

Member's Car

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Last November 2007 after the Corvettes for Chip Show, I made the decision that my 1979 Corvette needed a new power plant. The Car was purchased 3 years ago with known engine problems but for 2 years, I worked it as best as possible, limping around on 7 cylinders at one point and taking good-natured ribbing about my propensity to not go much above 55MPH. The car, although outwardly looking nice, internally was crippling along so, the decision was made to go with a new engine.

Next the search took into account exactly "WHOM", I would trust to do the job. Since I reside in Kennett Square, I did want someone within a reasonable driving distance. Little did I know, that a month later, I would choose "Blitz Automotive", a shop which had been building engines and racing them for almost 40 years. One of the best things about choosing Blitz was that they were less than 2 miles from my house. They had the knowledge and expertise and came highly recommend.



In January 2008 the "Build" began. I had decided on a 383 Stroker with dual Holly 750CFM carbs, topped by a Weiland "Street Blower" Supercharger and a Black Matte Custom Hood Scoop. Many parts were replaced in the process. Two gauges were mounted



behind the blower, those being fuel and boost (12 MAX PSI). She achieves 540 HP and 500 lbs. of torque. To handle the new stroker motor, a custom Transmission as well was installed, an automatic with a twist. This tranny at 50MPH requires that I manually shift it into overdrive so it's a "quasi" manual as we call it.

Over the next year or so, we will upgrade the suspension components and brakes, and look at many other aspects of this car. At some point in time she should then be ready for Cecil County or Maple Grove. What a blast she is to drive now. The only thing we DON'T pass is a GAS station!!!