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## JASON OLIVER



## The Making of a Super St...Car

Jason grew up with a passion for anything that could propel itself under his command. This has led him to many amazing (sometimes sketchy) places. Jason's father raced gokarts at a small local track in Lamar S.C. So naturally, a goLSX powered Factory Five GTM made possible through the sweat equity of Jason O.

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kart was the first thing on the Christmas wish list. From Go-karts to 4 wheelers to dirt bikes. A 5gallon gas jug would make any motor head kid happier than a trip to Toys R Us. Growing up cars were a natural progression. When it comes to cars, Jason has been shocking people from day one starting with his mother. After saving up all his Food Lion bag boy money for over a year Jason when out and bought his first car. A **1986 Nissan 300ZX** with a 5 speed and T-tops. Pulling up in



Unveiling the GTM at TunerEvo

the yard, he could see his mother's face through the kitchen window. He could have rode up on the back of a pissed off grizzly bear and her face

would have been no less horrified. Since his first vehicle Jason's rides have been no less shocking but usually with smiles vs. the look a mother gives looking at her 17 year old son in a sports car.

Auto mechanics in high school got him working on cars but the limit did not stop there. Cars were cool but helicopters were cooler! That led him straight to the US Army right after High School. He became a Crew Chief for an **AH-64 Attack Helicopter**. After the Army, it was off to Nashville Auto Diesel College so he could further peruse his vehicle An intimate photo session with Bear Dellinger







A refreshing face that grace the presence of some of the most popular car shows in the industry is Bear Dellinger. She is the spoke person for Tuner Evolution and a true car enthusiast. Her grace and beauty is appreciated and admired. passion. Jason enjoyed working on cars but the money just was not there as a mechanic. His vehicle know-how and Military experience put him in a prime position for working in the C-IED field during the Iraq/Afghanistan wars.

Jason's automotive experience helped him to excel greatly in this field and lead him into engineering.

He had many cool vehicles during this time. **1995 Isuzu Rodeo** that had to be the best Rodeo of all time! A **2004 Acura TL**, Procharged and modified **Harley Davidson F-150**, **Supercharged Roush** 

**Mustan**g. Jason also had many sport bikes that he drag raced regularly at many tracks across the Carolinas. He loved drag racing but really wanted more. Why only a ¼ mile? Eventually he learned of events like land speed racing and the Maxton Mile. These events were top speed events where you could fulfill your need for flat out speed in a controlled area. Jason dreamed of running his bikes at one of these events one day but a nasty bike wreck at over 100mph in the summer of 1999 lead him to realize a car with a roll cage might be a better idea.

All of his former vehicles were amazing but flawed in the same fashion in his eyes. If you buy a new car today, there is no way to tell if it will stand the test of



time and become a classic when it is older. The manufacture is just going to come out with something better in the following years leading you to want the next best thing. Fed up with the thoughts of going out and buying a new car only to feel outdated when the next version comes out Jason decided to take a less conventional



route to his next vehicle. He wanted something timeless. Something that would not be replaced or outdated by newer models. And of course it had to be fast! Kit and component cars caught his eye. There are many on the market if you look hard enough. These vehicles offer amazing performance per dollar. Classic and timeless designs. Most importantly, they are something you get to build yourself.

Jason settled on the **Factory Five GTM**. He felt the all steel tube chassis and fiberglass body offered

him more opportunity to turn the car into his own far more than anything else did on the market. Even though the Factory Five GTM is an amazing looking vehicle in its own

right Jason wanted to see just how far he could take the design away from a GTM and more into his own ridiculousness. Jason pretty much designed the car just as a 10 year old boy with an unlimited bank account would but at the same time tried to make every modification and part of the car seem



as factory as possible for a more tasteful appearance. Taking his days of drag racing out a little further down the runway. He built the car with top speed events in mind. He has competed in a few Wannagofast <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile events and is scheduled for a mile event later this year.



Please enjoy this gallery of the GTM built

A mere shell waiting for life