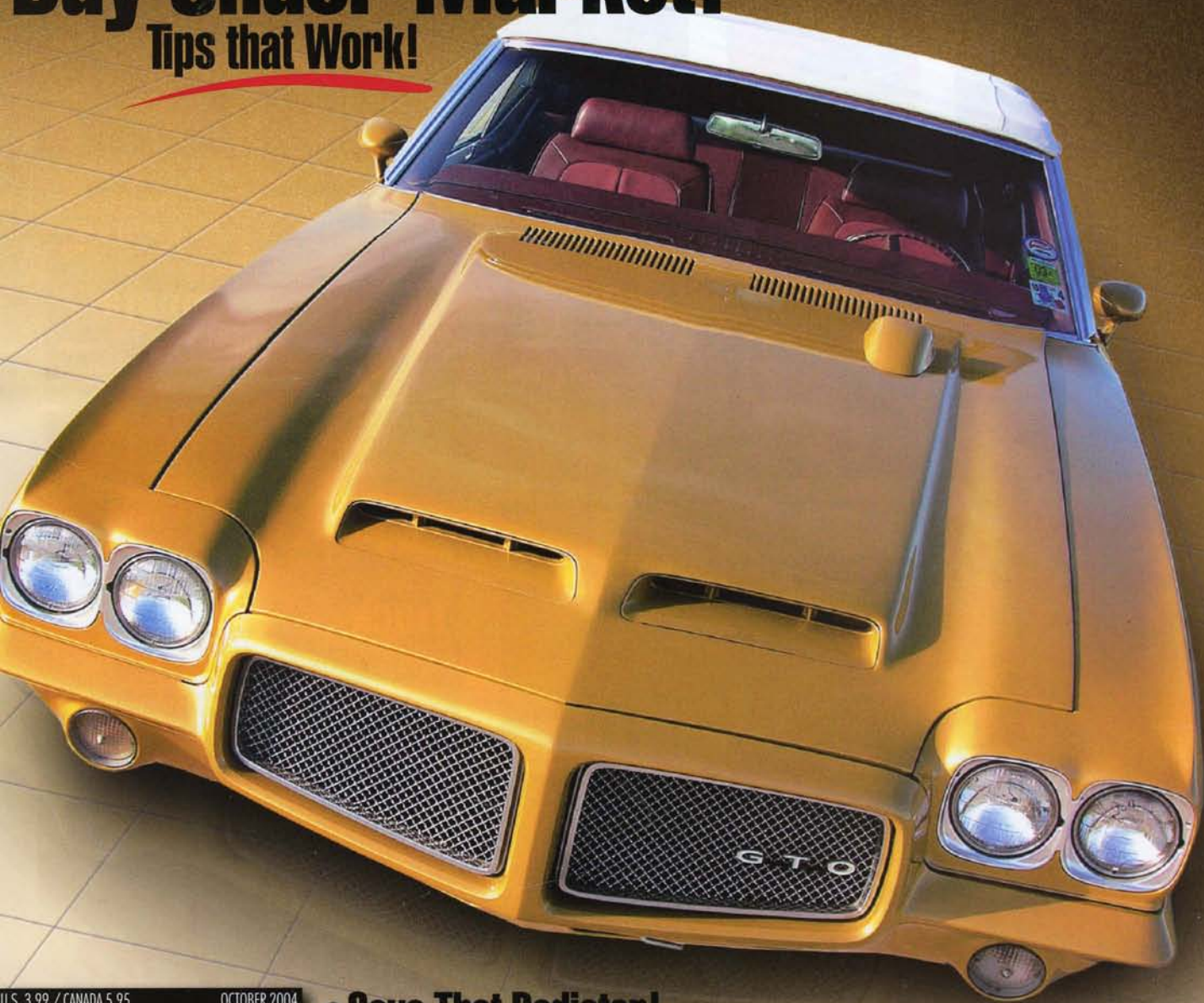


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DICK HARRELL EDITION

“Mr. Chevrolet” would have loved this

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The Camaro is gone, right? Not if Berger Chevrolet and GMMG, Inc. have anything to say about it. And, in fact, they do. Renowned musclecar dealer Berger has again teamed up with GMMG—they built the ZL-1 Supercars a couple years back—to give the late Pony a belated yet triumphant sendoff: The Dick Harrell Edition Supercar.

The car is named for the legendary racer who was one of the first to drop a 427 into a Camaro and worked with Fred Gibb Chevrolet on the COPO program that spawned the original ZL-1 Camaros. Known as “Mr. Chevrolet,” Harrell was killed in a 1971 Funny Car accident.

This “new” Camaro is based on the widebody styling of the Woodward Dream Cruise show car built by GM’s Performance Division a couple of years ago. They are new cars because Berger and GMMG stockpiled more than 30 brand-new, never-sold, never-titled 2002 Camaros when production ended.

Interestingly, GM’s show car was based on the 1969 Sunoco/Penske-backed Camaro racecar of another late racing legend, Mark Donohue. As the GM Camaro was a one-off, no measurements of its bulging fenders were taken—they were eyeballed in a time-crunched window to get the car ready for the Woodward Cruise.

To get the styling right, GMMG sent a stock Camaro that was placed next to the show car and clay was added to the stocker until the widebody contours and proportions were matched. Duplicated panels are then attached to the new cars.

The cars also wear a carbon-fiber-skinned hood, fiberglass rear spoiler and carbon-fiber-look graphics. Under the hood is a choice of three powerplants: a 405-horsepower LS6; a “Phase 2” 500-horsepower LS6 with CNC heads, cam and headers; and a “Phase 3” C5R-based 427 rated at 630 horsepower. The car rolls on 18x11 and 18x12-inch Fikse wheels.

Special interior appointments are standard, too, while items like a six-point roll bar, electric-operated exhaust cutouts and a 12-bolt rearend are available.

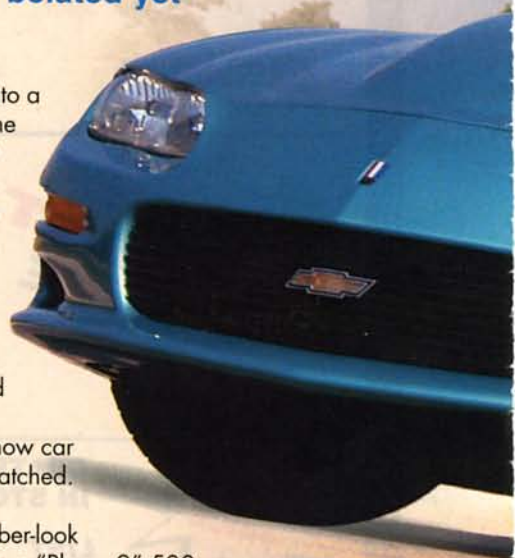
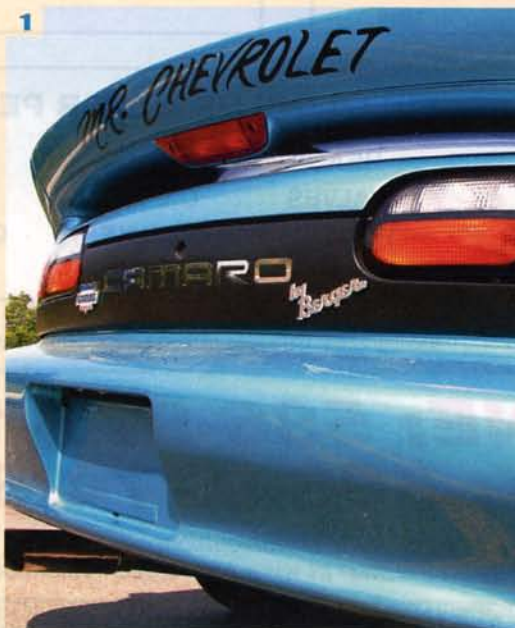
Price tag? A fully-optioned, Phase III-powered Harrell car (seen here) will set you back more than \$85,000. Yessir, that’s a mighty-expensive Camaro, but as we go to press 27 of the 33 total already have been spoken for!

1 The rear fascia receives a tall spoiler and plenty of identification, including a “by Berger” badge, “GMMG” badge and “Mr. Chevrolet” lettering.

2 The Dick Harrell logo is similar to that used on his race cars of the late 1960s and early '70s—although it’s been updated with a carbon-fiber-look background.

3 The top engine offering in the Harrell Camaro is the “Phase 3” 427—a C5-R based engine with CNC ported heads, special cam and more. It’s rated at 630 horsepower.

4 Special touches abound on the interior, including combination suede/leather seating and these silver-face gauges with the Dick Harrell logo. ■



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