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## Z2 Motorsports A Lucky Find

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When Marc Ulan, owner of Z2 Motorsports in New Britain, Connecticut, found this Camaro, he couldn't believe his luck, even though it needed a full restoration. "I had another 68 that took me months to find. I was flying a lot for my job at the time, and instead of flying non-stop, I would often take detours to go look at a car. Eventually, I found one somewhat locally, and proceeded to put a ton of money into the drivetrain to make it go fast. I even put a Richmond 6-speed in it, so I could have a gear for every situation".

Unfortunately, Marc lost that Camaro in an unplanned encounter with a tree. "It was a pretty bad accident. The car was destroyed, and I ended up getting a helicopter ride to the hospital. But I was mostly upset because I was now back to step 1". But as Marc tells it, and as the Wizard of Oz concurs, sometimes home is the best place to find what your heart desires. "I was on crutches and had been out of the hospital for just a day or two, and I see this Camaro parked in someone's front yard with a small for sale sign on it 5 minutes

from my house . Now, I can't get in the car, never mind drive it, but it didn't matter. I knew immediately it would be perfect for what I wanted. I banged on the front door, and upon confirming that it was for sale, I made an offer without hesitation. I think I caught the owner by surprise, because he said he had to think about it. After a few hours of worrying, he called me and said we could make the deal". From there, Marc disassembled the entire car, and built it back up again, repairing, restoring, or replacing every single part on the car.

And while it took a lot of time and effort, the result was worth it. With a 327/275hp, Muncie 4 speed, and 12" posi-rear, the car is a blast to drive. Painted its original rare Cordovan Maroon, and with deluxe interior, houndstooth seats, console gauges, and iconic "tik-toc-tach", it's fun to look at as well. While a predominantly original restoration, Marc and the guys at Z2 snuck in a few improvements, including a moderate cam, Edelbrock intake, Holley carb, and long tube headers, while keeping an original appearance.

