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ild Fire...? If 1 told you this truck was one of the single most recognizable vehicles to ever grace the pages of LALM you'd not be too surprised. If 1 mentioned the fact that this truck was one of the hottest show stoppers on the planet in recent memory, you'd believe me.

Right?

Last year Steve Miller's Wild Fire was featured on the covers of some of the largest custom car and truck publications in the country. The Wild Fire was fawned over by custom fans from coast to coast. Yet with all this attention and adoration Steve was ready to move on to other projects feeling that little more self expression could be coaxed out of his 'oz Silverado. It was then that Steve chose to sell Wild Fire. He did so to a young man here in Southern California by the name of John Wyber, What Wild Fire's new owner was about to do was almost unthinkable. John took one of the more successful show trucks on the circuit and gutted it! That's right. He tore the whole thing down and started from scratch.

The once awe inspiring custom paint scheme that featured brilliantly executed flaming eye balls on an outrageously red base color is now an equally impressive glass like sheet of deep midnight blue. In addition to a completely new wardrobe the artist formerly known as Wild Fire was rebuilt virtually from the ground up. Inside and out.

Before the new color could be applied, John had the entire front fascia removed and in it's place would be a new '03 Cadillac Escalade front end. The body work here is incredible! The new front end was melded seamlessly with the '02 Silverado, and the shaving of all extremities makes for a super sharp look and smooth exterior feel. The combination works so well you have to wonder why there isn't a factory version in the works.

With the bulk of the body work complete, John looked to Lexani Luxury Alloy Wheels for a set of rollers that would both capture his personality and that of his newest toy. When all was said and done a glistening set of 20" Lexani Marquis were chosen and bathed in BFG Comp T/A rubber. The combination was perfect! The Marquis' design allows it to distribute light in all directions with total disregard for the laws of physics which was a perfect match for the bold new lines of the "Escalado".

After having a custom F.B.S.S. air ride system installed Myber hit up the guys over at Classic Custom Window Tint to work their magic with multiple layers of window film in a very familiar flamed theme.

Once you get past the impeccable exterior, you're treated to an impressive array of interior goodies as well. The upholstery is a mind boggling blend of black and white zebra print with electric blue velour inserts stabilizing your senses to a degree.

The A/V system consists of fully integrated PS2/DVD player custom mounted into the dash with a 9" retractable in dash LCD screen controlled by an Alpine head unit pushing power through four 800 watt AudioBahn amps. These beasties feed four 12" subs with custom flamed grill plates in an exacting enclosure also by

provided by AudioBahn. John has done it! This guy truly has got it bad, and we're glad he has the balls to pull off something this grand.

I must say at first I wasn't sure why anybody would tear down a truck as beautifully built and widely appreciated as the Wild Fire, but after having spent some time with John and his new Blue Flame Escalado I can tell you this.

it's all good!

