

# Hot Rod Anything! This 900HP Party RV Makes For the Ultimate Tailgater



The Happy Camper started as a 1971 Winnebago Brave the Ringbrothers purchased at a Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, Arizona, in 2014. It had plaid upholstery and wood paneling at the time and was cool in its own retro way, kind of like a mobile cabin. The bad part was what was underneath. A very worn and tired Dodge 318ci V8 had served bravely, but its time was up. The rest of the running gear was even worse. After completely stripping the interior, Ringbrothers began fabricating a complete custom interior starting with a gauge cluster reminiscent of a WWII bomber to go with Restoration Hardware bomber-style seats. The exterior sheetmetal

was showing its age, too, so several custom panels were fabricated up front, including new headlight surrounds and dimple-died trim that fill in the gap between the body and the bumper.

The first iteration of the Happy Camper used a 6.0L LS built by Wegner Automotive fed by MSD Atomic EFI and an Aeromotive Stealth fuel system. Once the engine was in place, the interior construction really got underway, with hardwood covering most of the floor except for acrylic windows in the floor and the engine doghouse to show off the Flowmaster mufflers and 6.0L powerplant, respectively. The interior was then filled with everything you'd ever want to

find when you pulled over on a road trip, including a bar, a couple TVs, a barbecue grill, and even a pizza oven.

The Happy Camper participated in Power Tour® 2014 and was a big hit, serving as a tailgating station at a couple host hotels. The Wegner LS proved capable of pushing the big barn door front end of the Winnie down the highway with ease. It was flawless. Naturally, Ringbrothers wanted to improve upon its formula. If a naturally aspirated 6.0L was fun, a new supercharged Wegner Automotive 408ci LS should be a riot with nearly 900 hp. The engine uses a Callies crank and Callies Ultra rods to withstand the boost from a Magnuson supercharger

## DO YOU HOT ROD EVERYTHING?

If you've hopped up anything that's not a car, let's see it! Hot leaf blower? Bitchin' gas grill? Customized kitchen cabinets? Anything goes. Email pics and details: [HOTROD@HotRod.com](mailto:HOTROD@HotRod.com).

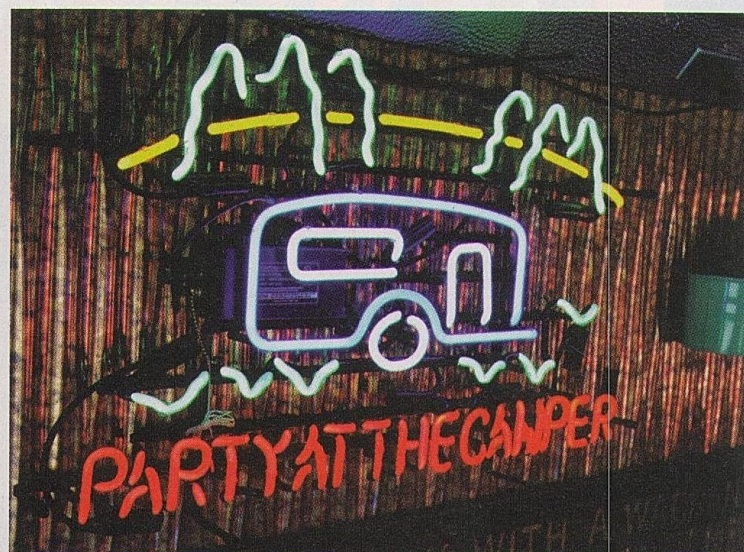


Pizza oven.

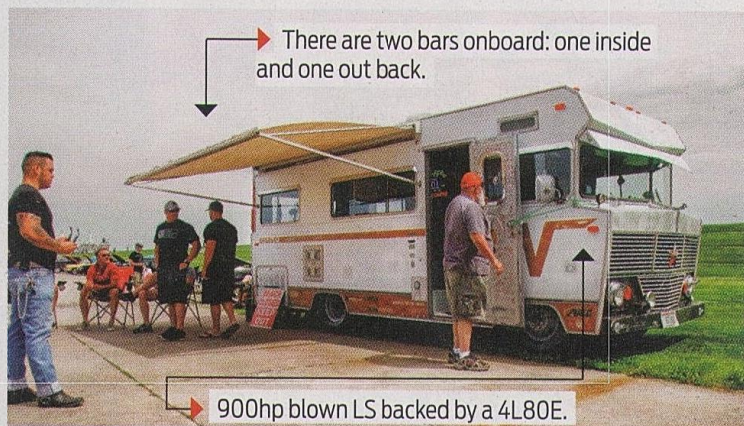
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that feeds air and fuel through ported LSA heads. To cope with the additional power, the engine is coupled to a 4L80 transmission on to a Dynotec driveshaft and a John's

Industries Dana 80 rear axle with 4.11:1 gears. Ringbrothers says the new supercharged engine will get the Happy Camper from 0 to 50 mph in 3 seconds and plans



There are two bars onboard: one inside and one out back.



900hp blown LS backed by a 4L80E.

## WINNEBAGO MAN

If you need a break and want to hear a tapestry of obscenities worthy of Old Man Parker, search YouTube for "Winnebago Man" and watch the outtakes of RV salesman Jack Rebney. His NSFW outbursts made him such an Internet sensation that a documentary about him was made in 2009.

to bring it on a couple legs of Power Tour® 2015. If you spot it, you may want to follow it—if you can keep up.

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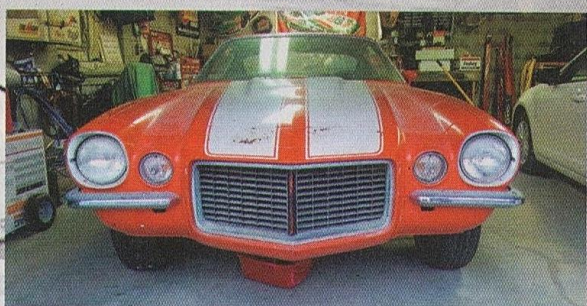
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## Joe Benassi // Albany, New York

Joe's 1976 TA and his brother's 1987 GN are family owned gems. 1976 was the last year of the 455ci TA and 1987 was the last year the GN was produced.



## David Newton // Louisville, Kentucky

Owned since 1975, David's 1970 Camaro eagerly awaits a 350 small-block transplant. He hopes to get his beloved Camaro back on the dragstrip soon.