and how great they were to work with. The plating was done by JR Plating and is deep and smooth and beautiful, especially against the amazing color combination of Plymouth Prowler Flame Orange on the body and Prowler Director Red on the fenders. The original Plymouth branded taillights have been converted to LEDs and the cool fog lights have been modernized as have the headlights. The interior was trimmed out in gray leather by the professionals at Premier Upholstery, including a very cool headliner. The trunk is completely finished and features a flip up monitor that Art can show videos on using a laptop.



Underneath all this electronic wonders, is a TCI independent front suspension, completely chromed and featuring a stabilizer bar. On the other end is a Heidts fully independent rear suspension and drive axles with ten inch Wilwood inboard brakes. The front brakes are also Wilwood and feature twelve inch rotors. Foose Legend wheels, 18x7 in front and 20x8 out back, are wrapped in BF Goodrich

G-Force rubber and really are the only thing that gives this sleeping street rod away. That is until you start that Hemi. Then you know why The Pavlish's named this little wonder the Rumble Coupe.

Since hitting the road last summer, this little coupe has picked many awards at nearly every show it has been. And with its distinctive paint colors and that Hemi snarl it draws a crowd every time. The Pavlish's are of course, members of MSRA and also the Drifters CC and the Zagalas CC. Art is also a very active member of several fraternal organizations, including the Shriners and the Masons.



Both Art and Donna would like to express how excited they are to be nominated for Street Rod of the Year, and would like to share their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who voted for them. They would also like to thank all their friends who lent a hand in this build including their daughter for the cool website and graphic design art.

Of course I think you would all agree, that thanks should be given to Art and Donna for building a beautiful and unique Street Rod we can all enjoy and appreciate. And if you see them motorvating down the road take a good look at this electronic wonder coupe. That is if you can catch that Hemi!

Congratulations Art and Donna on your nomination to Street Rod of the Year!

Paint: Plymouth Prowler Flame Orange & Prowler

Director Red

Upholstery: dark gray leather

Engine/Transmission: 2006 Chrysler SRT 6.1 Hemi,

NAGI transmission

Engine Modifications: mid-sump oil pan

Front Suspension: TCI, independent, chrome, w/

stabilizer

Rear Suspension: Heidts, independent, chrome

Brakes: Disc, Wilwood, (Front) 12", (Rear) 10" Inboard Wheels: Foose Legend, (Front) 18" x 7", (Rear) 20" x 8" Tires: BF Goodrich G-Force, (Front) T/A 225/40ZR18,

(Rear) T/A 245/35ZR20

Other Special Features: all steel, all SRT electronics,

8-year project. Have all titles since new!