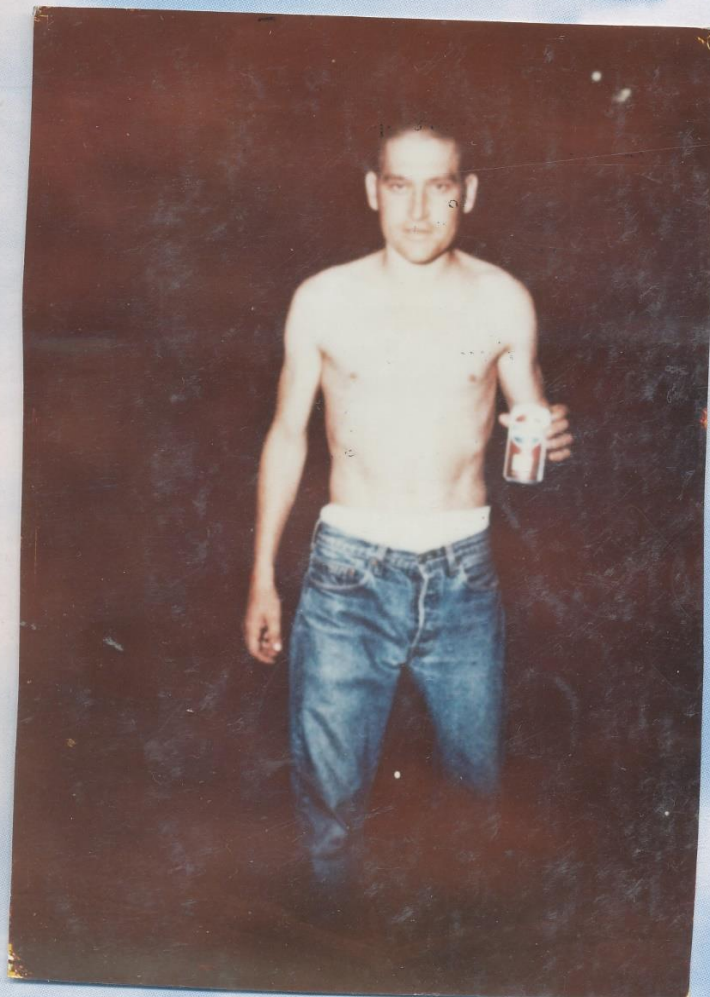


TOMMY LEE BENWELL

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CHEROKEE NATION

TOM BENWELL IS PROUD OF HIS INDIAN HERITAGE, AND HIS DODGE TRADESMAN 200 BESPEAKS HIS PRIDE IN PERSONAL CRAFTSMANSHIP

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1. Tom's efforts earned him a first in non-professional class at a recent van meet. Murals depict Indian history.

2. Like most vanners, Tom is always changing his interior. Those stained glass panels cover music-color lights.

3. Appliance wires and TA Radials set off the Fibervan flares and running boards. Vern Olmstead did paint.

4. Detail of the paint shows eagle holding a Cherokee arrow. The base paint is a stock Dodge van orange.

5. Tom spent three years researching the Indian motifs and artifacts used in his award-winning Dodge's interior.

