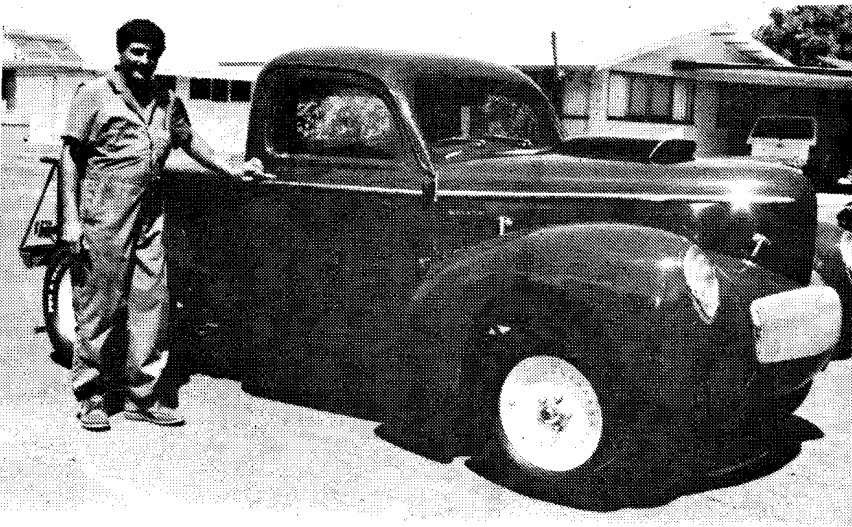
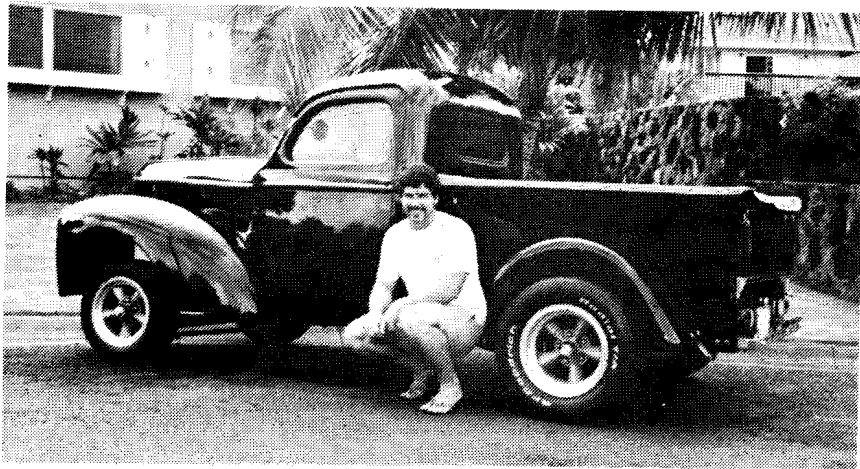


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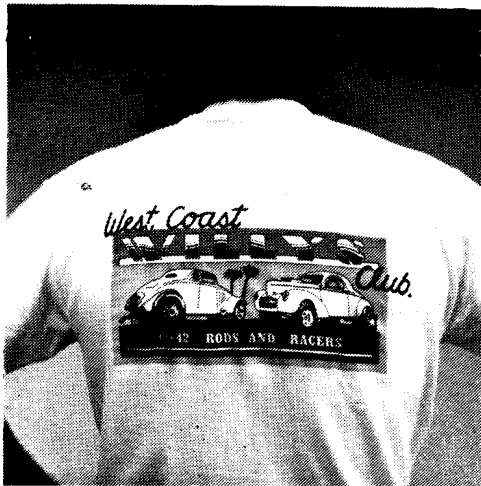


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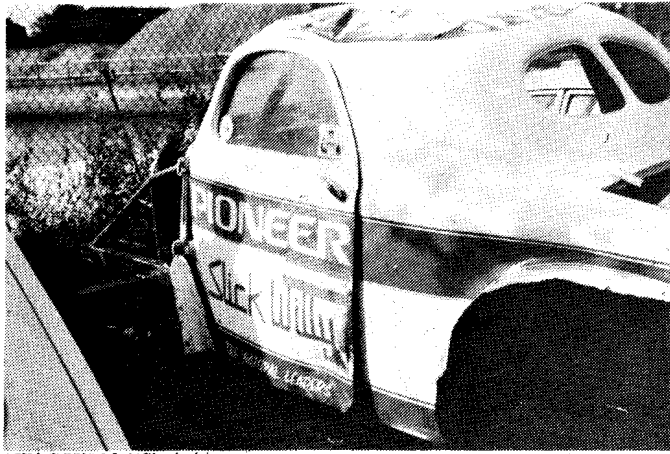
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**COVER --** In this issue we visit Hawaii so to get you in the mood we are greeted by Kathy Young, (Victor's wife), who teaches Hula dancing in Camarillo, CA. Thanks to Kathy and Victor for the Hawaii article.

**BACK COVER --** This is Jack Merkel's blown small block Chevy powered B/Gasser, as it was in 1964. This car is now owned by club member John Arsenian, see how it looks today in this issue's Club Cars.

# LETTERS



After reading "Street Rodder" ( November '87) and finding out about the W.C.W.C. I just had to write to you as I have a Willys coupe (photos enclosed), there are only 3 Willys in England and mine was the first one over here. It was brought over in 1980 and was used for racing, it was called "Slick Willy" and was Hemi powered but unfortunately it rolled at 140mph and was wrecked. The owner then decided to put the car, or what was left of it, up for sale so I bought it and after 3 years work I got it on the street. There are still some things I'm missing like trim bits and some body panels. The doors and front end I have had to make myself out of 'glass but I was wondering if there is any chance of locating any steel panels?

Please could you give me details about joining the club, do you accept overseas members?

Bob O'donoghue  
16 Gosbury Hill  
Chessington, Surrey  
KT9 1BT, England

Bob has since joined the club and when he did he sent an English magazine with

a full color feature on his car and let me tell you it is one clean Willys! The club welcomes members from anywhere in the world. I have printed Bob's address in case anyone can help him with the parts he needs. KP.

I'm driving my Willys to a local shop for a little radiator work, as I pull in a goofy looking sports car type nerd (with glasses & beret) cruises by on his 10spd bike, "Nice car"-"Thanks"-"Do you want a grille for it? I've got a '38 Willys grille, you can have it if you want it"-"I sure could put it to good use". The guy says "Wait here, I'll go get it" and rides off on his 10spd. Five minutes later he pulls up, steering with one hand, holding a grille in the other. "Here' that's just another hunk of junk I won't have to throw away!" As the guy rode off I yelled "Hey, you got any more parts?"-"No, I sold a bunch of engine parts and made my money on them so you can just have the grille. It's the last thing I have for Willys, it's been up in my attic for as long as I can remember." Then the guy rode off leaving about 6 of us standing there with our jaws hanging open. The grille is perfect, maybe NOS, replacement or from a low milage car.

Yes, Santa came early for me and that guy had a nice big turkey on me for Christmas. So get those cars going and on the road my friends, you never know what might turn up!

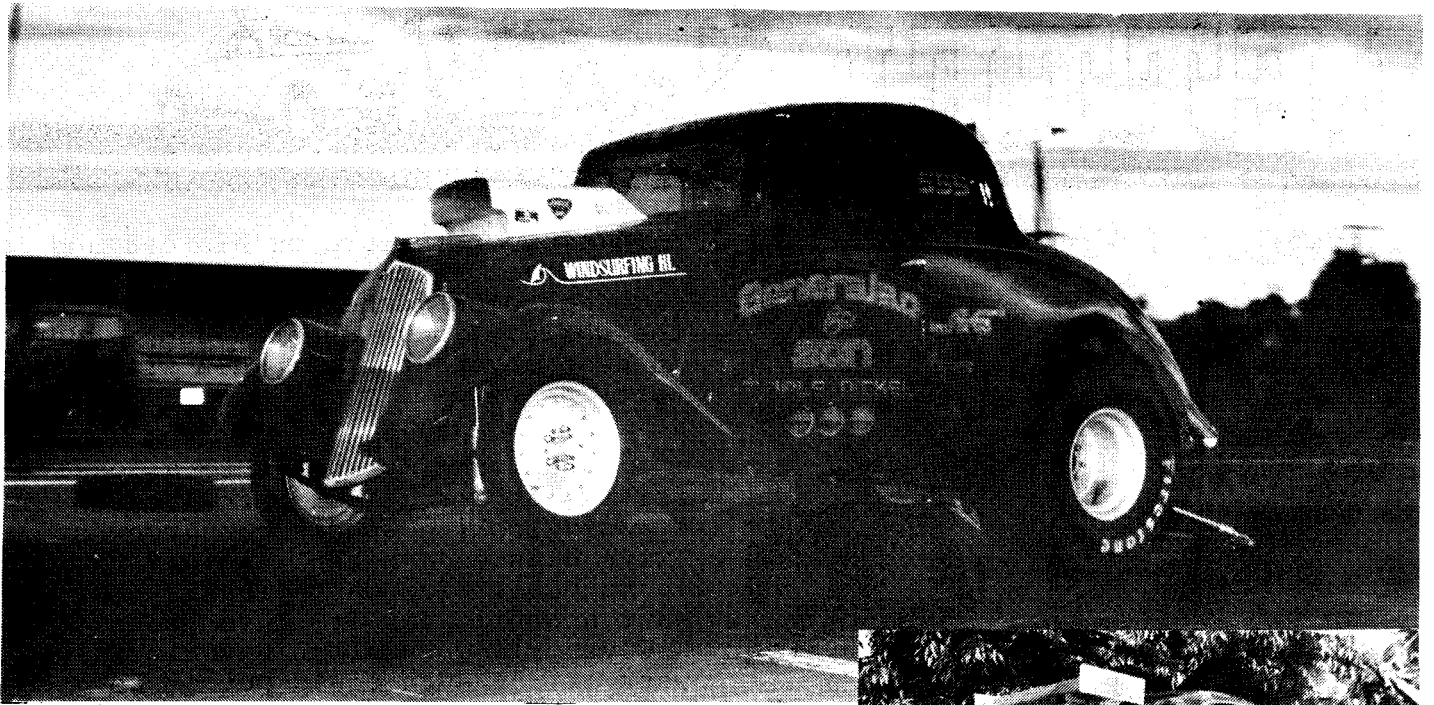
Happy new year to all.....

Stan Fuller #011  
San Francisco CA

Just a note of a little information on the '40 Willys truck on the back cover of the Dec 87/Jan 88 issue of "Willys Words". "The We Haul Special" was driven by PeeWee Whitaker and was from Indianapolis, Indiana. This was taken from the Nationals entry list of which I have a copy.

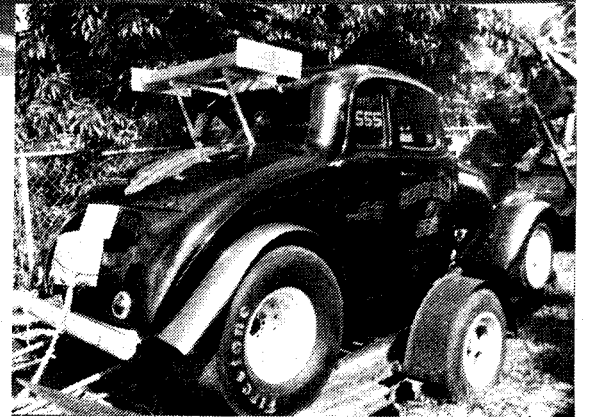
Charlie Stephens #217  
Cincinnati OH

See this issues Ad's for Jeff Jones's address, left out of last issues Letters. Sorry Jeff, I screwed up, KP.

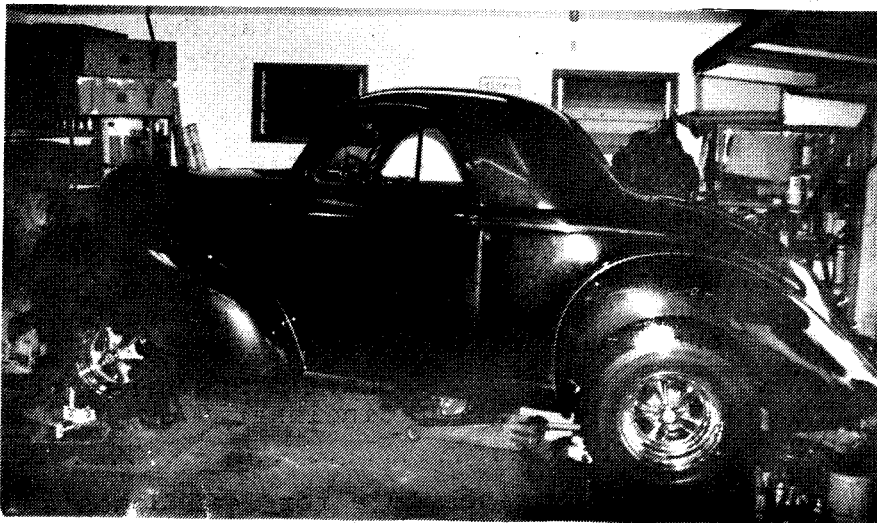


# HAWAII

Victor Young, member #001 and Hawaiian native, recently took his new bride, Kathy, to Hawaii for their honeymoon. Victor has been living in Camarillo, CA, for 7 years now so it was his first trip back for a while. He used the opportunity to check out the Willys scene in the 50th state for his fellow W.C.W.C. members and came home with these pictures. Here is further proof that Willys are alive and well all over the globe and more popular than ever!

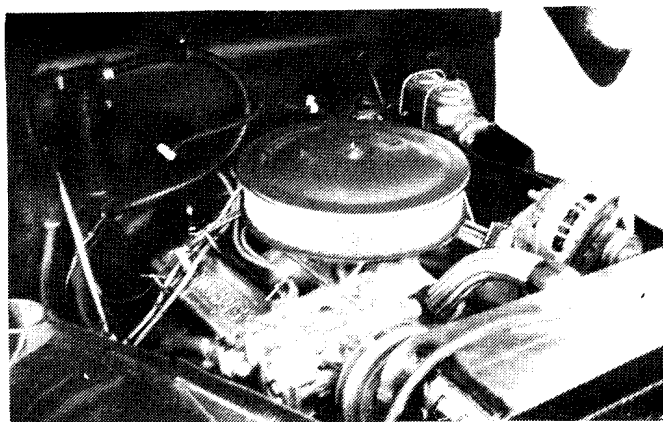
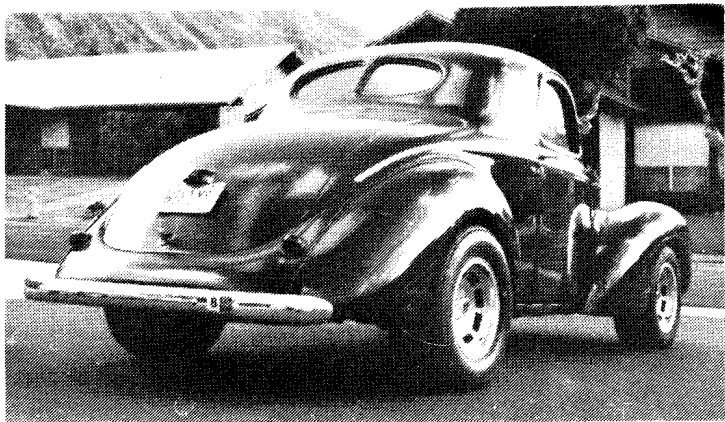


ANTHONY AND VINCE GENERALAO KAILUA, OAHU. This Top-Gas '33 coupe runs 9.20's at 160mph! Power comes from a Crower injected 427 Chevy. Hard launches come courtesy of a clutch Turbo 400 and 5:57 Olds' rear end. Car also has a tube front axle and candy red paint job.

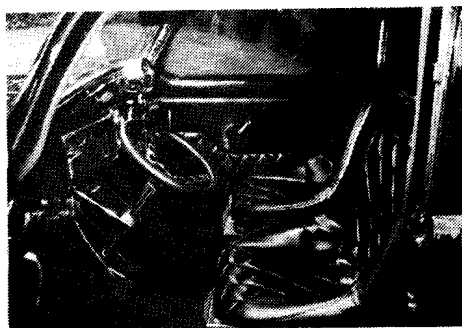


RUSSELL KOMORI.  
MILILANI TOWN, OAHU.

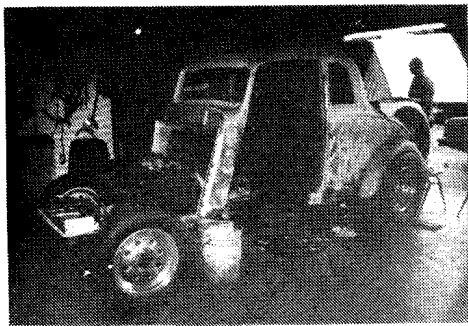
Russell bought this car stock back in 1965 while attending college in California. He had it built by Chuck Finders and ran B/MP for 4 years. The car was later converted for street use. It still has all steel body, all original cross-members in the frame, stock steering column and wheel and all mouldings, bumpers etc! Not a butchered Willys at all. Paint is candy Tangerine done in 1966.



MEL LLOYD, HAWAII KAI, OAHU. Mel's all steel '41 is the ex A/G car, "Renegade". It is now an air conditioned street rod running a .060 over 350 Chevy with beefed up TH400 trans', Mustang front end, 8" Ford rear and Corvette rims.



FRANK & BLAKE MEDEIROS, OLOMANA, OAHU. This tidy little pick-up runs a 283 Chevy powerplant with TH350 tranny, rear end is early Olds' with ladder bars. Paint is Black Ureglow, grille is hand made. American mags finish it off.



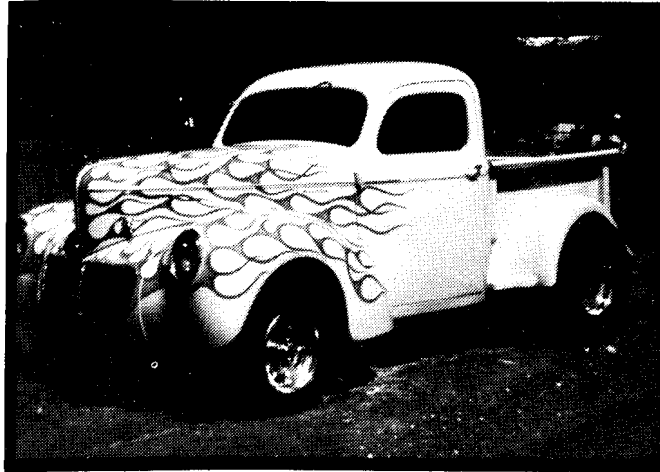
ALVIN SUEMATSU, #256 AIEA, OAHU. Alvin is currently building this '33 coupe with Hilborn injected small-block Chevy, 350 trans' and narrowed 9". He also has this '40 pick-up he found in a farm field.



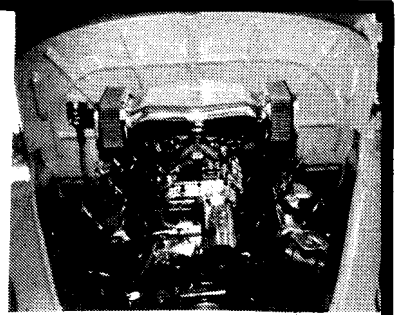
NELSON CORDEN, #294, KAHULUI, MAUI. Nelson has owned this truck for 13 years now, it was once a racer but is now a street rod. The chassis is boxed and has stock front suspension with Corvair steering. Rear end is a GM 12-bolt on leaf springs. Engine is a hot, tunnel rammed 327 Chevy but a Blown Big-Block is planned for the future. Paint is bright orange, interior is finished in black leather diamond tuck.



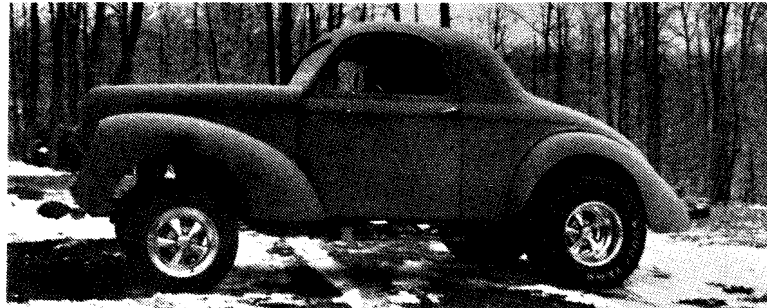
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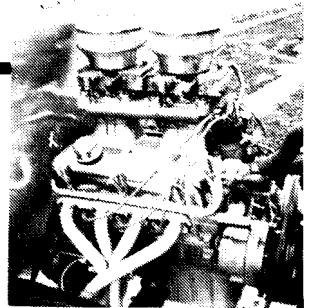
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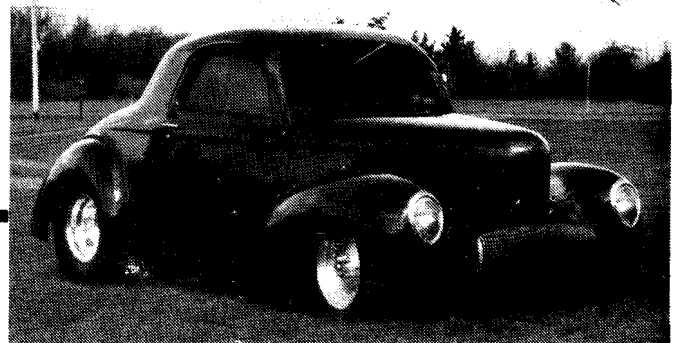
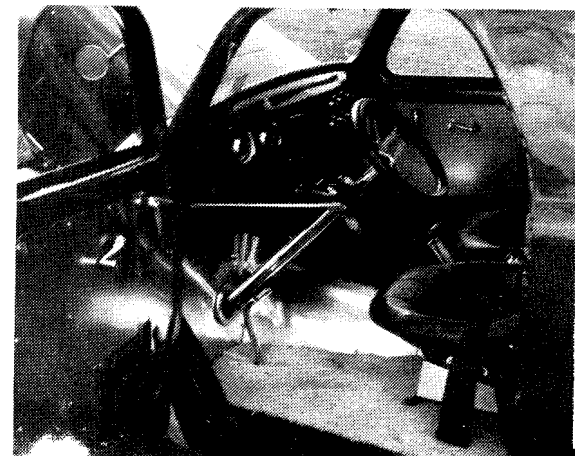
Dave has just finished work on Tom Riem's '40 pick-up, you may remember this truck from issue #3. Dave is responsible for the yellow lacquer and great flame job! The 350 engine is topped off with a B&M blower with side draft Weber carbs.



JOHN ARSENIAN #438  
OXFORD CT

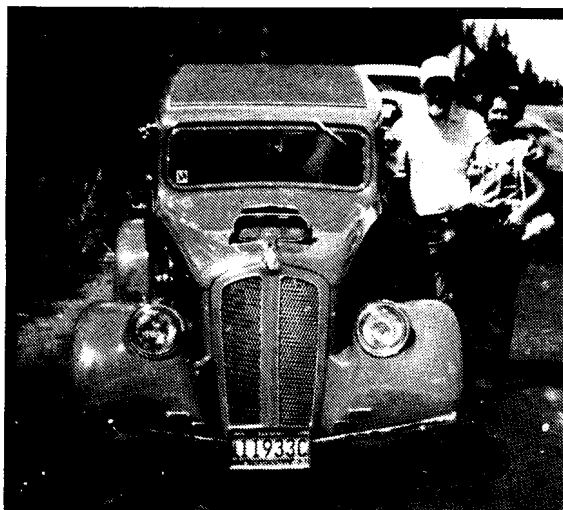


This coupe was once a very well known gasser, it was raced by well known East Coast engine builder Jack Merkel, (see back cover) this car was a NHRA Nationals B/Gas winner! John found the coupe for sale in the local paper while searching for a body to mount on his finished chassis. It now has a one piece '41 front end. Engine is a worked 302 Ford, toploader 4-spd has Ramrod shifter and leads to a 4:57 equipped 9". Still to come are black rolled and pleated interior and a paint job of either black or S,W&C blue. John has the original front Halibrands and is looking for a pair for the rear, until he locates some the car will roll on Cragars.



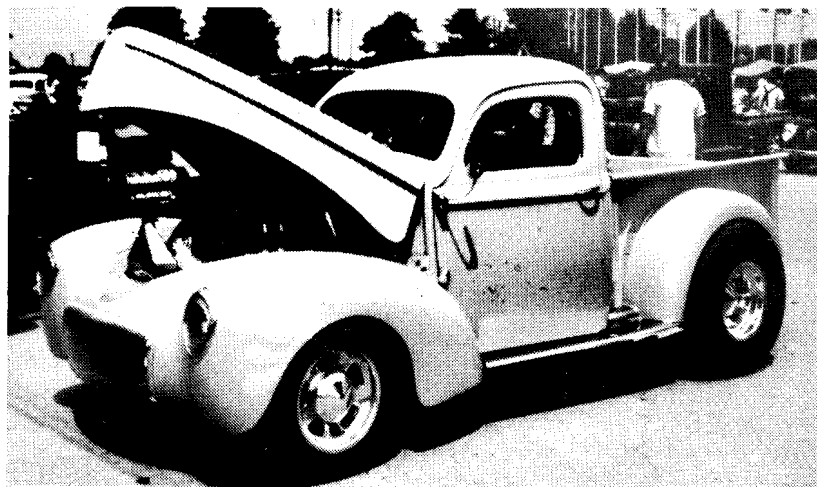
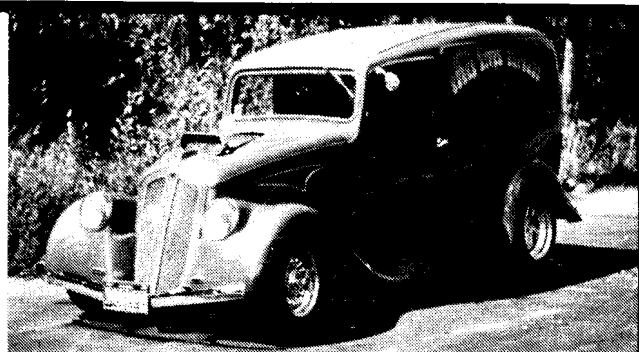
STEVE WALCZAK #429  
HILTON NY

Steve's bright red coupe has a low compression 402 Big-Block Chevy engine with gear drive and roller rockers. Front suspension is Pinto, rear end is from an '84 IROC Camaro with factory disc brakes, narrowed to accommodate the 31x16.50 Micky Thompsons. Other features are cruise control, tinted glass and B&M Z-gate shifter.



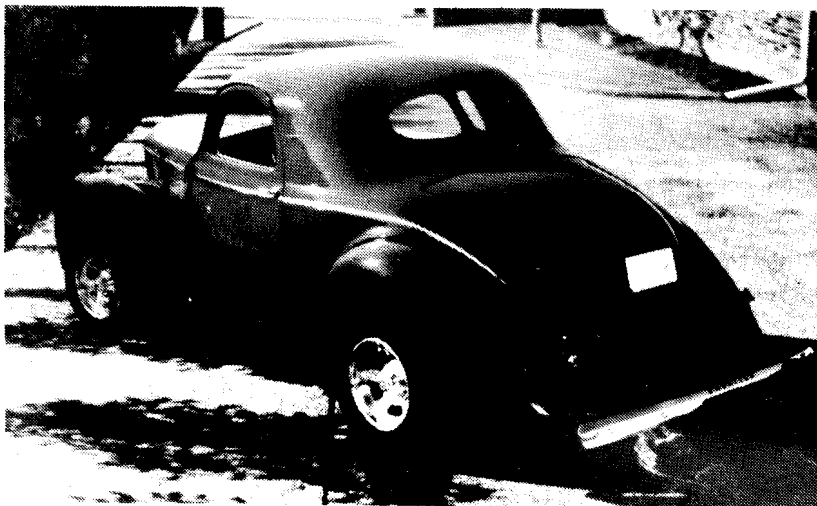
TERRY RAY #252 IDAHO FALLS ID.

Terry traded a Model A Ford for this delivery back in '85. It was in need of alot of work but now that it's all done Terry's cruising in style. Running gear consists of 400 small block, 350 Turbo trans' and narrowed Camaro rear end. Paint is '85 Corvette orange by Terry with "Snake River Express" lettered on the sides. Interior has laquered cabinets and Mohair/Velour upholstery.



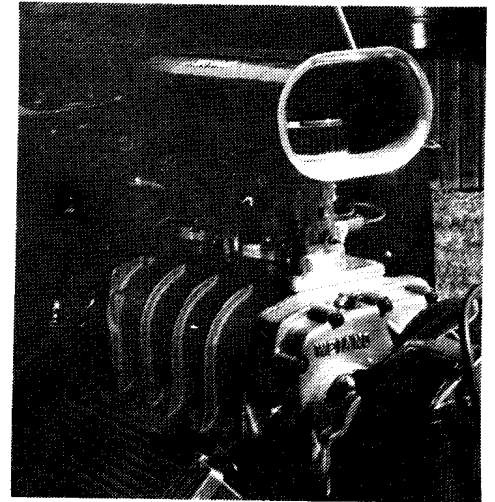
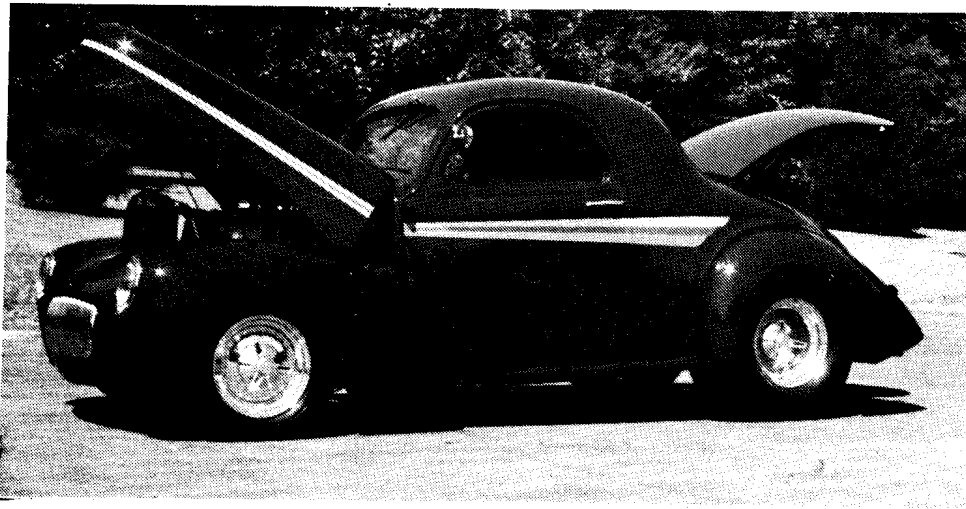
BOB WARD #410  
ANCASTER ONT' CANADA

Bob has been into Willys stuff for 25 years now, he has had about 12 Willys over the years and his latest is this all steel '41 pick-up called the "Seducer". The most noticeable thing about this truck is the lacquer paint job, bright Pink with Pink flames! Bob is currently building a steel '33 panel truck.



TERRY CROWELL #426 MEMPHIS TN.

Terry's '41 coupe looks quite docile on the outside but under the hood you'll find a 500ci, 6:71 blown Keith Black Hemi that once resided in the "Blue Max" funny car and is now reworked for street use. 727 trans' has 300 stall speed. The stock, all steel body is finished in Porsche Indian Red Imron. Terry's car has come a long way in 5 years, it was a \$300 body shell and twisted frame when he got it.



BOB IDA #430  
MORGANVILLE NJ

Bob has an interesting reason for building this car, you see Bob had purchased a supercharger to set up for a friend, when he got it home and began to strip it he found some markings he had put on it back in the late 60's. This was the same blower that was on the BB/GS Willys sedan Bob used to race, (see photo below). Bob was with his son Robert at the time and they both looked at each other and could hardly speak. They became excited enough to overhaul the blower and build another car around it!

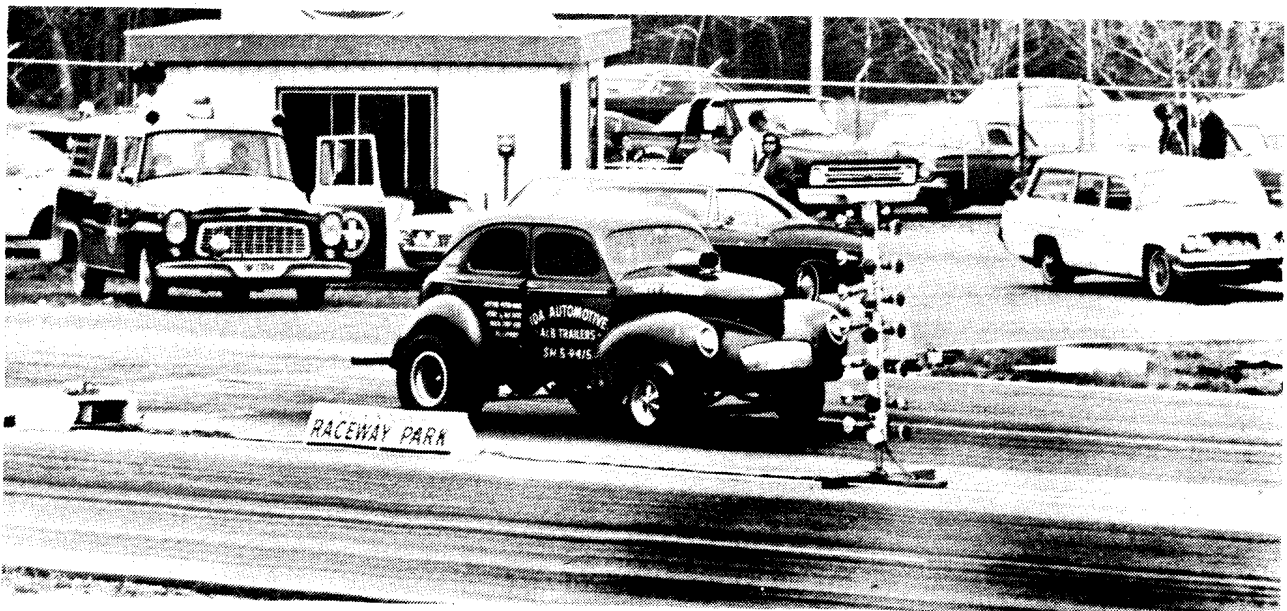
The chassis is from an '84 Nissan pick-up, it now has Mustang independent front end and a '57 Olds' rear with 4:11 gears, posi' and Strange

axles, the narrowed housing is held in place by coil-overs and SS 4-link set up.

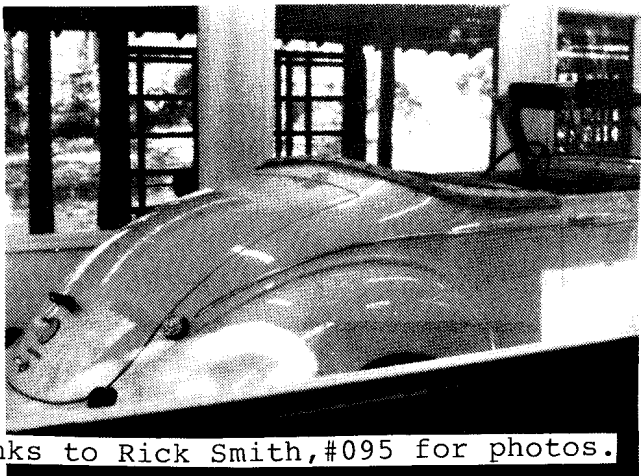
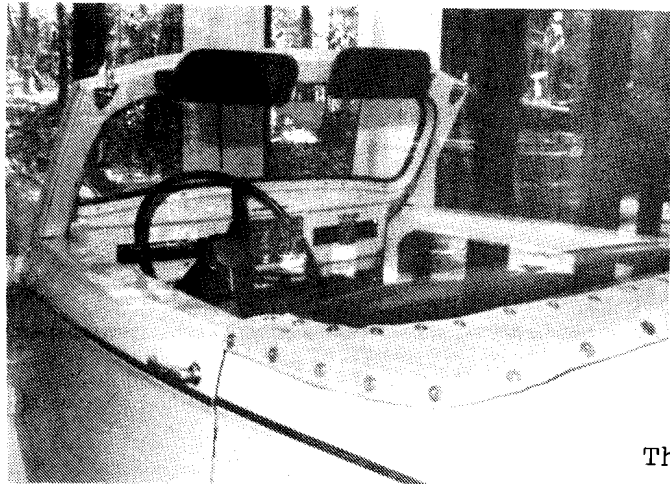
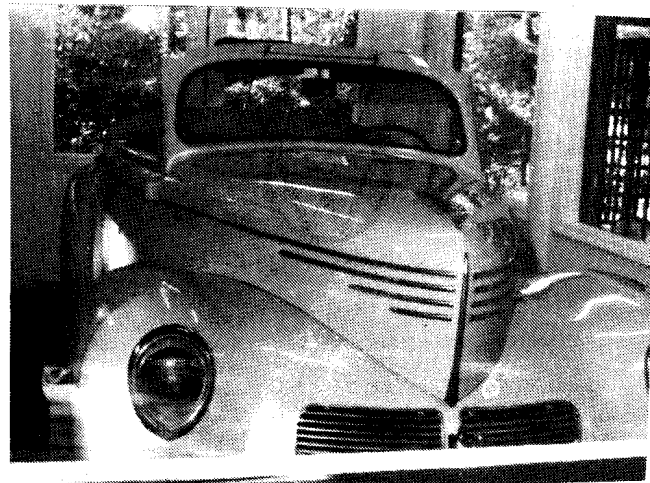
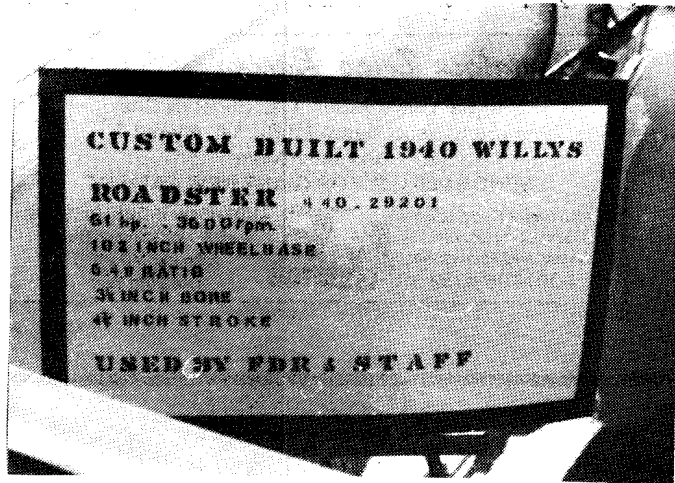
The steel body has new steel floor and firewall. The doors have power windows and VW locks, the deck lid is supported by gas lifts and Mustang hinges. Lic' plate was moved to the rear pan

The engine is a 350 Chevy, 4-bolt mains with steel crank, Ansen aluminum rods with Jahns forged flat-top pistons. Heads are tricked out smog type, cam is a Crane 350hp hyd'. Other engine goodies are Crane roller rockers, Moroso pickup and pan, Weiand blower drive and manifold, Weber carbs and roller chain. Engine is balanced.

Trans is a Turbo 350 with manual valve body. Interior has Recaro power, heated seats, overhead stereo system, SW gauges and home made air conditioning.







Thanks to Rick Smith, #095 for photos.

Check out this beautiful 1940 Willys convertible, it was owned by Franklin D Roosevelt, his wife aquired it for him as a gift. The car was custom built at the factory and is currently on display at the Little White House at Warm Springs, Georgia (near Atlanta). I have heard that 4 of these convertables were made in the USA but don't know for sure, anyone out there have more details?

**WILD WHEELIES**

A black and white photograph of a 1940 Willys Roadster in motion, driving on a road. The car is dark-colored and has "Nunes MURRAY" written in white on its side. The background is blurred, suggesting speed. The photo is framed by a thick black border with the words "WILD WHEELIES" repeated vertically on the left and right sides and horizontally at the bottom.

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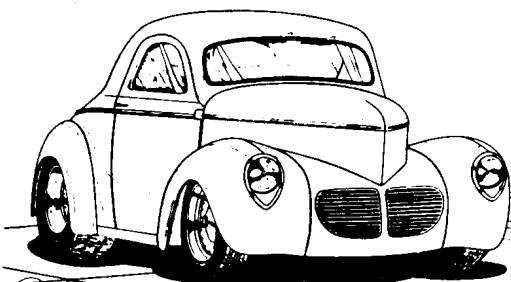
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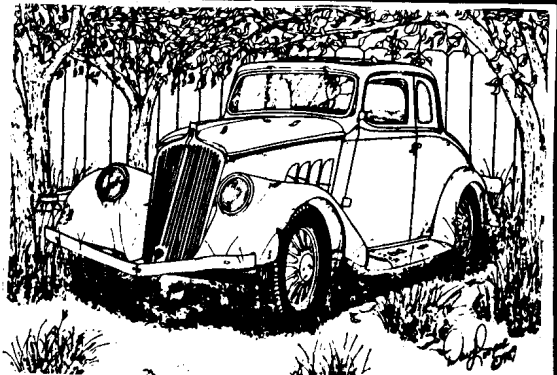


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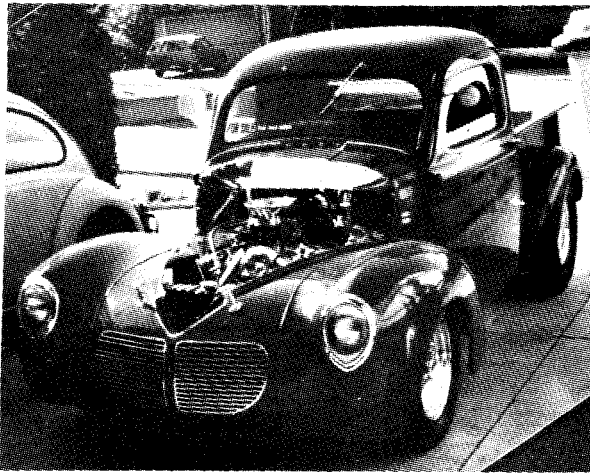
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FOR SALE: 2 steel '41 coupe rear fenders radiused 100"

WANTED: '40 coupe dash instrument panel, trunk handle, lic' plate bracket, inside mouldings for door, front & rear windows. Ron Fields, 7610 E Chapman, Orange, CA, 92669. (714)771-8404

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WANTED: Steel doors, deck lid and interior trim mouldings for '37-'42 coupe. Also need glove box door for '41. Also wanted, '37-'41 coupe or 2dr sedan. John Piller, 20217 127th Ave S.E. Snohomish, WA, 98290. (206)486-8749.

WANTED: Steel '33 front sheet metal, running boards and rear fenders. Bob Ward, 493 Butter Rd E, Ancaster, Ont', Canada, L9G 3L1.

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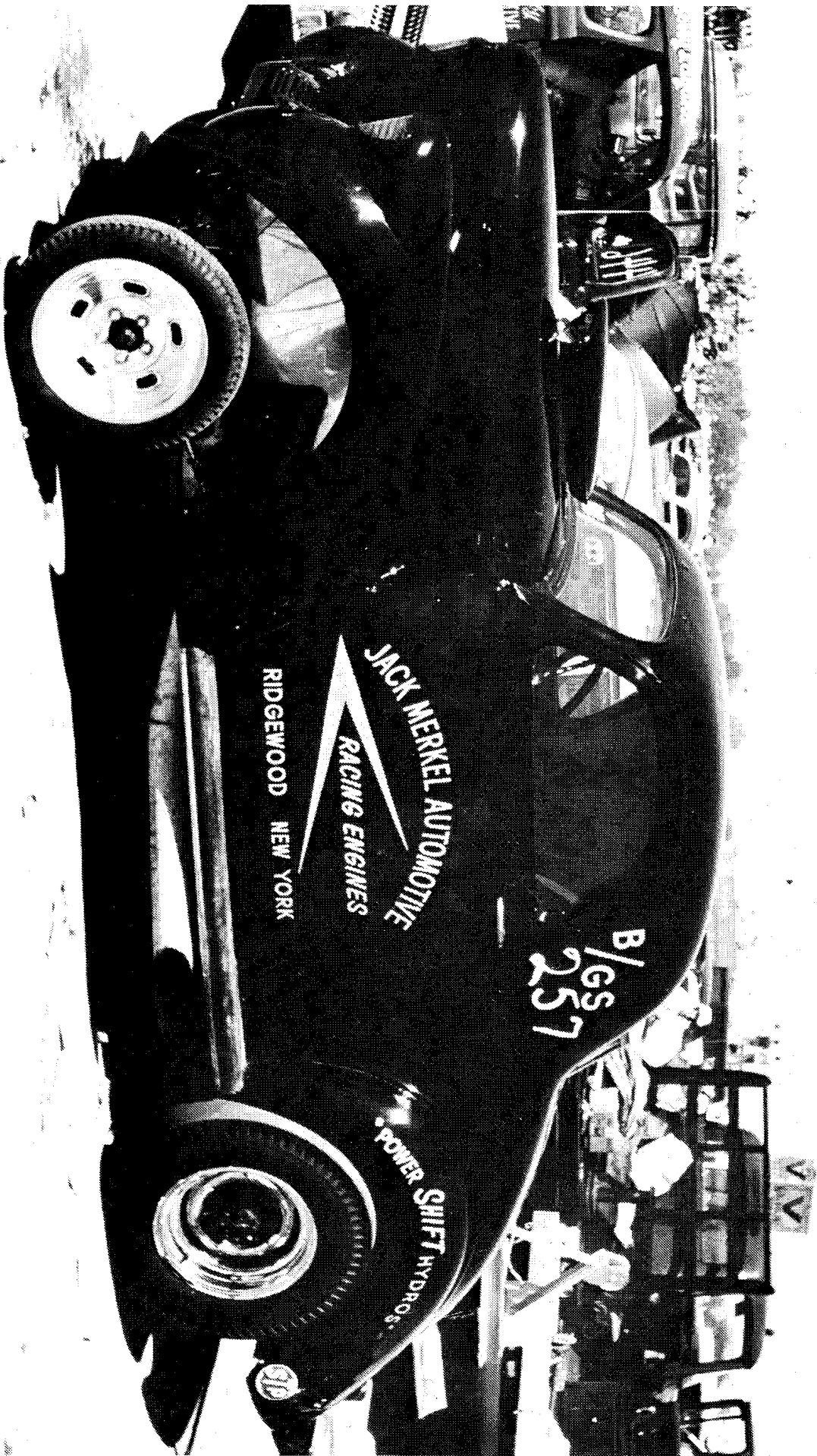
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WANTED: Pictures or film of Jack Merkels '39 coupe seen this issue. John Arsenian, (203)881-0644.



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