

Blazer driver just can't get it started

DRIVE GUYS

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The Drive Guys want to hear from you. Jot a note with your car concerns or questions to features@baltimoreexaminer.com. We'll get it answered right away.

Dear Drive Guys,
I have a 2002 Chevy Blazer.
I just replaced batter, had a tune up,
and replaced the spark plugs. Now, it
won't start on first try.

It's a strong start; but just doesn't
kick over. What do you think it might be?
The guys at the gas station say it might
be the key; that it might be old and not
connecting in ignition.

That sounds odd. Help, please.
Kim

Ed: Hi, Kim. The first question
from me is "Was this the reason
you had the battery and spark plugs
replaced?" I am assuming that it was
the reason the work was done.

There can be many causes in a
vehicle with some years and miles
on it.

The computer needs to see that
the engine is turning, firing, capable
of running for the engine to have all
it needs to start. These signals are
fed to the computer that will not
activate the fuel injection until it

sees them. An intermittent in one
of the signals and the engine might
not start on the first turn of the
key. Once the computer gets all its
requirements, it starts.

If your key is one of the "chip
style" keys, it might be part of the
problem.

Jeff: This sounds more like

a lack of fuel to me. Maybe the
fuel filter is clogging or there is
another form of restriction in the
fuel system. That would be where
I would start.



"Pinks" host Rich Christensen confers with show advisor Brian Bossone. Bossone owns E.L.D. Performance in Millersville and has worked in the area for 20 years.

Millersville shop owner is go-to guy for 'Pinks'

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Seeing host Rich Christensen in
front of the camera is nothing new if
you're familiar with the Speed Chan-
nel's top-rated TV series "Pinks."

On the other hand, you might
not know Brian Bossone, who plays
a key role in the show. Coming this
season, however, you'll get to know
him much better.

Bossone, owner of E.L.D. Perfor-
mance in Millersville, has been an
integral part of the show's success
since it began in 2005. He appeared
as a racer in both Season 1 and Sea-
son 2 and then was asked to come
on board as a mechanic/technical
advisor.

The New York native is a sea-
soned racer and has been in the
automotive business in Maryland
for 20 years. As the show has pro-
gressed, so has Bossone's role.

"They knew they could trust me
and I would get it done. That's where
they found their worth in me," said
Bossone. "Every time they called, if
they needed something or we were

working together ... I actually saved
two episodes for them because I
went out and fixed the cars. Rich
said 'you know, that's not a bad thing
to have, someone who can guarantee
that we get these shows done.'"

Since 2005, "Pinks" has bloss-
omed into a \$1 million operation
with nearly 100 cameras to cover
each show. This prompted a changed
the format of the show as they
moved from two select contestants
to allowing up to 500 cars come to
the track, compete, and then ulti-
mately narrowing the field down to
16 competitors who have the closest
ET times.

Splitting his own time between
his shop and newfound fame has
been a challenge. This past year,
Bossone started a side project with
Christensen called Arm Drop Live.
The purpose was to give fans who
might never find their way to a live
filming of "Pinks" the opportunity
to see a similar style event minus
the cameras and film crew. A lot is
still up for grabs as the winner from
the field of competitors takes home
\$10,000 dollars.

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