



SUPERVAN (DVD) – CHEEZY FLICKS 40/100

Rescued out of the garbage heap of 1977 history by the folks at Cheezy Flicks, Supervan has arrived on DVD to collide, smash and crash the screen with a Smokey And The Bandit-meets-KITT Two Thousand gone middle-age atmosphere!

This old film revolves around the story of a mad scientist seeking fame and a young driver seeking fortune by entering Vandora, the laser beam shooting dream custom van, into a “non-national” contest for custom vans called Freakout. Enter cheesy graphics, cheesier interior carpeting schemes, absolutely non-cheesy and welcome wet T-shirt contests, hapless smokeys i.e. pigs, a crooked businessman with oil connections and some futuristic musings about solar power and laser beams. As much as the fondue boils continuously from start to finish in Supervan the film is not exactly superb. It is a time capsule and, at a guess, somehow or the other sponsored by the van graphics and decoration industry of the time. The viewer will get loads of funny CB radio talking hee-haw and 10-4 type language, which a character hilariously calls ‘van jive,’ but also loads of mainstream ‘70s AOR. In fact, the sound track must have taken as much effort to put together as the whole film given the breadth of material being played.

There is absolutely nothing here that one would regard as art or cinematic. Rather, Supervan lives off its ‘70s aura, specific niche and unintentionally hilarious moments that one could miss as easily as honesty in Richard Nixon or Henry Kissinger. Now your (sic) getting the idea as the back cover of the DVD would say.

– Ali “The Metallian”