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Pat Ganahl shopped around Southern California for a new everyday driver, and here are some of the more affordable cars that were available.



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Gray Baskerville shows how, with a little imagination, you can personalize your car's wheels for added detail.



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Kirk White returned a pair of record-setting dry lake racers to their original '50s condition for a historical look at how hot rodding started.

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FEATURES

Lead East

If you are looking for '50s-style fun, "It's A Party" will give you a look at New Jersey's biggest event.

Buying A '50s Car

Do you want a '50s car? Pat Ganahl will show you how the dealing is done.

Affordable Custom Styling Ideas

Thom Taylor and Steve Stanford provide some ideas for your next custom in our "Sketchpad" series.

Hot Rod Reunion

"Smokersfest" will take you back to a time when racing was really fun for everyone.

Andy's Picnic

This rod run, which never changes, was filled with nice folks and great cars.

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Attitude Adjustment

Cruising in this '56 Mercury will put a smile on your face.

The Company Custom

Al Kopecky drives this award-winning '51 Merc custom every day, rain or shine.

Just A Dream

Sam Wilczac wanted a '54 Chevy like the one he purchased brand new, and now he has one that's even better.

Willy World

This '33 Willys Model 77 inspired Ida Automotive to begin manufacturing them in fiberglass.

Time Machines

Kirk White returned two historic dry lakes roadsters to their original glory.

Lil' Looker

Here's a Model A coupe that looks like it rolled right out of the '50s.

A Pair Of Eights

You can't help but like this '50s-style Olds 88 Torpedo Back Sedanette.

Crowded Coupe

A slammed and sexy '36 three-window that's right out of the '50s.

TECH/HOW-TO

Personalizing Wheels

"Color Wheel" shows you how to brighten up an overlooked area on your rod.

Solid Axle & Front Suspension Buyer's Guide

In "Dropped Axle Basics" you will learn the proper component selection and installation for a nice-riding straight axle rod.

Bitchin' Firewall Installation

"The Great Wall" shows how easy it is to install a Model A firewall.

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ON THE COVER: Peter Vincent snapped the photos of the awesome '36 Ford three-window in Deer Island, Oregon. Mark Ehlen photographed the blue '51 and red '56 Mercury in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Tara Baukus captured the red '54 Chevy in New Castle, Pennsylvania. The neat '50 Olds was shot by Jim McGowan in Camarillo, California.

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