

1972 Dart Swinger...OWNER: DANA AMADO

My name is Dana Amado, a member of the Amado Mopar Race Team. Born and raised in Kitimat which is located in northwest British Columbia. Kitimat has always been the heart and soul of drag racing in the Pacific north west. My dad grew up

me purchase my 1972 Dart Swinger. I raced it with a high-performance slant 6 for 7 years. I always enjoyed having people come up to me saying how unique the slant 6 was and I had a lot of success



watching the Kitimat Hill Climb which inspired an entire generation of drag racers in Kitimat and the surrounding communities. The community shuts down one of the main roads coming into town and uses it for drag racing. The Kitimat Hill Climb is where his love for all old muscle cars or in particular MOPARS began. In 1985 when my dad was in high school he purchased his 1972 Dodge Demon and that's where the story begins for our entire family.

because of it being so consistent, but it was time to step up the performance of my car. Last year my dad and I built and installed a Tom Hoover inspired 360 small block. I am loving the V8 power now in-

Myself being the oldest of my two younger sisters had the brain washing start early on!! I was lucky enough when I turned 16 years old my grandmother which has now passed away unfortunately helped



stead of having people chase me down at the track I get to chase them down and that feels pretty cool at the top end of the track.





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The next phase of our race team was purchasing a junior dragster for my two younger sisters even the junior was painted plum crazy purple and dressed



up with mopar emblems. The quickest it ran was 8.70 in the 8th mile. When my middle sister Madison Amado was old enough to race a full size car my dad built a 1969 dart swinger for her to race. The 1969 swinger has a 340 with a 508 cam holly striped



dominator intake and an accel dual point distributor. When my youngest sister Quinn Amado was too old to drive the junior dragster we of course had to sell the dragster and look for a car for her. Unfortunately the price of anything reassembling a muscle car had gone through the roof so we had to think outside the box. We found a very cool 1989 dodge Dakota convertible. Like most car enthusiasts understand it takes time and money to get to where you want to go, the Dakota has its original v6 but

there are plans in the future to install a small block.



My uncle Pierre Amado which was the first generation to be brain washed by my dad has a 1970 dodge challenger with a 416 stroker and W-2 heads



& a 1973 Plymouth duster with a 500 cubic inch wedge based on a 400 low deck.



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My mom doesn't race but she takes care of us out at the track so we can stay focused on racing our cars. Which helps out with our reaction times ha ha!

As you can probably tell by now our whole family has mopar blood running through our veins.



The best part is sharing our passion of mopars & being together.
Mopar or No Car



We would like to give a shout out to Doug Ribeiro the mechanical genius who always has a solution for any problem, & Peter Nunes and Charlie Ferreira for helping our cars look great with body

and paint. Our team would not be the same without them!

All the credit goes to our dad Paul Amado. We wouldn't have any of it without him.



This is his car 32 years ago when he first purchased it!



This is his demon today!! Racing a 440 built to the specs of Canada's mopar guru Don Dulmage of old reliable fame.

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