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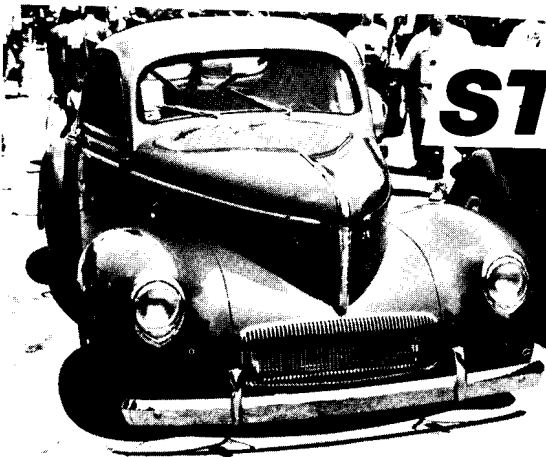


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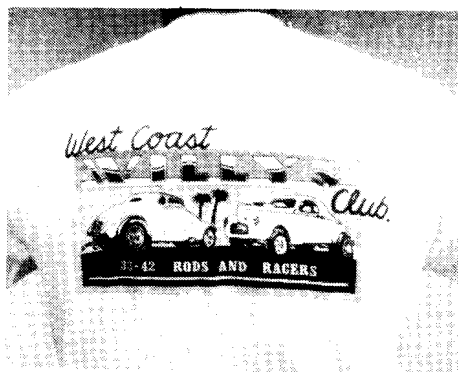
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 '89 STREET ROD NAT'S - ST PAUL - SATURDAY, JULY 22.

"Mid America Willys" are organizing a big get together for all the Willys street rods that will be attending the Street Rod Nat's this year! There will be T-shirts and pins commemorating the event. If you plan to attend, get in touch with Greg Dummer at the address below for more information. A picnic is planned on Wednesday, 19th, for earlybirds.

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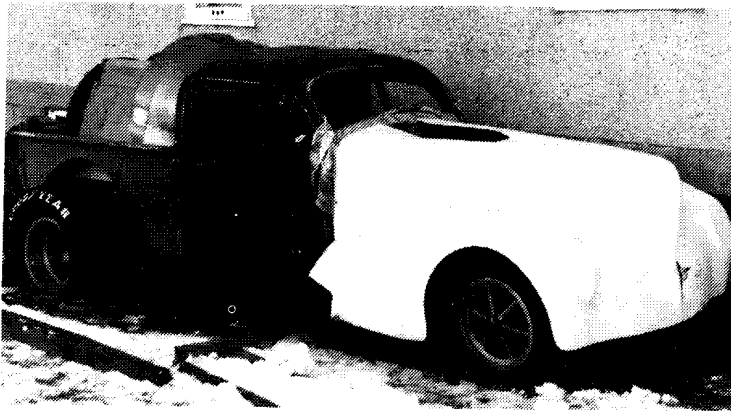
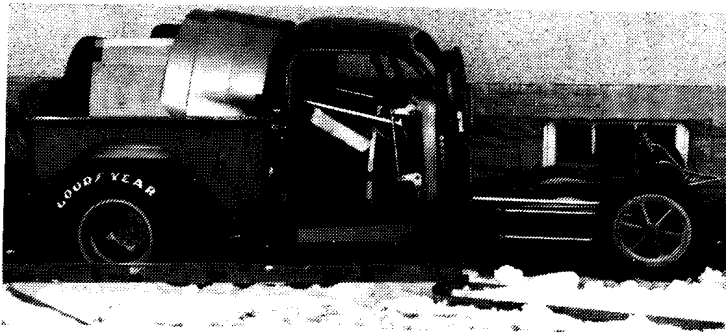
COVER --

Dwayne Bracher sent in this picture of 4 Willys cars that attended the annual rod run in Arkansas City, Kansas. (see letters).

BACK COVER --

Don't have any details on this old B/Gasser but it sure was a clean one! Color was orange. Can anyone identify this car? The not too common, single cross leaf front suspension could be a clue.

LETTERS



Here's a couple of pictures and some info' on a wicked BB/A Willys pick-up I came across while in search of parts for my coupe here in Edmonton.

Truck was originally from Salem, Oregon. Ran a blown, injected, alky burning 426 Hemi with Lenco trans'. It was blue, orange and gold with a roaring thunder cloud on the door. It was built by a guy named Lewis and raced around 1979, probably at Woodburn Dragstrip. Anyone remember it or have pictures of it together and painted?

Present owner is thinking of selling it for around \$5,000 Canadian, as pictured, less engine and trans'. Anyone interested?

Gary Mintz, #142
9519-52st, Alberta
Canada, T6B-1G8

Enclosed are photos of Willys from the Nat's South East. I have driven my Willys to Nat's South, East, Nationals and South East this year with no major problems and had the times of my life, it has been great. At the Nat's South East my car was chosen for celebrity pick by Chuck Lombardo of California street rods.

Bob Ida, #430
Morganville, NJ

Bob's coupe was featured in issue #10, looks like you're getting plenty of miles (smiles) out of it, Bob.

KP

I thought I would send a picture of a local rod run from Arkansas City, Kansas. We had 700 cars with 4 Willys. A nice little turn out on September 25.

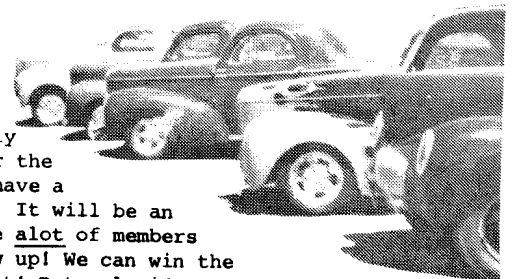
This was about the 14th or 15th annual run. It's called the "Arkansas City Tumbleweeds Last Run", it's a 2 day blow out. In the photo, (see cover) car owners are, left to right, Dwayne Bracher of Coffeyville, KS, '41 Coupe, Danny Fisk of Arkansas City, KS, '40 Coupe, John Coupe, #557, of Rock, KS, '37 Pick-up and Ken Day, #058, of Des Moines, IA, '41 Coupe.

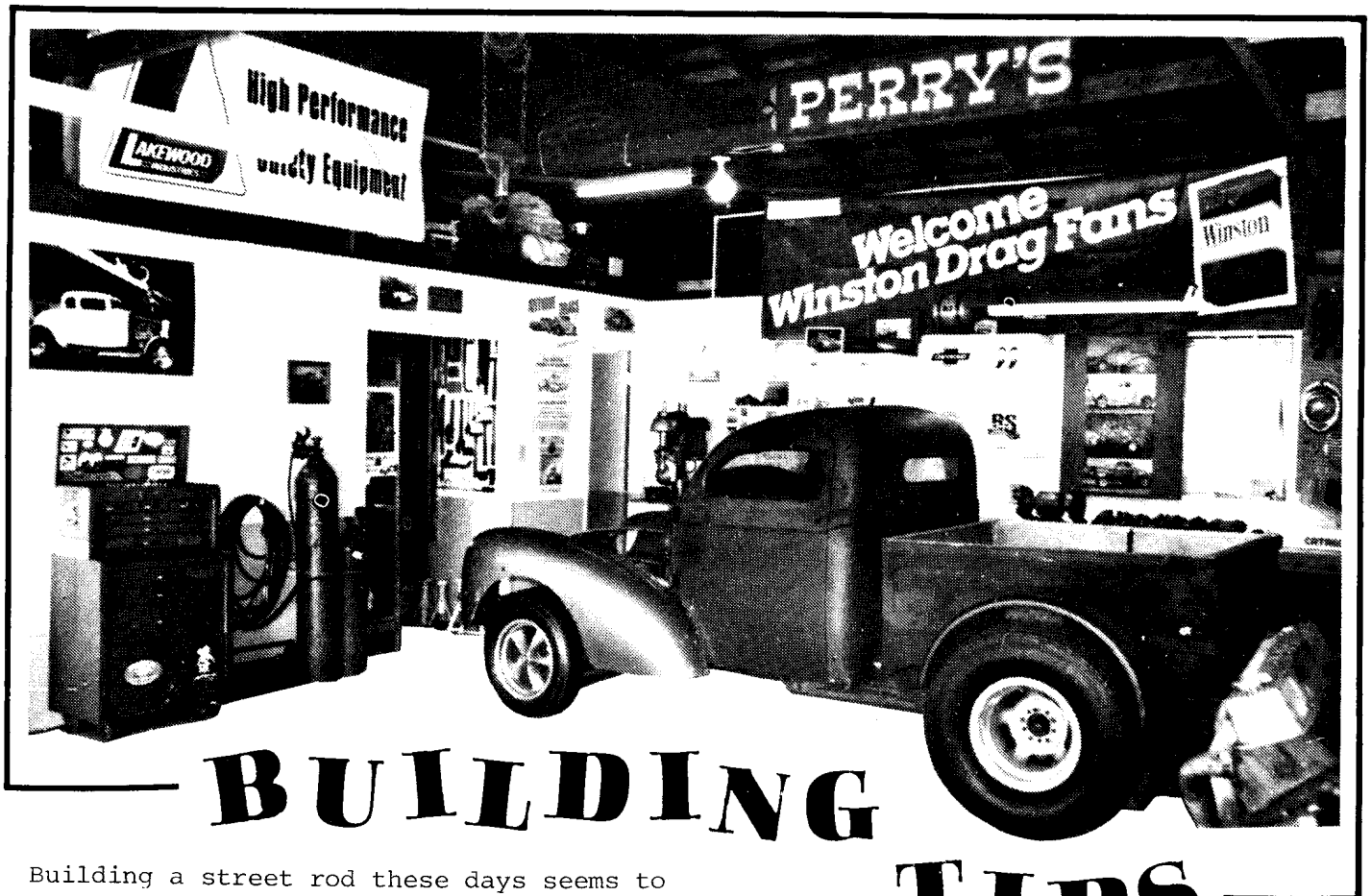
Dwayne Bracher, #223
Coffeyville, KS.

WILLYS Roundup

April 21-23 - Bakersfield, California -

The NDRA/Street Rodder Magazine "NOSTALGIA NATIONALS" will be held at Famoso Drag Strip this year, April 21-23. The Nostalgia Nat's is traditionally the largest gathering of Willys cars & trucks on the West Coast and this year the WCWC will kick off it's annual "WILLYS ROUNDUP", right at the Nat's! We will have a roped off area in the pits for WCWC members cars. (look for the club banner). It will be an all Willys show-n-shine and enough room for members who want to race. We have alot of members within driving distance of Bakersfield, so let's blow their minds and all show up! We can win the NDRA "Car Club Challenge" & line up for the street rod parade. It'll be great! But only if you participate!!





BUILDING TIPS

Building a street rod these days seems to be a matter of getting on the phone and ordering the necessary kit for whatever it is you plan to do, that is of course, unless you are building a Willys. Willys guys seem to be the last of the true hot rodders. We spend alot of time scratching our heads and figuring out the best way to get our project together. We are not catered to the same way F*rd builders are, we get to do our thinking for ourselves. That is why you never see two Willys that look the same. I have collected magazines with Willys features and storys for years and now have all the features and pictures in albumns, there must be a couple of hundred different Willys in there and no two are the same! Can't say that about the '34 F*rd that show up at a good size rod run. That is one thing I really like about being involved in the Willys scene. Each Willys I get to see, be it in person or a photo that arrives in the mail, is a true reflection of it's owner and has a style or personality of it's own.

Being the unique breed that we are may be romantic but the fact remains, it is a little more difficult to build a Willys. Here are some tips that fellow members have sent in, hope you find something to help with your project. If you have learned something useful and would like to share it, send it in and maybe we can do a follow up story.

1. Need window regulators for your 'glass '33 doors and can't find any that fit? VW Bug cable type are the answer. Easy to find, inexpensive and a simple bolt in.

2. Bob Ida used VW Bug door handles, latches and strikers on his '40 coupe.

3. Another VW part that has been used by several members on '40-42's is the headlight bucket.

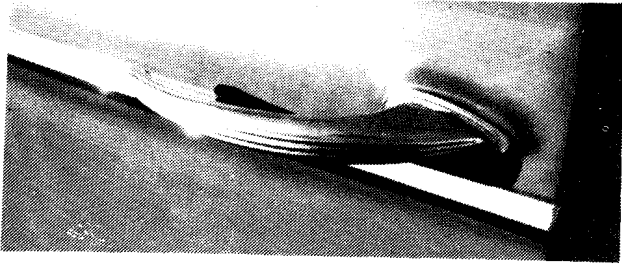
4. Gary Budwick used Chevy S10 Windshield rubber on his '33.

5. Jeff Cryan found that a radiator from a '65 Chevelle, (top Tank type) fit between the stock frame rails and behind the grille opening of his '40 coupe. Jeff had it recored to 4 rows.

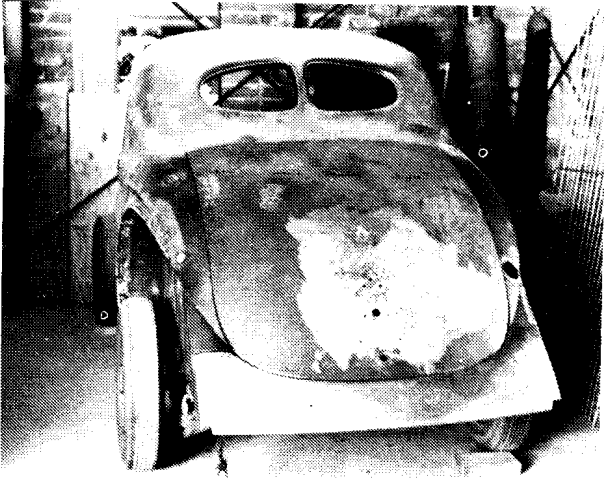
6. Roger Kleinsmith used power window units from a Renault in his '33 sedan and says they fit very well.

7. Dodge Colt aftermarket AC unit, built by Mopar, will fit under the dash and behind the grille of a '33 Willys. This from Wayne Stephens.

8. For better vision at night, try small style Halogen lights mounted in the stock head lamp buckets!



21. Building a 'glass Willys and don't have any door handles yet? Repror '40 Ford handles are readily available, inexpensive and fit great.



22. Looking for a '37-'42 Coupe project and all you can find are bodies with no floor or firewall and the rear panel is junk? Go ahead and buy one and then look for a '37-'40 sedan. You can graft the coupe body to the sedan floor, etc and this time next year you'll have a solid coupe and not be still hunting for something that's harder still to find and gone up in value a couple more grand. Sedan bodies are not too hard to find and are far less expensive than coupes.



Cross section of rubber. Actual size.

23. Want some window rubber with cool looking chrome filler strip? Take this picture to your local glass shop. It's a very universal rubber and was used in '47-'66 Chevy pick-up rear windows, among other things. Glass will require trimming.

9. On his '40 Sedan, Glenn Ehrler used a '69 Mustang front valance (below bumper) turned upside down for the rear pan, the area below the trunk lip, (leave the lip alone).

10. For windshield and back glass rubber, Glenn used VW bug rubber and says it looks better than stock.

11. If you have trouble getting to your distributor, or maybe you can't pull it out in the car, then WCWC member Erik P Bothe has the answer. His company, "Front Drive Systems", makes a front mount kit for small block Chevys. Call him at (414)694-7120.

12. '64-'68 Ford Econoline spindles (F100 series) go right on to '37-'42 Willys spindles.

13. Jerry Tarvin mounted a Pinto rack & pinion steering unit onto his Willys axle using brackets he fabricated. Then he used the Pinto flex cable to allow for suspension travel and presto, up to date steering.

14. Steve Walczak suggests to anyone starting with a gutted coupe body, strengthen the body by building frame loops under the dash and below the rear window. Also, Steve recommends an insulated firewall about 2" thick, this will keep down the temperature and noise level inside the car.

15. Want power steering? Try a power rack & pinion from an Audi.

16. For independent front ends, Pinto and Mustang II are easily the most popular but Terry Ray used an Opel GT front end under his '33 Panel and is very pleased with the ride and disc brakes. Bud Rothwell used a Camaro subframe (narrowed 2") under the front of his '42 Coupe.

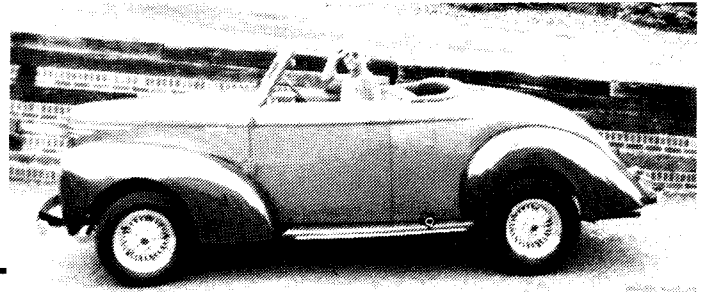
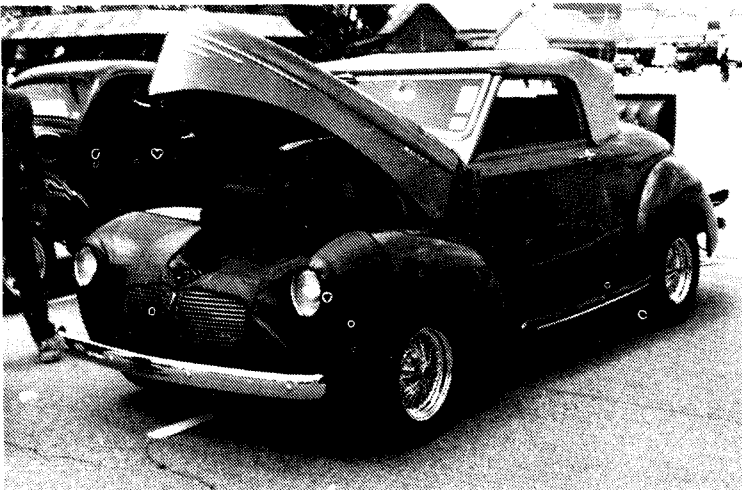
17. Roger Kleinsmith could run 31x10.50x15LT tires on the rear of his '33 by using stock width '73 Maverick 8" rear end and Anderson Industries widened rear fenders. Rather than alot of chassis work, Ken Butler decided to have the rear fenders on his '40 Coupe widened a couple of inches to keep the tires from sticking out. It takes a good body man to do it but it sure works slick! If someone made some 'glass ones, I'm sure they would sell.

18. Terry Crowell used Vega gas struts on the trunk lid of his '41 Coupe. They would probably work great on a '33 too.

19. Want fenderwell headers for your Chevy powered '40-'42. Try Sanderson headers from Speedway Motors for a big-block or Tubular Automotive '40 Ford fenderwell headers for a small-block. Both fit great but collectors may need shortening about 3".

20. Want chrome inside window mouldings but can't find any steel ones? (No-one can!). Buy some 'glass ones and have them plated by one of the plastic chroming shops that advertise in Hemmings.

CLUB CARS



JIM KOCHER, #607
MARS, PA

Jim's convertible is all stock, apart from the wheels, and was imported from Australia where this body style was available from the factory. It is a very rare car in it's homeland and probably the only one in the States. Car was in excellent shape when it arrived. Jim did some bodywork and applied the 2-tone, candy green paint. Jim's ride was also on the cover of issue #5 where we showed you the unique Australian body styles.

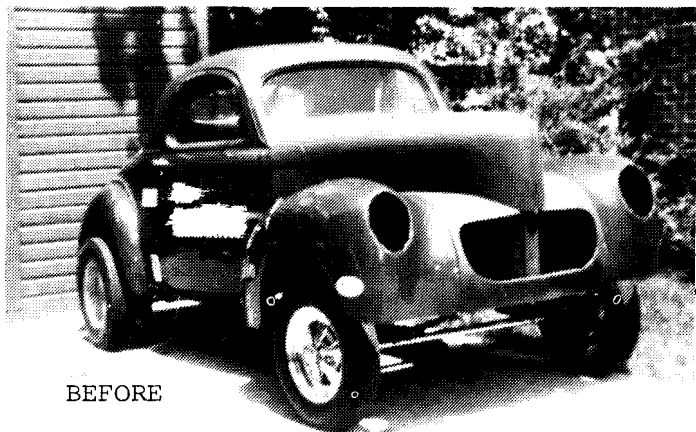
RON PARNES, #416
ENGLEWOOD, CO

Ron's '40 Pick-up has to be one of the nicest in the country! It is all steel and uncut. Interior and dash are original. Not only is this truck beautiful to look at, it also runs like a bat out of Hell with it's Herman Chapman 327, Turbo 400 and 4:56 geared 10-bolt. 12.20 @ 113mph (5860ft above sea level) was good enough to win the Street Rod Showdown at Bandimere Speedway.

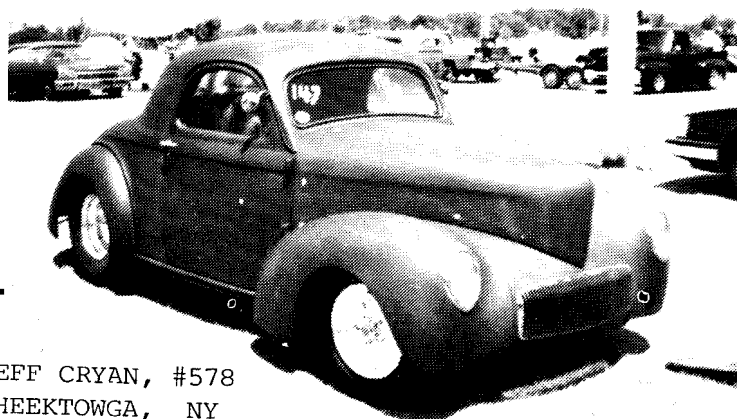


GARY BUDWICK, #561
HUNTLEY, IL

Gary has been working on this 'glass bodied coupe for 14 months now. Body features wheel tubs, suicide doors, hidden hinges, tilt front and no door handles. Engine is a built 350 (4-bolt main), backed up by a Turbo 400 with shift kit and narrowed 9" Ford rear end w/Detroit Locker. Custom frame has Mustang II IFS. Other features will be overhead console, power windows and trunk mounted AC/heating unit. Look for this car at the '89 Street Rod Nationals.

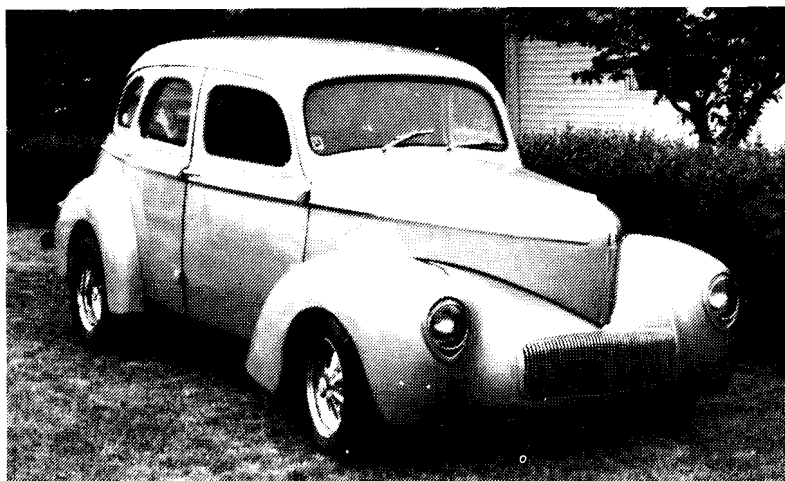


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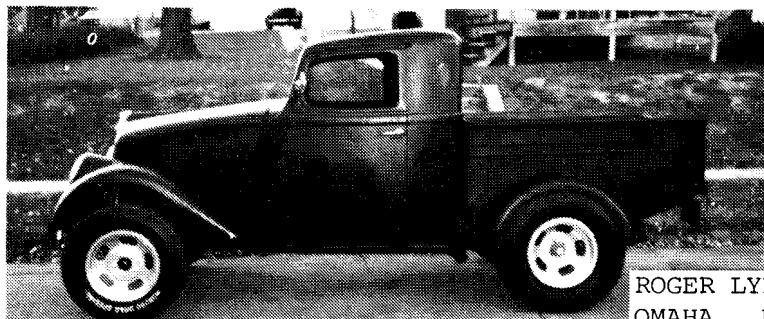
JEFF CRYAN, #578
CHEEKTOWGA, NY

Like most, Jeff's coupe was once a race car. But now the boxed frame has 2x3 subframe out back with narrowed Olds' rear end (4:88 posi') and 4" dropped tube axle up front. 4-bars and coil overs are used all round. Front brakes are JFZ discs and Vega cross steering is used. Built 350 (4-bolt main) and 350 Turbo trans' provide the power. Other features are 4-pt roll bar, '39 Ford teardrop tail lights, tinted glass, Auto-meter gauges, polished alum' dash, Cyclone headers ('62 Vette) and braided lines. Car weighs 2360lb's and runs 12.70's @ 108mph on street tires.

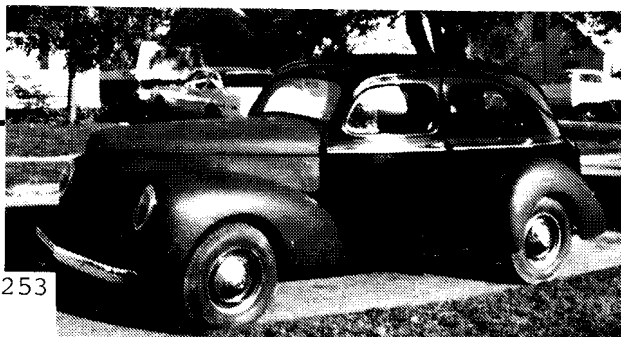


RON ARLEN, #143
ERIE, PA

Ron's car first appeared in issue #4, it now sports a real nice light metallic blue paint job. Power comes from a 383 Mopar with 727 Torqueflite trans'. Plans call for dark blue and silver flames.



ROGER LYLE, #253
OMAHA, NE

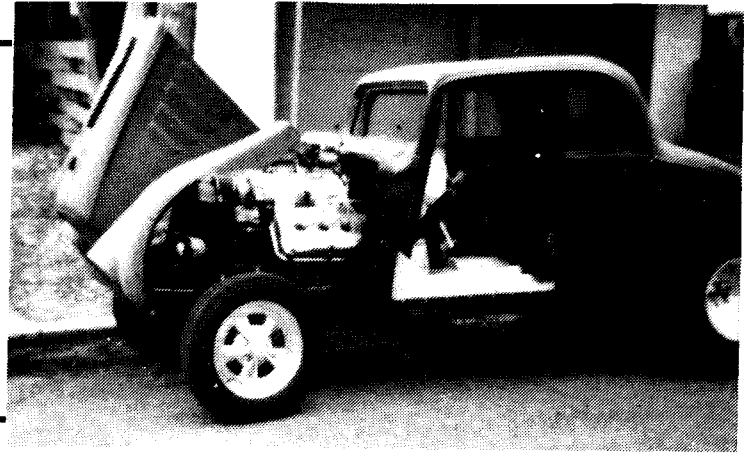


Roger is one of our members lucky enough to have more than one Willys. His '35 Pick-up ('glass '33 nose) has fresh 327, Powerglide and '57 Chevy rear end. Truck is soon to get 5" dropped front axle. '40 Sedan is basically stock and will be Roger's economical driver next summer. Roger's other projects are a '42 Pick-up, '40 Coupe and a '33 Coupe.



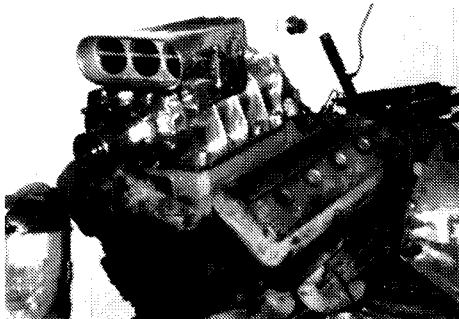
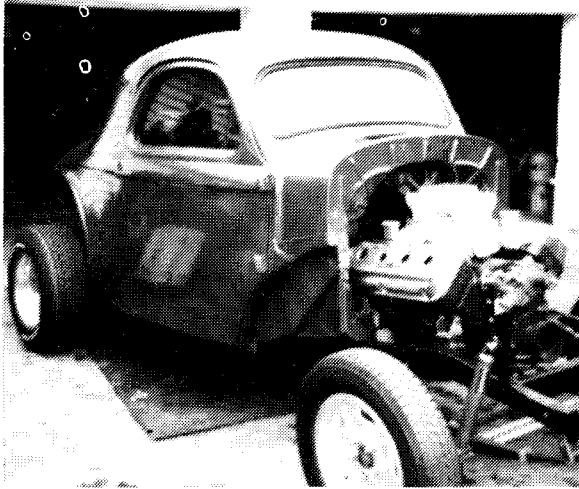
DON MCLEMORE, #402
DENVER, CO

Don has a heavy duty street pounder on his hands here. '33 Coupe has boxed frame, narrowed 9" Ford rear end with 4:88 gears. 392 Hemi has Isky roller cam, Howards rods, Venolia pistons, gear drive and BDS 6:71 with 2 600 Holleys. A Hemi 4-spd trans' is used. Car has a full roll cage, tilt column and is still under construction.



STEVEN PUPCHYK, #546
OXFORD, CT

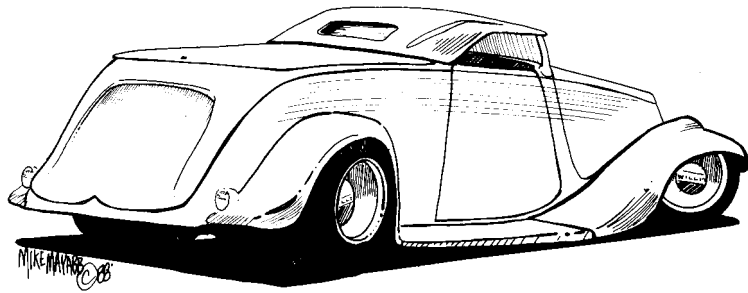
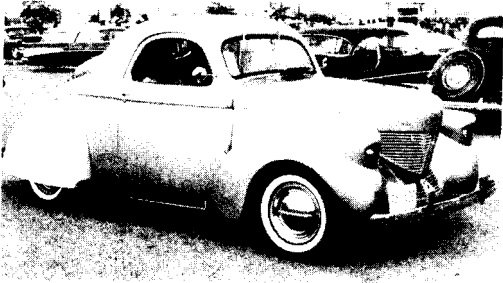
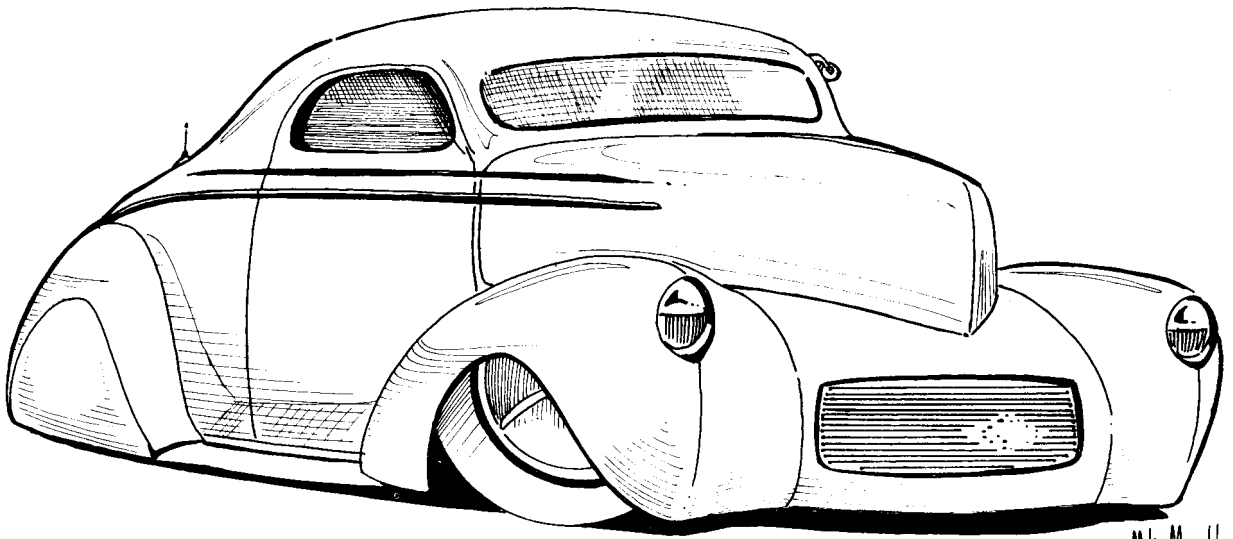
Steven's coupe is almost done. Car is all steel apart from 'glass inside window mouldings. Power-plant is a 331 Chrysler Hemi. Steven, who is a machinist, is making his own tunnel ram from an Edmunds dual quad manifold and Offenhauser parts. Tranny is a Turbo 400 with Hurst dual gate shifter. Rear end is a Dana 60 powerlock (3:70). Paint is '78 Caddy Greenbrian Firemist enamel. Steven also has a '39 Sedan that he is restoring to original.



BRUCE GONZALES, #564
GLENDALE, AZ

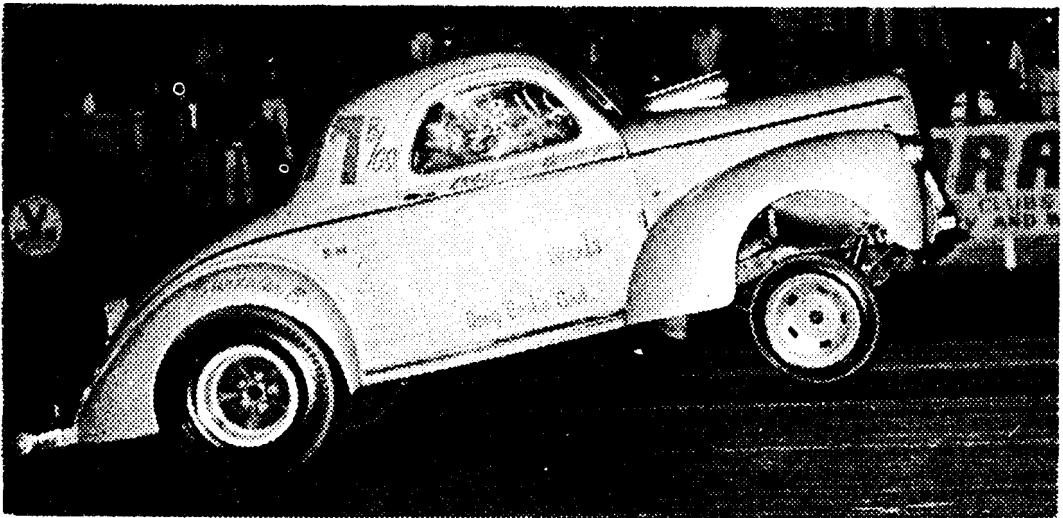
Bruce is a 32 year old UPS truck driver. His car was in issue #14 but we now have a shot of the new engine. Bruce's plans for this car are to make a replica of the famous, candy apple red, Big John Mazmanian car. It will be a street version. Dummy blower has 4-barrel inside for reliable street driving in sunny, make that hot, Arizona.





Mike Mayabb, member #494, sent in some really nice artwork for our enjoyment. The fifties custom style '41 Coupe was an idea that Mike thought would get him lynched. However the guy in the '39 Coupe above would probably like to pat Mike on the back! The '33 Ute features some radical sheetmetal changes in the bed area and makes for a good looking Willys that never was. Mike is from Laura, Ohio, and has a '33 Sedan that he has some major body changes in mind for. We'll be seeing more of Mike's fine talent in the future.

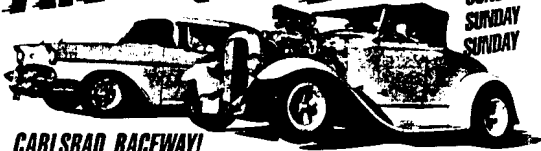
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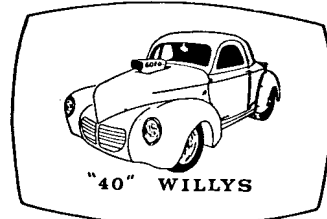


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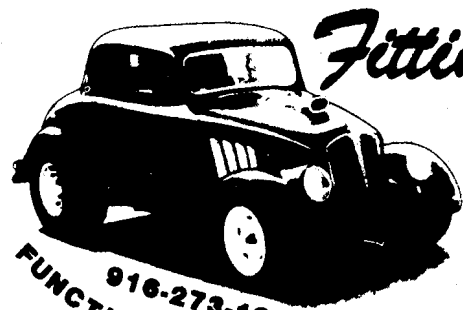
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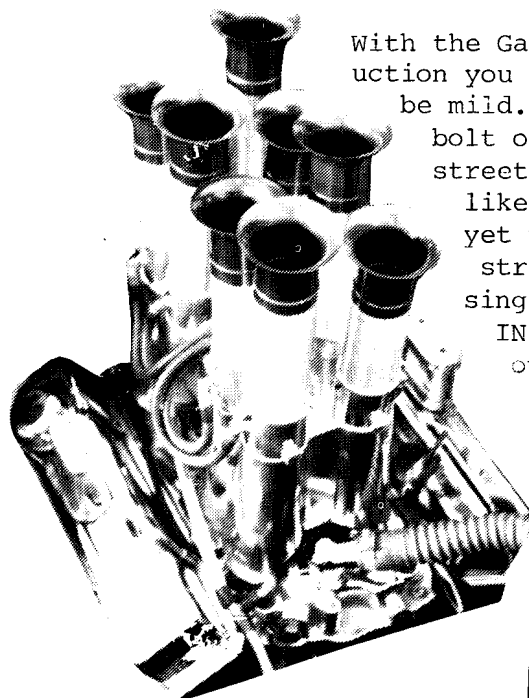
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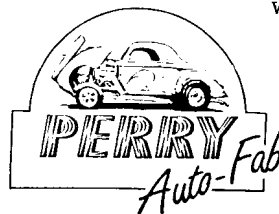
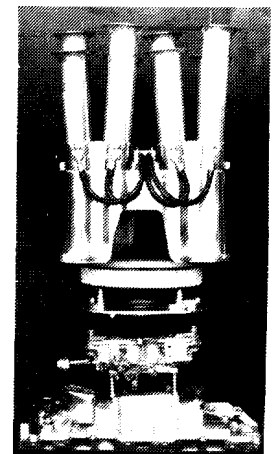
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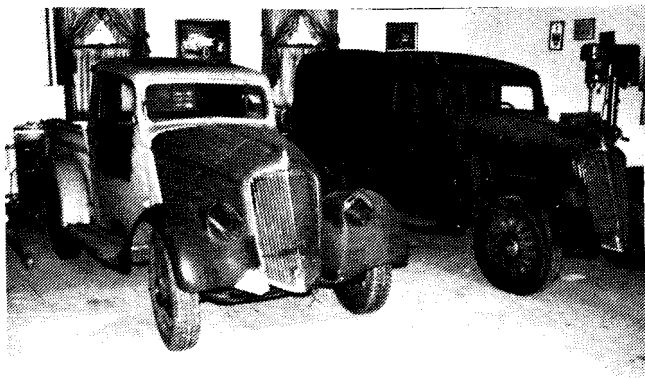
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FOR SALE: 1940 Willys sedan. Purchased from 2nd owner, has owner's manual, sales brochures, jack & tool kit. Original paint on body (faded), fenders have been repainted, interior very good. 5200 orig miles. Runs excellent. \$15,000us.

ALSO FOR SALE: 1933 Willys 4dr converted to panel truck. Steel body w/glass fenders. Would make nice street rod or race car. Needs to be finished. \$4,000us. Bob Ward, (416)648-1735.

FOR SALE: '33-'36 Coupe wood kits, \$500.

'33-'35 Sedan spare tire mount, \$45.

'33-'35 Repo' grilles, \$360 ea. Also have a few repops suitable for painting, \$260 ea. Butch Bailey, (516)667-5252.

FOR SALE: 33 frt axle w/new brakes & brgs, \$150. 36 engine & trans cpmplete, \$100. 40 frt axle, drilled, \$50. 40 spindles, machined & chromed, \$75. 48 Anglia tube axle, stock spring perch, chrome, uses Willys, spindles, \$75. Cragar orig' Super Tricks, 2-15x3.5, 5x4.50 BC. 2-15x10, 5x5 BC w/20 1/4" lugs. Brand new, \$375. Call Bill at (305)564-3618. eve's.

FOR SALE: 392 Hemi stuff. Lots of parts and complete motors including one set of alum' rods and a pair of Donovan prepped heads (fresh). Call Dave Rogers. (804)858-1956.

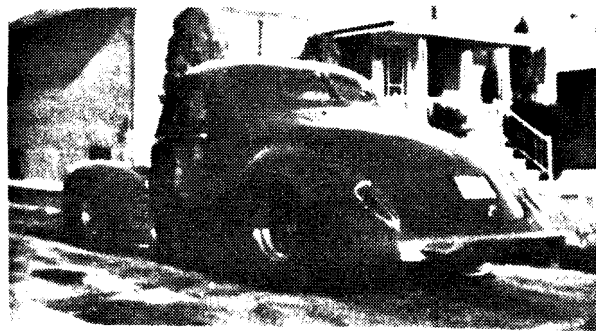
FOR SALE: 40 pick-up parts. Bed w/taillgate, rear fenders, running boards, stock steering box w/wheel, complete front & rear axles, gauges, front & rear bumper brkts.

WANTED: For 40 pick-up. Hood latch ass', hood vent ass', SS door trim 35 3/4" long by 9/16" wide (may be same as 40 4dr front doors). Dan Lau, Rt 1, Plymouth, WI, 53073. (414)893-3681.

WANTED: Rear bumper for 40 coupe, nice or rechromable. Also want 2 American 5 spoke mags (or similar style) 15x12 or wider, prefer 5" or 6" back space and 5" bolt circle but will consider all. Will also consider Halibrand large slot. Jeff Cryan. (716)626-9337.

WANTED: 37-39 Willys coupe and 35-36 pick-up truck, would like original, uncut cars. Also need 17" spare tire ring. Joe Signorelli, (408)371-6275 home or (408)299-2393 work.

WANTED: Small window, front Halibrands. Anybody want an engraving of their car to hang on the wall? 8x10, 11x14, 18x24 etc. Just send photo to 55 Middlesex Ave, Natick, MA, 01760 or call Schlos', (508)655-2555. 8-5.



FOR SALE: 1941 Willys coupe. All steel except for front end & trunk lid. Candy apple red. 350 supercharged, fuel injection, Manley pistons, Crower cam, Milodon gear drive etc. Turbo 400. 2x3 chassis, full cage, Strange struts, brakes & rack & pinion. 4-link, Koni's, Strange axles, spool, 5:13 gears. Car has been in building 6 years and has 8 hrs on it. Best of everything. Appraised at \$55,000. Sell for \$45,000 complete or \$30,000 less engine. Pat, (416)783-7279.

WANTED: 39 headlight retainer rings badly needed (the heart shaped ones). Bill Halbreder, (612)426-5179.

WANTED: 41 pick-up tailgate hinges and stock seat. Butch, (619)426-6909.

WANTED: 38-41 pick-up cab and doors. Fire-wall, dash, windshield posts not important. Prefer East Coast. Mike, (914)758-8756.

WANTED: 33 grille shell. 4" or 4 1/2" wide old style Halibrand wheels. Also desperately need .020 undersize bearings for 1958 392 Chrysler. Don Mclemore, (303)377-6049.

WANTED: 33-36 coupe. Prefer steel body but will consider any available car, with or without engine & trans. Tom Trainor, 4542 Bexeley Dr, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083. (404)981-8027.

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