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ICEHOUSE Project Space is excited to announce the opening of its inaugural show, Dan Devine: Inside Out NASCAR. In conjunction with the Sharon Art Walk (September 8, 2018, 4-7), ICEHOUSE Project Space will exhibit Devine's 2006 sculpture, Inside Out NASCAR, together with photographs that document its deconstruction from a functioning and rideable NASCAR and reconstruction into art.

According to Devine, Inside Out NASCAR is the culmination of several trajectories in his life and work:

I have always been a mechanic and involved in motorsports. I raced motorcycles when I was young and my father was a Chevy dealer. As a child I memorized every make and model down to the trade colors of the upholstery and exterior paint colors. I am fascinated with speed. By the time I contemplated turning a car inside out, I had already turned other objects inside out: *Inside Out Television*, *Inside Out Computer*, *Inside Out Jordans* (a pair of Nike Air Jordans) and some others. I had also been preoccupied with interior spaces and the spaces between objects like in the big concrete casting I did, *Space Between Two Crashed Cars*. The NASCAR seemed to be the next best idea.

Critic Raphael Rubenstein, in analyzing this piece, describes it as a sculpture that presents us with "occasions for seeing and thinking....about a fundamental aspect of art—the relationship between the visual and the tactile....Devine takes something meant to be experienced by the tactile body and puts it in the forefront of vision, while offering the formerly visual exterior as an interior space in which we can now imagine our bodies siting." Devine elaborates on this dichotomy.

I wanted to put the part of the car that's connected to the driver on the outside. The inside of a race car is very business-like, and the business is protecting the driver from injury. The outside is almost all entertainment: vivid color, names of sponsors, driver's number, all of which are oriented toward the spectator. I have simultaneously taken something that is meant to be experienced by the body and put it in the public, spectator space and put the loud graphics in a space made for one.

Dan Devine exhibits internationally and is a professor at Hofstra University. He and his family live in Ghent, NY. Dan Devine: Inside Out NASCAR will run from September 8 through September 29, 2018. Hours are Saturdays 4-6 and by appointment.

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ICEHOUSE Project Space is an artist-run contemporary art project located at 34 Upper Main St., Sharon, CT.