



Power Automedia Talks With David Ankin of ToyMakerz

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Rod Authority caught up with David Ankin recently and he recounted his whirlwind life story as a stunt man, bar owner, and television personality on Velocity's ToyMakerz.

He currently has his hands full prepping for the third season of the hot Velocity show, but was gracious enough to recount his path to "big boys toys" impresario. He told us, "As a child, my father could fix, build and drive anything! He was a big kid at heart and still is today. In his circle he was known as "The Iron Man" because there was nothing he couldn't make out of metal. He was always building the coolest toys. I learned a lot from watching him over the years, and he has been my inspiration from the start."

Ankin is also a notable custom vehicle fabricator and stars with a supporting cast featuring his team at Toymakerz, Inc. Ankin's crew is well versed in the creation of "one-off" specialized vehicles from race cars, custom motorcycles (both V-twin and sport bikes), trucks and unique reverse trikes. David Ankin is the personification of the all-American boy—the guy you always want on your team and the guy you never want to cross.

Performing stunts with motorcycles, race cars at Universal Studios for their Batman and Water World shows wasn't sustainable and as the years rolled by, David decided to try his hand at running a bar. "I thought it would be easy, but it turned out to be one of the hardest things I've ever done. I'm always one to think outside the box and so we hosted "events," like bike shows and it went gangbusters."

He was bugged by TV show producers for a years, eventually succumbed and Toymakerz was born. Season Three starts production this May with new episodes coming in the fall of 2018.

He told us "We've got some real neat stuff coming for 2018. A TWO seat digger dragster, a Hellcat powered Five-Win-

dow Ford coupe and of course, some sort of motorized toy... Stay tuned..."

ToyMakerz is helping fans to feel they are more a part of the brand's team through their new app. ToyMakerz partnered with Source Digital to develop the app, which is slated to help enhance the viewer experience with new digital brand integrations.

Available now on iTunes, the ToyMakerz app lets fans interact with the cast, score exclusive deals on anything they see on the screen while they are watching the show live, share pictures of their own rides, and even offers a chance to appear on the show this season!

The ToyMakerz TV show is currently airing on Velocity, check you local listings for show times. ToyMakerz is produced by Los Angeles based production company, Lucky13Cinematic. For more information about ToyMakerz go here.

