

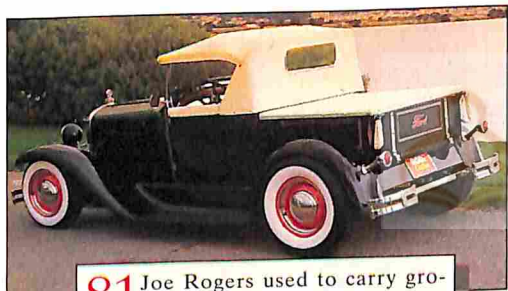
ROD & Custom

AUGUST 1995

Volume 29, Number 8



42 Jim Fairweather, owner of Bell Tech, always wanted a roadster, so he started with an Experi-Metal '32 Chevy body and fenders and built an extremely nice street rod with buggy spring suspension, '60s-style wheels and Corvette Sea Foam Green metallic paint.



81 Joe Rogers used to carry groceries out for Dave Dias just to see his Model A pickup truck when he was a boxboy at the local market. Thirty years later he stumbled across the same car in original condition and bought it. The results are seen here.



106 After 28 years of neglect, this former show-winning hot rod got a new lease on life. The Mail-Order Delivery is back on the road with '60s styling and '90s technology.

ON THE COVER: If you want to buy a street rod you can always go to Boyd's used car lot, like Michele Anthony did. Jim Brown took the photo. The Jimmie Vaughn/Mike Young '60 Chevy was captured by David Fetherston. Louie Mayall stopped the wild blown Chevy-powered '34 roadster long enough for a photo session.

SPECIAL SECTION: YOUR FIRST STREET ROD: BUY OR BUILD?

COVER STORY: Your First Street Rod	47
"Buy Or Build" gives you the pros and cons of entry-level street rodding.	
COVER STORY: Building A Fiberglass Rod	57
Find out what it really costs to build a "Repro Rod."	
COVER STORY: Street Rod Interior Options	66
Here are the components that can turn your car's interior into "The Comfort Zone."	

SPECIAL SECTION: STEEL IS REAL

COVER STORY: Rod Test: Blown Big-Block '34 Roadster	26
Gray Baskerville gives this all-steel "Chameleon" a run for its money.	
COVER STORY: Buyers' Guide To Repro Steel Bodies	33
"Steel Is Real" will show you the bodies that are available in metal.	
'32 Chevy Roadster	42
You'll agree that Jim Fairweather's Experi-Metal rod is a "Deuce Of A Chevy."	

FEATURES

COVER STORY: Blackie's Fresno Car Show	74
"Blackie's Bout" features some of the finest hand-picked rods and customs.	
COVER STORY: Goodguys March Meet	84
Drag racing—'50s and '60s style—at the legendary Famoso dragstrip.	

RODS & CUSTOMS

'29 Ford Roadster Pickup	81
Dave Dias' restored A-bone pickup is "A True Hot Rod."	
'46 Ford Business Coupe	90
This coupe replaced the first one he crashed for "The Second Time Around."	
COVER STORY: '60 Chevy Custom	98
Jimmie Vaughn designed this '60 Chevy for his friend, Mike Young.	
'51 Ford Woodie	114
Juliano's wild Ford-powered woodie hits the street and the show circuit.	
'25 T Two-Door And '25 Lakes Modified	124
Two restored Model Ts from R&C's Big Little Pages return for a second look.	

TECH/HOW-TO

Fill 'Er Up	94
How to install a gas filler door in a '40 Ford.	
'42-'48 Chassis Update	100
Pete & Jake's new, easy to install parts for '42-'48 Ford chassis.	
Mail-Order Delivery	106
The '29 sedan delivery is on the road and running fine.	
Posies' Flathead Flyer	117
Posies built a wild, fuel-injected flathead engine for his '33 Ford coupe.	
Nose Job	128
The proper way to install a '32 shell on a Model A.	

DEPARTMENTS

Up Front	5	Roddin' Around	18
Rappin'/Our Readers Write	6	Americruise News	24
Rod Shop	8	R&C In Miniature	112
Readers' Rods & Customs	10	Bench Session	132
Passing The Torch	16	Big Little Pages	144

ROD & CUSTOM, AUGUST 1995, VOL. 29, No. 8 ROD & CUSTOM (ISSN 1053-2064) Copyright© 1995. Published monthly by Petersen Publishing Company, 6420 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048. Phone: (213) 782-2000. Second class postage paid at Los Angeles, CA 90052 and at additional mailing offices. Subscription rate for 1 year (12 issues): U.S., APO, and U.S. Possessions \$21.94; Canada \$30.97 (price includes surface mail postage to Canada and GST—Reg. #R124683855); all other countries \$29.94. For subscription inquiries within the U.S. please call 1-(800)-800-7637. For subscription inquiries outside the U.S. call: 1-(303)-447-9330. For a change of address, six weeks' notice is required. Send old as well as new address to Rod & Custom, P.O. Box 54800, Boulder, CO 80322-4800. All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced without written permission. Printed in the U.S.A. This book is purchased with the understanding that the information presented is from varied sources for which there can be no warranty or responsibility by the Publisher as to accuracy or completeness. **POSTMASTER:** Please send address changes to Rod & Custom, P.O. Box 54800, Boulder, CO 80322-4800.

SPECIAL REPORT: BUYERS' GUIDE TO REPRO STEEL BODIES

August 1995

ROD & Custom

BUY or BUILD?

Jimmie Vaughn
Designs A
'60 Chevy
Custom



YOUR FIRST STREET ROD

BUILDING A
FIBERGLASS ROD

What You
Should
Know

Street
Rod
Interior
Options



ROD TEST:
Blown Big-Block
'34 Ford
Roadster

HOT EVENTS:
Blackie's Fresno Car Show
Goodguys March Meet

U.S. \$3.25 U.K. £2.25 CANADA \$3.95

#BXBBKFQ***** 5-DIGIT 55343
#SHR1417C099 6#490496 U8P41



TOM SCHREINER

MAR 97
08RC

1417 CAMBRIDGE ST
HOPKINS MN

55343-1903

