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**Fox Body Mustang Gets Coyote Swapped for Make-A-Wish® Recipient**  
*1983 V-6 Mustang Convertible Restored – Hot Lap*

- Media Kit: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/fnel7ptn127jq4g/AAB7cp5DmGXdNjNP-iRifrXga?dl=0>

**PAOLI, Pa. (July 9, 2019)** – Make-A-Wish® Foundation (MAW), the nonprofit organization responsible for creating and granting wishes to children with critical illnesses, has teamed up with Turn5 (T5), home to AmericanMuscle (AM), for their biggest “Wish” build to date. When the Philadelphia, Delaware and Susquehanna Valley MAW chapter introduced its Mustang-owning wish recipient, Matthew, to AM, Matt explained some of the back story on his car. Matthew’s 1983 V6 Mustang convertible was gifted to him by his grandmother so he could use it to commute back and forth to school. Initially, Matthew’s request for AM was a simple one, requesting for a little body work and some fresh paint on the 35-year-old sheet metal however, the team at T5/AM have a hard time of taking cosmetic builds seriously—especially for someone like Matthew who just went through a heart transplant.

“Working for T5 and AM, we’ve had the opportunity to get involved in a number of these Make-A-Wish® builds—Matt’s Fox Body being our third Mustang and by far the most challenging. To take a tired V6 Mustang and make it into something ‘cool’ is no small task but, thanks to Joe and the AM team along with a host of great vendors, we made it happen! The look on Matt’s face the moment he saw the car made all those long days and nights worth it in the end.” –Justin Dugan

Matthew’s Fox Body was transformed over the course of the first half of 2019 by AM’s team of in-house technicians, spearheaded by Justin Dugan and Master Technician Joe Gallo. The proposition of a [Gen-2 5.0L Coyote swap](#) further complicated AM’s plan and timeframe for the build, requiring a ton of custom fabrication and parts to shoehorn the giant Coyote into the Fox Body’s tiny engine bay. A slew of steering, [suspension](#), drivetrain, and [exhaust components](#) were modified to fit the application as well as a one-off set of [Forgestar Wheels](#) custom made to clear the modified suspension and big brakes on Matthew’s overhauled steed.

After hundreds of hours of labor and thousands of dollars in donated [Mustang parts](#), Matthew’s Fox Body was revealed to him in front of a huge crowd of Mustang enthusiasts at AM’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mustang Show at Maple Grove Raceway in Mohnton, PA held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. To commemorate the build and provide a glimpse of the hard work involved, AM has dedicated their most recent [Hot Lap episode](#) to Matthew’s Fox Body build.

**Watch it here:** <https://www.americanmuscle.com/hotlap-maw-2019.html>

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