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**COVER --** Pat McClean, #409, cruises down the highway in his bright yellow '33 coupe. There's a narrowed 9" Ford rear end between the steamroller tires. Engine is a blown 350 Chevy backed up by a 4 speed tranny and 4:11 gears. Pat is from Kelso, WA.

**BACK COVER --** July, 1961. Elverne Pfeifer of Kenosha, WI gets it on in his immaculate '41 coupe. Union Grove, WI, is the track. Elverne's car was one of the cleanest cars around in it's day, so clean that it was featured not once, but twice in "Hot Rod" magazine. Oct' '63 with injected Cad' power and May '65 with injected 426 Mopar. Wonder who has this one now.

# LETTERS



The car will compete in the North-West Timing Assoc' B/Gas class that I am forming. The color will be candy blue with gold leaf lettering and striping. I would like to hear from anyone who has pictures or info' on this car, "Willys Mak It!"

John Piller #464  
Snohomish, WA.  
(206)486-8749

By the look of the guy running for the out house, (on the hood), John's coupe must have been a wild ride!

KP

I haven't written for awhile and wanted to let you know what I'm up to. "Ontario Willys Owners" is alive and well. We have at least 30 interested owners and still growing. We are not a club with dues etc, we are a listing of members that I will handle and keep informed.

We have a meet set for July 8, 1989, at the Canadian Street Rod Nationals, (Canats), in London, Ontario. We will supply dash plaques. We also plan to have decals, crests and shirts for members. We are hoping to put together a yearbook next Fall for members cars and events we reach.

Bob Baines #245  
Kingston, Ont', Canada.  
(613)389-9264

Last time I counted, we had over 25 members in Canada. I hope you guys all get in touch with Bob, I'm sure a national Canadian roster is possible.

KP

I am writing to update you on the construction of my '36 coupe, (see issue # 9). I discovered that the previous owner was Bill Bowman who owns the orange '33 cabriolet seen in all the magazines. Bill discarded my car in the early stages of his present one. I've worked on it for 6 years to save it and I can now see the light at the end of the tunnel.

I'm currently building a tilt front end hinge system, stainless steel "nerf Bar" front bumper, stainless rear tubular bumper, a Reese trailer hitch that doubles as a parachute pack holder and frenched tail lights. After those details are complete I will begin on the interior. This should be the year that, at last, I get to drive my Willys Coupe

One final thought to others who are building or want to build a Willys. The most useful tip I can pass on is to do at least one thing on the car every day. It may be something small like making a pattern, cutting out a bracket, or just drawing up a concept sketch for a future project. I know some car owners who don't seem to make any progress on getting their car driveable. Even a ground up restoration is possible if a little progress is made each day.

Greg Koesele #339  
Monroe, MI.

Enclosed is a picture of the 1941 Willys Coupe I just purchased. This car was raced by Rod Tomasini of the "Road Knights" car club in Crescent City, California, during the late 60's. The last year it was raced was 1967 and it ran a best of 10.99. The engine was a 327 Chev' +.060, Isky 550 cam, Mondello heads, Goodies Speed Shop headers, dual AFB's, Olds' 4-spd hydro' and 10 bolt Chev' rear end with 5:38 gears.

Future plans call for 2x3 tube frame, 10 point cage, dropped axle, 4-spd, 9" Ford rear with spool and axles by Summers Brothers and JFZ disc brakes.

Engine will be a 327 with Hilborn Injectors, Venolia pistons, Joe Hunt magneto, Milodon 4 bolt caps, Erson 990B cam, Crane rockers, Dyna -Rev crank, steel rods, McLeod flywheel/pressure plate and heads by Bernard Mondello.

Wheels are Halibrands with Goodyear slicks and frontrunners, rack and pinion steering, Moon tank, ladder bars and 5:43 gears finish it off.

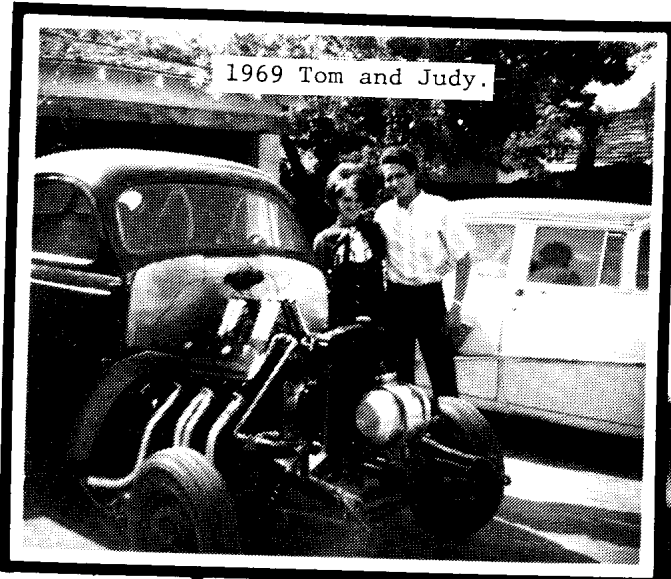
## & STUFF

Mike Nordahl, of "Willys Replacement Parts", has a new service for locating and selling parts. It's called the "Bulletin Board". To get it, give him a call. (714)980-3022  
The "Willys Works" now have a 'glass '33 coupe available.

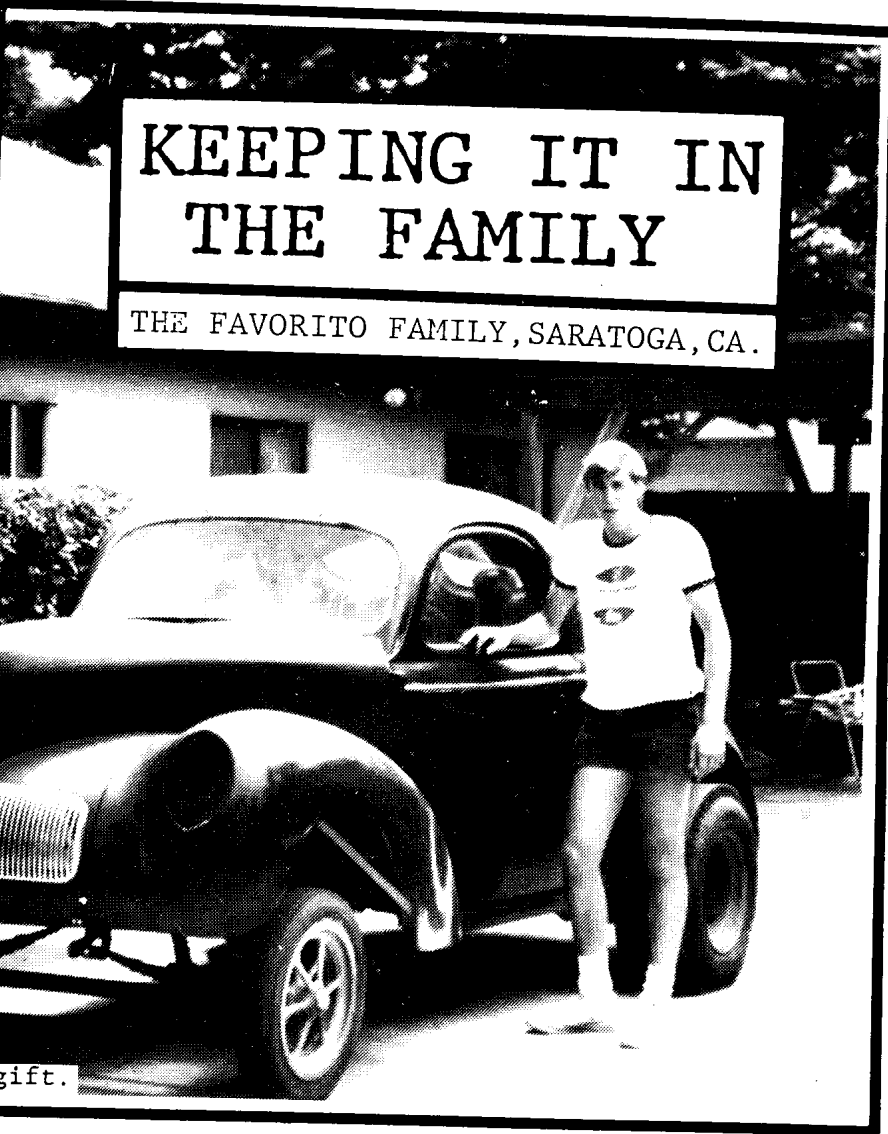
Philip Koenen invites members to tour his restoration shop. Stop by at 2785 E. Regal Park Dr, Anaheim, CA. Thank's Philip.

Jerry Tarvin has a new engine ready for his pick-up, (see last issue). A Hilborn injected, 6:71 blown, 426 Max Wedge Mopar!

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



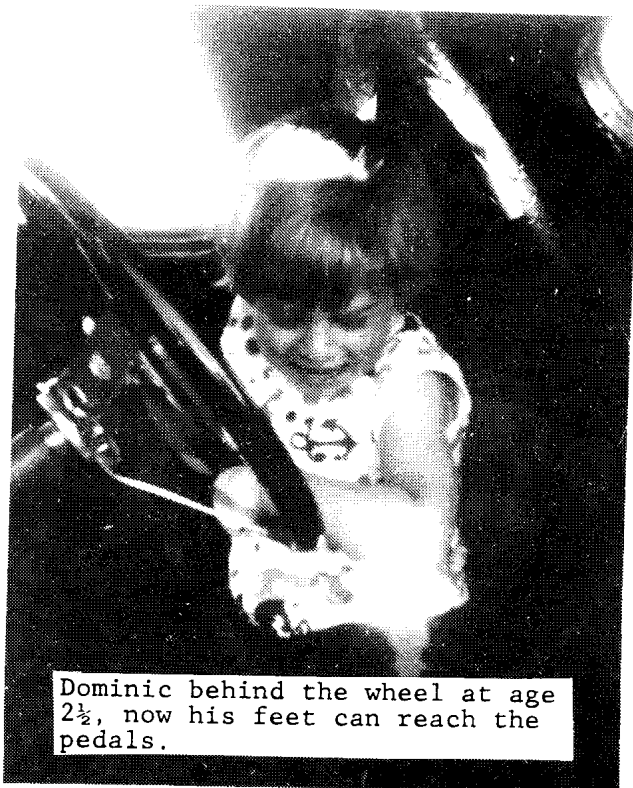
1969 Tom and Judy.



# KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

THE FAVORITO FAMILY, SARATOGA, CA.

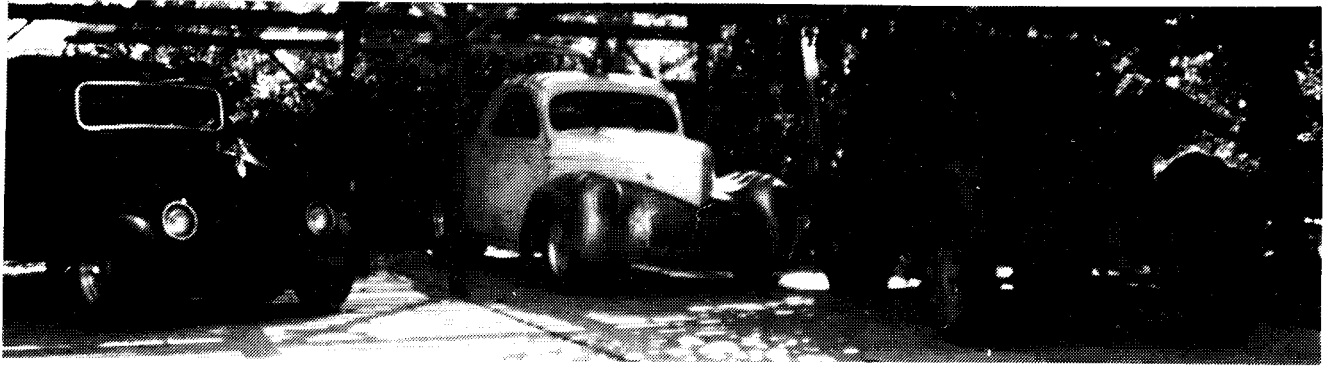
1988, Dominic and the ultimate birthday gift.



Dominic behind the wheel at age 2½, now his feet can reach the pedals.

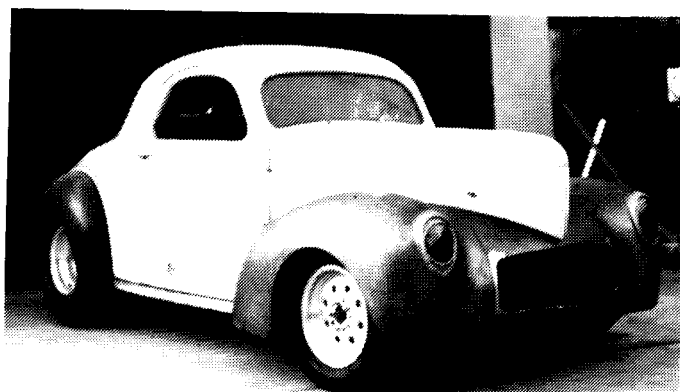
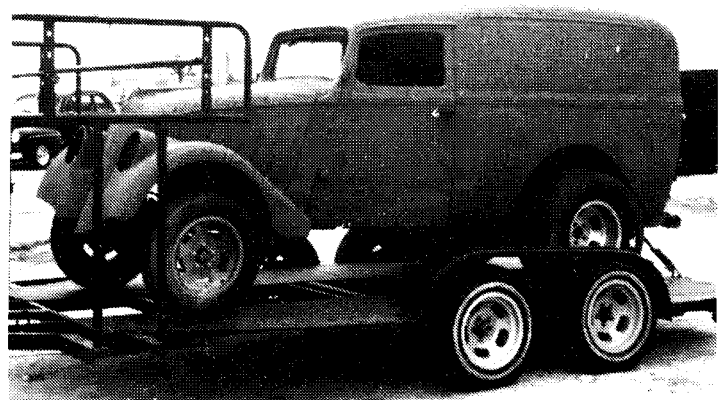
Talk about a great 16th birthday present! Lucky Dominic Favorito got the surprise of his life when his dad, Tom, (#151), and helpers rolled the old green coupe across the street from it's hiding place in the neighbors garage. Dominic had always said that one day he would own his own '41 coupe and race it, just like his dad did. Well not only did he get his dream car, he got the very car that his dad raced back in the '60's!

The coupe was campaigned in the late '60's by Tom, his uncle and a friend. They raced it at Fremont Drag Strip but it didn't take long for the money to run out. Tom then decided to turn it into a street rod, however marriage and children took priority. With the upcoming arrival of daughter, Jody, the old coupe was reluctantly sold. It was never seen again until a few months before Dominic's birthday. Tom had tried to find it through the DMV etc but had no luck, then one day a friend happened to mention that his neighbor had an old Willys in his back yard. It turned out to be Tom's old racer, nothing had been done to it since he sold it, it still had the old gray tape on the roll bar! It wasn't for sale at that time so Tom left his phone number, two months later he got the call. Perfect timing!



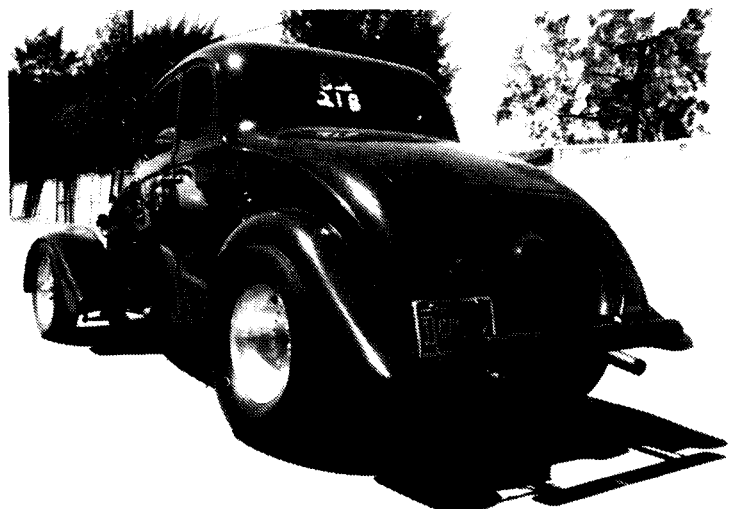
LEFT: Dominic's new coupe, complete with birthday bow. Tom really regretted selling it and says that it's back in the family for good!

RIGHT: '33 panel is Jody's project, Jody is 13 years old.

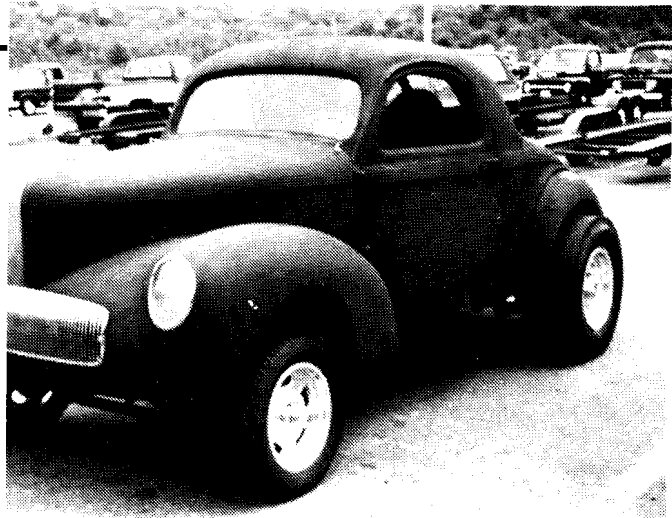
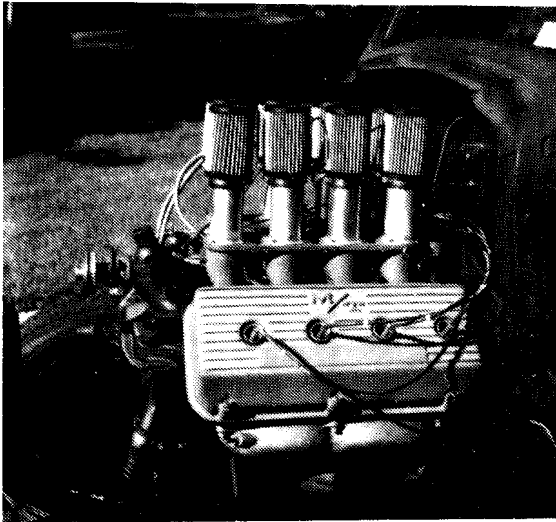


LEFT: Tom's current project is this Pro-Street '41 coupe. It should hit the the road in about a year.

RIGHT: Tom's great wife Judy's pride and joy is this bright red '33 coupe street rod. It's small block Chevy powered and features Centerlines and tilt front end.



# CLUB CARS

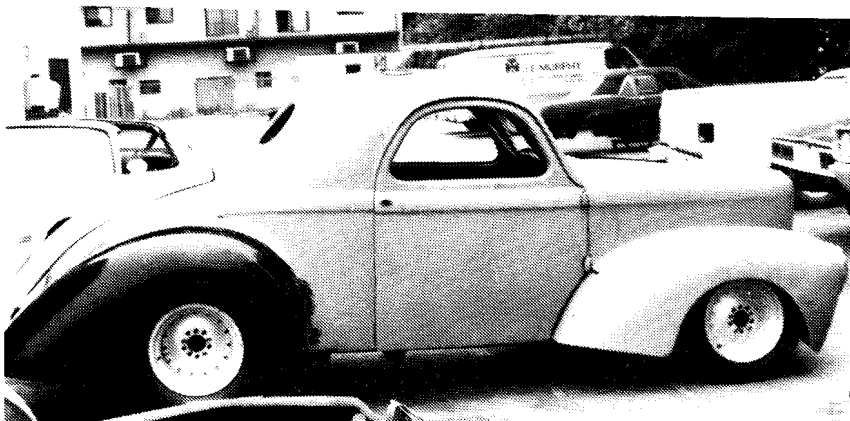


SETH SHAW #583  
SAYVILLE, NY

Seth's black primer coupe is a '39 with fiberglass '41 one piece front end. Engine is 354ci Chrysler Hemi of '56 vintage, Hilborn fuel injection is used. Torqueflite transmission and 9" Ford rear end complete the drivetrain. Seth has been working on his ex gasser for 8 years now.

JACK COONROD #140  
VANCOUVER, WA

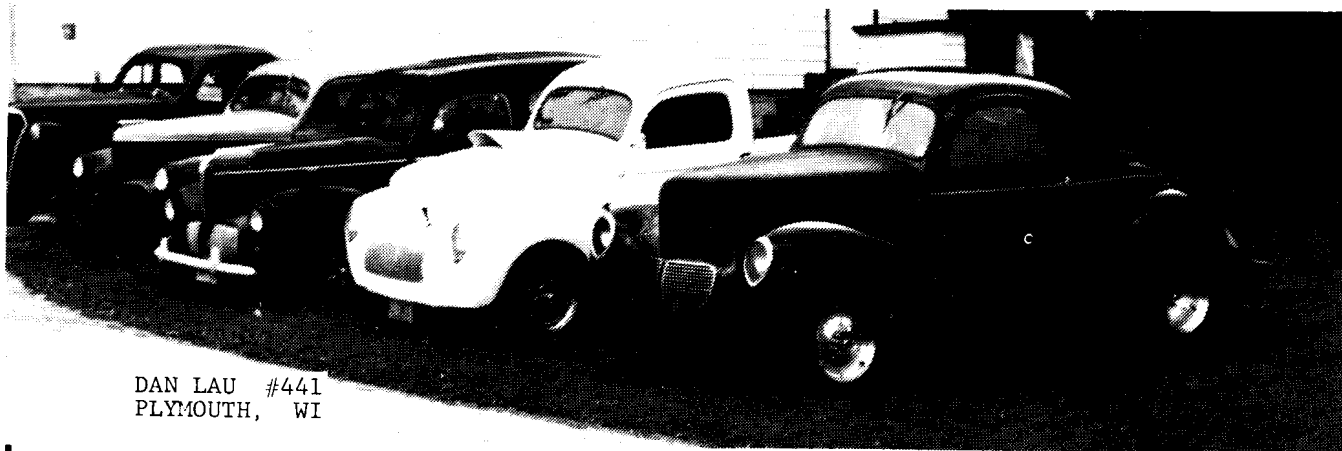
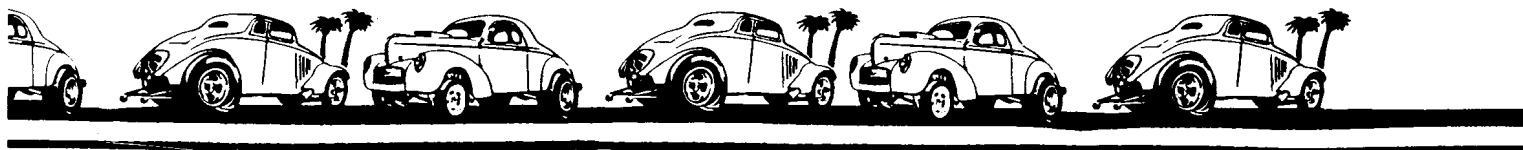
Jack is famous for his fire breathing AA/Gas '33 coupe, but there is another side to Jack. Being built in Jack's garage, alongside the race car, is a full fendered '33 roadster for the street! Power will come from a blown 392 Chrysler backed up by a Torqueflite and 8 3/4" Chrysler rear end. Roadster will feature suicide doors, side curtains, billet windshield posts, chopped/removable top and wheelie bars! Wheels will be Halibrands. Jack has located all steel front sheetmetal. Chuck Finders is building the back of the body from fiberglass.



DAVE PURDIE #470  
N. AMHERSTBURG, ONT', CANADA

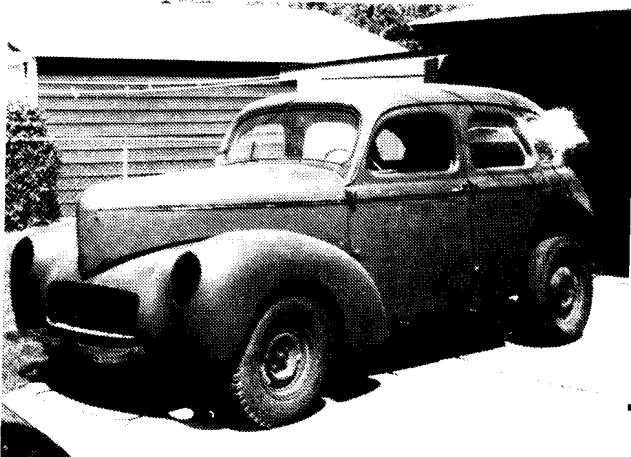
28 yr old Dave works as a sandblaster. His '41 is in the early stages, but alot of the hard work is already done. Running gear consists of 396 Chevy, 350TH trans' and 9" Ford rear end. Rear suspension consists of coil-overs and 4-bars. A 12 point roll cage and 15 gallon fuel cell are already in place.





DAN LAU #441  
PLYMOUTH, WI

Dan's collection starts with his '40 coupe, (far right). It is all steel with 350 Chevy, 4-speed and 8" Ford rear end. Next is his '41 pick-up, it has steel cab, 'glass nose, 327 Chevy, Turbo 400 trans' and '57 Chevy rear end. Next is the stock '42 4-door and stock '40 pick-up. Nice lineup!

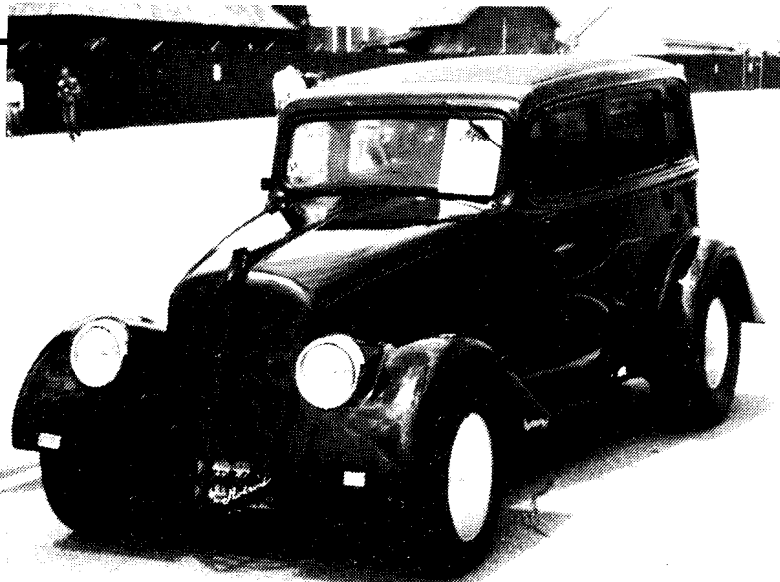


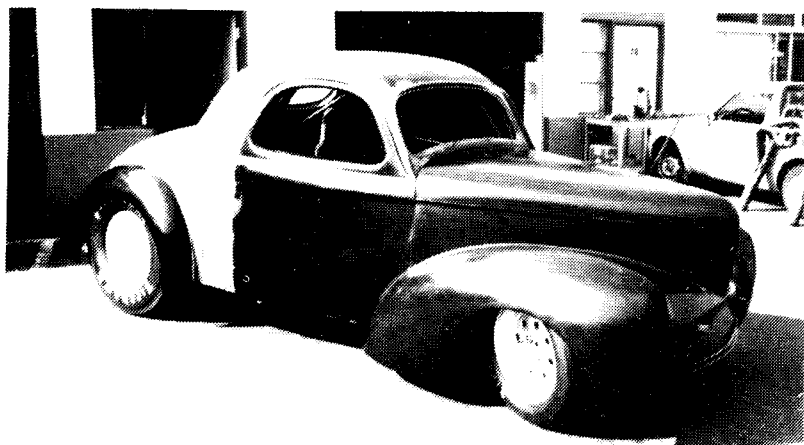
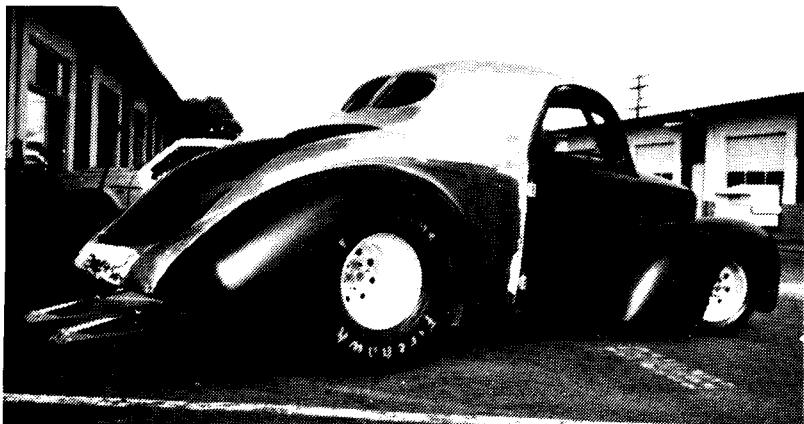
HARRY YONTZ #462  
ROYAL OAK, MI

Here is a shot of Harry's '42 4-door sedan. It's completely stock and was purchased this year in Ohio.

ROGER KLEINSMITH #586  
WELLAND, ONT', CANADA

Roger is 45 and teaches auto shop. Roger's sedan was once a race car and was very rough and fire damaged when purchased. Frame has been boxed. A 6½" dropped tube axel is used up front while a 8" Ford Maverick rear end brings up the rear, (stock width with AI widened fenders). Engine is a 327 Chevy with Powerglide trans'. Other features are Vega pedals, power windows, Vintage Air, tilt column, VW headlights, louvered aluminum floor pan and tilt nose. Paint is black arcrylic enamel.





RICK ANTLES #370  
GOLETA, CA

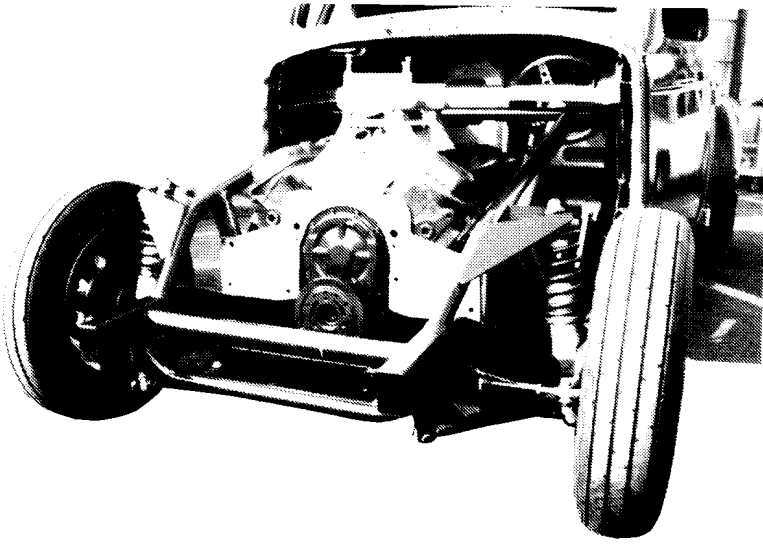
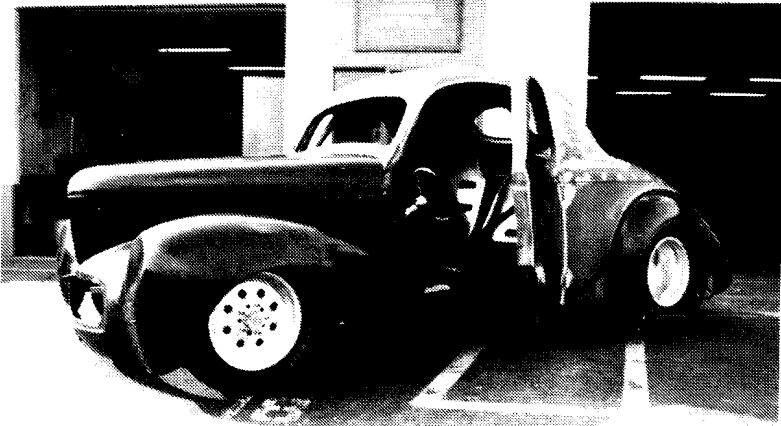
Rick and his wonderful wife, Linda, have come a long way on this car since they purchased it through an ad in "Willys Words", (see classifieds, issue #6, top left). Only the steel shell remains with new 'glass 1 piece front end, doors and rear fenders from the "Willy Works". Rick's coupe is getting plenty of personal touches, like the suicide mounted doors with hand made, aluminum hinges with quick release hinge pins.

Rick is one talented guy and it will be no secret when this car hits the scene. He designed and built his own chassis using Art Morrison 2x3, mandrel bent, main rails and 1 5/8" tubing, 10 pt roll cage. It all went together in the super slick chassis jig Rick built for the job. Morrison also supplied the rear coil-overs, ladder bars and wheelie bars. Plenty of attention also went into the front suspension. Strut front ends are not too common and not too easy to fit under a Willys. Rick used Morrison struts and Pinto rack and pinion steering.

LS7 454 Chevy engine features Crane roller cam and rockers, dual Dominators, ported heads and Vertex mag'. Racer Brown supplied the reverse shift pattern Turbo-400. Rear end is a narrowed and braced Ford 9". It has Strange Eng' 33 spline axles, spool and nodular 3rd member. 4:86, Richmond Pro gears are used. Wheels are Welds with Firestone rubber. Wilwood disc brakes are used all round. Rick does precision sheetmetal for a living so you can bet his car will have some trick tin work coming up.

This ground hugger is being built for the drags but Rick has every intention of converting it for street use after some fun at the track, so it's being built with this in mind.






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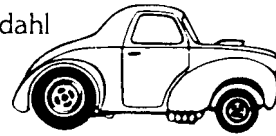
Bill Kasallis launches his big block Chevy powered coupe. Car is being stripped this winter for a new chassis.



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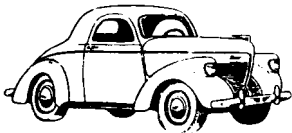
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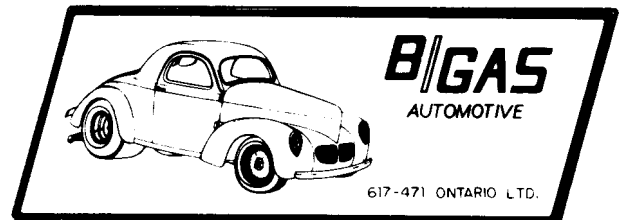
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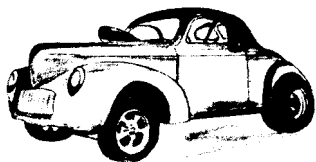
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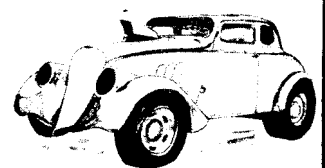
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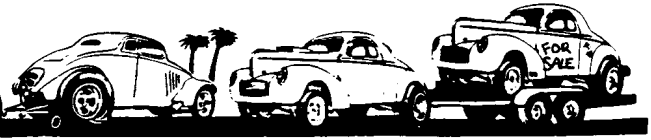
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If anyone is interested, I video taped the North American Nationals, at Milan for the NDRA using a new video camera that has a 12 to 1 zoom lens, so the footage is incredible. Once I have added the computer titling and edited the tape the cost will be \$25, including shipping.

ROSS MARTIN.

# CLASSIFIEDS



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 FOR SALE: '41 all steel original coupe. 99% complete. Some rust, but would make a killer pro street car. \$4500.00 firm. Also have Dunn & Reaths old '71 'Cuda top fuel funny car 2X3 steel chassis, early fire suit, big block Chevy parts, etc. Great for early drags or bracket racing. \$2000.00 OBO. Will trade on Willys parts. For free catalog of parts, send \$1. for postage Butch Bailey (513) 667-5252

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 FOR SALE: 1940 Willys Coupe. All steel. '41 center section. 350 Chevy, turbo trans. Ford rear end, 80% complete. \$7000.00 OBO

WANTED: 40-42 Willys Woody. If you have this car for sale, I can afford it. Call Ron (714)771-8404 or (714) 772-6037. Orange, California.

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 FOR SALE: 1933 chopped 2 1/2" 4-door Sedan basket case. Rust free body with doors, moldings, hinges, latches, etc. Boxed frame, glass rear fenders, glass hood or glass '36 nose. \$2250.00 Another chopped 4" 4-door, no floor, with same amount of parts as above, \$500.00 '36 Sedan Delivery bodies (2) w/ rear doors (1 fair, 1 rough) for sale or trade.

WANTED: '33-'36 coupe body, any condition. Call Nick (203) 568-1833 7-11 p.m. E.D.T.

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 FOR SALE: 1941 Willys pickup. Cab & bed in super shape Frame has '56 Pontiac rear & '51 Chevy P/U front. Fiberglass doors, 2 'glass front ends, 1 'glass hood. Needs to be put together. Best Offer. Call Chuck (207) 474-5528 eve. or (207) 474-3377 days.

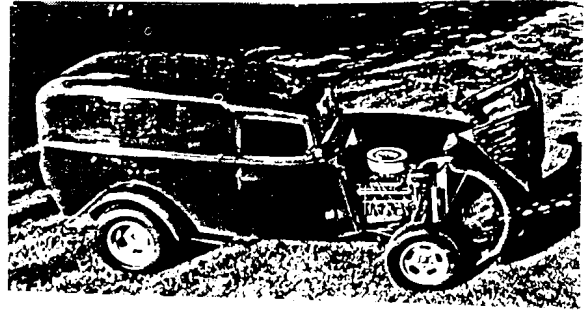
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 FOR SALE: '40-'42 Willys parts. 3 engines; 1 rebuilt 1 complete but tight, 1 partial. 2 trans & clutch set-ups; 1 rebuilt. 2 rear ends; 1 car, 1 truck. 4 front ends, 2 w/ steering. rims & hubcaps, bumper jack, elect parts. \$400.00 for all. Call Dan Lau (414) 893-3681 days.

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 FOR SALE: '41-'42 frame uncut, \$100.00; '41-'42 frame front spring perches cut off but otherwise uncut, food for I.F.S. \$50.00; '41-'42 sedan trunk lid \$5.00 '41-'42 sedan roof, \$5.00; '40 firewall \$50.00.

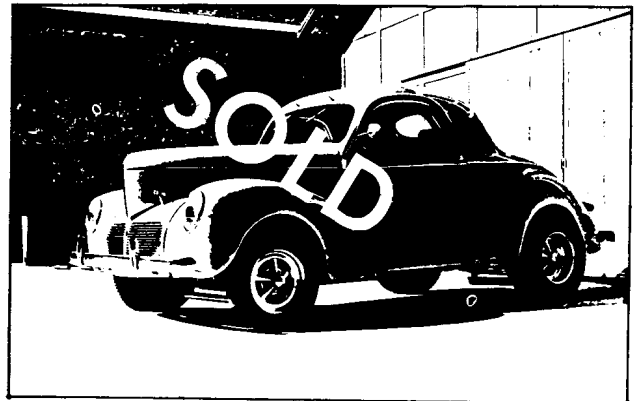
WANTED: any pictures or info about the Willys Coupe that George Bacilek & Mike Sorokin raced in '60. They ran C altered setting a record of 110mph/12.20 et then switched to B/comp cpe class sponsored by Quincy Auto of Santa Monica winning that class at the '61 Winternats w/ an et. of 44.44 after losing fire right after their opponent, the Clary Bros machine loaded up and pulled off the track. Would like to get in touch with George Bacilek, HELP!! Call Roger Lyle (402)733-3490. 4216 s. 37th, Omaha, NE 68107

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 WANTED: For 38 sedan, running boards, stock hood w/moulding, hood latch ass' front & rear bumpers & brkts, complete stock headlight assemblies, rear lic' plate holder, Willys script.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 38 rear end, drum to drum. Tom Enright. (714)371-6733.



FOR SALE: '33 Sedan Delivery (glass body), Candy Apple Red, custom built frame, Vega steering, chrome Super Bell axle, narrowed 12 bolt, 427 Rat motor Turbo 400. Way too much to list. \$13,500.00. Ken Garrett, 38 Water St., Attica, N.Y. 14011 Ph. (716) 591-0941



FOR SALE: 1940 Willys coupe. Street rod. 350 Chevy, Turbo 350 auto trans, Chevy 12 bolt rear end, Cragar wheels, Chrome Yellow paint, Beige & Black int. All steel car, except rear fenders. Runs & looks great. \$16500.00 OBO. Call Keith Harvie (818)706-3834, leave message. Or write, P.O. Box 1233, Agoura, CA 91301

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 WANTED: for '41 coupe: front and rear bumper guards, trunk handle, steel rear fenders, trunk lid & light-weight crossmember that goes behind seat. Have sheet-metal and other parts to trade. Call Jim Frank, (619)422-5806, or write 417 Horizon View Dr, Chula Vista, CA, 92010.

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 WANTED: 33,39,40,41,42 Willys Coupe. Back seat & top hood trim for '40 sedan. Call Ron Zaiss (303)659-0140 mornings & weekends.

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 WANTED: '41 ft clip or center section. Rocker panels. Call Jack Woolard (714)894-7059

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 WANTED: '33 model 77 sedan parts. 1 set wiper arms and blades, headlight lenses(glass), cover plate that covers bottom hole of grill, inside windshield latch and brackets to open windshield, correct ignition switch choke and hand throttle knobs & cables, floor starter pedal. I need these parts for my 100% restoration. What do you have? Call Dexter Bennett (209)577-5050 weekdays, (209)625-3650 weekends.

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 WANTED: original radio for 41 Willys, mounts in LH glove compartment. Gary Sutphin, PO Box 156, Bryantown, MD, 20617.

