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Growing up in the 80's I have seen a lot of vehicles in movies/TV that I wanted to have if I were rich. One was the Delorean from "Back to the Future", another was the KITT car from Knight Rider on TV, The "Munsters Hot Rod" and the "Batmobile" from the TV Series. But there were two that I loved more thananything, and one being the 1958 Plymouth Fury from the John Carpenters movie "CHRISTINE".

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The beauty of this vehicle and the shape including the fins were classic trademarks for these vehicles from this time. Craftsmanship, Elegance and Style were all made into this classic beauty and also the fact it was possessed made it extra cool. But then I saw the ECTO-1 from the movie "GHOSTBUSTERS" in 1984.

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It was a 1959 Cadillac Miller-Meteor Sentinel limo-style endloader combination car (ambulance conversion). It was an awesome looking vehicle for a movie and it was made for hunting ghosts. I loved Bill Murray, Dan Ackroyd, Harold Ramis as comedians and it was the magic of mixing humor and a classic car that had me hooked, along with all the cool gadgets they had in being a GHOSTBUSTER.

Being 17 at the time, those dreams faded but my love for Classic Cars always remained with me. There was something about bringing history back and showing it to everyone the pride you felt of an automobile that was built to withstand the test of time. I could never afford any classic car but always admired the people who had them. Especially those that owned a Plymouth, Chrysler and Dodge makes of vehicles. As time went on I finally was able to afford an almost new 2016 Dodge Ram HEMI SLT. The first all white vehicle I ever owned since I loved black but there was something special that made me buy this truck.

Few months after I bought it a co-worker said she had see a group in the city called the Calgary Ghostbusters since she knew I loved the Ghostbuster movies and anything to do with the 80's. She explained that they did charity work for the Alberta Children's Hospital and other Charities. So I looked them up and saw they were looking for members and also found out they had no vehicle for their events. Being the fan of the Ghostbusters movie, I remembered how much I loved the ECTO-1. Since my Truck was white, I thought would it not be cool to make a modern day Dodge into a ECTO but with a name change. In Ghostbuster 2 Movie the vehicle was called the ECTO-1A so I put a Canadian twist into that calling it the ECTO-1-EH and even had it registered with that plate name in Alberta. Since I worked at a print shop I thought to put decals on my truck and make it look somewhat like an ECTO. I put on simple Ghostbuster logo and to my amazement it was a big hit at the charity events.

As time went on my love for the group grew, so also did my spirit of giving and helping people grew. I wanted people to look at the truck and

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remember the good times of the 80's, the music and the humor of the movie but above all to let people know in the City and surrounding areas that this was a symbol of Charity, Hope & Generosity that was there for those in need. I change the look of the ECTO-1-EH every 6 months or a year so it is never be the same looking truck for more than that time span. There are over 380 Ghostbuster groups worldwide doing work for charities and SONY Pictures has given their thumbs up to all of them for what they accomplish and give.

SONY Pictures even came to Alberta when Ghostbusters Afterlife was released and loved the ECTO-1-EH and took pictures to show Reps back home. They loved the look and gave their blessing to the truck. It is my goal not only to have this truck be seen and recognized for the look it has but to let people know how much



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one person can change lives by using a vehicle and bring them hope, food or even just a smile for a moment. To take them away from whatever problems they may be going through. It is amazing what a simple logo from th 80's can do and putting it on a Dodge Truck.

Over a year ago I even created a new Ghostbusters Logo that has an Indigenous AIRDRIE CANADA DAY PARADE 2023

ECTO-1-EH CITYSCAPE 2019

element to it called "EVERY CHILD'S SPIRIT MATTERS". This was made in memory of all the residential children who spirits have never been forgotten and the pride in my heritage as MÉTIS. The indigenous community loves the logo and look on the truck and expresses their appreciation for the lost love ones and to honor aboriginal heritage.

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To me a vehicle does not have to be a classic to get the looks, or whats under the hood or the color and style of a rare beauty, but what it means to you personally and being part of the community. How the truck can be a symbol

in a city and bring hope and charity to those who need it the most. Thats

why I am proud to be a Ghostbuster.

I may not have a Classic Vehicle but what I do is Classic and I love doing it.

Why?... Because

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