



# Grand Slam

The *Overhulin'* A-Team hit another one out of the park for the baseball-crazed owner of this once-neglected '66 LeMans ragtop.

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**Admit it: you've dreamed of having your wife, husband, son, daughter, girlfriend, boyfriend, friend, or some significant other submit your car to the producers at *Overhulin'*, and of having your car make the cut. After all, who wouldn't unknowingly get pranked if it meant ending up with a Chip Foose signature creation gracing your garage a week later.**

For Tony Todd, the dream became a reality when two of his long-time friends engineered the Chip Foose restoration of his 1966 Pontiac LeMans convertible during season four of the popular show that airs on The Learning Channel.

Tony, who grew up in affluent Santa Monica, where he was raised by his single mom, Beverly, didn't have a

lot of material things as a kid. But one of his childhood dreams came true when he bought the LeMans, nearly 10 years ago.

"I've had the car for a long time ... since 1997," relates Tony. "The odometer read 87,000 miles. The condition was good — not great — but it was all original and everything was there. I

bought it at a dealer and that was what I could afford at the time. I know back in 1966, the GTO was a really popular car, but people who couldn't afford a GTO would buy a LeMans, because the main difference from a GTO was the power of the engine."

Flash back to Tony's sophomore year at Santa Monica High School: While