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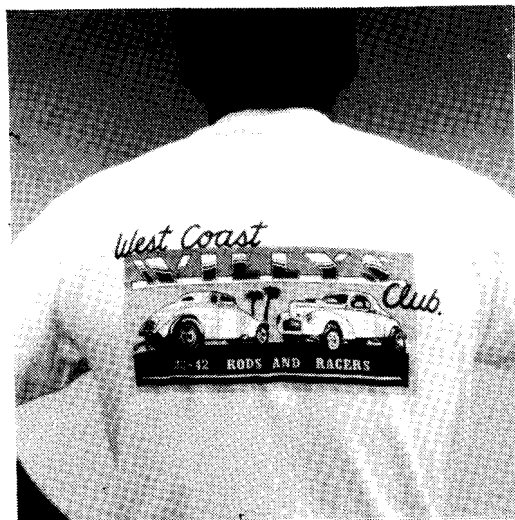


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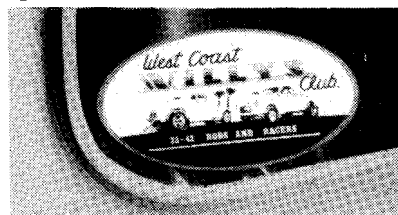
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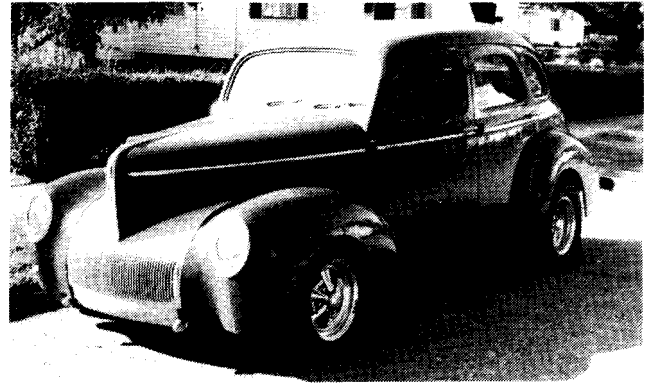
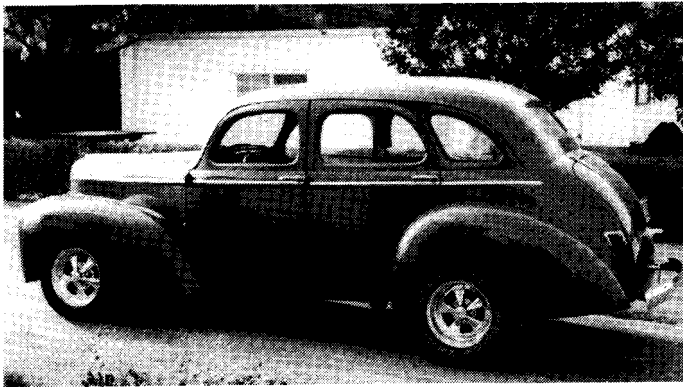
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COVER -- Chris Smith's sharp little chopped '33 coupe. Super Gas race car was seen at the Englishtown Old Time Drags. Car is painted red

BACK COVER -- This great shot of Don Toia's B/Gasser was taken at the 1970 AHRA Winternationals held at Beeline Dragway in Phoenix AZ. Car is now street driven by Don's wife, Madonna, #039. See Club Cars.

LETTERS



My wife lyn and I have been into street rods for the past few years and have owned a couple of coupes, both Plymouths. When the family grew, we found ourselves in need of a sedan. Well we both wanted something different this time. Being an old drag racing fan, the '41 Willys had a very strong appeal. We bought the car bone-stock in Brookville, Ohio, in Feb' of '85 and with the exception of installing a late model rear end and Cragars with radial tires, that's the way we drove it for the first summer.

Over the winter, major modifications were made. This included grafting a '71 Dodge subframe to the stock Willys frame. Also a 383 Dodge engine and 727 torqueflite were added. Although it took a little longer than expected to get it back on the road, at least we did get some use and fun out of it in 1986.

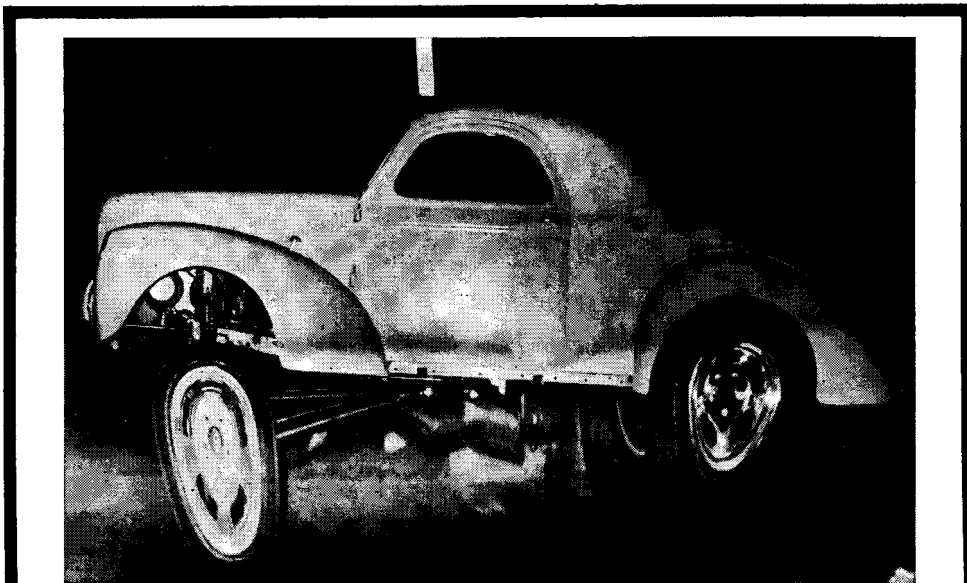
Now Winter's here, (that's life in the Northeast) and we plan on having the body work and paint done, hopefully in time for the Street Rod Nationals in Columbus.

I think the idea of a national Willys club is great and I'm very impressed with the quality of the newsletter, I read them over and over, I'm always looking forward to the next one.

Also, does anyone out there have any hot tips on an electric wiper motor that will adapt to the stock '41 Willys mount? Any info' on that would be greatly appreciated.

Ron Arlen #143
912 Shenley Drive
Erie PA 16505

If any members can help Ron with that wiper, drop him a line.



Here's proof, Willys do tend to get a little out of shape when leaving the starting line!

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ENGLISHTOWN OLD TIME DRAGS

DATE: Aug 3, 1986

EVENT: Old Time Drags.

PLACE: Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ.

With near perfect weather, record attendance and plenty of Willys in the pits, the "Old Time Drags" is turning out to be the biggest nostalgia show in the East!

The "Willys Street Rod Association" was well represented as can be seen by their club lineup, above.

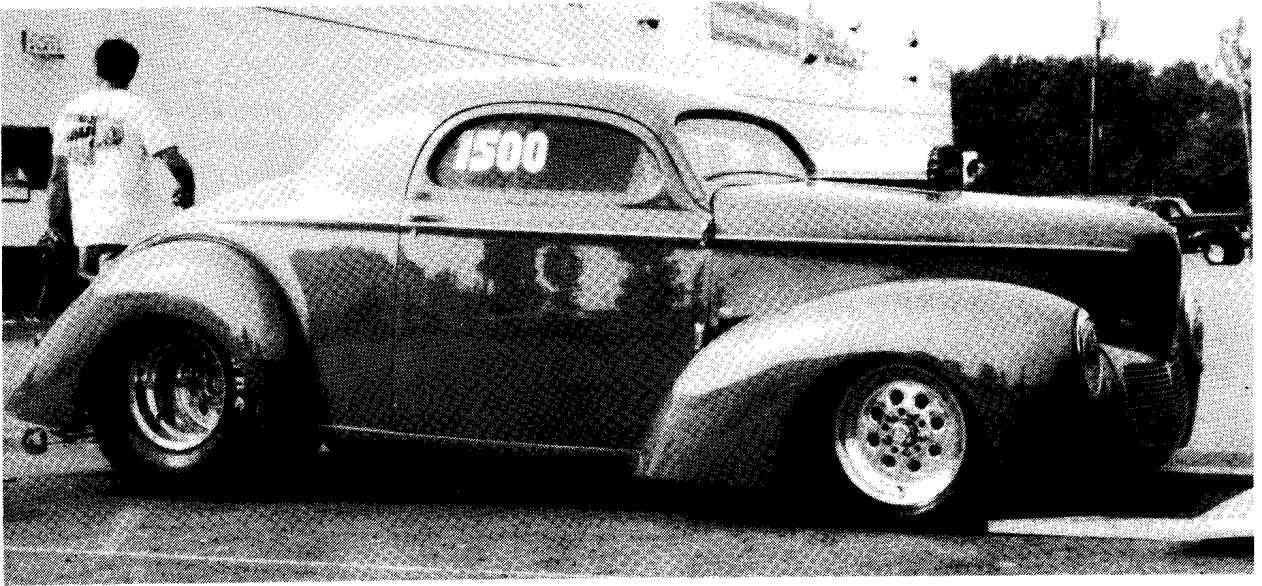
Chris Smith in his '33 coupe, (this issues cover car) put on a show that

had the crowd standing. His first run was almost his last as the shiny new red '33 went directly for the guard-rail in a wild wheelstand off the line. Chris was able to gain control and after the run was overheard saying, "Maybe street rodding is the way to go, my heart can't take too many runs like that".

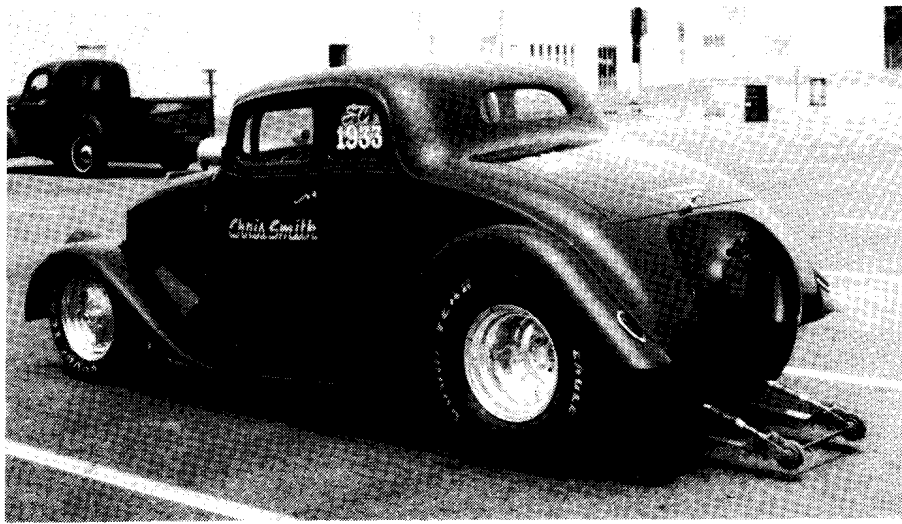
In the pits, the Willys owners were given the V.I.P. treatment. A special designated parking area drew heavy crowds of spectators all day.



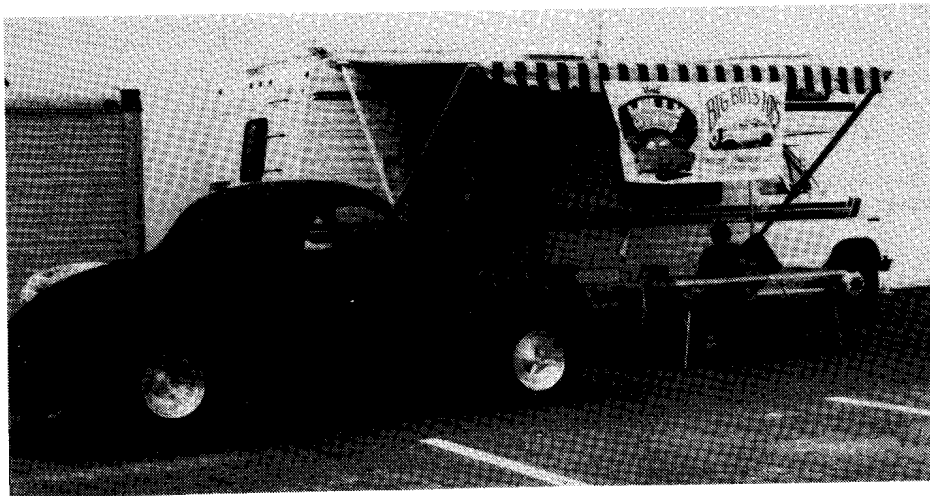
Here's Vinny Corigliano, W.C.W.C. member #015 and owner of the "Willy Works", shown with his award winning, street/strip, blown 454 powered '33 coupe.



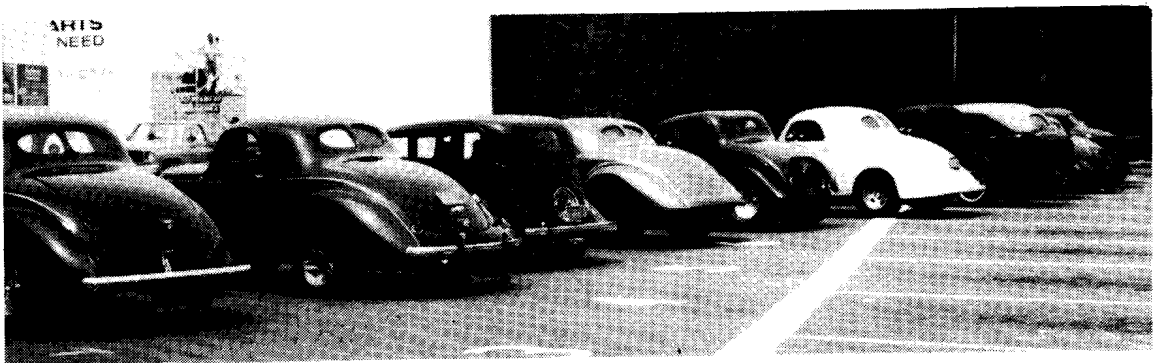
ABOVE: The chopped top and low stance sure do go good together on Tom Goldman's bright red, AMC powered '40 coupe.



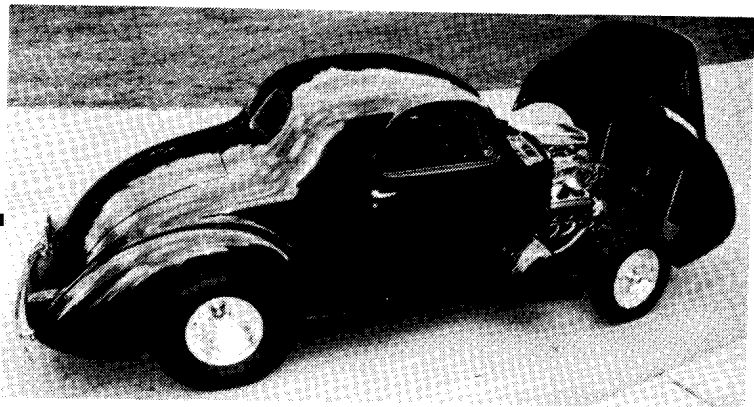
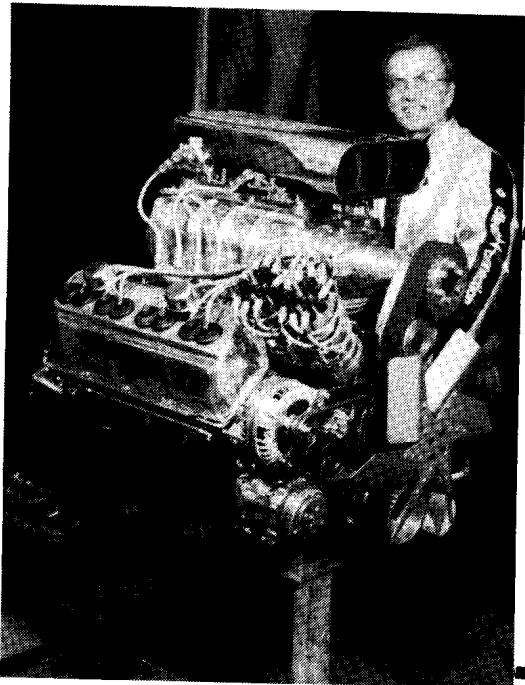
RIGHT: Chris and Mary Smith brought their '33 coupe down from Ontario, Canada. Car runs 9.40's at over 145 mph!



LEFT: Big Boys Toys/Willy Works had an all fiberglass '41 coupe on display. Thanks go to Dick Boranaro, #122 of Big Boys Toys for the pictures and story.



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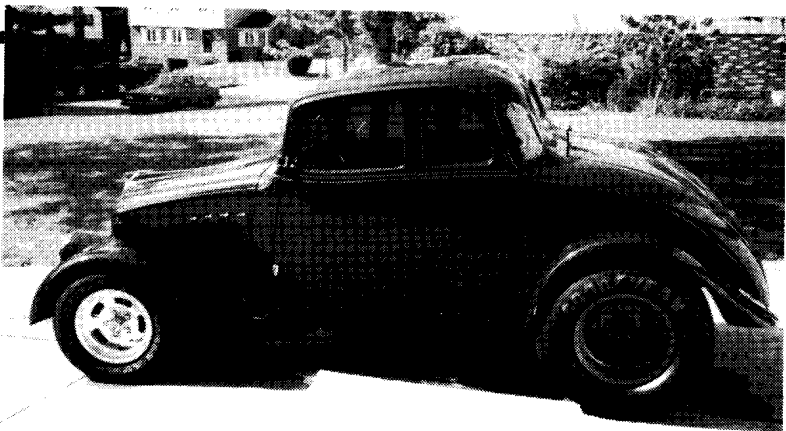


BILL WYSO JR #185 SCHENECTADY NY

Bill has been building this car for 13 years, you may remember it as the center spread, July '86 "Hot Rod" mag'. Bill went all out in the engine dept' with blown, 16 plug, 426 +.030 HEMI! Awsome to say the least. Being an upholstery shop owner, Bill went all out in this dept' also. Narrowed Mazda bench seat is now covered in maroon velour as is the rest of the interior. Car is painted Chrysler Tapestry red.

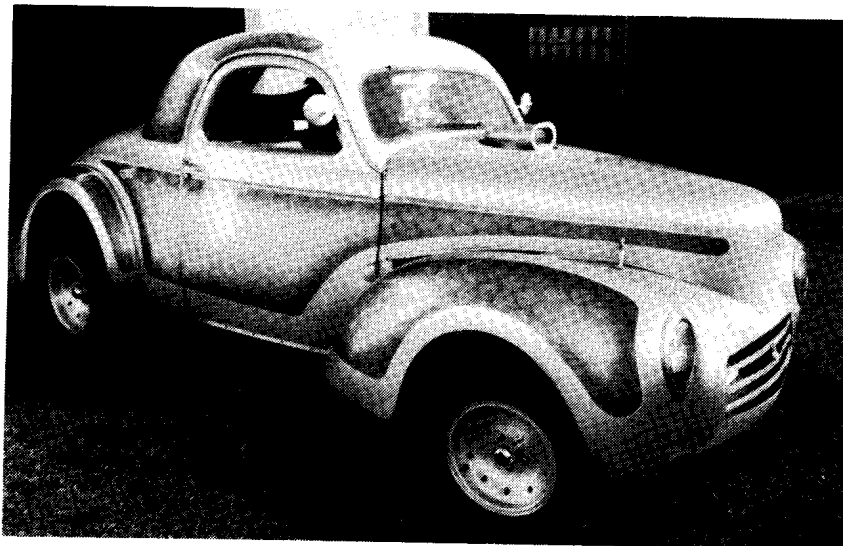
**ROBERT SHEFFLER #202
PITTSBURGH PA**

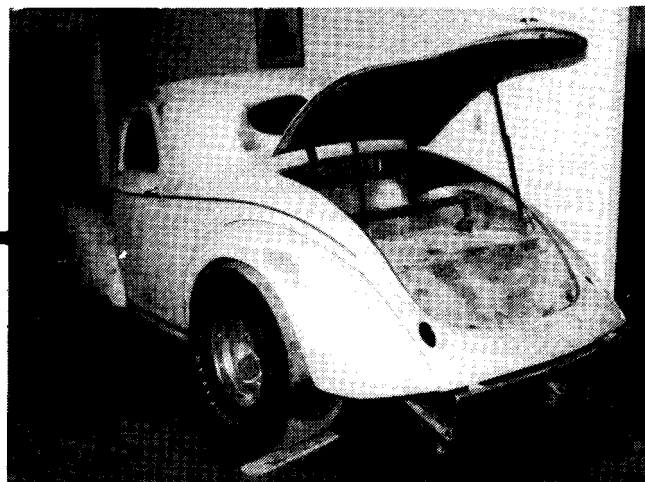
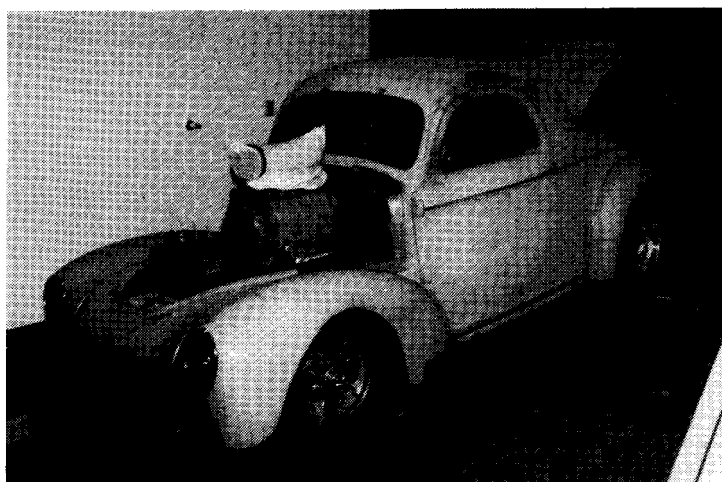
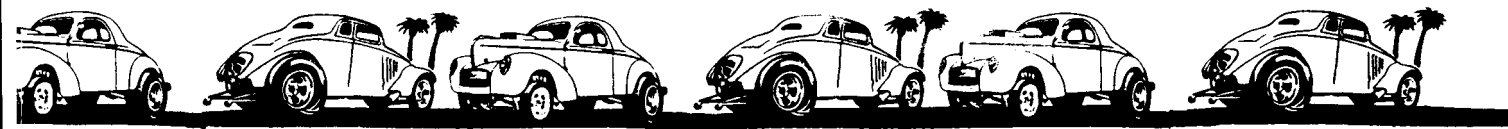
Bob and his brother Harry are the guys behind "Sheffler Enterprises", (see ad' this issue). Bob's Porsche Indian red '33 is all fiberglass. 350 Chevy engine and 350 Turbo transmission are used. Engine has Crane cam and dual Carter AFB carbs. Car also features air conditioning and Ford power rack & pinion steering.



**ROY RASMUS #158
BAY CITY MI**

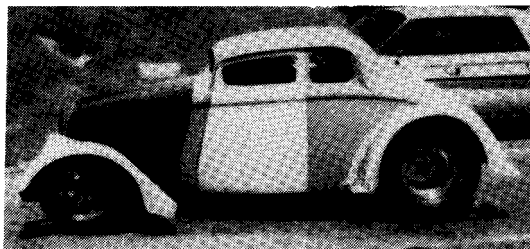
Roy bought this car as seen less engine. Coupe has boxed frame, Buick rear end, Mustang front end with "Outlaw Performance" front brakes. Interior sports Corvette seats and SW gauges. Custom paint is Metallic blue. Engine added was a fairly stock 350 Chevy with 202 heads and 650 double pumper. Trans' is a Turbo 400 with shift kit. Roy plans a full rebuild for this car.





WAYNE HEDGES #117
LAS VEGAS NV

Wayne has a lotta car here! 6:71 blown/injected 427 Chevy big block is sure to make some serious noise with those zoomie headers. Halibrand wheels are used all 'round. Paint on this race only Willys will be candy apple red with flames. Wayne will be racing this car in the NDRA Gasser class at the Nostalgia Nationals, Fremont CA, May 1-3.



DAVE GIORDANO #032
LIVERMORE CA

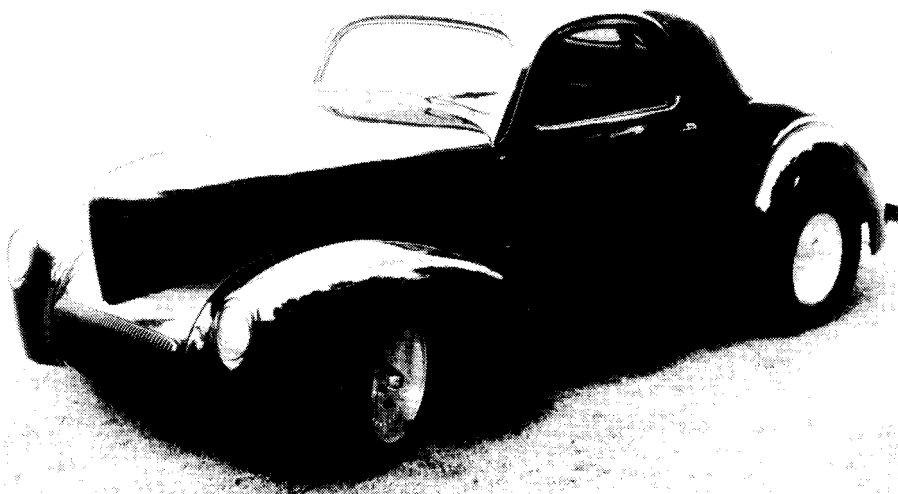
Dave's '33 coupe race car is all fiberglass, (mold was taken from the old "Brasher & Cummins Gasser"). Full tube chassis is by "Performance-Fabrication" of Belmont CA.

Injected 468 big block will be used at first but car will eventually run a blown, alky, 500 inch Rat motor. Dave also has this '40 pick-up that he's owned since 1968. Dave has put over 100,000 miles on it. Truck has 350 Chevy with 350 Turbo trans', boxed chassis, '64 'vette rear end, Corvair front end and Pinto rack & pinion. Dave's wife, Laura, has an all stock '40 4-door.



BOB PACKARD #195
SAGINAW MI

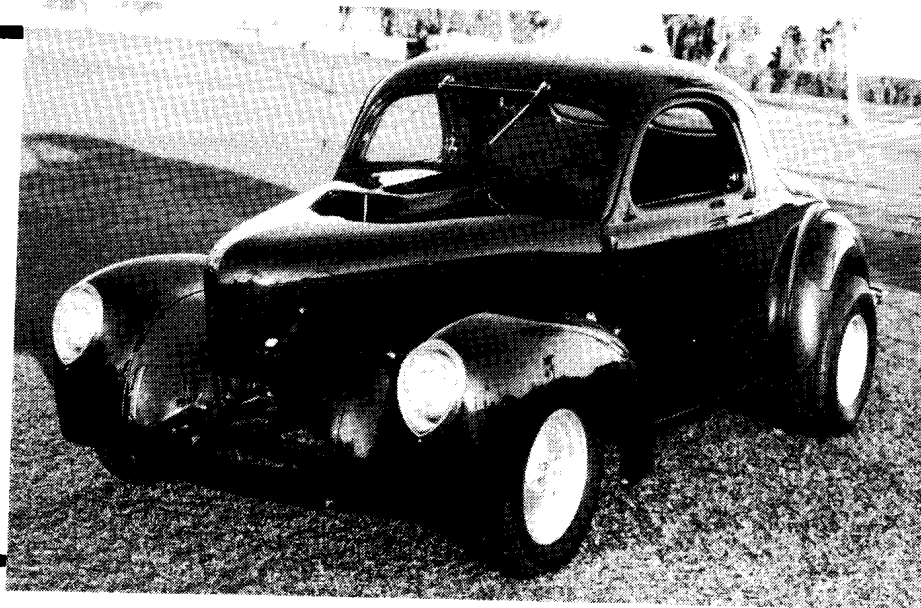
Bob's '42 coupe looks real trick with it's shiny black paint, blacked out grille and headlight rings. Not many Willys get the European treatment. Body is obviously super straight! Engine is 350 w/350 Turbo tranny. Narrowed Chrysler rear end is used, wheels are Centerlines, independent front end keeps the nose in the weeds.





MADONNA TOIA #039
TUCSON AZ

Madonna's husband Don used to race this car with a blown Crysler, (that's it on the back cover of this issue). It was sold but then the street rodding bug hit and it was re-purchased as a mothers day gift. Completely rebuilt, the car now has 350 Chevy engine and 350 Turbo trans'. Pontiac rear end is held over from the old days but now has 2:70 gears for hiway driving. Interior is done in burgandy velour and naugahyde. paint is plum arcyrylic enamel.

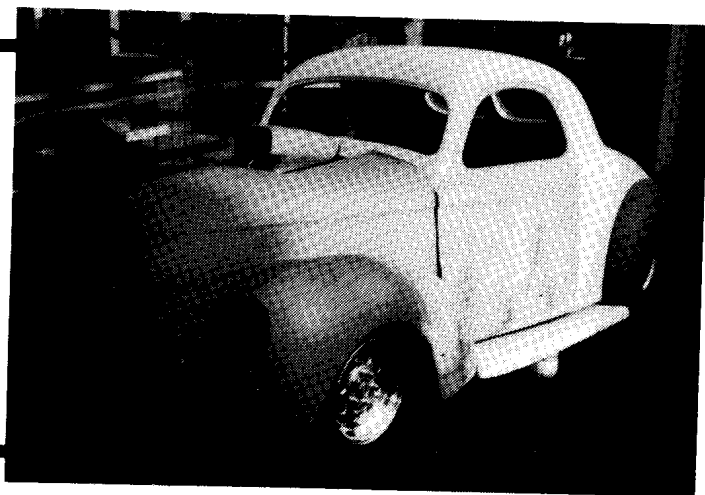


LEON MICHEAL JANOSZ #175
JACKSON NJ

Leon's nasty little truck has 2"x3" Don Hardy chassis with Mustang front suspension, rear end is narrowed 9". 454 big block with big tube fenderwell headers is backed up by Fairbanks Turbo 400. 4' bed is custom made, 'glass front end has lift off hood. Other features are wheelie bars, Auto Meter gauges, Hurst lightening rods, tilt wheel, stereo and tinted glass. Paint is yet to come.

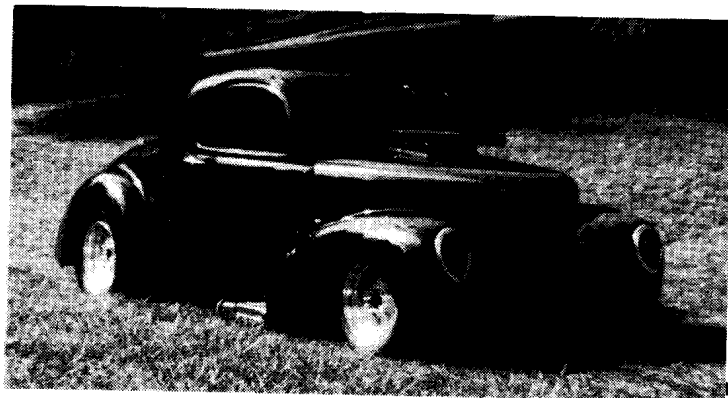
ROGER BRANDOW #044
LINDENHURST NY

Roger has a wild one under way here, this car is all fiberglass with "Willy Works" body shell, the other panels are by various manufacturers. Chassis is handmade from 2"x3" tubing. Rear end is early Olds' narrowed to 32" with Strange axles, 5:86 gears, ladder bars and coil overs. Weld wheels are used, rears are 15x15 with 33x19.50 Mickey Thomp-sons. Front end is 6" dropped tube axle with Willys leaf springs. 454 Chevy and Turbo 400 provide power. Full roll cage, aluminum interior and pearl blue paint are on the way.



JERRY STUART #107
ASHEVILLE NC

This bright red coupe is another old drag car now seeing street duty. 396 big block connects to Turbo 400 and 12 bolt rear end with 4:88 Richmond gears, spool and Strange axles. Glass front end, doors and trunk lid help keep weight down to 1,800 pounds. Car runs 11.20 ET's at 133 MPH! Other features are polished Center-lines, fully boxed frame, roll cage, Honda Civic seats and Auto Meter gauges.

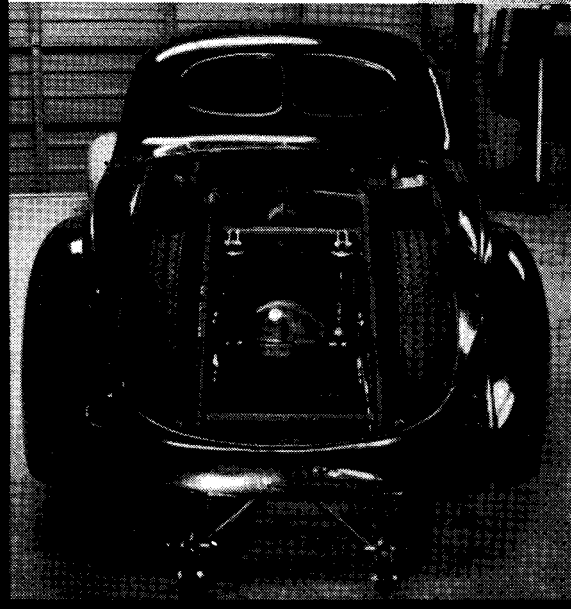
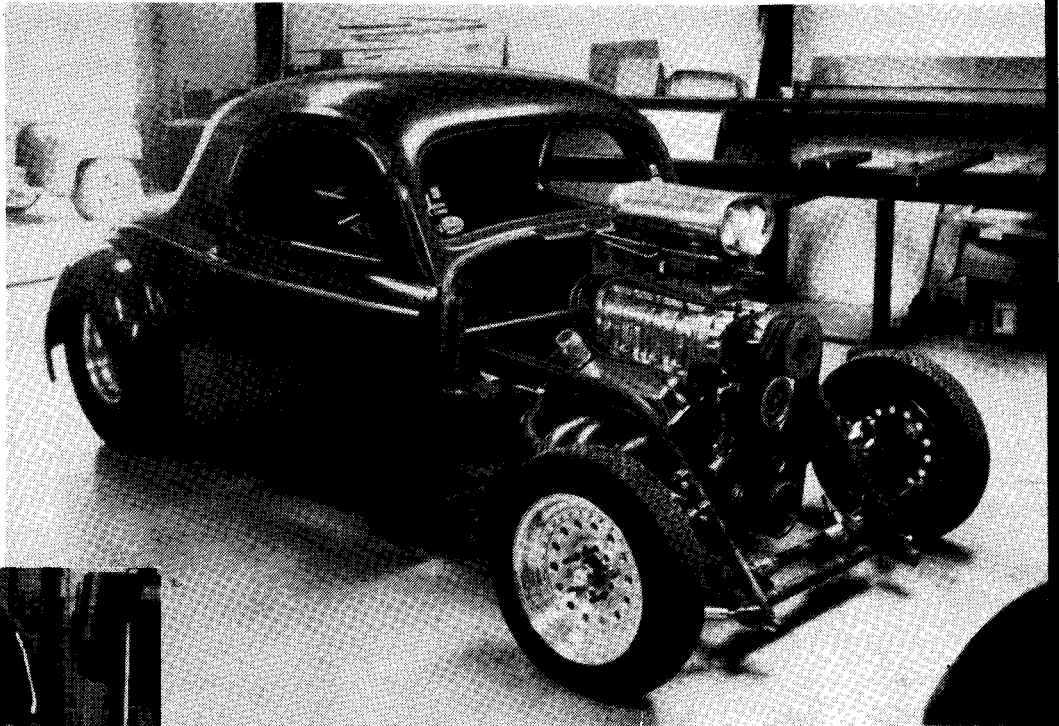


RESURRECTION

When Burns Waggener, #029, of New Braunfels TX, found this car it was a B/Gasser that had been in storage for 20 years and was in beautiful condition. Burns street drove the car as it was and also put it in car shows.

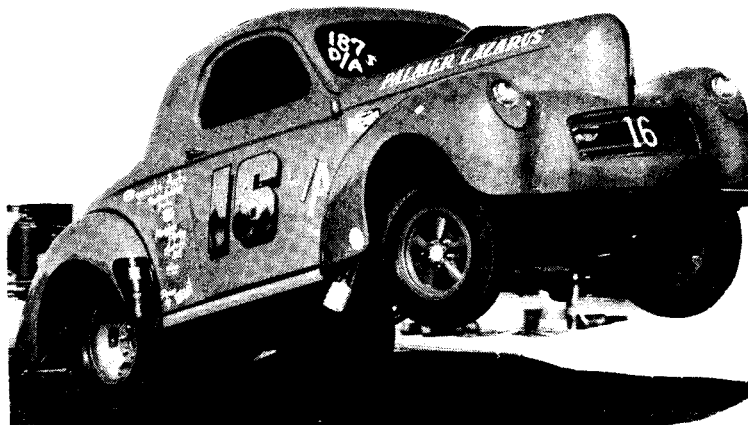
It is now undergoing a complete rebuild with full tube frame etc. 6:71 blown 355 Chevy has roller cam and aluminum heads. Transmission is Turbo 400 with manual valve body, narrowed Olds' rear end has 4:88 gears, disc brakes and aluminum third member.

Burns hopes to have the car done in time for the 1987 Nostalgia Nationals, Fremont CA, May 1-3.



This is how the car looked in it's former life as a B/Gasser, it was raced up 'til 1966.

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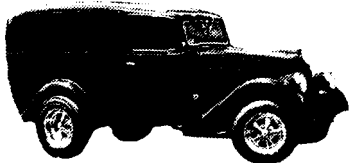
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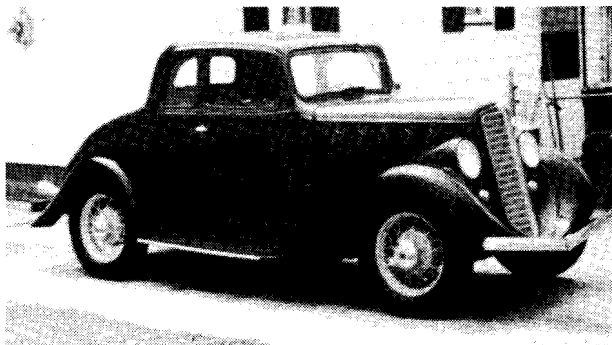
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FOR SALE:
1940 Willys pick-up, Chopped, X-racer, 350 engine & trans', 12 bolt rear, boxed frame, steel body w/'glass hood, chrome wheels, has stock front axle but comes with Mustang IFS, unfinished. \$5,500 Firm. Bill Oyler, (309) 682-0323.

WANTED:
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WANTED:
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