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If there's one thing that I love about going to the dunes, it's seeing the amount of creativity that people devote to their machines. Corona resident, Shawn Gibson, owns one of the most well-known sandrails out there today, Backdraft. Not only does it possess an eye-catching paintjob, but there is also a lot of spark that justifies his wicked theme. His 550-horse-powered, turbo-charged motor controlled by a 4-speed Mendeola transmission sure makes it effortless for Shawn to burn through the dunes.

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But hold on a sec, there is yet another addition to this hot collection. If you havn't already noticed, Shawn has also devoted time into his 2001 Chevy 3500 HD Crew Cab Truck. From his chrome-plated track bars to his flame-designed leather interior and his 44" Super Swampers to his 6.8L Duramax turbo diesel engine, you can definitely tell that Shawn pays attention to major details. This is what sets his vehicle apart from others. What I like most about Shawn is that even though his truck looks like a work of art, he is not afraid to drive it as hard as his sandrail.



Above: One of Backdraft's popular features is the unique graphic on the wing painted by Rods And Rides. The slogan "Get 'Em Hot, Leave 'Em Wet" is a definite attention-grabber, especially to the ladies.



Builder: Suspensions Unlimited Frame/Chassis: Suspensions Unlimited Materials: 4130 chromoly tubing Wheel Base: 130" Width: 92" Wheel Travel: 19" Weight: 1580 lbs.

Pedals: CNC Seats: Beard Shifter: Custom-made by Suspensions Unlimited



Transaxle: MD 4S 2D Mendeola Builder: Rancho Performance, Anaheim, CA Ring & Pinion Ratio: 5.24 Ring (2.90 1st, 1.86 2nd, 1.44 3rd, 1.14 4th)

CV: 930 W/ Race Cages Brakes: CNC Front Rims: CMS (15" front and rear w/ bead locks) Tires: Sand Tires Unlimited





Engine: Rotary by Redline Turbo, Fuel-Injected, Intercooled Shocks: King - Front: 8.5" coil shock Rear: 14" coil shock, 16" bypass Aluminum Work: Amil Miller Powder-Coat: Olympic Powder Coating Chroming: United Custom Polishing Graphics: Rod And Rides



