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## **COVER --**

Steve Spence, #033, of Aptos, CA, has had his bright orange '33 Coupe on the road for over 4 years now. It keeps getting better all the time!

## **BACK COVER --**

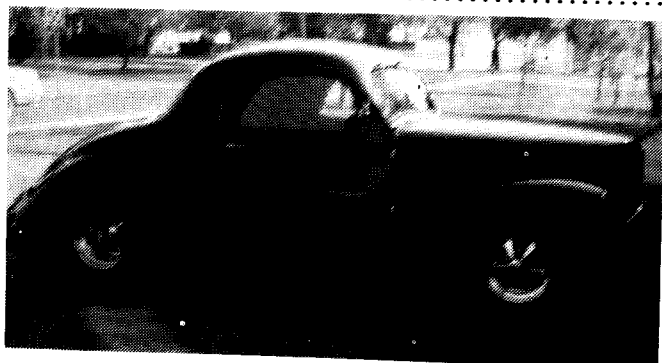
The Mallicoat twins ran this small block Chevy powered gasser out of Gardena, CA. Here it is seen in it's early form with supercharger. It later ran with twin turbos as can be seen in the May, 1964 issue of "Hot Rod".

# LETTERS



Here are a couple of pictures of the car I bought in 1982 for \$400. As the pictures tell, the car had been sitting there for some 20 years. I had known about the location for some years and would occasionally check and see if it was still there. One picture shows me sitting on the roof while the rest of the car is buried in one of our North Dakota snow banks. The car doesn't look much different now except that I have removed the doors and fenders. You might say that I'm taking my time but it will get done!

Leon Essler,  
Bismark, ND.



I would like to share my story with all Willys owners and fans. It started last year at this time when I purchased what I thought was a half decent Willys Coupe. It was a 1940 and I basically bought the shell and some parts. I estimated it would take me 3 years and 20-25 thousand dollars to complete it. Then some guy in town found out I had it and wanted to see it. He had been looking for one for 20 years so I sold it to him for what I bought it for, \$2,600 Canadian.

So it was off to look for another one. I decided to purchase one that was completed or half done and sure enough I found one 2 months ago. The Coupe is a '39 and it was raced down south somewhere. It was called the "Purple Pirate" (sound familiar to any-

one?). The guy who had the car before me said it had the nostalgia look but he converted it to the Pro-Stock look.

The car has 9" Ford, 5:13, tubbed, 2x3 chassis, roll cage, fuel cell and alot of other goodies. It had a 350/400 Turbo. I purchased the car with no motor or tranny. It will be receiving a LS6 454 and 400 Turbo tranny. It also has a '41 'glass front end.

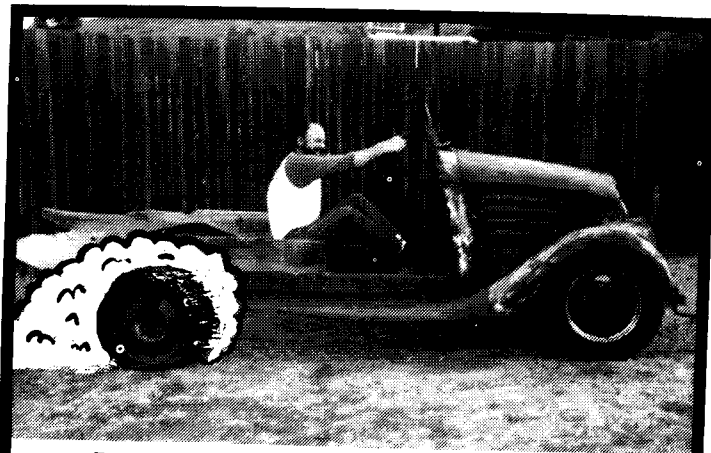
Nello Ranieri, #433.  
Welland, Ont', Canada.



I've been a member since the W.C.W.C. first began (member #094). I've owned the same Willys Pickup since 1967. It's been a drag car, street rod, hauled old scrap mufflers to the steel salvage yard in 1975. Now it's in Hawaii only to be used as a display car in front of one of my muffler shops. That was until last Saturday when a young man from Kauai (Hawaii) contacted me through a friend. He really appreciated the truck and wanted to get it back on the streets again.

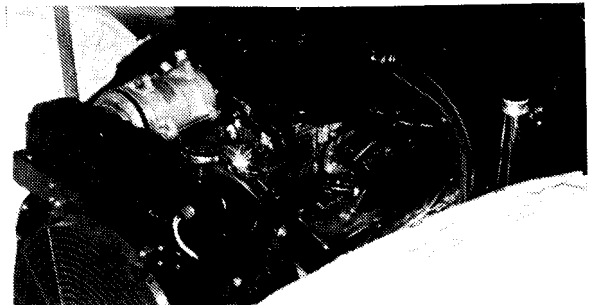
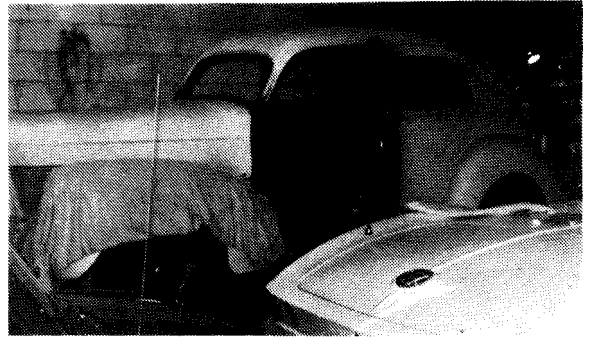
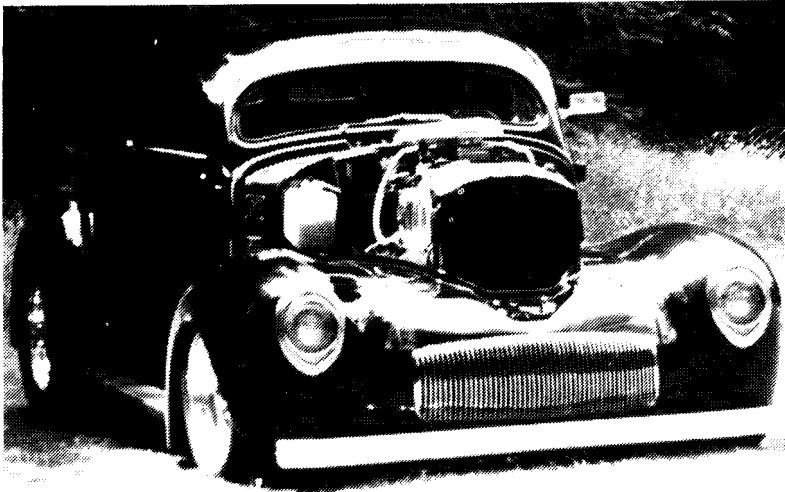
This old toy was like a pet to me, with it's new owner, the truck can be used again to the enjoyment of others. It's sad to see it go but I know it's to a good home. The smile on his (and her) face was worth it when I handed over the keys. The new owner is Mark Hamasali from Koioa, Hawaii.

Larry Woodward, #094  
Waipahu, HI.



Dave Looper, # 031, makes another 6 second pass in his '34 Willys "funny Car".

# LETTERS



We have moved from Phoenix to the Northwest and our Willys has been on the road since June 10th, 1989. We've put over 6,500 miles on her, made over 16 rod runs including "Hot August Nights" in Reno. What really blows people minds going down the road is that we pull our tent trailer to all the runs!

The Coupe was chopped 4", has a blown small block, 2 650 Holleys, Corvette rear, Nova front and grey & black interior.

Our next project is a '40 Willys Panel Delivery, thanks to the Willys Words. Someone had one and saw our want ad, it's not the prettiest thing but it will be when we get it done. We have kinda nick-named the Willys Coupe "The Road Warrior". It has seen some mighty rough roads this year from Washington, Oregon, Calif' and Nevada.

We won the trophy this year that Bud has always wanted, "Cops Choice". The police chief picked the Willys because he said it was the only car at the run he knew they couldn't catch without their radios!

Lyn & Bud Rothwell, #504.  
Mountlake Terrace, WA.

Sounds like you've been having fun! For under construction pictures of this blown baddy, check issue #13.

KP.

My car is still not ready yet, it's been 11 years of on and off construction but this year it's down the road!!! I've never built a street rod before so this has been quite an experience. I belong to the Skyway Modifieds car club here in town and the guys have been very helpful. Building a street rod is hard enough, but building a Willys is a real challenge! Everything, I mean everything, has to be fabricated from scratch as there are virtually no motor mounts etc for a Willys and you can't locate another one to see how somebody else tackled the problems. I think we should have a slogan such as "Anybody can build a Ford, try a Willys!" Ever since I was a kid I've wanted a street rod like the big guys in the neighborhood. Well I've finally been able to find the time, money and help to build one. What I like best about my Willys is the fact that it's rare! In Canada I know of only 3 that are on the road and I've only seen 2 in the U.S. How many 32,33,34 Fords are there? Hey, you drive a street rod to be different so what could be better than a different street rod? (even if they do call them ugly, Ford owners again).

Mike Dowson, #481  
Burlington, Ont', Canada.

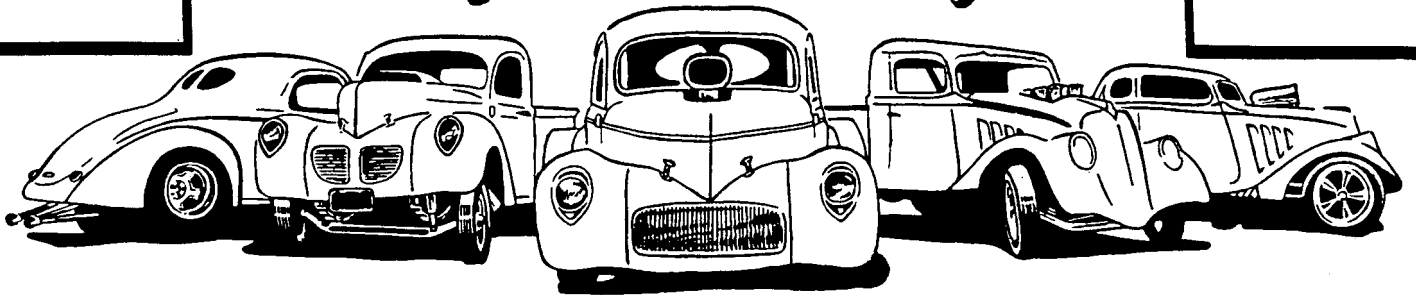
## COOL POOL



KEN BUTLER, #023  
SIMI VALLEY, CA.

When Ken heard of a Willys Coupe sitting out in the desert, miles from civilization and free for the taking, it was too good to be true. Upon inspection, it was obvious it couldn't be saved. Someone had made a pickup out of it years ago and it now has a million bullet holes but after the long drive, Ken wasn't leaving empty handed. So that's how Ken & Patty ended up with this great planter beside their swimming pool!

# WILLYS Roundup #2

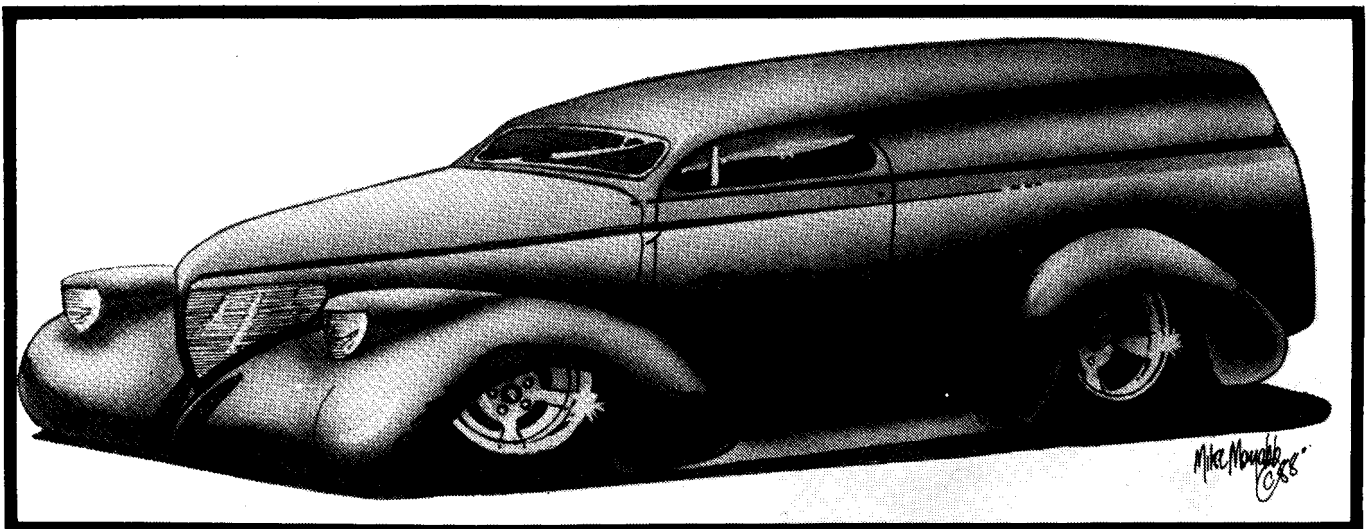


2nd Annual "WILLYS ROUNDUP". This will be at the "NDRA Black Gold Nostalgia Drags" to be held at Bakersfield Raceway, Famoso CA, May 5-6. This NDRA meet is no longer called the Nostalgia Nationals as they're having that in Kansas this year. The "ROUNDUP" will be held along the same lines as last year, an informal gathering of members and cars in our own roped off area in the pits. I know of several new cars that will be there this year so if your car is driveable or can be pushed on a trailer, bring it and be a participant for the weekend! This year we will have a few awards, 33-36 street rod, 33-36 race car, 37-42 street rod, 37-42 race car. Winners will be picked peoples choice style by members in attendance. Cruise the pits and look for the club banner.

NDRA entrance fees... Sat'- \$10 per person plus \$5 to park in pits.  
 Sun'- \$15 per person plus \$5 to park in pits.  
 To race add \$10 for street classes or \$20 for competition classes.



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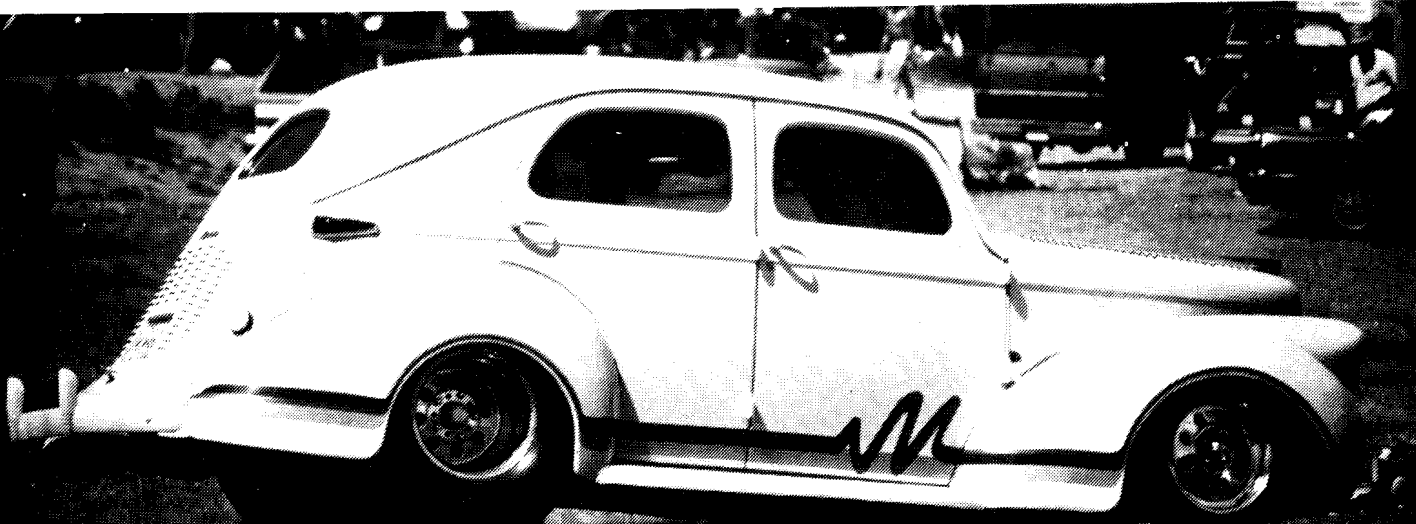
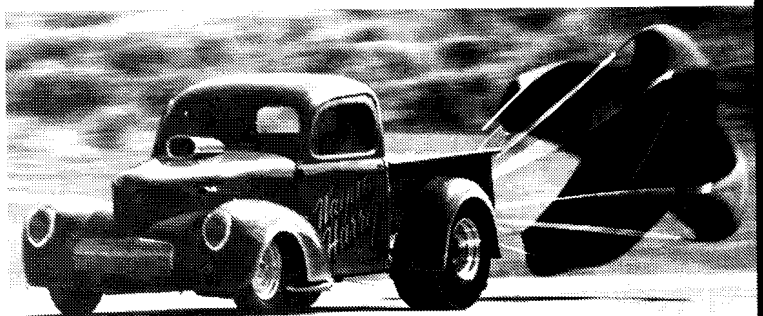
# "OLD TIMER DRAGS", BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.

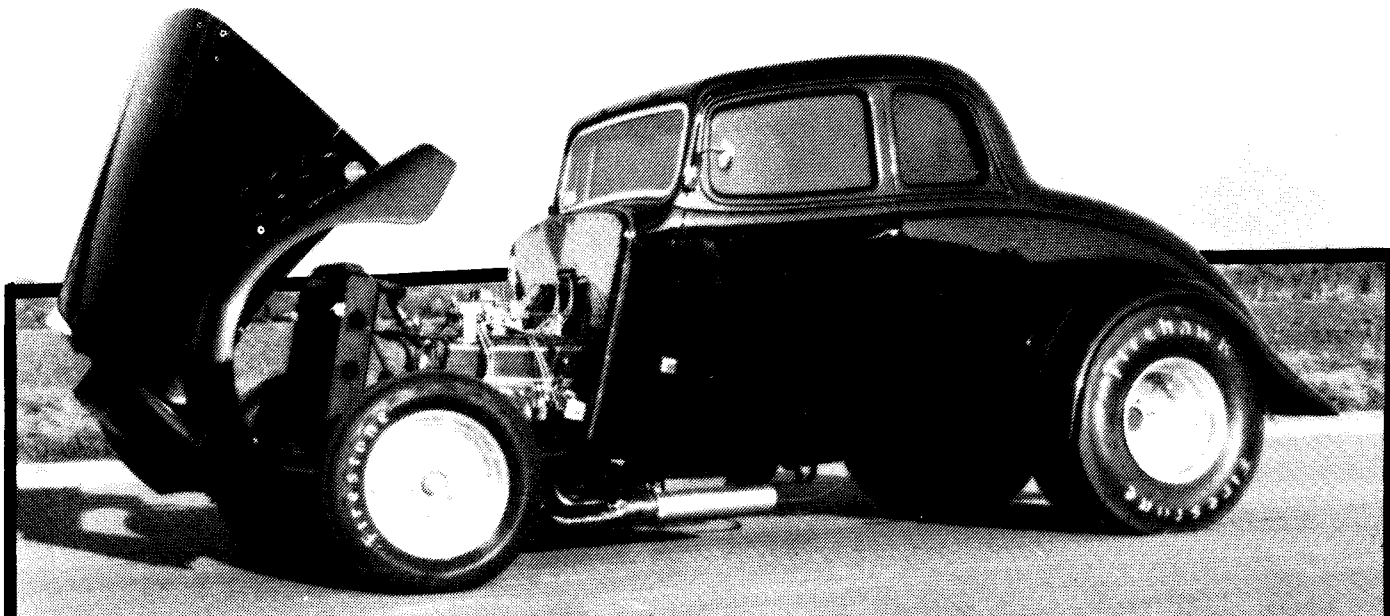


Here are some snaps which I took at the Eagle Motorplex near Ashford, BC, Canada. This meet was hosted by the Langley Loafers car club, June 10-11 1989. The event was called "Old Timer Drags" and it was the perfect event for rodders and street machiners alike. The weather was hot, the beer was cold and the crowd/racer response was very positive. Everybody had a really good time, especially if you were a Willys lover. There were several in attendance, gassers, street rods and a real nice '33 quarter miler amongst all the "other" brands of cars.

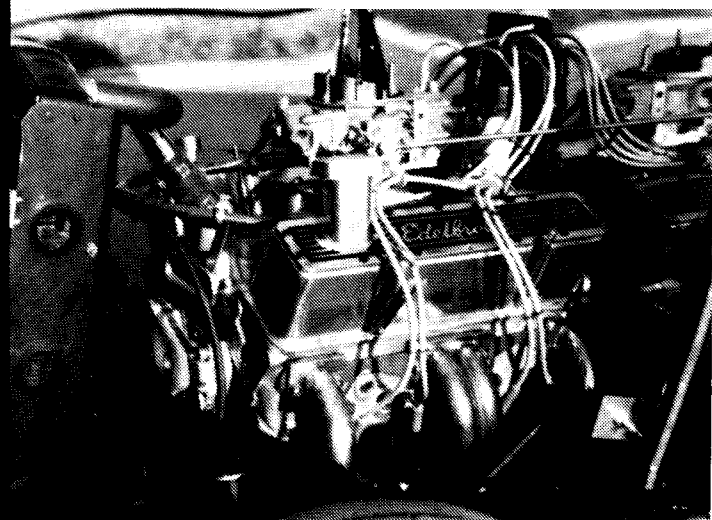
The thing I liked most was meeting other Willys owners who were very pleasant and sincere people. This event drew a crowd from all over the Pacific Northwest and the facility is gaining recognition for it's quick times and spectator/racer appeal. I can hardly wait for next year!

Klans Holze, #725  
New Westminster, BC, Canada.





## ART GUSTAFSON, #531 STOCKTON, CA.



I have wanted a Willys since I first started going to the drag races at Fremont and Half Moon Bay in Northern California. That was in 1962 when I was a teenager and now at the age of 43 and the owner of a wrecking yard in Stockton, California, my wish has come true.

The car is a '35 Coupe with '33 front end. It has a long drag racing history. The car started racing in the early '60's with a blown Olds' engine and belonged to the Warren, Miller, Warren team. Then it was sold to Tony Del Rio and made into an A/G car and then into an A/GS car with a blown big block Chevy engine.

After it's racing career it sat in different garages and was sold several times before I bought it and put it back in racing condition.

I took the car to the nostalgia drags and went 11.30 @ 115mph and feel with a few changes it will go in the 10's next time out. Halibrand wheels are on order to keep the nostalgia look.

Front axle is a dropped tube axle with coil overs, four bars, Vega steering and JFZ discs.

Rear end is '57 Olds' (5:14 Posi), Henrys axles, drum brakes, coil springs and ladder bars.

Frame has been boxed, filled, ground smooth, round tube cross members installed then painted black Imron.

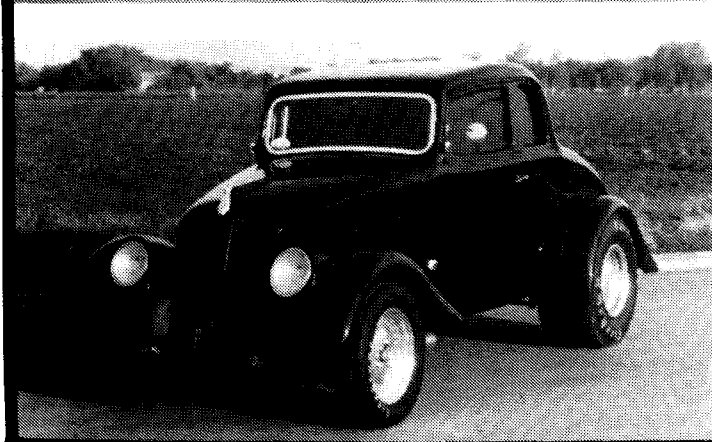
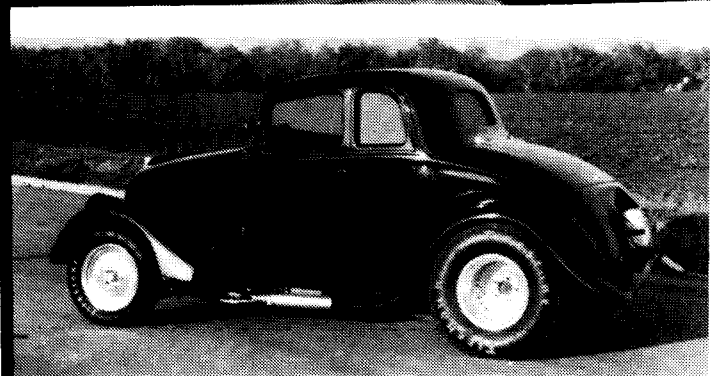
Engine is a 350 Chev with aluminum Bowtie heads, Edelbrock Victor Jr manifold, 750 Holley, Engle roller cam, roller rockers, Mallory sprint mag' and chrome headers.

Transmission is a 400 Turbo w/manual valve body, deep oil pan, oil cooler, 4,500 stall speed, shifter is Turbo action and a TCI trans' shield.

Floor and trunk are done in sheet aluminum. Inside the trunk you'll find a fuel cell w/two Holley fuel pumps. Tail lamps are Austin Healy.

Interior has a roll cage, stock dash with SW gauges, fiberglass bucket seats and '34 Ford door handles.

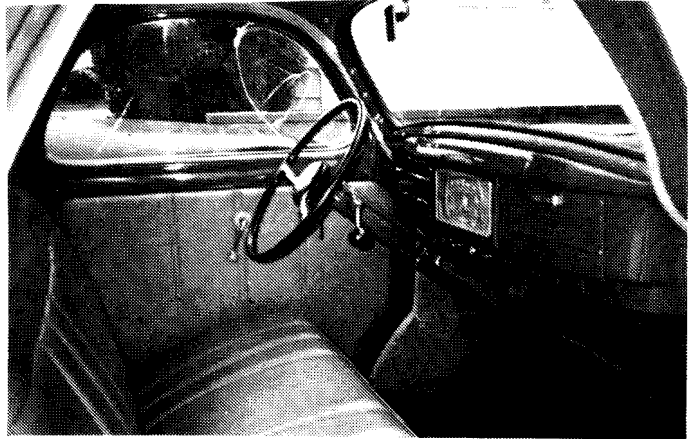
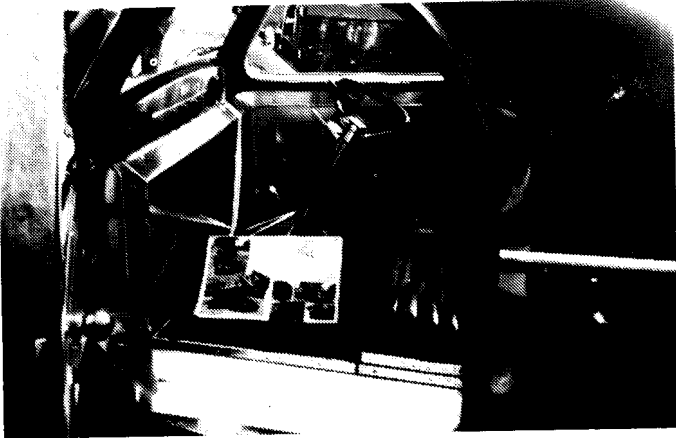
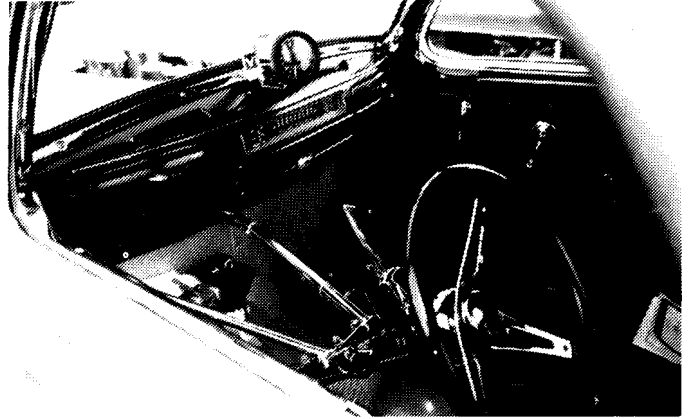
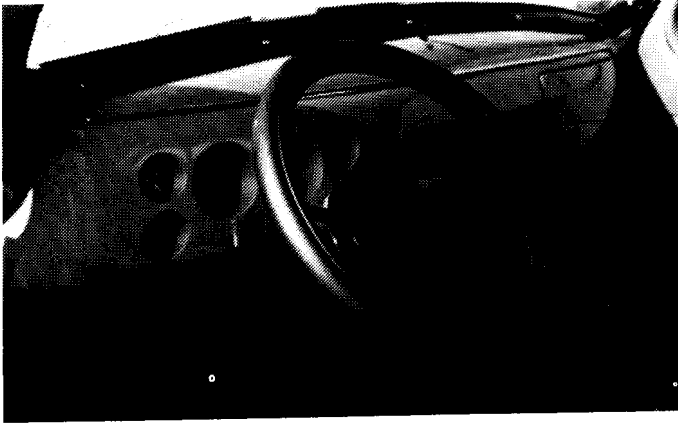
The body is steel with a filled top. Doors are steel with operating black tinted glass. The fiberglass parts include rear fenders, deck lid and tilt front end. The car has original headlamps and hood emblem. The grille is handmade from 1/4" tubing and the firewall is polished stainless steel.



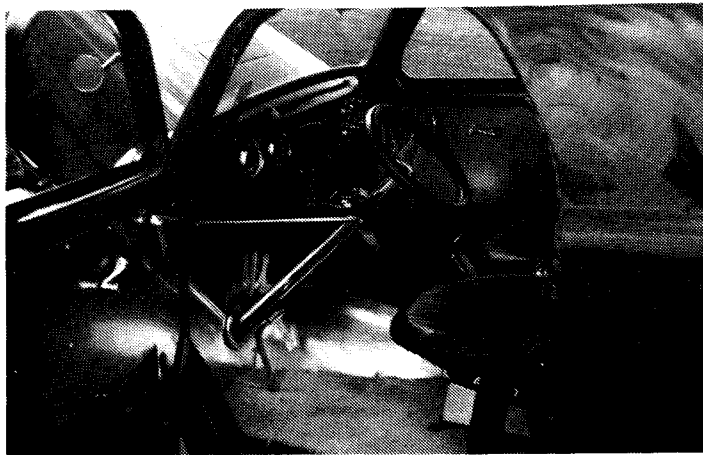
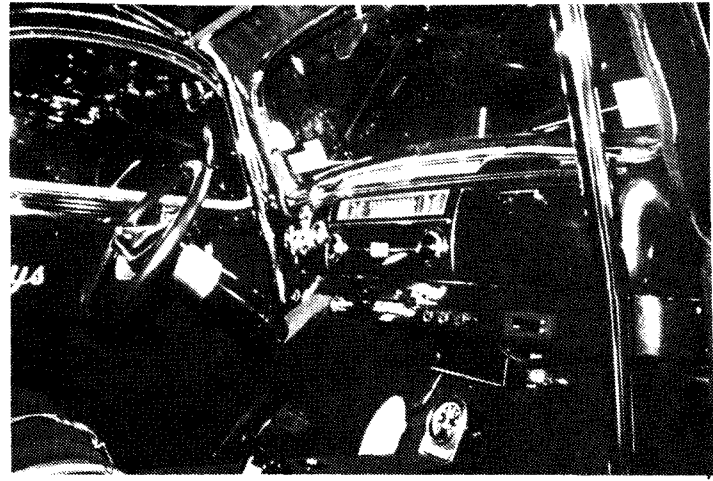
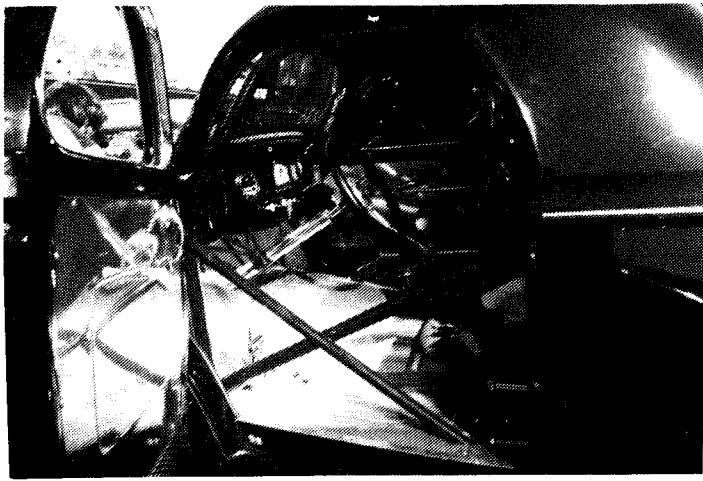
# INSIDE LOOK

Need ideas for the interior of your project? Check out how your fellow members have done theirs. Clockwise, this page.... Dan Semchuk, Ron Fields, Jim Kocher, Jay Souza, Butch

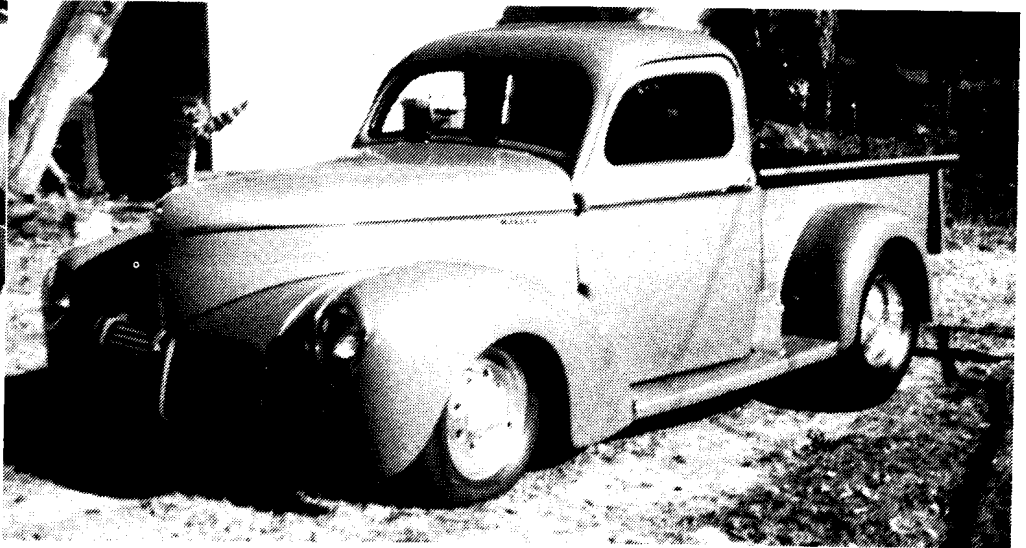
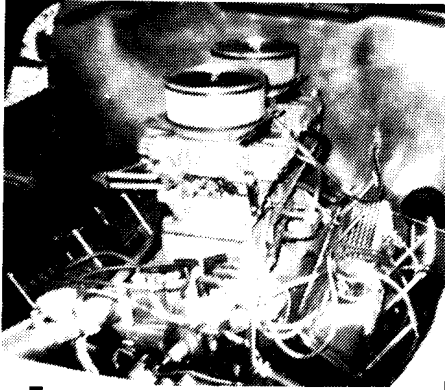
Wolcott, Steve Castelli, Kim Mason, Bob Ida, unidentified, Mike Nordahl. Clockwise, opposite page..... Bill Wyso Jr, Paul Reynolds, Russ Bryant, Phil Quinto, Bill Ritchotte, Steve Walczak, Steve Walczak again, and last but not least Burns Waggener.





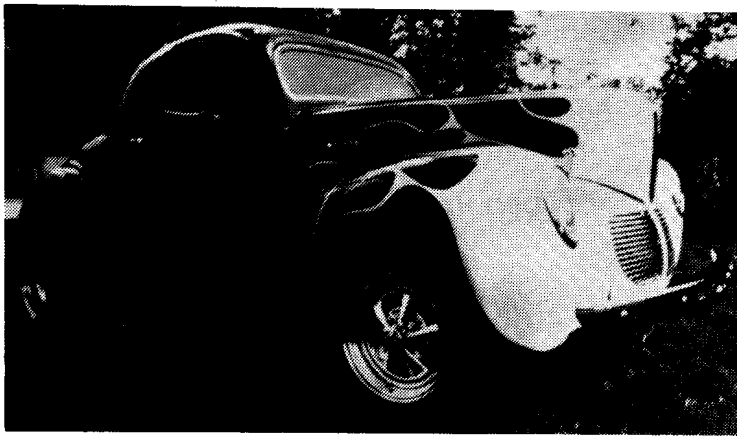


# CLUB CARS



MARK HUGHES, #647,  
LYMAN, SC.

Mark has a super clean street rod here! Advark Orange Polyurethane covers steel cab and bed. Front clip, running boards and rear fenders are fiberglass. Boxed frame has Pinto IFS and marrowed 9" mounted on coil springs w/ladder bars. Power comes from a 429 Ford w/forged pistons, radical cam and dual quad tunnel ram. C4 trans' is used. Interior features a S-10 Blazer rear seat, Autometer gauges and Grant wheel.



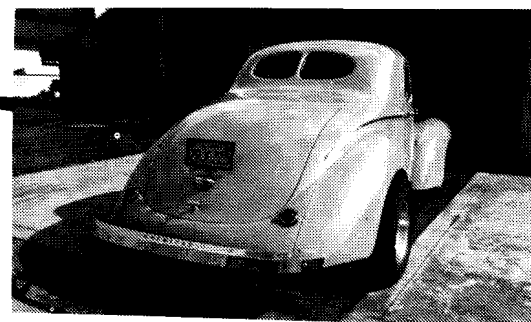
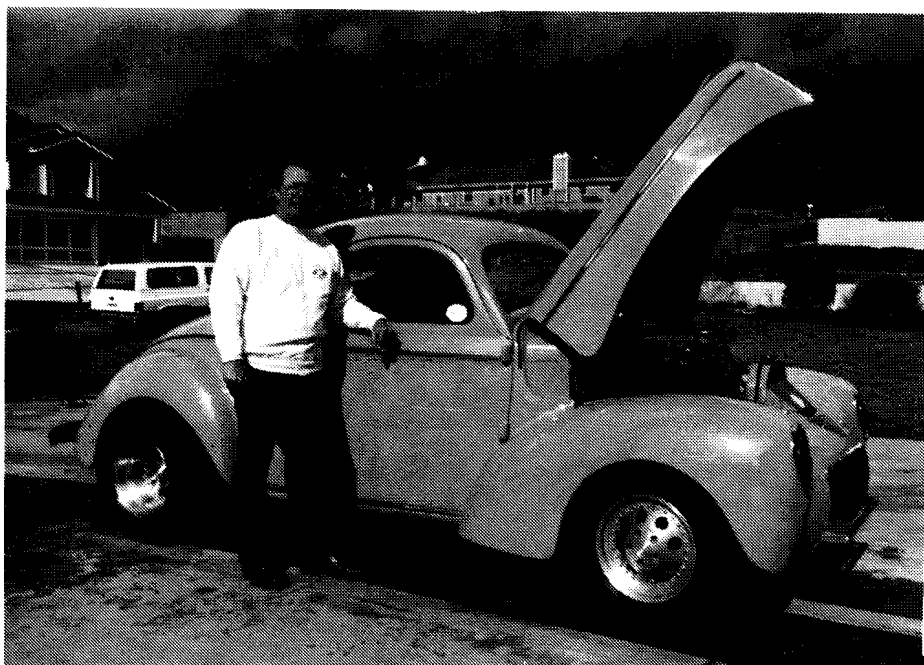
RICK WILLIAMSON, #444,  
WHITEROCK, BC, CANADA.

Rick's Coupe has a blown 392 Hemi of 1958 vintage. Rear end is a chromed Olds' Posi'. 727 Torqueflite transmission has manual shift valve body, a 2800 stall converter is used. Color scheme is black with blue & white flames. Original front bumper is in place, not a common sight these days.

BILL RITCHOTTE, #422,  
SO. MERDEN, CT.

Here is an update photo of Bill's all 'glass (Willy Works) '41 Coupe. You may recall it in an unfinished state in issue #14. Bill has been running up the miles on this baby since completion!



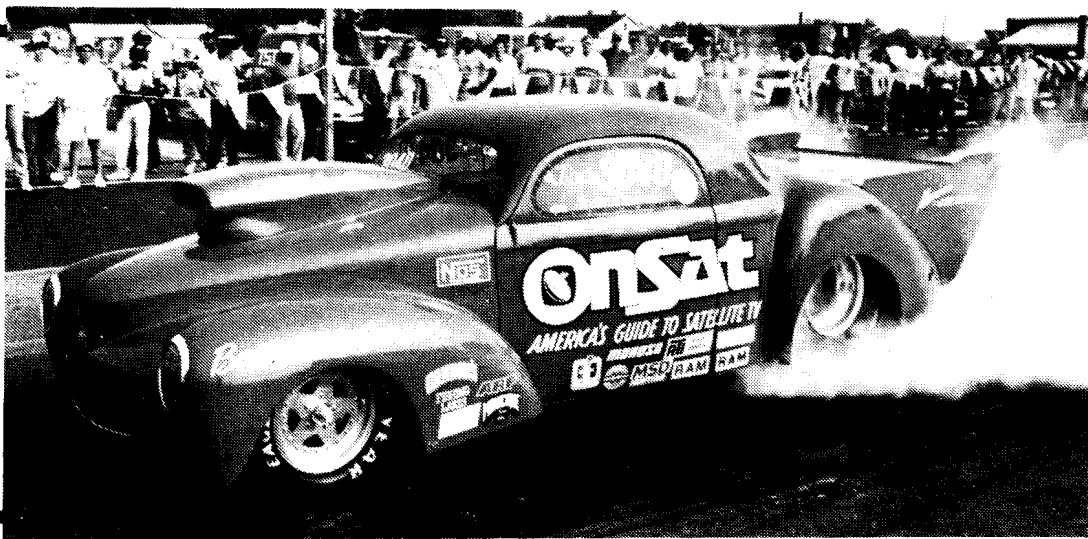


MIKE NORDAHL, #009  
ALTA LOMA, CA

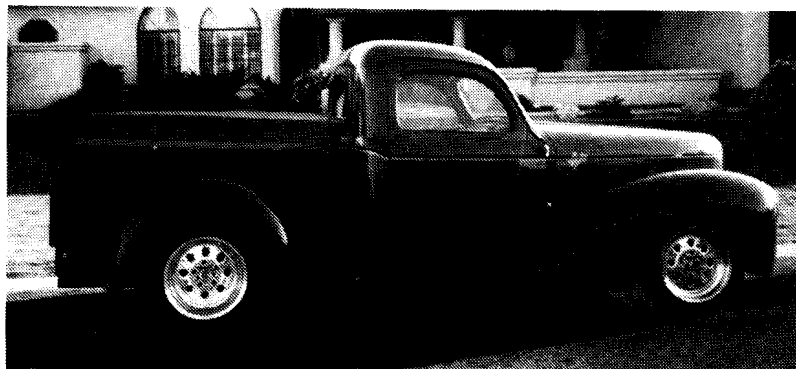
You may recognize Mike's name, he is the guy behind "Willlys Replacement parts". Here is Mike's coupe, it has just been completed with most of the work being done by Dave Looper, #031. Coupe looks mellow in yellow but doesn't sound too mellow when Mike fires up the tunnel rammed big block Chevy.

SCOTTY CANNON, #738  
GREER, SC.

Scotty has the quickest and fastest Willlys in the world! 7.02 @ 205mph!! That was the 1989 car, The 1990 version is even trickier and should be the first Willlys in the sixes. Scotty races in the IHRA "Pro Modified" division. According to Scotty, the view from the drivers seat is like looking at the world through a camera.



PAUL REYNOLDS, #713.  
TEMPE, AZ.



This pickup really stands out in a crowd with it's bright Magneta enamel. Cab is steel as is the custom made bed, tilt front end is a one piece 'glass item. 302 Ford mill provides power and is backed up by a C4 trans' and 9" Ford rear end. Truck also features a smooth custom dash, air conditioning, electric doors and polished stainless steel pickup bed floor.

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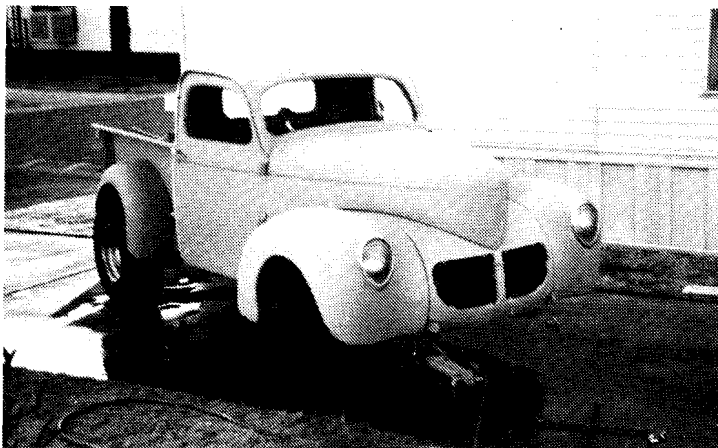
JACK OLCOTT, #206,  
HOPEWELL JCT, NY.

This Coupe is the former Bill Boer B/G racer out of Jack Merkel's shop in NY. Now a street rod it runs a 350/400 Turbo, polished 4.7l GMC blower w/dual AFB's. Other features include a custom interior by Bayshore auto upholstery and Cronar 2 stage paint w/Willys graphics.



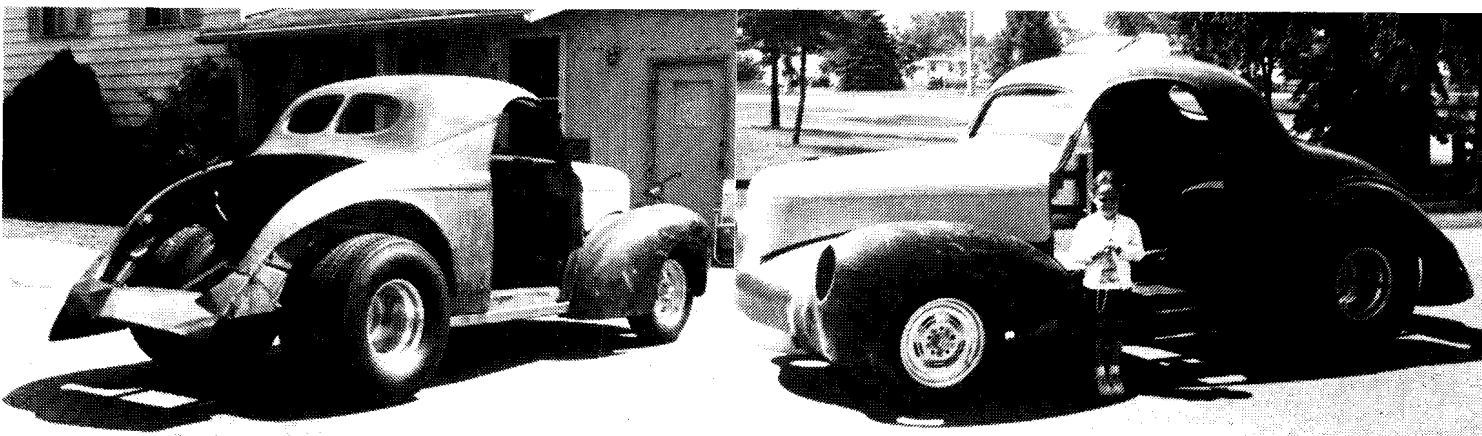
TONY GUZZETTA, #152,  
LAS VEGAS, NV.

Tony bought this truck back in 1963 for \$125. It now has 283, Powerglide, and Pinto discs on Willys spindles. Truck is all steel apart from the 'glass dash and has a tilt/tele column.



DEREKE CLARK, #592.  
GRAND BLANC, MI.

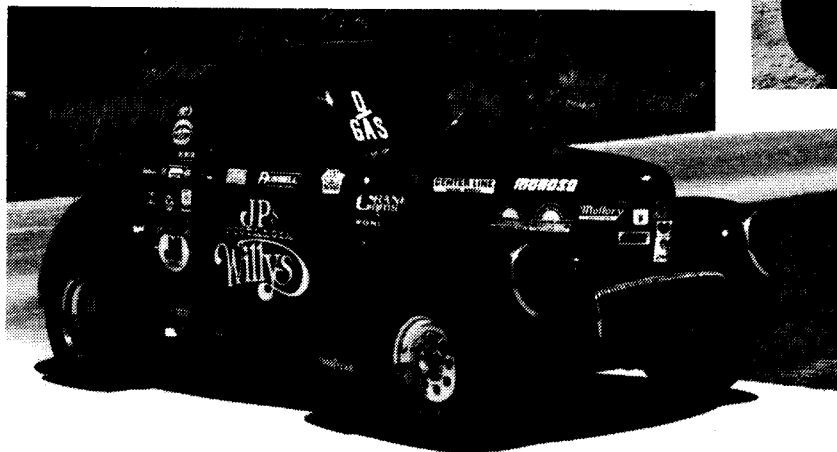
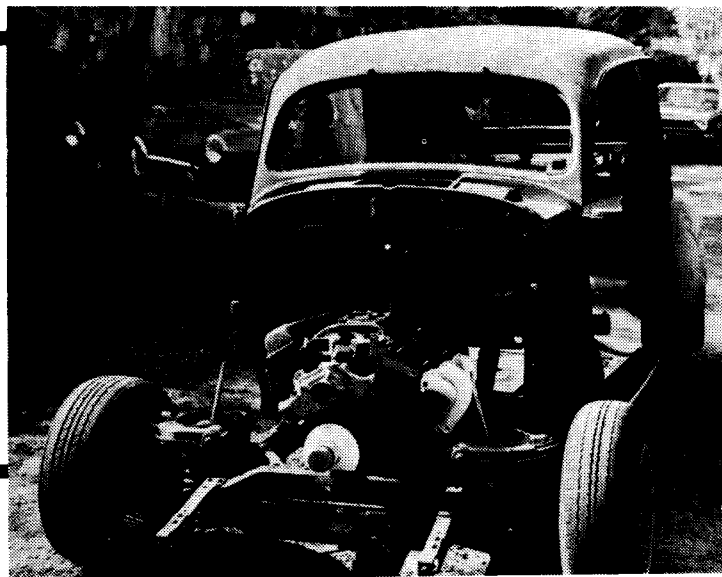
Dereke plans to have his car done for Fall. It is progressing nicely. Latest purchase was an Outlaw pro-street chassis. When the project is completed it will have a blown 350 Chevy powerplant. Color will be purple, interior is yet undecided.





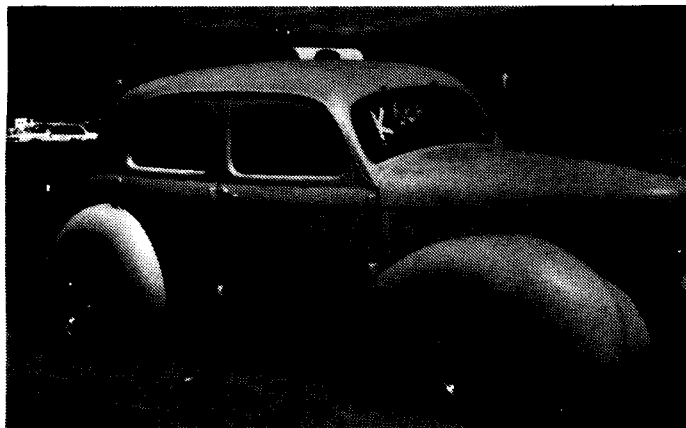
WOODY PARKER, #701,  
NAPA, CA.

Woody makes his living as an auto mechanic so turning wrenches on his Willys comes second nature to him. Pro-Street '40 features narrowed 9", triangulated 4 bars, Pinto IFS w/urethane bushings and will run a built 355ci small block w/6.71 Littlefield blower. Transmission will be a 350TH w/shift kit. Custom bodywork includes VW gas door in the rear 1/4 panel, filled drip rails, all side trim holes filled and 3rd brake light below rear window.



JAMES PECCI, #743  
BEAVERCREEK, OH.

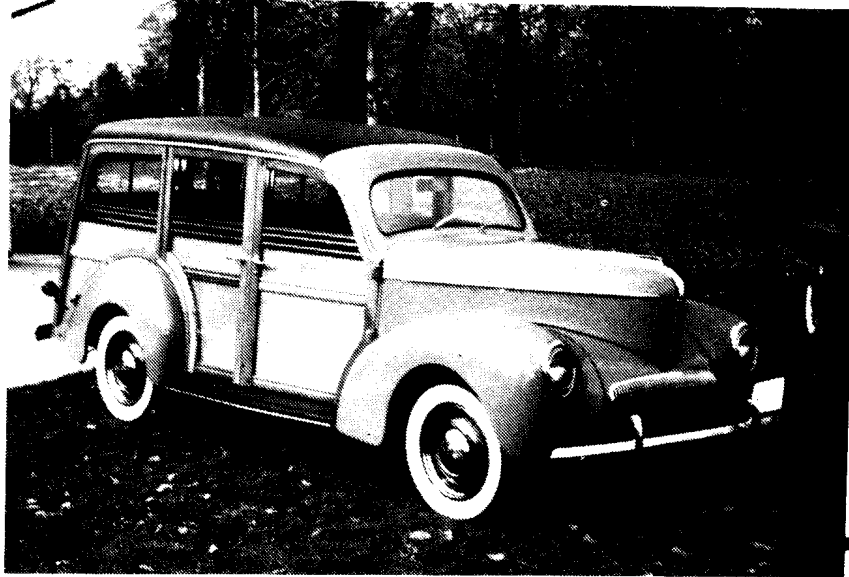
JP's bright red '41 is set up for nostalgia racing. It's powered by a 355 Chevy with 8qt pan, complete Crane valvetrain, ported heads and roller rockers. Induction consists of a 750 Holley on an Offy manifold. Tranny is a TH350 w/manual valve body. Detroit Locker (5:38 gears) is mounted on leaf springs w/ladder bars. Car runs 11.72 @ 113mph. Other features are Weld wheels, Autometer gauges and aluminum interior.



WAYNE GOULET, #455,  
NEW WESTMINSTER, BC, CANADA.

Wayne's Sedan is in primer here but is soon to be painted I.R.O.C. blue. This car is set up to run with it's 454 big block, Turbo 400 and narrowed 9" rear end w/4.88 gears. Firewall is aluminum as are the dash and floor pan. Other features are 10pt cage, 4 link and there are disc brakes on all 4 corners.

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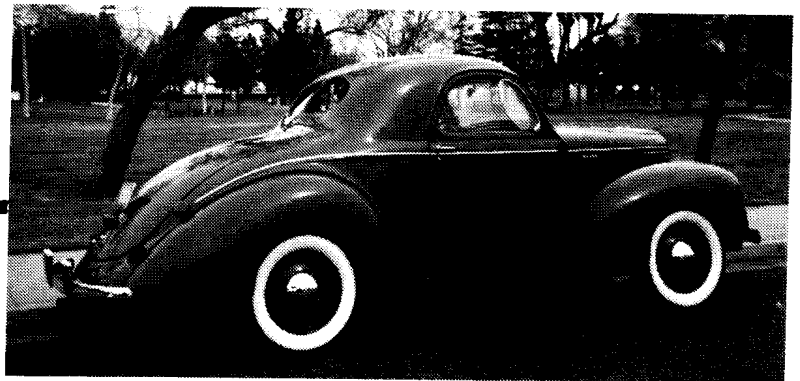
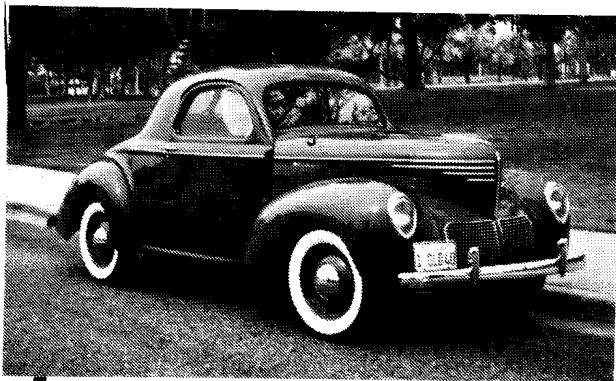


AL MAYNARD JR, #043  
MT CLEMENS, MI.

Al has what must be the very best '41 Woodie on the face of the earth. Fully restored beauty is painted light brown with red wheels. Interior is brown vinyl. Is there anyone out there who wouldn't like to own this?

LARRY KRAVIK, #331  
RICHLAND, MT.

Second on our page of stockers comes this deep red '41 Sedan. Features include overdrive, radio and heater. Larry reports that a stock Willys is a fine car in it's own right.



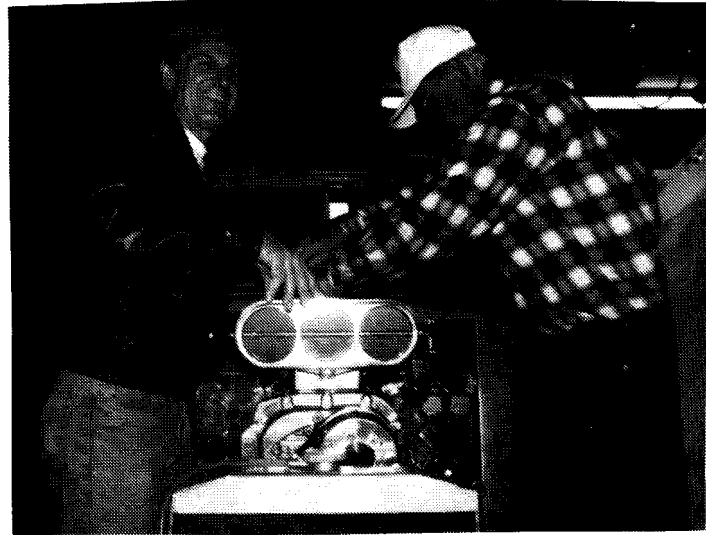
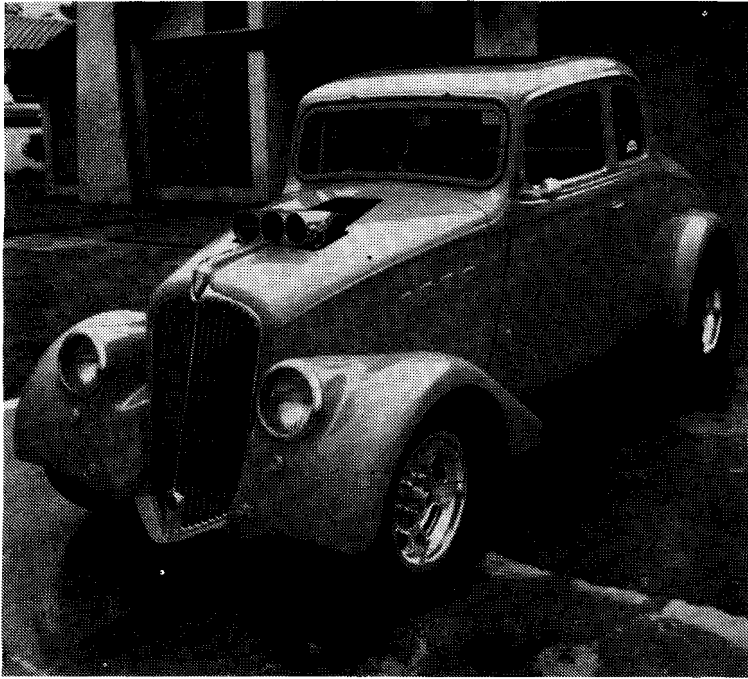
RON FIELDS, #234.  
ANAHEIM, CA.

Ron has just finished work on this '40 Coupe. It has taken 2 years of working just about every day to complete this project. A stock Willys Coupe is really a rare car these days and Ron has a super example here. Color is green.



CHRIS ARTEAGA  
ST LOUIS, MO.

Here's one Willys that doesn't get put away for the winter! In fact Chris's dad, Wayne Arteaga, # 326, built it just for winter driving. After Wayne added the bright orange paint to the bumpers, Chris said he would have to drop her off three blocks from school so her friends wouldn't laugh at the combination (green body/orange bumpers and stake sides). Wayne says that the kids liked it but now he doesn't know how much longer he can take it! Growing up around an ex gasser pilot/certified Willys nut dad has obviously had a positive effect on Chris. She now has her own Coupe project about to get underway (Left). By the look of the helmet and lawn chair, she's put a few miles on it already!

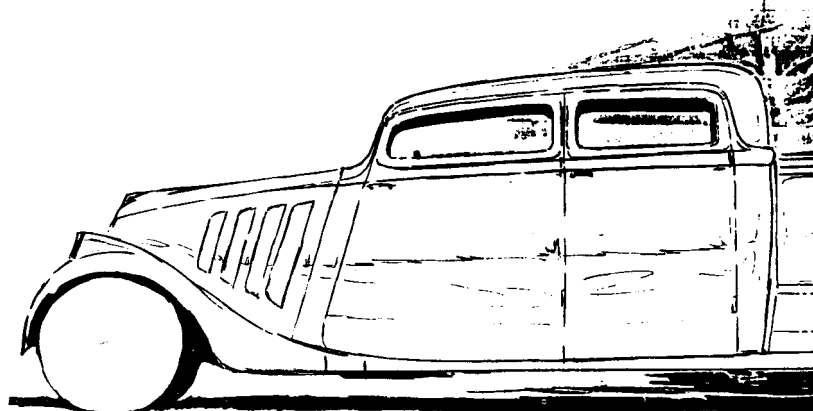
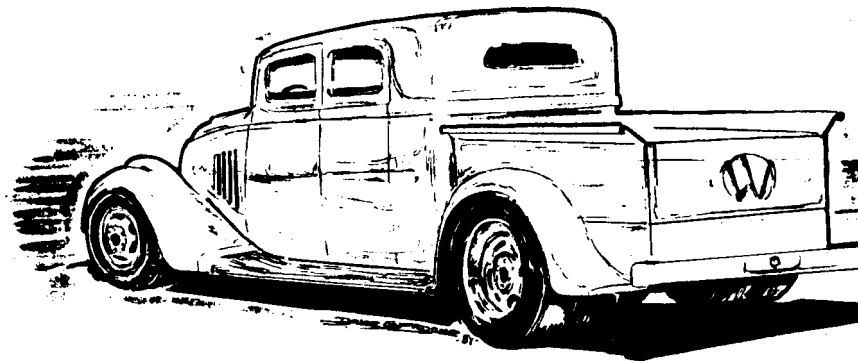


BIG DADDY DON GARLITS WITH  
W.C.W.C. MEMBER STEVE SPENCE.

Don Garlits got to turn a few wrenches on a Willys recently when "Street Rodder" magazine shot a tech' article using Steve Spence's beautiful '33 Coupe. Steve, Don and myself all got together at Mike Nordahls house for the photo shoot of the new "Street Catcher" scoop from Garlits performance Products. Look for more in an upcoming "Street Rodder".  
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### CALIFORNIA CREW CAB.

Dave Giordano, #032, of Livermore, CA has a truly unique Willys project under way. The body for this '33 crew cab will be made by Dave using his own chopped Coupe mould. More to come later!





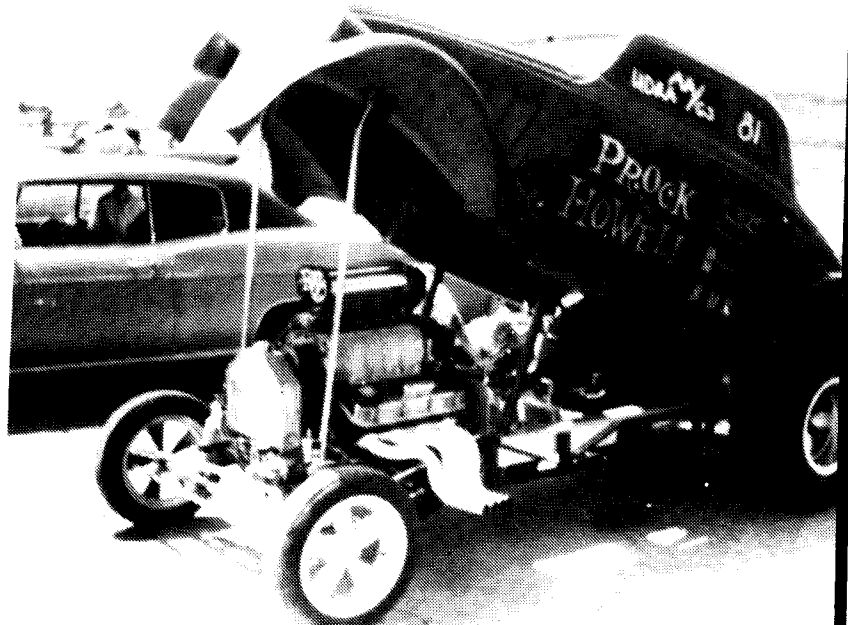


## DAN LAU, #441, PLYMOUTH, WI.

Back in August my family and myself attended the Goodguys nostalgia drag race and rod show at I.R.P. in Indiana. We bought a '33 Willys Coupe at the swap meet on Saturday. It has a one piece fiberglass tilt body and sits on a Logge funny car type chassis.

After talking to Jack Coonrod and Tom Willford the car turns out to be the "F Troop" car built in '68 by Tom Prock and Jay Howell. If anyone has any photos, stories or film of this car please drop me a line at R1, Plymouth, WI, 53073 or call (414) 893-3681.

Also here's a photo of our newest Willys Coupe. It's an all steel '37 with 355/350TH, 12 bolt, 4:56 gears and Centerline wheels. The car has run 11.80's and is med' blue GM color.



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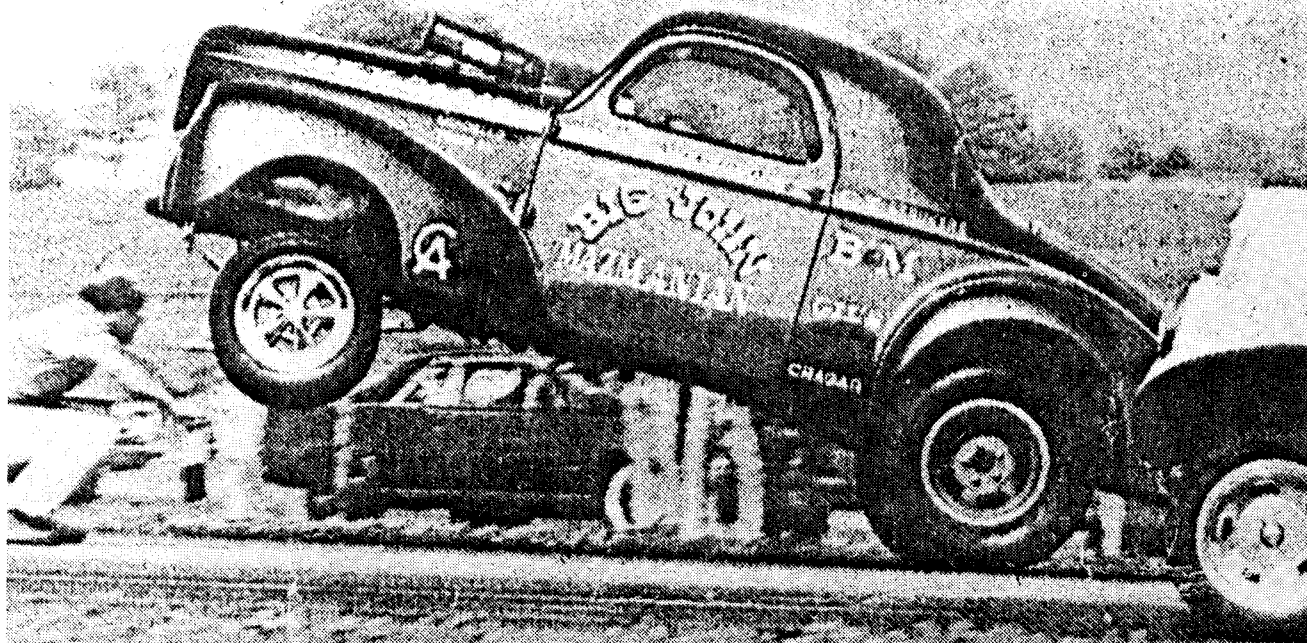
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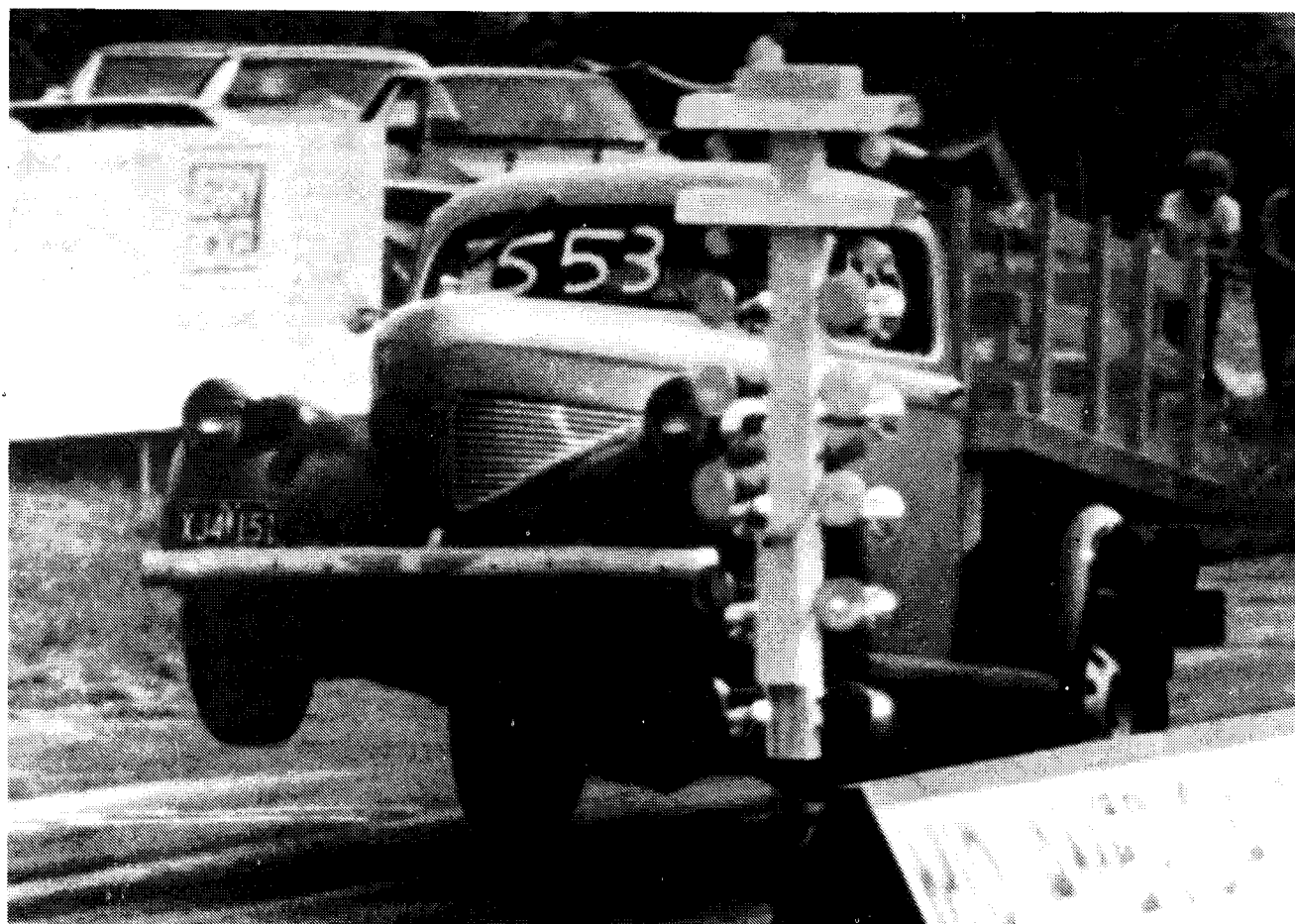


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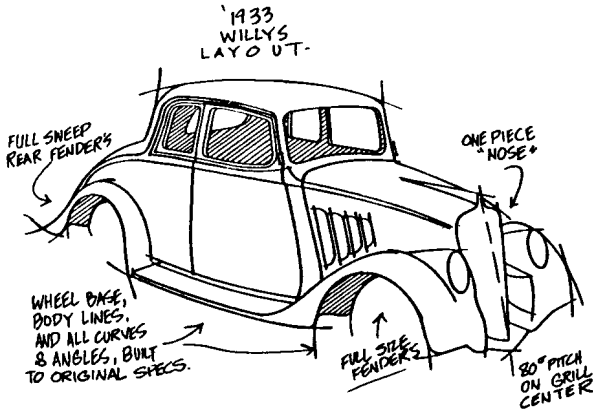
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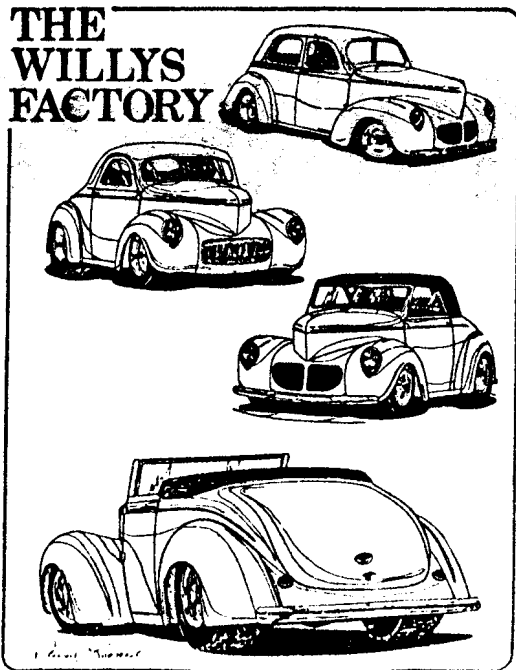
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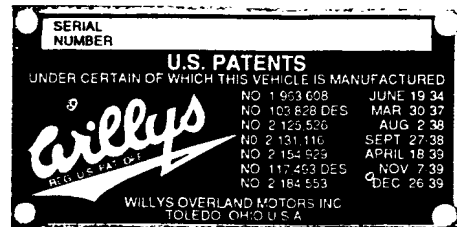


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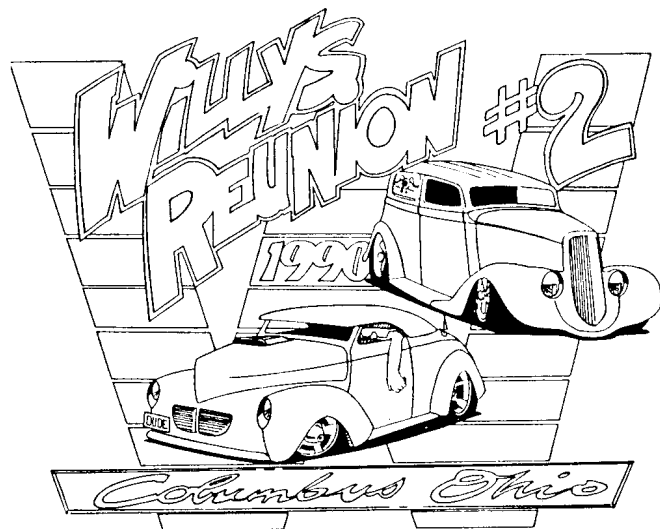
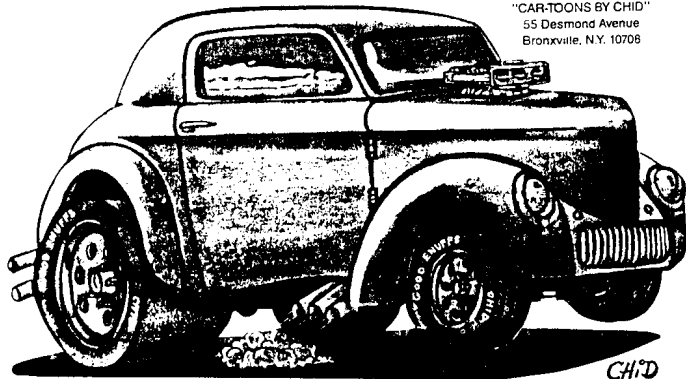
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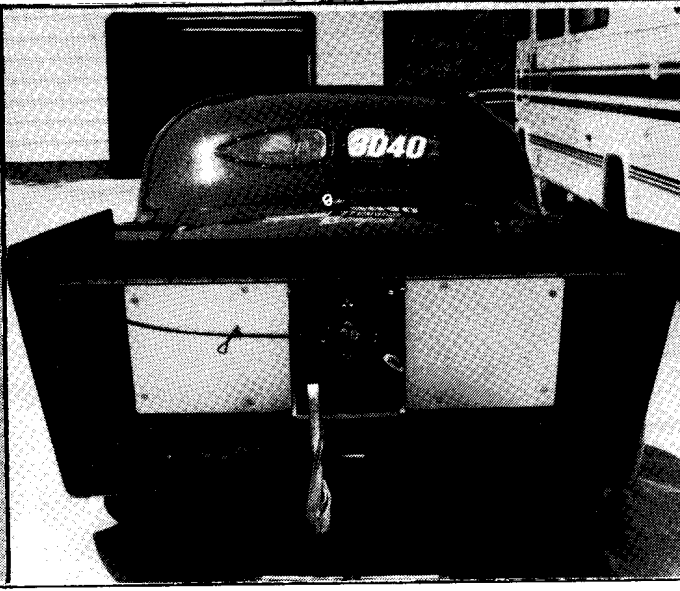
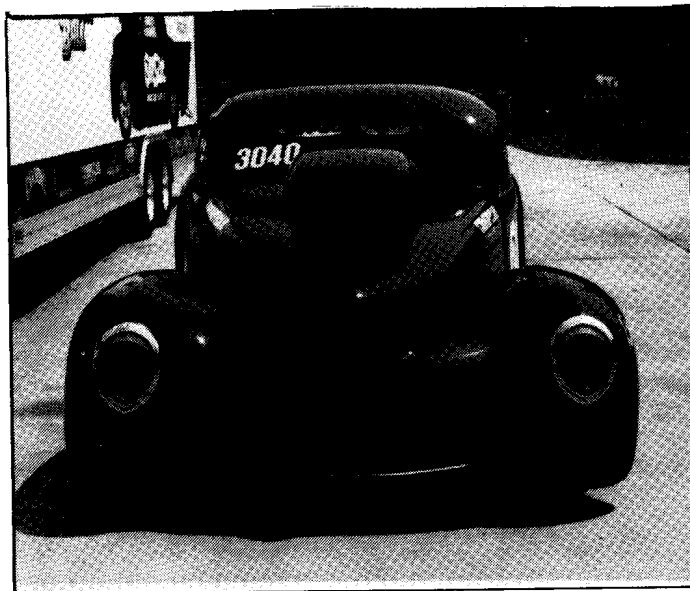
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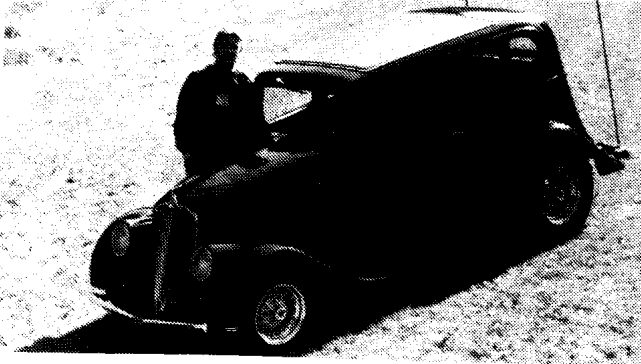
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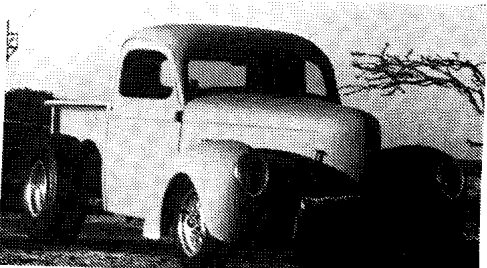


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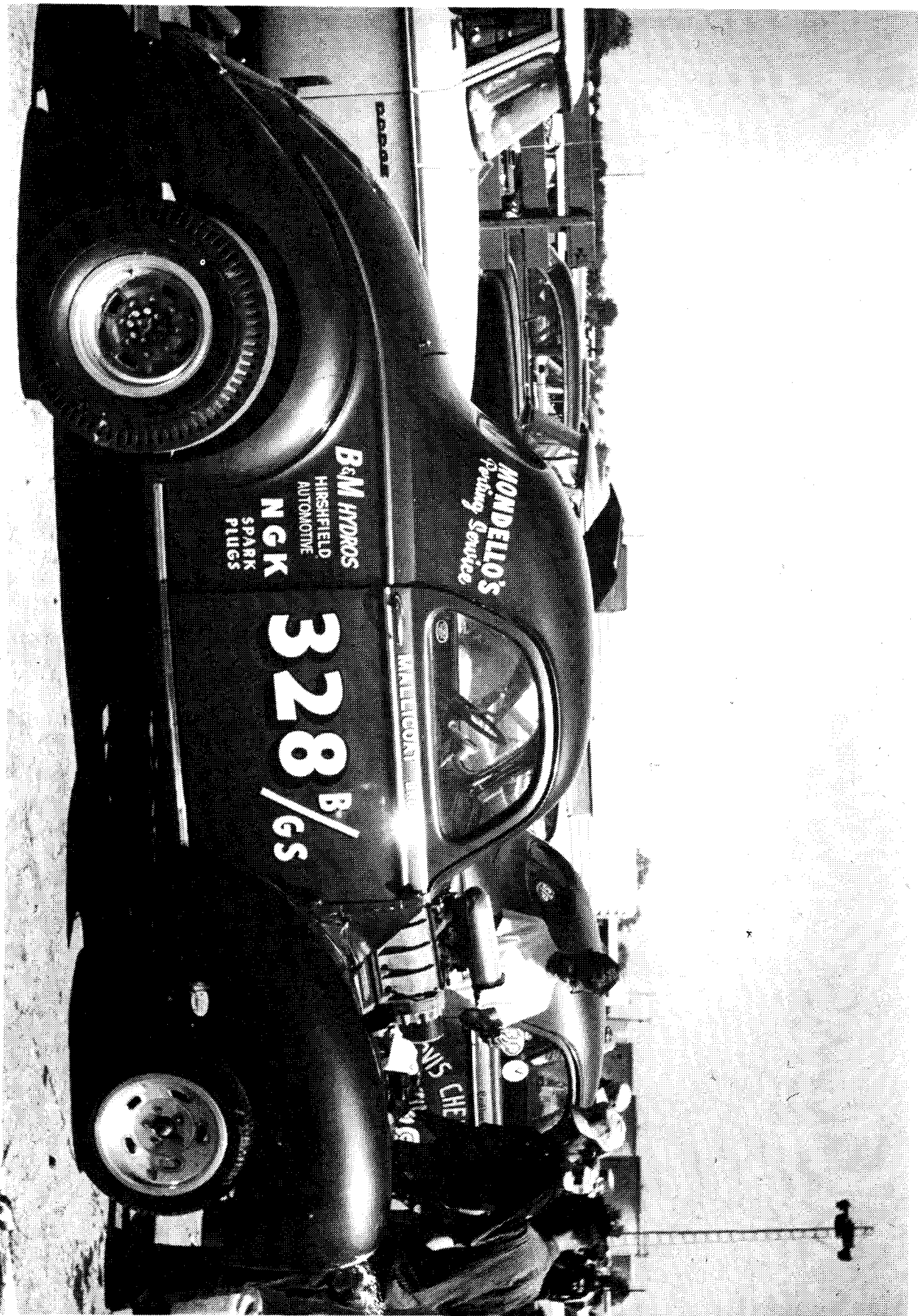
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