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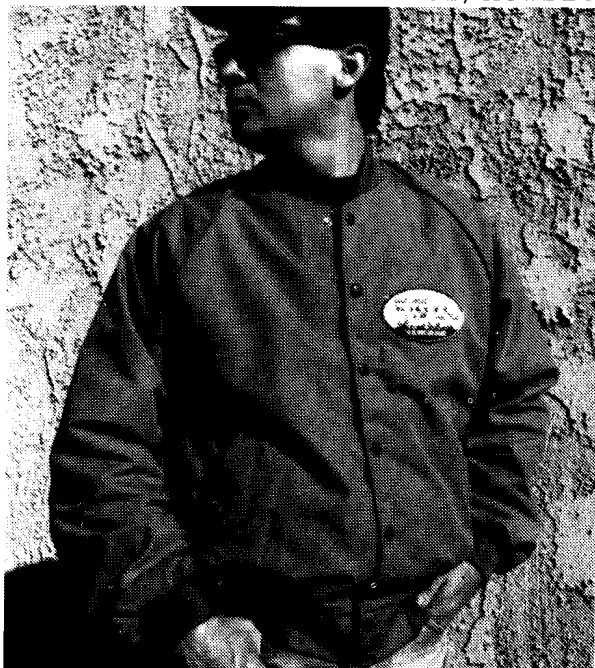
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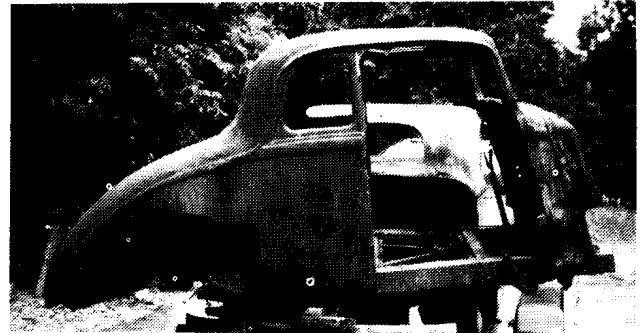
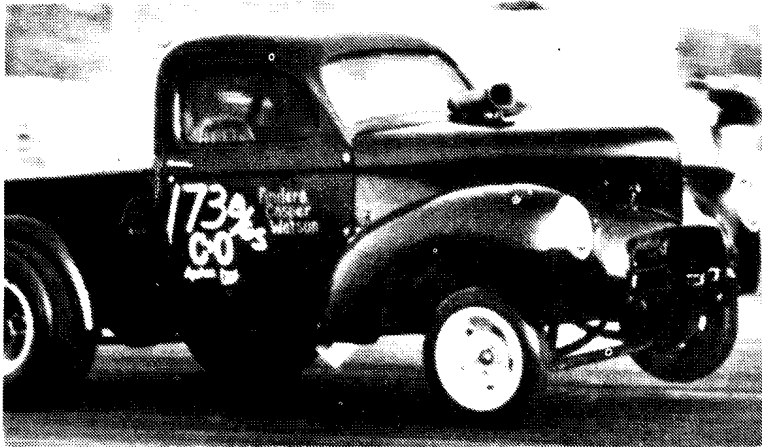
COVER --

Russ Bryant had his blown 327 Chevy powered '40 Pickup at the Nat's East in York PA. Truck sees duty on the street and the strip.

BACK COVER --

Mike Mitchell, of San Francisco, raced this Coupe throughout California in the mid-late 60's. This was one of the fanciest California gassers with it's wild paint job. Mike was known as the "Worlds Fastest Hippy".

LETTERS



I don't have a Willys (except an old slot car from a long time ago). I wish I did and maybe there's one out there with my name on it, all I can say is that when I see one I start foaming at the mouth like a rabid dog. I guess this infatuation started at an early age being influenced by two of my older cousins. They were drag racers in the early sixties, one was part time wrench and parts runner for Doug Cook of S,W&C. The other raced with Charlie Finders, they have some great stories and alot of B S too!

When I was around ten years old I had this large centerspread picture hanging on my bedroom wall, it was of John Mazmanian's red Willys Coupe. Well my two cousins came over one day and they saw that picture on the wall and said that this car is no good! They told me I should like the then light blue Willys Coupe of S,W&C. I said OK but that picture stayed on the wall for a long time after that.

Anyhow, being that I don't own a Willys, I don't have any material for the club newsletter. However I do have an old picture of the cobalt blue, Finders,Casper and Watson B/GS Willys Pickup nicknamed "Ol Blue". It is the first Willys built by Chuck Finders. My cousin Bob (Moonie Casper) Kasprovicz (you can see why they shortened his name) said that they built this truck in two weeks, just in time to be raced at the '63 Pomona Winternat's. After that they made their modifications and made many a successful trip down the Bakersfield 1/4 mile with Finders doing the driving. I forgot to say that my slot car was painted red and yes they hated that too!

Gary Olexy, #004
Temple City, CA.

There really is a God and he likes me. Here are some pictures of my scores in the last month. I look all the time for Willys and then all of a sudden it rained Willys.

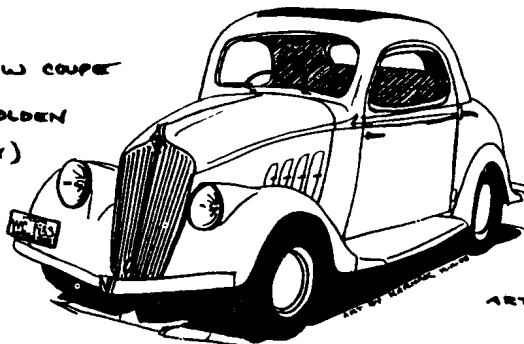
- 1-1936 Willys Coupe - 75,000 orig' miles
- 1-1936 Willys Coupe body (good)
- 1-1933 Willys Coupe body w/rumble seat (mint)
- 1-1936 Willys Pickup (rough)
- 1-1941 Willys Sedan (complete)
- 1-1935 Willys Sedan (complete)

All of these were within 50 miles from Portland, OR. I live just across the river from Portland. The guy standing beside the '36 Coupe is the guy who drove it into that spot years ago.

Jack "The Bear" Coonrod, #140
Vancouver, WA

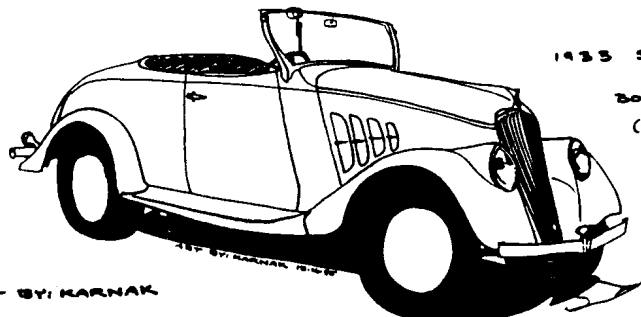
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1935 SPORTS ROADSTER
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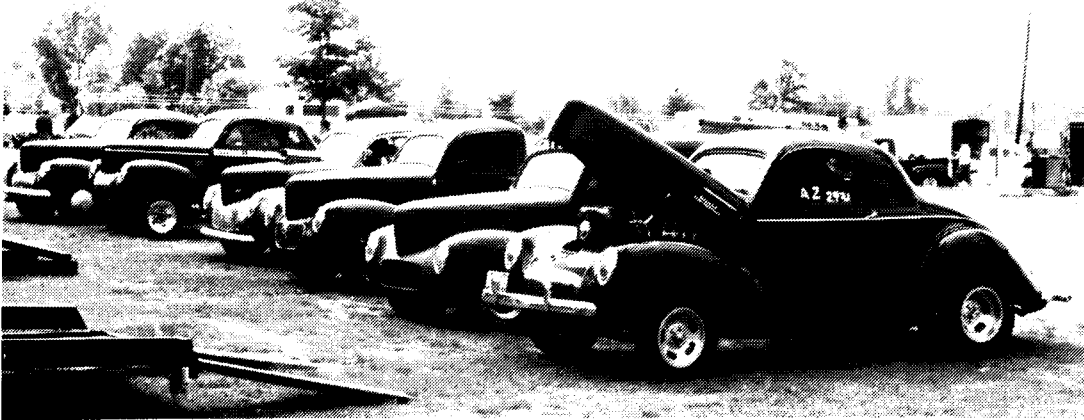


SUMMER OF '89

There were plenty of events across the nation in the summer of 1989 and more Willys than ever in attendance!

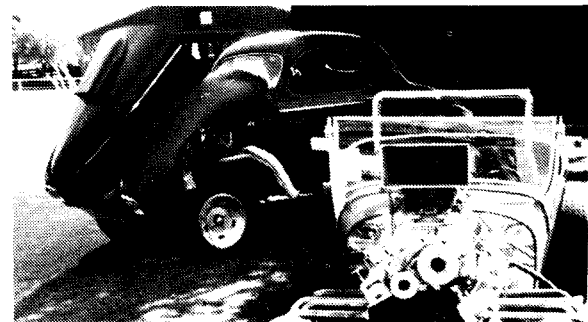
--MILAN, MI.

Several WCWC members attended this NDRA event including Kerry Lundberg who won the Willys Challenge with a 10.30 on a 10.30 dial in!



--BAKERSFIELD, CA.

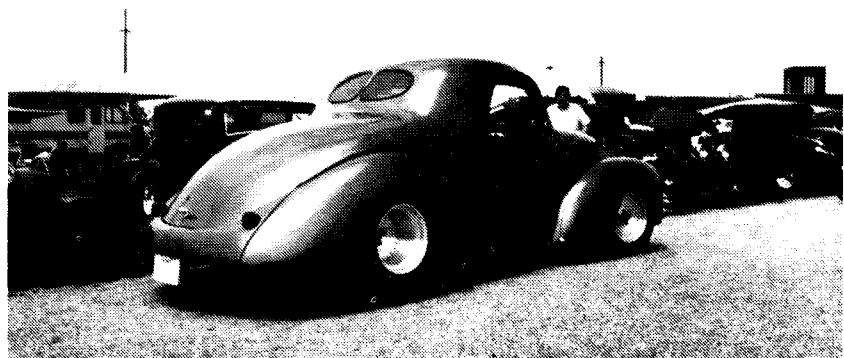
Great weather and great cars go together to make a great weekend! There were several fresh Willys street rods at the Western Street Rod Nationals.

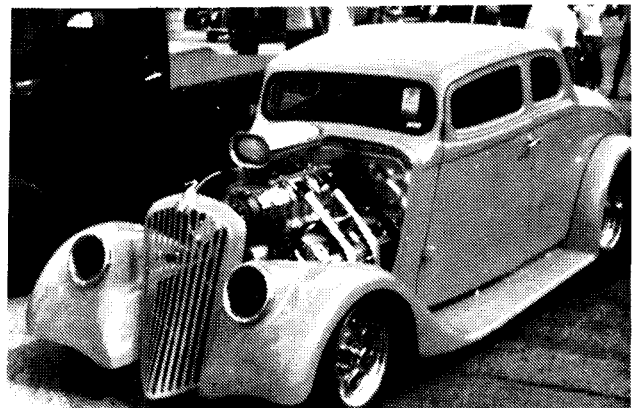
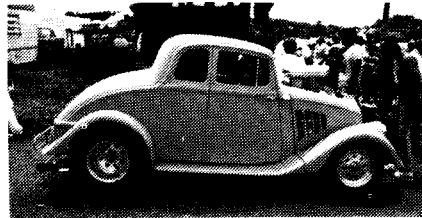
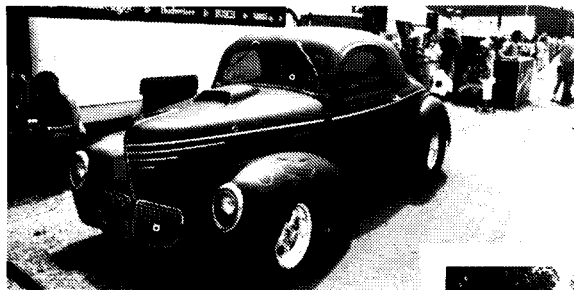
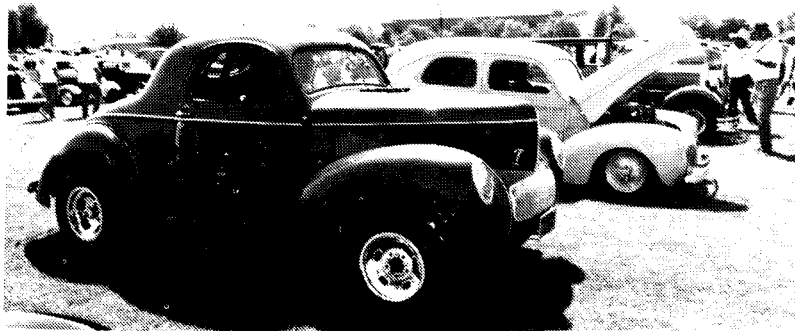
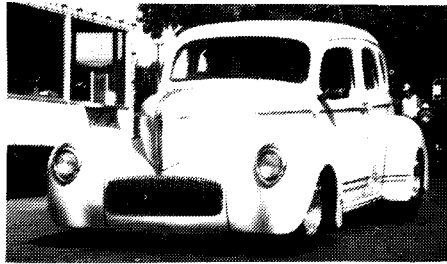
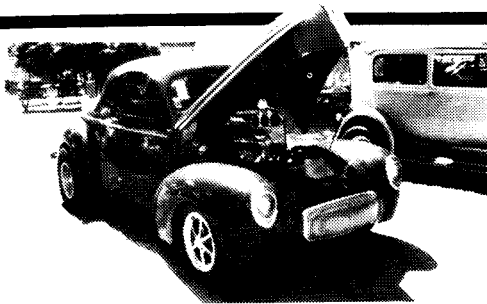
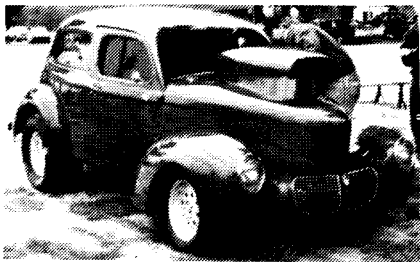
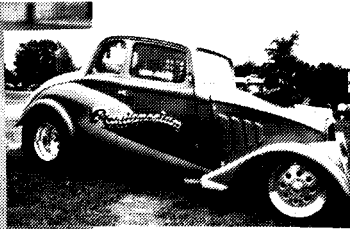
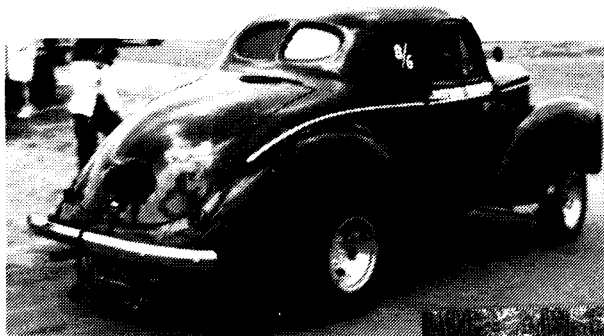


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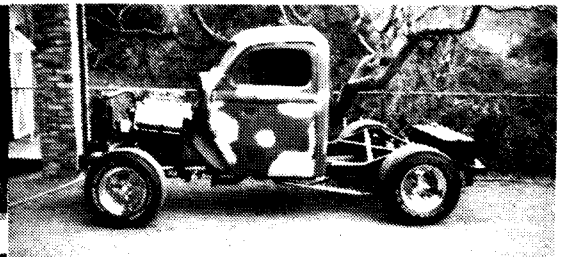
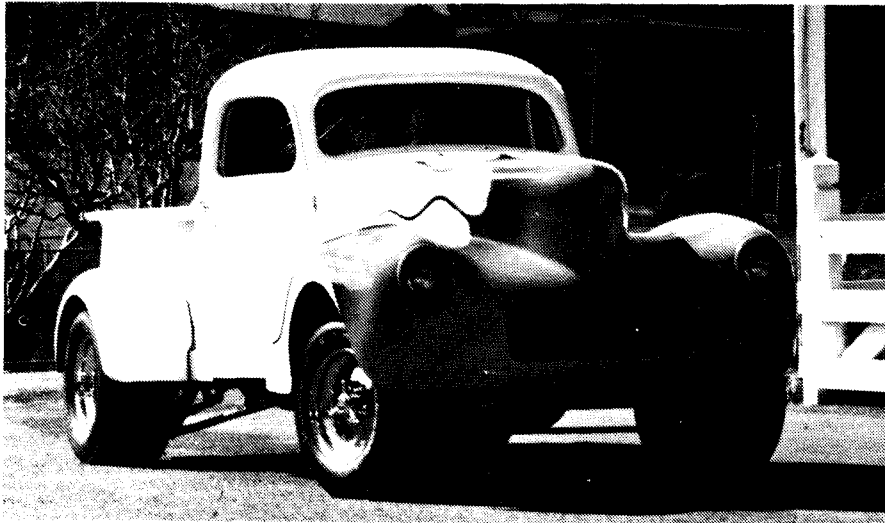
There were over 3,400 rods at the Street Rod Nat's East. Tom Gunshannon (#449) was there along with his son Tom Jr (at left, about to be swallowed by Steve Walczac's Pro/Street Coupe).

This could have been the best Summer yet for Willys fans.





CLUB CARS

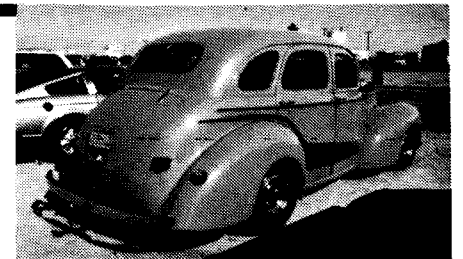
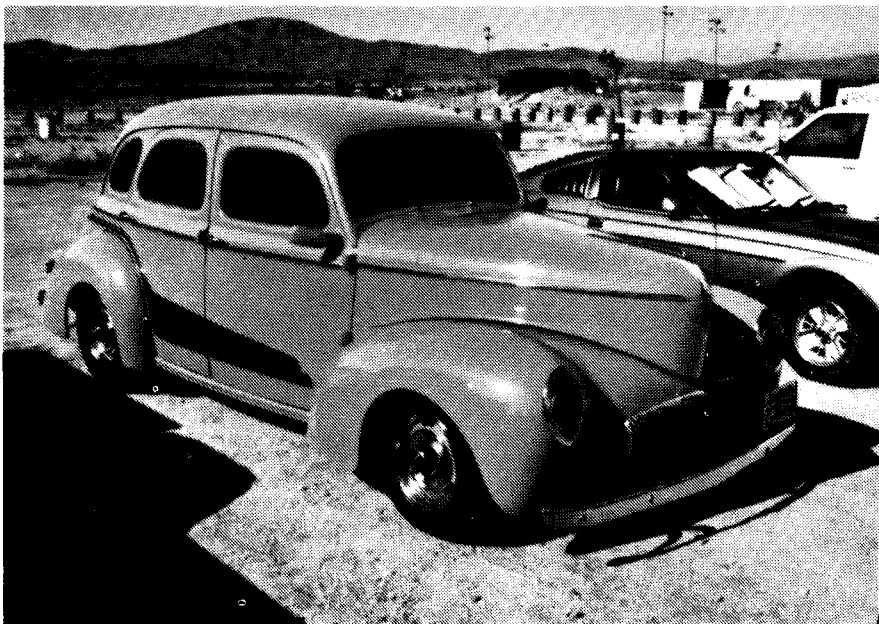
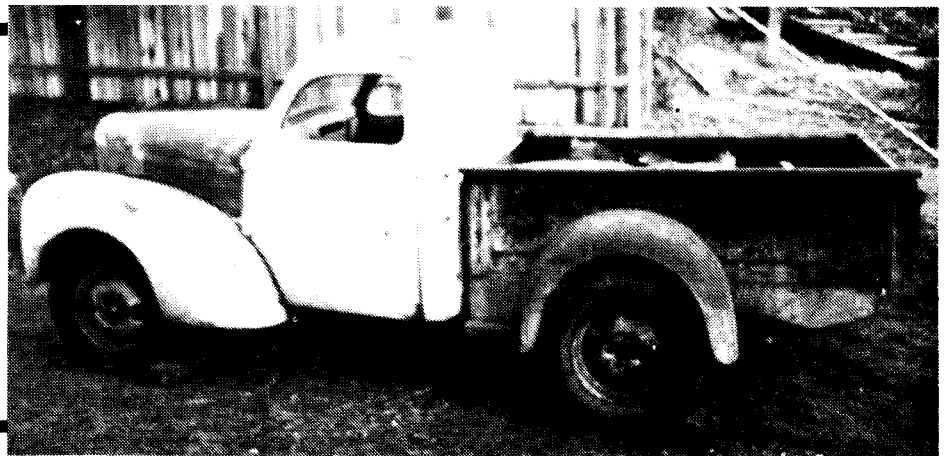


DAN DeSIMONI #497
NAPA, CA

Dan's Pickup has the classic Willys stance with it's chrome straight axle. It also has the classic Willys powerplant, a 392 Hemi! Engine features dual Carter 500's, Joe Hunt magneto and much more. 727 Torgueflite trans leads to 8 3/4" Dodge posi' rear end. Construction time is 9 yrs and counting.

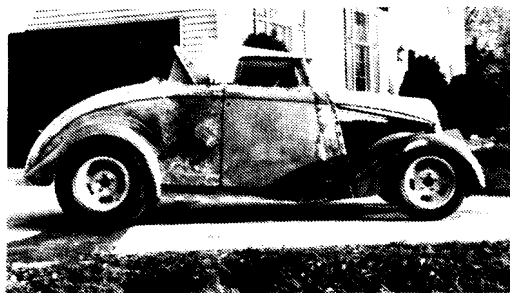
JOHN BITTERMAN #660
FOLSOM, CA

John is one of the rare Willys owners who got a real bargain. This truck cost him only \$100. Plans are to street rod it. Power will come from a 302 Ford with C6 trans'. This truck is all steel but was missing the X member and has a big hole in the firewall. John plans to handle all of the body, paint, engine and chassis work himself.



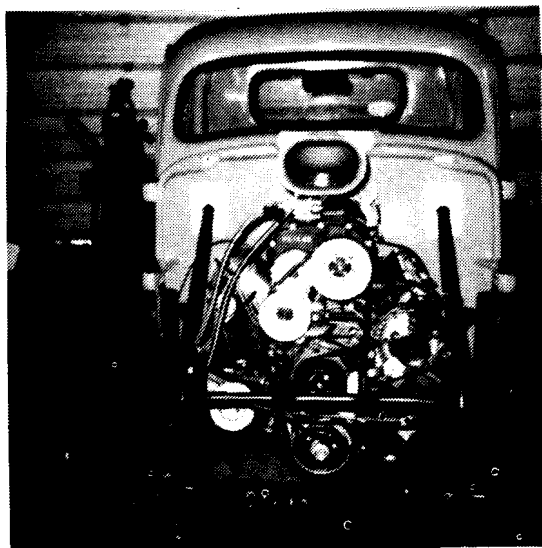
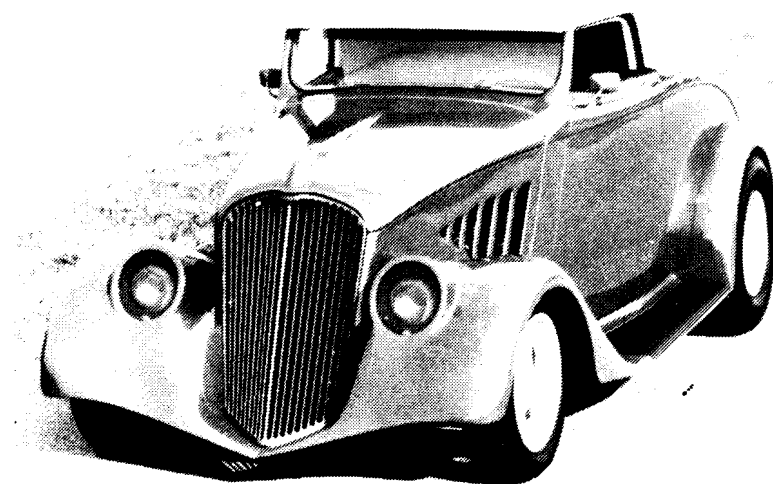
BILL WILSON #691
BAKERSFIELD, CA

Bill works as a construction co' GM and his driver is this yellow '42. Believe it or not, this car was on the back of a dump truck heading for the dump when it was spotted and saved for its new life. Drive-train is the trusty Chevy 350/350 combo. Bill is currently building a chopped, pro-street '37 Sedan.



BILL BOWMAN #691
NEWARK, DE

If you have read any rod mag's over the last couple of years then you must be familiar with Bill's '33 Cabriolet. There is so much to write about this car but so little room. Check out Jan' '89 Street Rodder, May '89 Pop' Hot Rodding, July '89 Super Chevy or Oct' '89 Hot Rod.



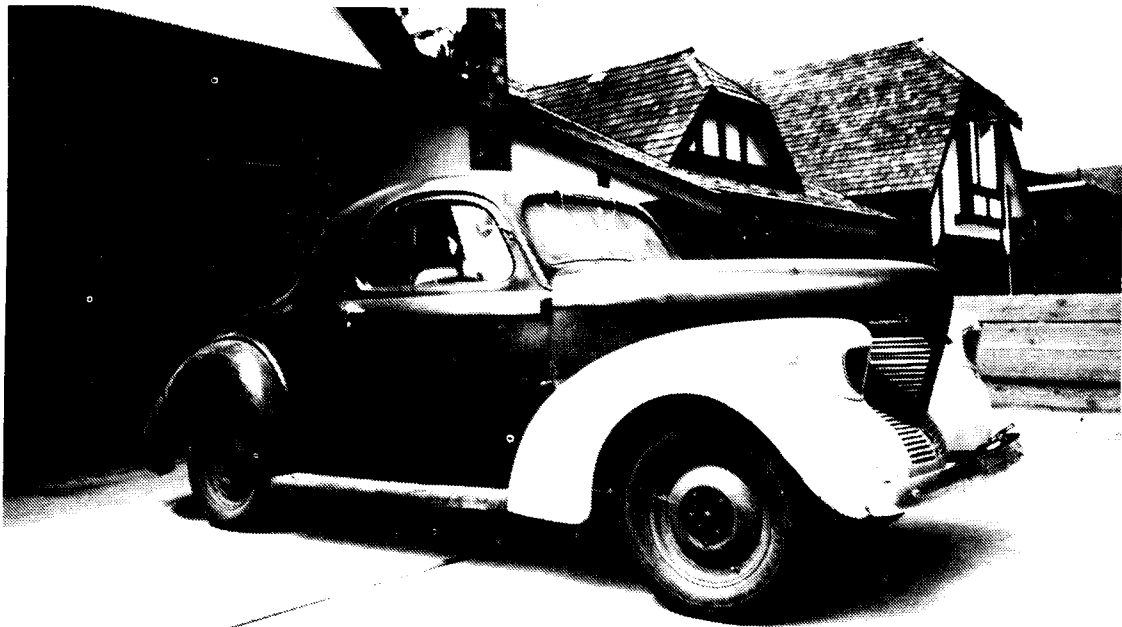
JERRY TARVIN #383
RIO LINDA, CA

You may remember Jerry's truck from issue #14, well here's an update photo to show you the new blown/injected 426ci Mopar powerplant. Should give thos big Pro-Trac's a workout!

FRANK CAMERON #692
DANVILLE, CA

Here's Frank with his new toy. This car is destined for street duty. A new frame will be fabbed using Mustang II IFS. Frank has a long way to go but the hard part is over (finding a starting point).





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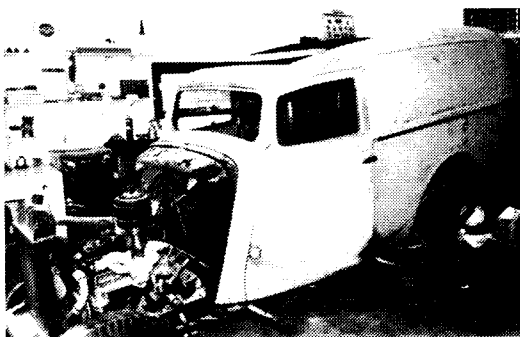
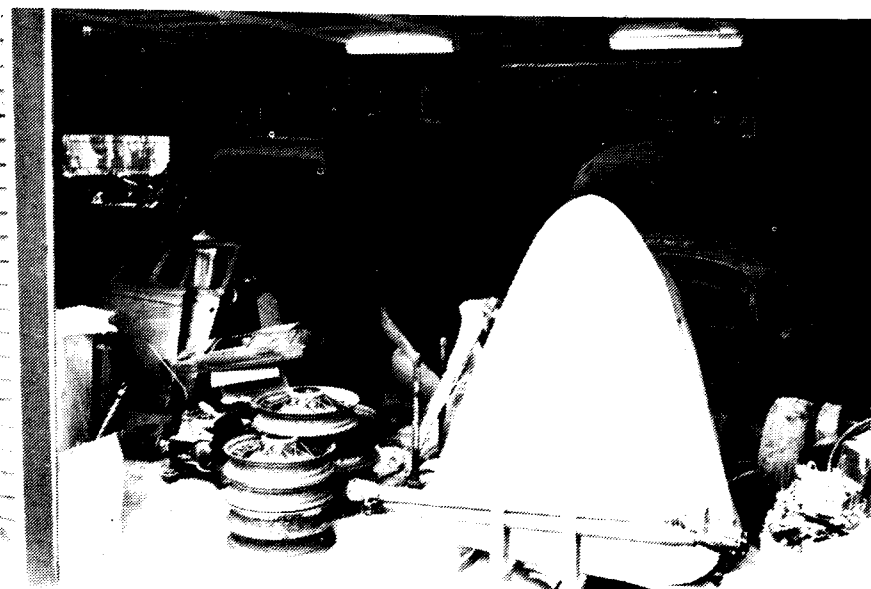
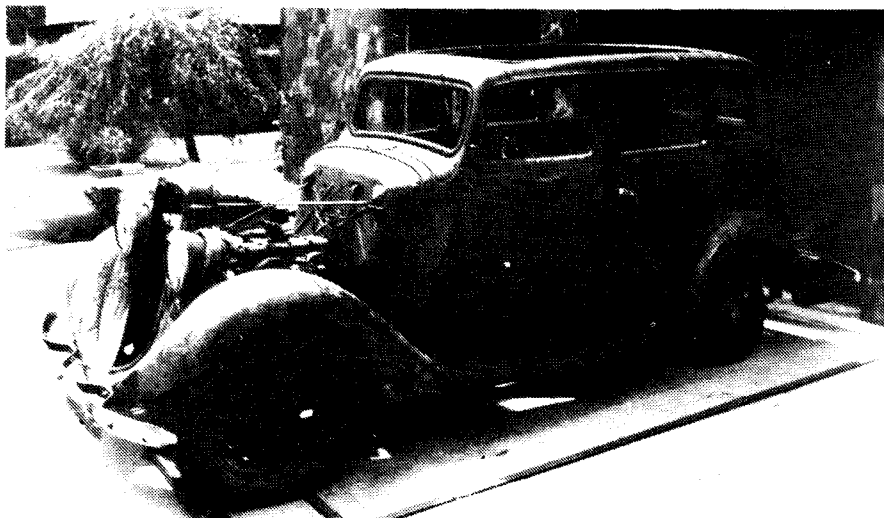
DOUG MACDONALD #135
RICHMOND, BC, CANADA.

Doug sent in some pictures of his current lineup of Willys cars.
TOP: '39 Coupe, waiting for time and money to put it together.

RIGHT: Doug's latest find, a '36 4dr. that is being used as a parts car for the Panel.

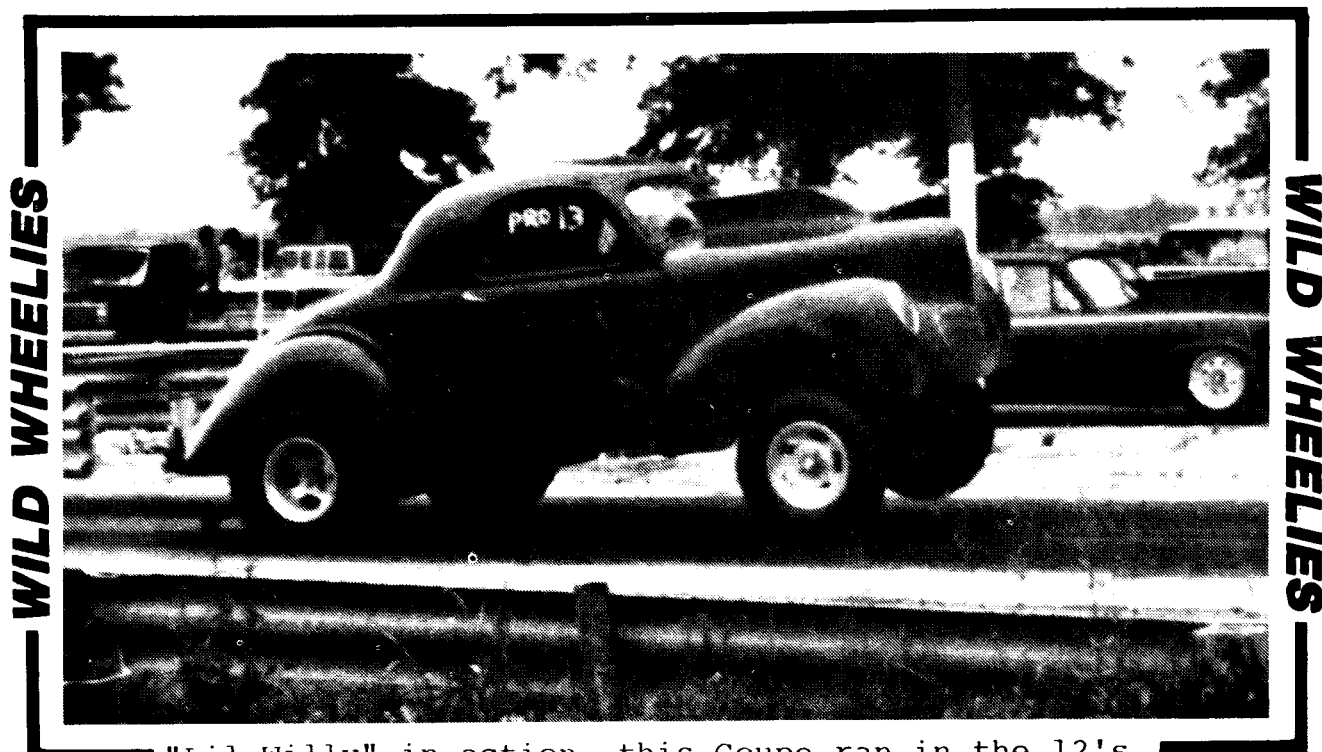
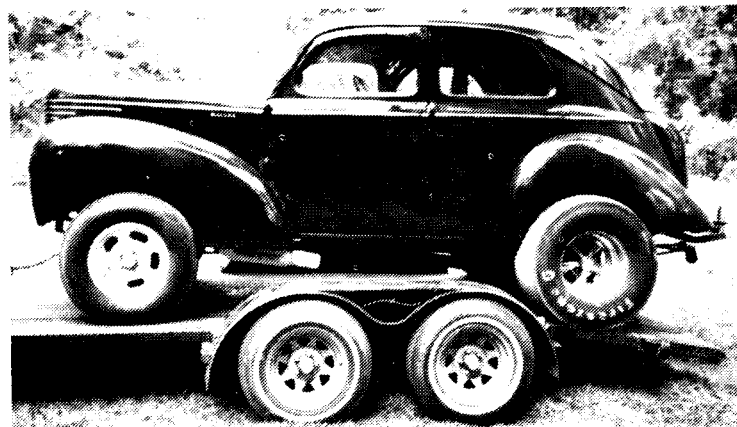
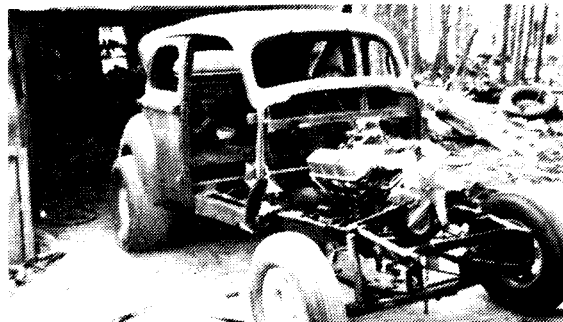
BELOW RIGHT: What the garage looks like when a new vehicle comes in the yard. On the left is the Panel, behind it a '36 Coupe and behind the hoods lurks a '38 2dr Sedan.

BELOW: '36 Panel Delivery, current project. Trying to keep it stock but having trouble getting information. Can anybody help Doug out?



BUEL F HORN #178 QUITMAN, LA

Buel's '40 Sedan is the result of some really rotten luck (an accident resulting from a faulty trailer hitch caused the demise of his '40 Coupe race car). Using what parts he could recover, Buel went to work. Now he has a red Sedan nicknamed "Big Willy" to replace the "Lil Willy" red Coupe. Buel says losing the Coupe was like losing a family member. "Big Willy" is big block Chevy powered.



"Lil Willy" in action, this Coupe ran in the 12's.

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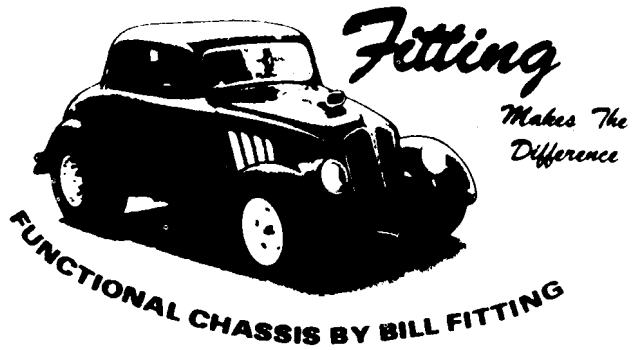
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SEND A POSTCARD TO US AND LET US KNOW WHERE THE FIRST RACE SHOULD BE - WEST COAST OR EAST COAST OR IN BETWEEN.

K.S... WHEN LAST SEEN, WAS GETTING INTO SHIMPE - HAD THE ENGINE ALL APART AND WASN'T TALKING - CHIESED THROUGH 3 CIGARS - HEARD TO MEMBLE "LET'S MOVE THE CAM 3 DEGREES - HMMMMMMMM", CREW CHIEF DUSTY WRETZEL SAID, "THE MAN JUST GRINS ALOT AND CHEWS HARDER ON THE CIGARS...DON'T LET ME NEAR THE ENGINE...SAID SOMETHING LIKE 'YOU GET ME TO THE RACE, I'LL DO THE REST'"

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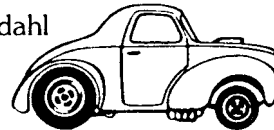
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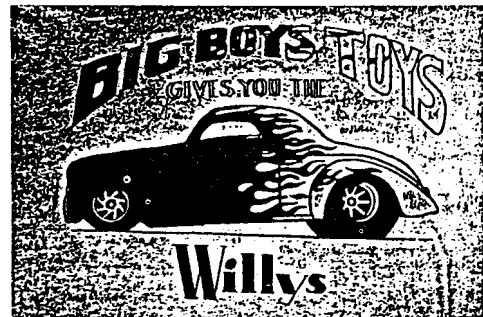
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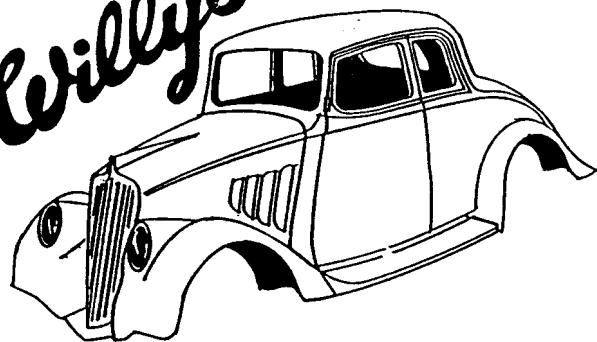
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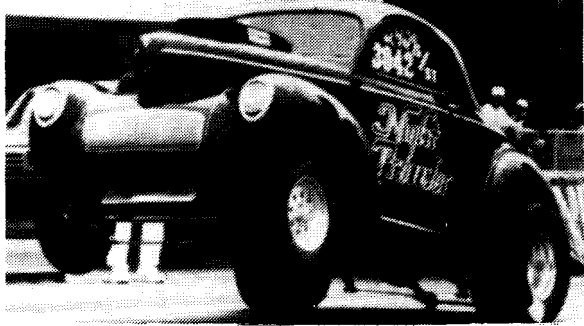
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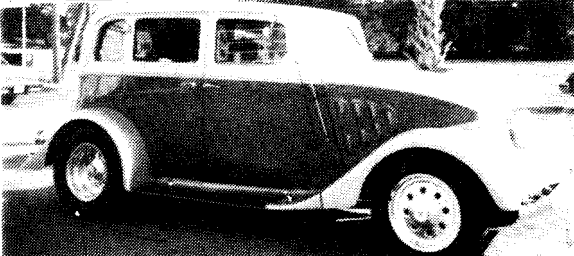
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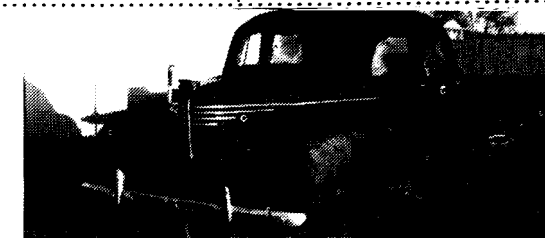
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FOR SALE: 1940 Willys 4dr sedan. \$1000 OBO. A S Heller (512)659-7116 8-5. San Antonio TX.

FOR SALE: 36 Willys Sedan w/33 ft end, 327ci Chevy. History as A/Gas race car. Professionally rebuilt. Loaded. Air, power windows, electric door openers, Weld wheels, louvered aluminum floor pan, black chrome, many extras. Excellent condition, reliable. \$24,000. Call Roger (416)788-0914.

FOR SALE: 41 Willys Coupe w/40 glass nose, project car. Also 39 4dr Sedan for sale or trade for 37-41 Seadn Delivery (custom). Need more room for my glass engraving Business. Steve (Schlos) Schlosberg (508)234-2723 MA.

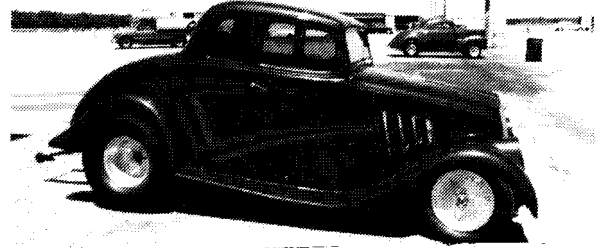
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FOR SALE: 2 35 Sedans plus extra parts, \$2,300. 1 37 Sedan w/title, \$800. 1 38 Sedan w/title, \$1,000. 1 31 Austin American Coupe, partial, \$1,500. 1 Austin American rear half of business Coupe body, \$500. Woody Parker (707)252-1830.

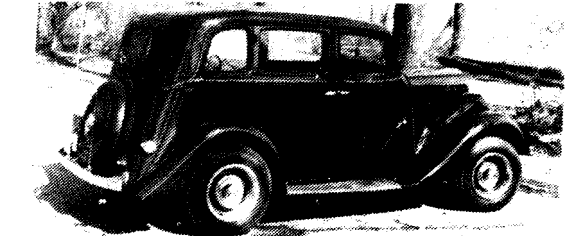
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WANTED: Information on 36 Willys Sedan that was Malaga red w/4cyl Chev Nova motor & glide, narrowed 64 Chev rear, all steel w/glass rr fenders. Sold to member Eric Botha in early 80's. Mike Distefano. (914)758-8756

FOR SALE: 38 Pickup, all orig truck w/extra 38 ft clip & running brds asking \$2,800 OBO. 38 Pickup, old racer, Olds rear, 37 plymouth ft axle altered w/base, set up for Hemi, extra Olds parts & glass doors, 38 steel ft end, \$2,800 OBO.

WANTED: 33-36 Willys Coupe. Just a body or complete car. I have poss' trade material. Dan Lau (414)893-3681 days or weekends.

FOR SALE: 41 Sedan parts car (no ft clip) & assorted parts
WANTED: 38 rear fenders, unbuilt models of SWC Coupe, pictures or film of SWC Coupe in action or otherwise, any type of dealers signs, old photos, manuals etc, members wanting to talk about the 1960's Willys setup (frames, engines etc) early gasser stuff. Wayne Cook. (402)462-6359.

FOR SALE: 40 Coupe frame, \$100. 40 ft bumper w/bumper guards & frame mounts \$125. 41 firewall including dash & floorboard, \$175. Stock 40 rear end w/springs, \$50.

WANTED: Steel window garnish mouldings & rocker panels for 40 Coupe. Mike (816)363-1807.

FOR SALE: 35 Sedan body, no ft doors, great firewall. 36 Sedan, almost complete, missing splash aprons, hood & side panels, headlight ass's, gauges, lenses & bumpers.

WANTED: Pt & rr bumper ass's for 36 Panel (different than Sedan??) Also headlight glass, taillight, good carb w/air cleaner, rear door latch, rear door window moulding, rear door outside handle.
39 Coupe ft & rr bumper ass's complete w/guards, brkts etc, inside window trim, headlight snap rings & starter solenoid. Doug MacDonald, 6331 Dover Rd, Richmond, BC, Canada, V7C-3K9. (604)277-8796.

WANTED: 33 ft sheetmetal (steel only), 33 running boards & rear fenders. Bob Ward (416)648-1735.

WANTED: 1 pr model 77 ft doors in good shape. Gary Schmidt (612)786-3278 9-6 cst.

WANTED: Correspondence from owners of Willys model 77. Also want Willys literature, ad's, photos etc. Thank you, John Radzevicius, 5 Arlewis St, Chester Hill, NSW, 2162, Australia.

WANTED: Someone to help me find a 33 or 34 Willys ft fenders, rear fenders, hood & splash aprons. I need these items to complete new car for 90. Please help. Bill Bowman (302)239-5892 DE.

WANTED: 37-38 headlight ass's. 40 PU Willys hood trim. 38-39 2dr sedan, any condition. Woody Parker, 277 Redwood Rd, Napa, CA, 94558. (707)252-1830.

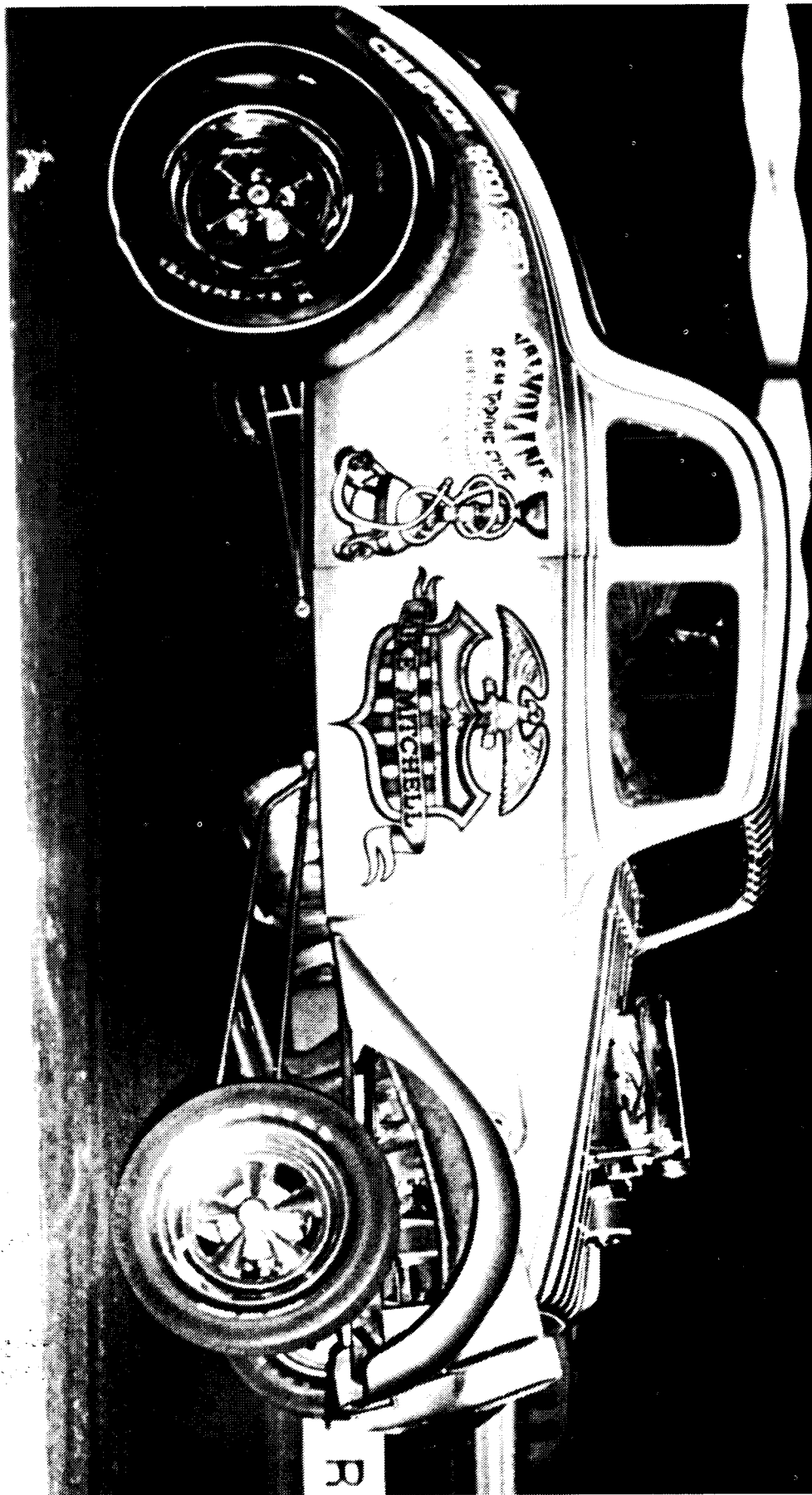
WANTED: For stock 41 Sedan. Wiper knob, g/box pull, g/box liner, spare tire hardware, ashtray. Larry Kravik, Box 305, Richland, MT, 59206.

WANTED: 41 Willys Coupe, \$3,500-\$8,500 cash or will trade my nice 55 Chev post! Karl (503)286-0289 Portland, OR.

WANTED: For 40 Coupe. Steel Hood, center section, ft fenders, doors, rear fenders. Flying W and ft hood garnish moulding. Any misc' 40 Coupe parts. Also need 60's style Sun tachs & EB9A sending units. Gary Ratliff (918)832-1282.

WANTED: 33 SEDAN parts. Headlight lenses (glass), gas pedal ass', outside pass' door lock tumbler, dome light, 2 inside door handles, back seat ashtray, headlight switch, dome light/instrument switch, electrical junction blocks, jack, coil & any 33-42 literature manuals, paint chips, clocks etc. Dexter Bennett (209)625-3650 nights & weekends or (209)685-0790 weekdays.

WANTED: 354 Hemi parts, blower manifold etc. Ronnie (504)431-7327.



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