



In the Spotlight

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Meet Wayne and Dawn Sturtz - Ankeny, Iowa

Q: *When did you get into the sport of hot rod/classic cars?*

A: Wayne had a 74 Challenger in high school and parked it when he entered the Army in 82. I (Dawn) drug it out of the barn in 2005 when he was in Kuwait and hauled it to CO and started tear down before he got back. Boy, was he surprised? We continued to work on it (moving back to Iowa) until getting it media blasted and determined that it was too far gone.

Bought this 73 in 2015, drove it for a summer and started the build. First drive was in June 2021 and then to Good Guys where we had the fan quit and overheat, thus our introduction to ISRA at the garage, were we got excellent assistance and joined that day.

Q: *Can you tell us a little about your family?*

A: We are both Ia natives (Wayne/Ogden, Dawn/Centerville) and retired military (Wayne/Army, Dawn/Navy). Met in Naples, Italy and have a daughter and two grandsons in upstate NY. Both lifelong IT people, Wayne with the USDA and Dawn with the VA.

Q: *What kind of car/cars do you have?*

A: 1973 Dodge Challenger, Plum Crazy Purple. Still working out the gremlins. Started build in 2015, body and paint, 360 stroked out to 408ci, 727 torque flight with a gear vendors overdrive unit. All new interior, gauges, upholstery, vinyl top, etc...

Q: *Is there anything special about your car/cars and could you attach a photo of your car/cars?*

A: I have yet to drive it as we are working on a fuel/vapor locking issue. New fuel line, regulator, and return line are up next.

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