

## **“The Monster Manx”**

**Bad News Racing / ACME Race Team**

1969 Meyers Manx 1, Serial Number 3347

*Built by ACME Car Company, New Cumberland, PA and Joseph Wheeler, St. Albans, WV*

One of the very first buggies built by ACME Car Company in New Cumberland, PA happened to be the foundation for the Monster Manx. This is a full chromoly tube chassis powered by a 2.4 Liter 4-cylinder GM Ecotec Engine with port injection built by Alpha Fab. This setup produces 230 horsepower and over 215 ft. pounds of torque and is mated to a VW 091 Transaxle. The “Monster” moniker stuck with this vehicle because of the physical size along and with a rear suspension travel of over 22 inches.

Built in the late 1990s and over the years, although played with, it had been forgotten and relegated to the back of the garage. In the Spring of 2019, a group of dune buggy enthusiasts had an idea to retrofit a dune buggy body to this “monster” of a foundation and enter the NORRA Mexican 1000-mile off-road race. To meet this goal and have an entry into the Meyers Manx Evolution class of racers for NORRA, a well beat up, cut apart, and wrecked 1969 Meyers Manx body was available to retrofit. The Manx 1 body was stretched 14 inches, widened 8 ½ inches and adapted to the Monster chassis and drivetrain. A new hood purchased from Meyers Manx was used to replace the damaged hood from the frontal wreck and finishes the body conversion. The front A-arm suspension was replaced by a VW-style beam and trailing arm suspension with 18 inches of travel. The hydraulic systems are set up with double pivot style master cylinders, electric power steering, state of the art electronics and communications and prepped for the race.

### **BNR/ACME Team (Drivers):**

Bud Zeller - Wilmington, NC

Paul Mabin - Hamilton, NJ

Chris Lewis - Anderson, SC

Rick Ditolvo - Hillsborough, NJ

John Mickle - New Cumberland, PA

Tyler Imschweiler - Newberrytown, PA

## **“The Puzzle Manx”**

**Best Day Ever Race Team**

1970 Meyers Manx 2, Serial Number 1356

*Built by Joseph Wheeler, St. Albans, WV*

The 1970 Meyers Manx 2 dune buggy body had been cut into 11 pieces and almost went into the dumpster when it was rescued and put back together. In 2014, the build of this buggy started. Built on a custom full tube chassis, running a VW 091 gearbox mated to an air cooled 2165 cc VW engine with 2X3 rear trailing arms and a Type 181 front suspension, this buggy competed in the 2018 NORRA Mexican 1000 race and came in third in class. For 2022, the chassis has been altered for more underneath clearance and upgraded shock control in being readied for the upcoming 2022 NORRA 1000 off-road race. This year, the Puzzle Manx is running in the Legends Class under the team’s name of “Best Day Ever Racing” and will be driven by 4 women who are racing to help raise awareness for breast cancer early detection and treatment.

### **Best Day Ever Team (Drivers):**

Stephanie Mabin - Hamilton, NJ

Nancy Koval - Rochester, NY

Valerie Stump - Salvo, NC

Lucy Hocog White - Fayetteville, NC