



FAMILY FORD

As a tribute to his father and a treasure for his kids, this XW Falcon GT will be a very special restoration.

INTRODUCTION

Resto My Ride is an all-new TV show created by Declan McKearney and Sam Martin.

The team behind the 'EJ for EJ' resto (featured in *JUST CARS* #237), Dec and Sam have used that project as the basis for 'Resto My Ride'; a series that'll document the restoration of vehicles of all types.

In February, the *Resto My Ride* competition – *Get Resto'd* – was launched, inviting people to submit details on the projects (cars, trucks, bikes, boats and more) they'd like to see restored by Dec and the team at Bodymaster Prestige Paint and Panel.

The winners not only get their restoration

documented on *Resto My Ride*, they also get it done for free!

The response to *Get Resto'd* has been outstanding, with thousands of entries received and some great and touching stories behind them. With the winners recently selected and notified, filming is now underway.

Ahead of the *Resto My Ride* series premiere, *JUST CARS* is featuring some of the winners and the stories behind their projects.

For more details on *Resto My Ride*, visit:

restomyride.com and check out their social media channels. You can also watch the EJ for EJ episode on: restomyride.tv



RESTOMYRIDE

SILVER FOX – IN BARE METAL

It's appropriate, in this 'Farewell to Falcon' special edition of *JUST CARS* that we're looking at a Resto My Ride winner that's a Ford.

But this isn't just any Ford; it's a desirable 1969 XW GT sedan in Silver Fox paint – or at least it was, as the owner, Travis Bath, explains.

"I brought this, my dream car, in 1999 in parts and high fill. It's a car that dad and I were going to restore together.

"I was brought up as a Ford man and my dad and I restored a couple of cars when I was growing up."

When his father passed away in an accident, Travis was devastated, especially now, being a father himself. "I have told my second son, now 7, this car is to be cherished and will be his when he's older. But he said to me, 'when are you going to fix the tyres?'" Travis laughed.

Sitting for so long, the flat tyres are

probably the easiest item to "fix" for this resto, but Travis concedes that, with three young kids, resto work on two homes and having to work away for long periods, getting the Falcon restored is simply not possible, hence his submission to Resto My Ride.

ORIGINAL SPIN

It may not look it, but the Falcon is complete, so the Resto My Ride team have a less daunting job ahead of them compared to other projects.

"I have everything off the car," Travis explained. "The door trim/seats are nice and there are boxes in the corner of the shed with all the parts."

Before the project stalled, all the nuts and bolts were stripped from the car and replated. There's a set of NOS door seals, too.

Travis said that rubbing sections back to bare metal has revealed bog-filled rust holes that will need attention and maybe some replacement metal, but the motor had been rebuilt by the previous owner, so should only need minor refreshing. "It was originally an auto, but has now

been set up to be a manual." Manual conversion aside, the plan is to bring the Falcon back to its as-delivered glory: "I would love my car to look original. To me, that's how they should be."

ONE FOR MUM, DAD AND THE FAMILY

"For my family, my mum and in loving memory of my dad, to see this car finished would mean the world to me," Travis said.

Travis describes himself as unlucky, so you can imagine his surprise when the Resto My Ride team contacted him and advised that his XW Falcon GT had been selected for the full Resto My Ride treatment.

"My boys are excited. They have seen pictures of similar cars and love it just as much as I do," Travis laughed.

"This project is all about my kids now and everything I have I want to pass on – including the GT."

Look out for Travis's XW Falcon GT restoration on Resto My Ride soon!



With the car stripped and all the running gear out, prep work for the project has been cut down to a minimum.



Rubbing the high fill back has revealed some rust holes, but the body is generally solid.



It may not look it, but under those blankets and in those boxes are all the parts needed to bring this car back to its former glory.



It looks in a sad state now, but Resto My Ride are confident about bringing this car back to its former glory.