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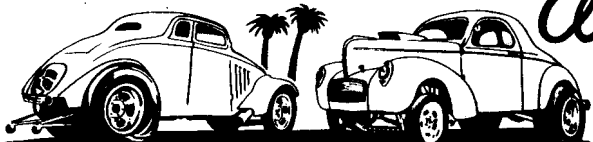
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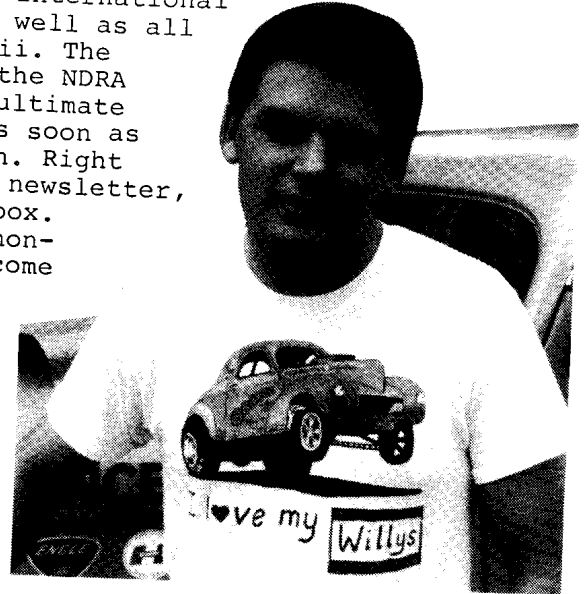
# ABOUT THE CLUB.....

Welcome to the West Coast Willys Club, as you probably know, this is a brand new club and you are reading the premier issue of our club newsletter/magazine. All of you who are members will have received your introductory letters explaining what the club is all about, however I will go over it once again for the benefit of all the non-members who are reading this. (The club newsletter is sent to the editors of all the automotive magazines I could think of that may be interested).

The club is not like a regular car club in that we don't have monthly meetings etc, there are far fewer Willys in any one town than let's say 55-57 Chevy's so the club is quite spread out. In fact we are international with members in Canada, West Germany and New Zealand as well as all over the United States from California to Maine to Hawaii. The idea is to get the cars together at larger events like the NDRA races, Western Street Rod Nationals etc. Of course the ultimate goal is to have our own annual west coast meet so as soon as there are enough members to warrant it, plans will begin. Right now I am concentrating on putting together an enjoyable newsletter, something you will look forward to getting in your mailbox.

Not all of our Members own Willys, we welcome non-owners to join up as all good Willys fans eventually become Willys owners, I know I wished for a long time before I got my coupe. I think the newsletter will provide plenty of inspiration to owners and non-owners alike.

Every time I have taken my car out I never fail to be approached by someone who either remembers Willys from the drags and has always wanted one or someone who used to own one and regrets selling it, I'm sure most members know exactly what I mean. With Willys coming on strong in the rodding world like they are right now, I believe the time is right for this club. The purpose of the club is to bring Willys owners together and further the interest in what is surely the "ROD OF THE 80's", the 33-42 Willys. So spread the word and tell the next Willys owner (or lover) you meet about the club.



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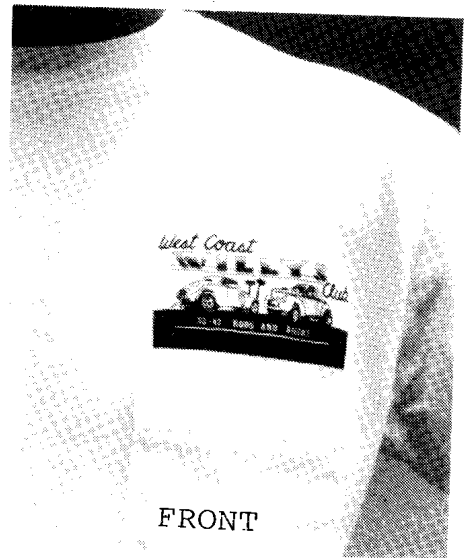
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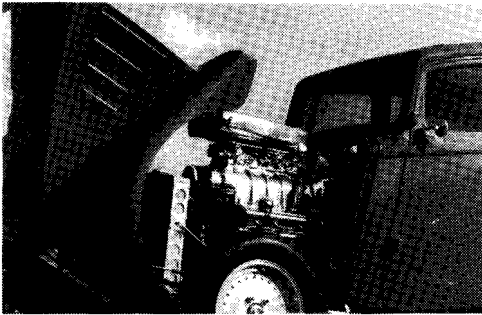


FRONT

If you are among the first 100 members and haven't received your free T shirt yet, don't worry, we haven't forgotten you, we ran out of 2 sizes and our screenprinter is in the process of moving. This is also the holdup with the decals.

**COVER --** This great Willys line-up was seen at the conclusion of the 1985 Nostalgia Nationals held at Fremont, California.

# LETTERS



Dear Kevin,

It's really great to see someone take the initiative to start a club like this, I've been a Willys fan for a long time. When I was a teenager in southern California, my friends and I hardly ever missed the Gas Coupe "Wars".

In 1966 I owned a 33 Willys coupe which we found in nearly perfect condition. It was sitting in someones back-yard with the rest of their "junk". I paid \$500.00 for it and drove it for several months in stock condition. We eventually tore it apart, built a new frame and suspension, dropped in a blown 426 Chrysler and torqueflite and had a street-strip car like our heroes.

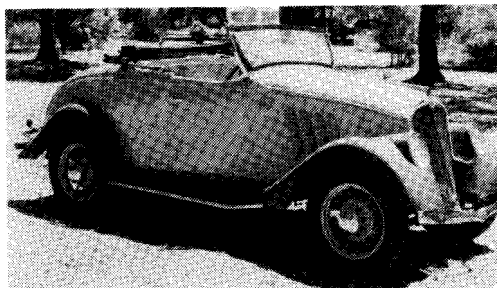
Between then and now I've been occupied with work and family. I got the bug again last year at the Nostalgia drags and started looking for a Willys. I found my present 33 coupe in the classifieds of our local paper of all things. It was a low key street rod when I bought it but I had big plans!

After eight months and many dollars I have the car you saw at the Nostalgia Nationals.

I've still got some teething problems with the engine, mainly cooling, and there are still things I want to change or improve but I am totally happy with what I've got so far.

Doug Draeger and his employees at "Hot-Rods Santa Cruz" were invaluable building my coupe. They have the eye and ability to build my kind of Hot Rod.

STEVE SPENCE #33  
APTOS CA



Dear Sir,

I have a couple of friends in Australia with Willys cars for sale.

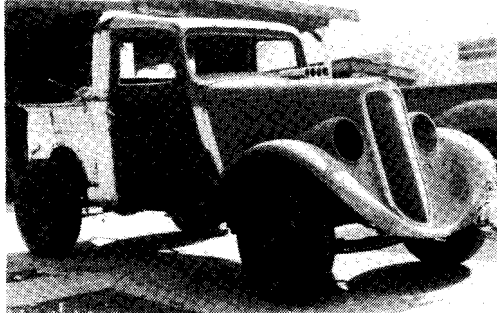
One guy has a 1933 Willys roadster for \$16,000 US which includes shipping to the US. (see photo).

Another guy has a 1935 Willys sports - coupe, all finished as a street rod with Ford power. He also has an unfinished 1935 Willys roadster he wants to sell as a package with the sports coupe, he wants \$26,000 US for

both of them. I think he has a 1935 Willys phaeton too but I didn't hear what he wanted to do with it.

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If any members are interested in these cars, they can contact Randall at the above address. Australian Willys had there own locally made bodies that were unique to Australia, such things as 3 window 33-36 coupes, 5 window 37-42 coupes and a lot of other strange ones. Look for an article on down under Willys in a future issue of "WILLYS WORDS"



Dear Kevin,

Thanks for starting the W.C.W.C. Here is a picture of and short story about my 1936 Willys pick-up, I am building it as a racer that can still be driven on the street.

As a member of the "Over The Hill Gang" car club of San Diego, I put pictures of my cars in my tool box at work. One of my fellow workers saw them and asked if I knew anyone that would be interested in a pick-up cab with doors. I said what year and make and how much? He said it was a '36 Willys and if I was interested I could have it, come over to his house and pick it up.

I run around with a friend of mine, Ben Dearman, who owns an ex-racer '33 Willys pick up so right at first I thought of a parts car for him. Then I asked my fellow more about it. I said too bad it doesn't have a bed, he said he had one but it had 10" cut off the back because it was an old drag car in 1962. Then I said all I would need is a front end, he said he had that too but didn't think I would be interested because it was a one piece fiberglass front end. I asked him what he wanted for all of it and he told me to come and pick it all up just to get it out of his back yard where it had sat in a pile since 1965 or so. So then I started thinking about building it myself so Ben and I could run around town together in our Willys pick-ups.

A friend of Ben's, Chuck Morris of Rialto, sold me a chassis for my body parts, as of now I have boxed the frame, adapted Volvo disc brakes to Willys spindles, 8" Ford narrowed rear end, Vega steering, mounted 327 Chevy engine and turbo350 with shift kit. I hope to have it running in the near future and hope to attend N.D.R.A. events and W.C.W.C. event.

Larry Krider #047  
Spring Valley CA

You're a lucky guy, Larry. Has anyone out there had a better deal than that? On second thought, forget I asked, this could get really depressing!



Dear Mr Perry,

Thank you for considering us as members of your new Willys club, what a great idea. We've been trying to get the idea rolling, yet didn't have the time to do so.

Willys are popping up, used to be that only one or two were at each run.

We wish you much success as you enter this new endeavor. Will you be at Merced? Hope to see you there.

We look forward to a great club, Willys people are some of the nicest we know.

Sincerely,  
Donna & Bill Fitting #054  
Nevada City CA  
33 Willys coupe

Thanks for the encouragement, I agree that Willys people are among the nicest.

as you read this the Merced run has been and gone and I'm sorry to say that I didn't make it. My car is in pieces, (Trying to get it together for the NDRA race at Bakersfield, Oct 3-5). If any members are planning on attending the Western Street Rod Nationals, Pleasanton CA, August 15-17, let me know so I can send you the club banner! We have alot of members within driving distance of this event so hopefully we can get a line-up of Willys under the club banner. Drop me a line if you're going.



"It's got a Willys in it! Gee, what will they think of next?"



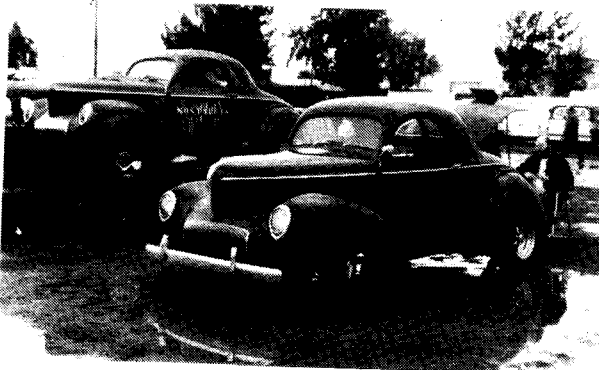
# 26 Willys Invade Fremont!

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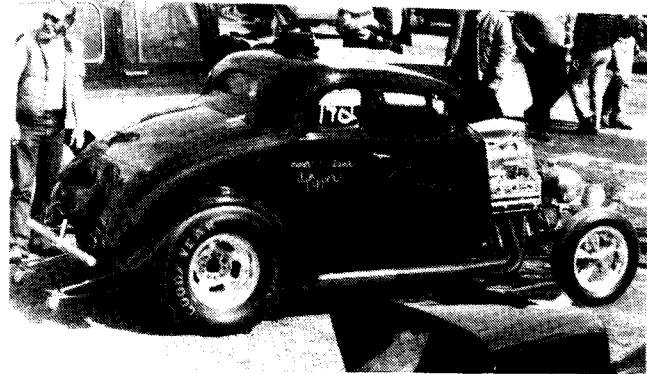
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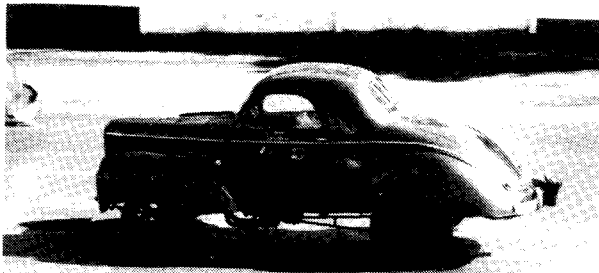
Although rain spoiled the 2nd day of the NDRA/STREET RODDER MAGAZINE Nostalgia Nationals, Sunday was a great day for Willys fans! I counted 26 Willys over the weekend! 6 33 coupes, 2 33 sedans, 1 33-pick-up, 1 37-38 coupe, 4 40-41 pick-ups, 2 41 sedans and 9 40-41 coupes. The NDRA puts a lot of work into this event and I'd like to urge WWC members to support them, let's see if we can get more than 26 Willys together at the AUTUMN-NATIONALS (Bakersfield CA Oct' 3-5)



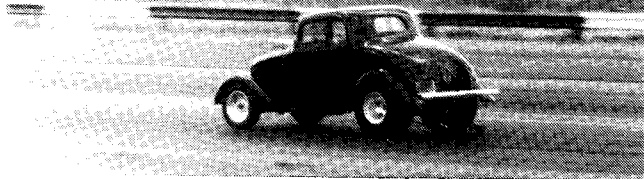
Lots of rain, puddles and mud on Saturday.



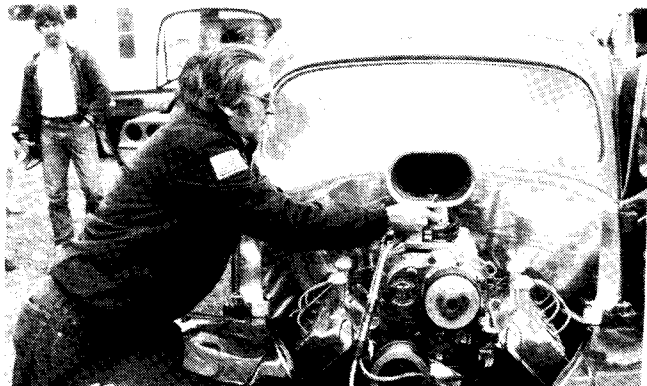
Jim Tipper's just right 33 must have felt right at home in the Fremont pits, it has all the right stuff for Nostalgia racing.



Sunday the sun came out and dried the track.

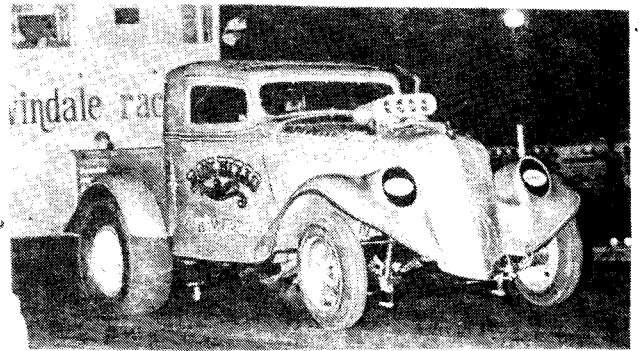
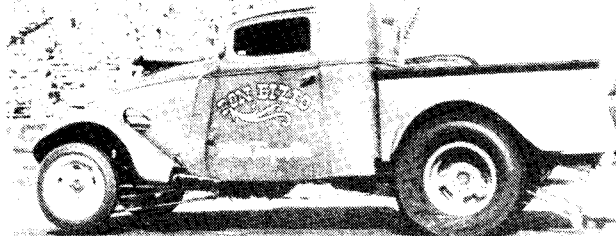
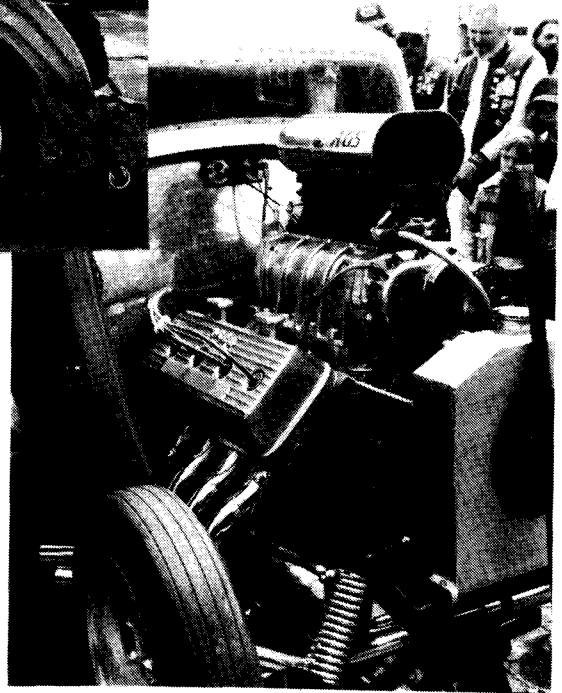
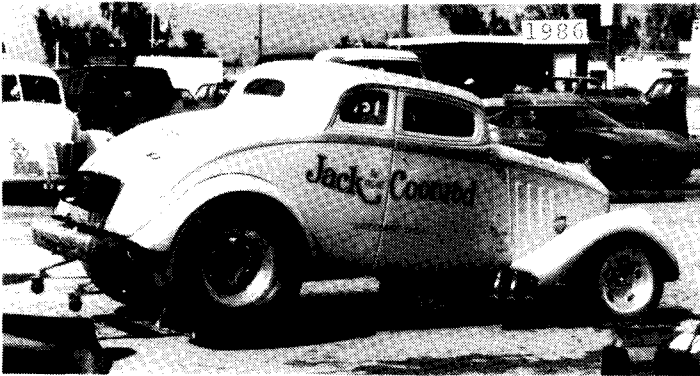


Bill Fitting's blown, 4 speed 33 pulled the front wheels with every shift!

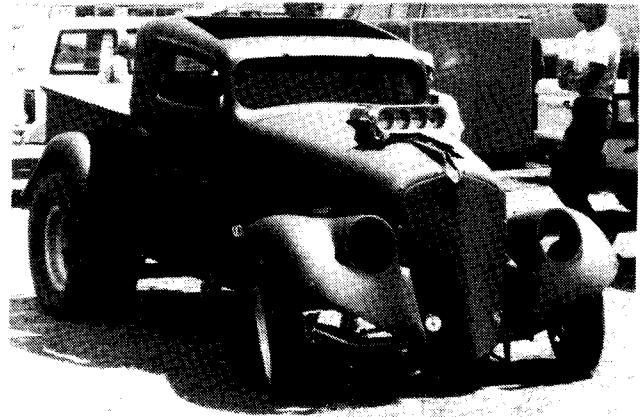
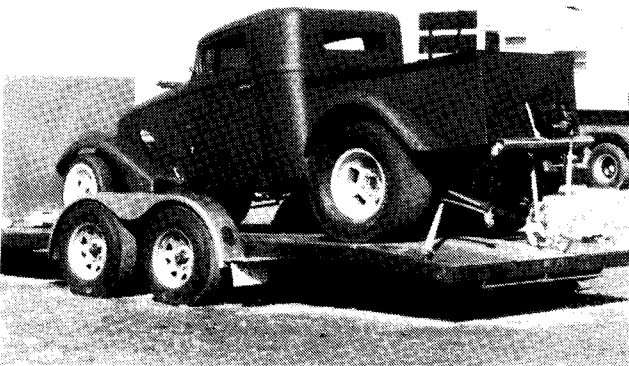




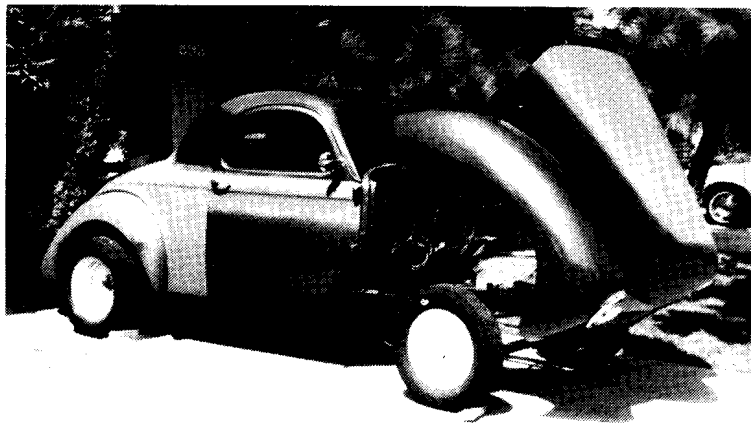
Jack Coonrod brought his old Hemi powered gasser down from Vancouver WA. He ran like Jack the - Bear to mid 8 second times. A real piece of history!



Another old gasser in attendance was the old Roy Brizio 33 pick-up. In primer and not yet running, the truck will soon be restored.



# CLUB CARS

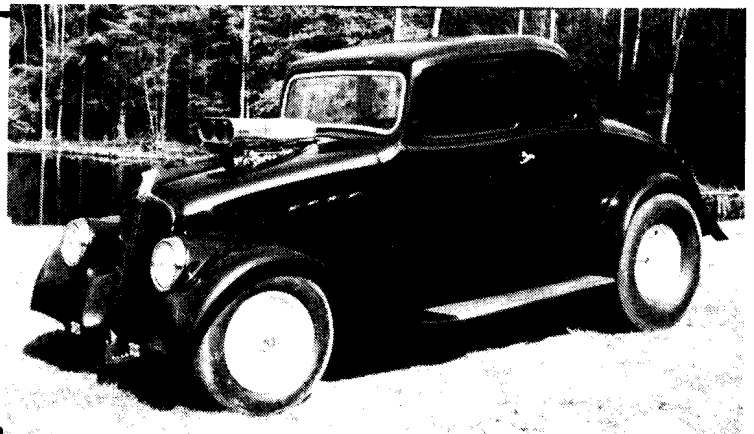


VICTOR YOUNG #001  
CAMARILLO CA

Victor's coupe is well under way to being a real clean street car. Rear fenders and tilt front end are 'glass items. Engine is 355 Chevy with Man-a-Fre 4 carb manifold, Turbo 400 leads to Dana 60 rear end. Color will be metallic blue with charcoal chassis and interior.

VINCENT CORIGLIANO #015  
LIBERTY NY

Vincent is the owner of the Willy Works, (see ad this issue) His all glass 33 coupe is powered by a blown LS7 454. Trans is a TH 350 rebuilt by Scott Corigliano who also built the engine and headers. Rear end is a Ford 9" with 3.55 gears, chassis is by Martz engineering. Although street driven regularly this car will run a 9.5 1/4 mile at 130 mph! Color is Lincoln burgandy.



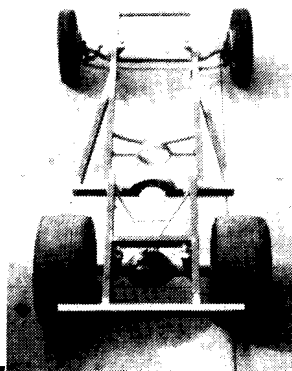
MARTY GOLDSMITH #41  
BURBANK CA

Shown here in as purchased condition, Marty's 41 will soon be getting a state of the art, Pro-stock style chassis. Blown big block Chevy engine is finished and ready to drop in. Car will be Pro built and have strut front end.



JIM FALSCHLEHNER #024  
TUSTIN CA

15 year old Jim is our youngest member so far, he has done all the work on his 40 pick-up himself including building the frame, recessing the firewall, custom tailgate and much more! Small-block Chevy and Turbo 400 will be used, rear-end is narrowed 9", stock front axel has 61 econoline spindles and brakes, steering is Corvair. Body is all steel.





STEVE SPENCE #33  
APTOS CA

Purchased as an 80% finished street rod, this steel 33 (glass front end & rear fenders) has since been completely rebuilt to Steves spec's by HOT RODS OF SANTA CRUZ. 355 Chevy is full of goodies and topped off with a BDS 6.71 blower. Narrowed 57 olds rear end has 4.56 posi, ladder bars and Aldon coil-overs. Built in 8 months for a total of \$30,000 this orange street rod has run an 11.80 at 123 mph. Other features are custom 2x3 rect' tube frame, tube front axel with Bell discs, Tilton pedal assembly, Beard bucket seats and 6 - point roll cage.

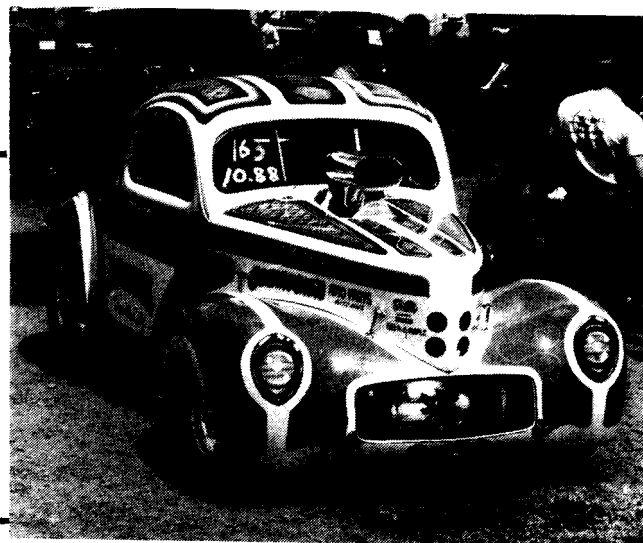


BILL BRADLEY #010  
SATICOY CA

Bills coupe has scratch built frame from the firewall forward with coil-over mounted tube axel, height is fully adjustable. Car has 'glass front end, rear fenders, trunk-lid and doors. Bills 41 is still in the construction stages and will run small block chevy and Turbo 400.

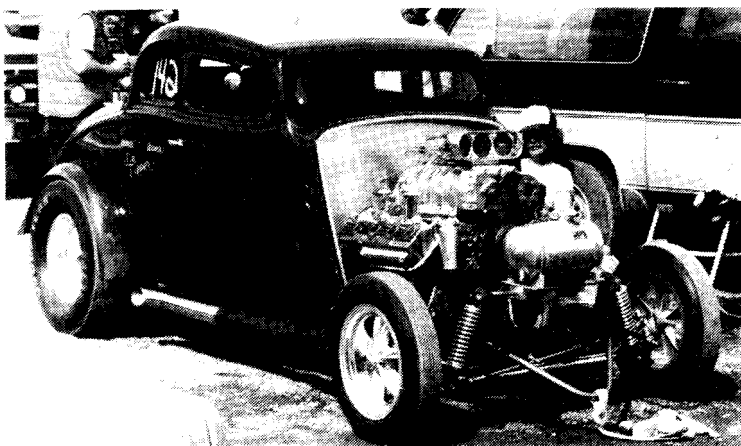
JAY SOUZA #018  
DANVILLE CA

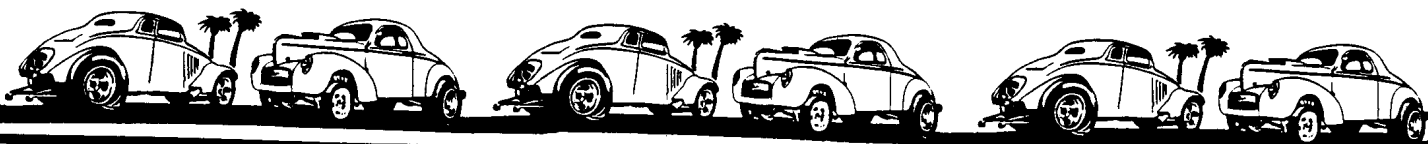
Jay has what must be one of the most colorful 41 coupes around! This low-slung race only Willys runs in the tens. Car rides on a set of polished Weld wheels



JAMES TIPPER #055  
FREMONT CA

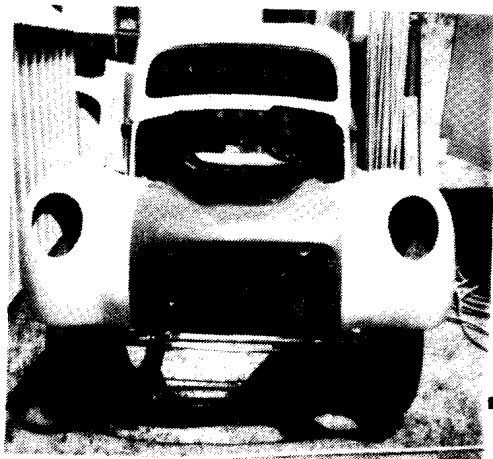
This chopped 33 is the old Brasher & Cummings A/gas car. It has gone the full circle from strip to street and now back to the strip. Engine is alcohol injected, 6/71 blown 58 Chrysler Hemi. Wheels are polished Halibrands on rear and American spindle mounts up front. Chrome, dropped tube axel is used. Paint color is red.





DAVID JACKSON #053  
LEESBURG VA

David's 41 sedan is all steel and set up to cruise in comfort. Independent front end is from a Mustang II and the rear clip of a 72 Chevelle chassis was grafted to the Willys frame for a coil spring set up. A 350 - Chevy engine & 350 Turbo trans' are used. Paint is Burgandy Imron by Bruce Paraday who also did the bodywork.

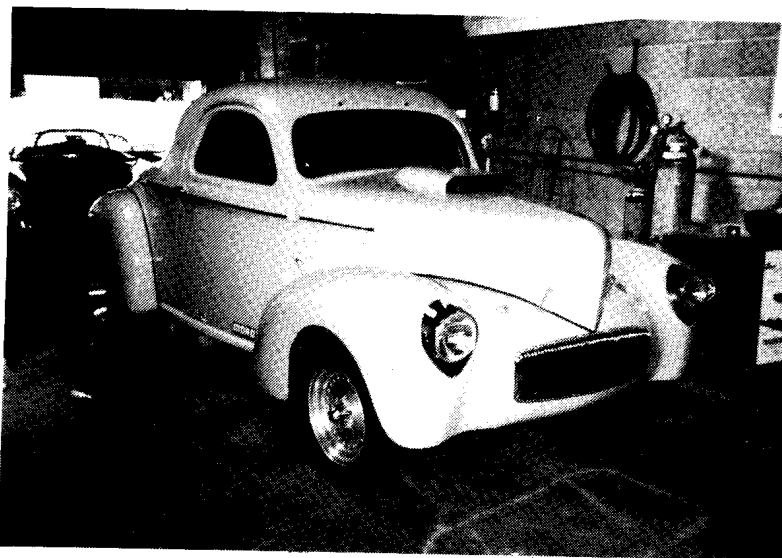
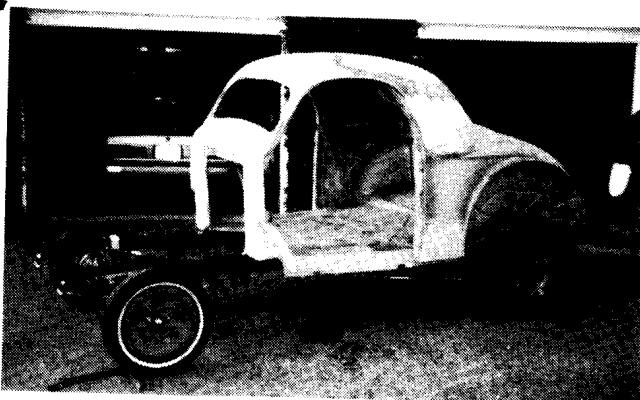


GARY CERIO #067  
RENO NV

Gary's coupe is in the early stages of construction, being built for the street it will run 327 Chevy with powerglide. The chassis is boxed, front end is straight tube axel and stock leaf springs. Stock Pontiac rear end is held in place by coil-over shocks and ladder bars. Chassis work was done by master race car builder of the 60's, Don Long.

DAVE MILLER #062  
BUTLER PA

When Dave's 40 is finished it will see street use and also run at Nostalgia drag events. Engine is a healthy 302 Chevy backed up by a B&M 4 spd Olds Hydro. This car was a B/Gasser back in the 60's so naturally has a 57 Olds rear end. Front leaf springs and straight tube axel are chrome plated along with rear 4-bars and leaf springs. Car will look sharp when finished with Matador Red paint and all original chrome trim and mouldings.



JAMES SNYDER #076  
MILPITAS CA

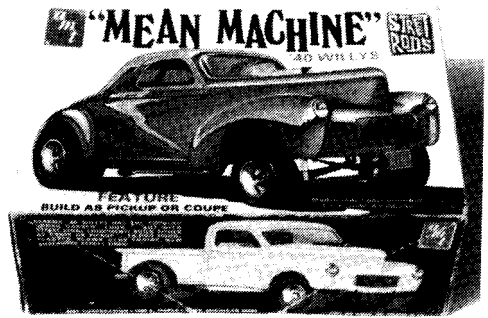
This bright yellow, 396 Chevy powered coupe is another old gasser now seeing street duty. It has all the classic gasser stuff like 'glass front end, rear fenders and trunk lid, ballast rear bumper, 57 Pontiac rear end (4.88 ratio), hood scoop and roll bar. Basically stock engine pushes car to 13.20 ET's at 108 MPH. Centerline wheels are used all 'round. Not noticeable at first are widened rear fenders.



# MEMBERS MODELS

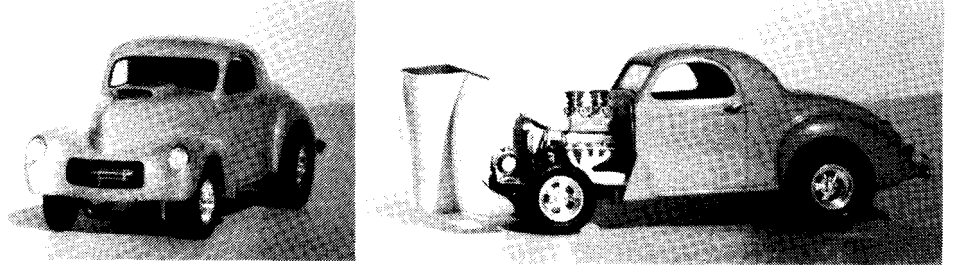


Does your wife or girlfriend insist you spend at least one night a week inside the house with her instead of out in the garage working on your Willys, heres a solution to your problem. Take a trip to your local hobby shop and pick up a couple of Willys models. You don't have to build them stock out of the box. There are as many ways to build a model as there are to build a full size car.



This 41 coupe (below) was built using the old AMT "Mean Machine" but with plenty of changes including Cragar wheels, tunnel rammed small-block Chevy engine, hood scoop and stock dash and rear bumper from the Revell kit.

ABOVE: Plenty of 1/25-scale Willys have been released over the years, currently available are AMT 33 coupe (top R) and REVELL "HOT ROD" 41 coupe and 41 pick-up (bottom).



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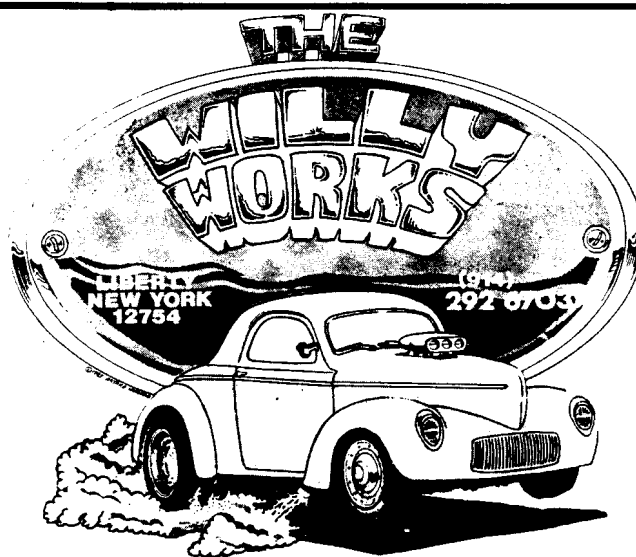
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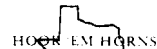
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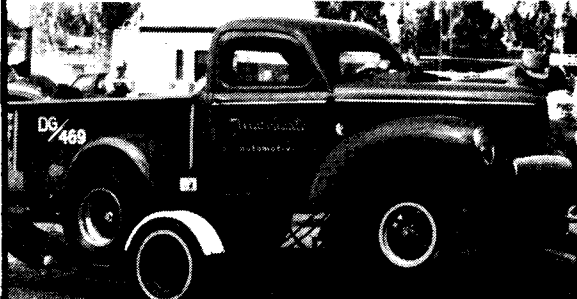
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Literature or pictures of 1936 Model-77 pick-ups, stock, rod, or racer.  
LARRY KRIDER (619)469-3570.  
659 Paraiso ave, Spring Valley, CA, 92077

**WANTED:**

33-34 Front-end (sheet-metal), 33-34 Grille, 33-36 Tail-light stand, 36 Wind-shield rubber, 40-41-42 stainless steel body side moldings (coupe)  
Mike Stochowiak- (713)697-3942. 928 Melrose, Houston TX 7702

**WANTED:**

Any information leading to the whereabouts of the ENERGIZER, a chopped 41 Willys pick-up from Houston, TX. Featured in Pop' Hot Rodding Mag' some time in 1977.  
Rick Smith-(312)6821551.

**WANTED:**

Steel doors & deck lid for 41 coupe.

**SALE OR TRADE:**

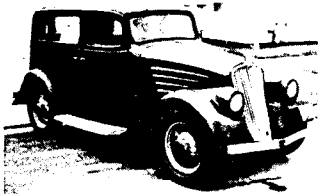
41 sedan, less front clip -call for wants.  
LARRY HENSLEY (305)659-4832.- 342 Conniston Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33405

**WANTED:**

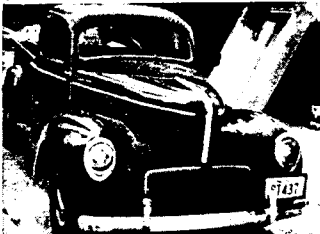
2 spindles for 37-42 front axel. Will pay \$25.00 each or will buy axel and spindles if you don't want to take it apart.  
PHONE KEVIN (805)967-7345.

## READ 'EM AND WEEP -CLASSIFIEDS FROM DAYS GONE BY.

**SELL OR TRADE:** 1941 Willys Coupe. Glass nose, plexi-astro, alum. FL & Wall, roll bar, T-bars, headers, Vette Rad, Casters, Roll and pleat int., glass seats, Bus. batty, tow brackets and lites. Will sell or trade and deliver rear distance. Car set up for Big Chevy, stick or tok-flite. \$1750. Paul St., Masspeth, N.Y.

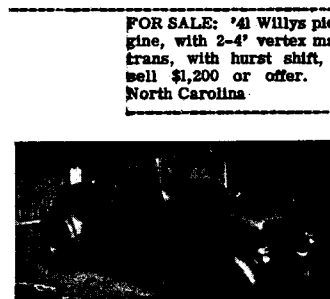


**SELL - '34 Willys Sedan,** runs good, no rust. \$150 Firm. Hermosa Beach, Calif.



**SELL - '41 Willys 1/2-ton P.U. truck,** compl. orig. \$650. E. Kings Beach, Calif.

**FOR SALE:** '33 Willys Coupe. Set up for Chevy. Chrome front end, Olds rear, glass front end, Halibrand wheels, Goodyears, \$1500. Contact Lee



**SELL - 1933 Willys coupe,** 6-71 supercharged street machine, professionally built; 426 Wedge & Torque-flite with all the best for super-fast, dependable street use. Custom chassis. Show winner. Perfect condition. \$2950. Steve Soence, La Verne, Calif.



**SELL - '41 Willys less eng. & trans.,** 4.56 Chevy rear. Body perfect. B-lid & pleated int., bucket seats, \$600. Monroe, N.C.

**FOR SALE:** '41 Willys pick-up good cond., glass fronted, 427 Ford engine, with 2-4' vertax mag, 565 crane ramsonic special cam, 4 speed trans, with hurst shift, 488 Chrysler rear end. w/o slicks. Must sell \$1,200 or offer. Robert North Carolina



**SELL - '41 Willys pickup,** 283 Chevy, quads Muncie. Chevy rear. \$950.

**SELL - '41 Willys pickup,** 50% finished set up for Chevy, Chevy rear end, over and under traction bars, 1/2 electric springs, boxed frame, roll bar, steer, tube axle, 50-50 rear shocks, 90-10 front, Cal-Auto-motive front end, complete and doors. \$500.00. All professional work. Call after 4:00.

**SELL: 1941 Willys coupe.** Body in real good condition. All new springs, new shackles. All set up for Chevy with Chevy rear end. \$250.00

**SELL - '40 Willys pick up,** partially done \$200.00.



**SELL - '41 Willys coupe,** immaculate, runs mid-tens-130s, over \$7000 invested, professionally built. \$3500 or best offer. California



**SELL - '40 Willys cpe.,** 335 c.i. Olds. 'Hoke green, will deliver. \$1350 or best offer



**SELL - '37 Willys '77' original steel,** 331 Hemi, headers, ram manifold, 950 Holley, stick hydr., interior black, gauges, much chrome, tilt hood, primer, mags, Goodyears. \$1500. Fresno, Calif

