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The Second Time Around by Terry Brim

What do you do if you have just wrote your last check for your kids college education? If you're Jerry Swain, you go out and do something for yourself like let's see now, oh yeah, write a check for a yellow 67 350/350 fastback corvette.

This was the first muscle car Jerry had owned since he bought a 442 brand new back in 1968. Like most of us back then when he and his wife bought their first house and decided to start a family, he traded it for a Chevy Vega in 1973....you remember those don't you? I do because I owned a yellow one with black strips no less.....ugggg

Anyway back to Jerry. One cold evening in January, after a tough day at work, Jerry decided to get in his vette and as he puts it

"burn some gas" It had been a little snowy, but according to Jerry, the roads were salted and/sanded and the weather was nice. Jerry was starting up from a stop sign on S. Fairfield Road and was just getting his foot into it when suddenly the backend hit some sand and broke loose. The next thing Jerry knew, he was on his side climbing up and out the passenger door. Of the 17 pieces of fiberglass panels on the car, Jerry had damaged all but one of them and had bent the frame for good measure. In addition, he had broken out both the front

and read glass. Needless to say, the car was totaled. Luckily, Jerry was not hurt other than his pride.



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you go out and find an exact copy of what you had, a yellow 67 350/350 fastback.

As they say, life is better THE SECOND TIME AROUND. Jerry found this one tucked away in a barn where it had been stored for 10 years. After that long in storage of course, it needed a few things to bring it back to life, but Jerry has been patient and his efforts have certainly paid off.

Jerry believes his is the only



MVCC mid year that has seen such places a Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, and a few other far away places. Needless to say, Jerry and his

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has ever owned? Well if you're a normal

guy, you look for something different. However, if your Jerry Swain,

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take many long road trips in the car. Since the car is equipped with air, it makes the long road trips out west a little more enjoyable.

On the way home from one such



trip while passing through Indiana,

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his engine blew up while accelerating to get on the highway. (Jerry, you just have to get a lighter foot man). Luckily however, he was only about 10 miles from his in-laws farm where he stored the car until he could get it home.

I was surprised to learn that this was the 2nd time he had had the engine rebuilt, he really does believe in THE SECOND TIME AROUND theory!

Everything is matching numbers on the car except for the carburetor and the starter. How's that for a driver.....way to go Jerry!

