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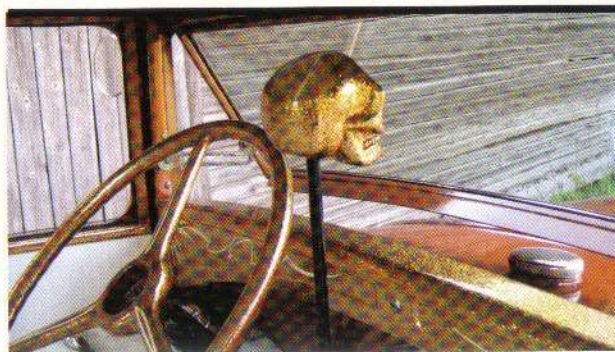
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THE YEAR of 2005 was a milestone for Timo Hersti from the Recyclers Car Club.

This was when the well known Finnish custom car builder built his first hot rod! The Hot Rod Bug bit him so bad that he actually built two hot rods in nine months!

This cool chopped pick-up was originally a Tudor but sometime in the '50s, someone shortened it to a truck. The upper part of the back wall was ok but downwards from the rear window it was basically "home-



made" and Timo had to shape a new wall with his English wheel. The original bed and rear fenders were missing and the car still had its old four-banger under the hood.

Timo bought some bumpy rear fenders and a rebuilt flathead eight with aluminum heads from a friend. Also, an old bed which had a hard life

was found in the neighborhood. After a couple of weeks of hammering, the parts started to look like what they should be. Also during this period, he chopped the cab a few inches.

Timo not only builds the cars himself, but he also paints them too. He likes to experiment with different kinds of methods and custom styles of different eras. We all remember his Cadillac custom from last year with that striped roof, well this time Timo decided to try something totally different again. The light colored panels really make those flaked flames rise up!

The interior and tuck'n'roll running boards are stitched by Lasse Vääntinen and the stripes were done by Platu. Timo finished the car just before the American Car Show in Helsinki and like last year, he got the Top 10 award again with his entry. ♣

