



TIMO'S CAMPER

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JUST LIKE the previous Primer Annual, this book features two of Timo Hertsu's creations. Timo is one of the most productive builders in Finland. Last spring two hot rods rolled out of the Recyclers garage after a long winter.

Timo is known for his shiny and finished custom cars and that same recipe was used on his first hot rod pick-up that is on page 22 of this Annual. After the truck was finished he decided to have some fun and create something totally different than what he typically does. In one month's time, Timo conjured up this violent '30 Ford!

While working on the pick-up truck, he envisioned how the new rod would look and built it in his mind. When the time came to actually begin the build, he started by welding a frame from scratch and then bolted a '69 Camaro rear axle to it which was wide enough for the 5 inch channeled body. A 331ci Cadillac engine and transmission were in the corner of the club's garage and ready to go. Timo got the mill when he did an engine swap on his former '50 Cadillac custom for the new owner. The home-made headers have a sound



Timo made bomber style seats for the trip to Sweden. These pictures were taking right after the guys came back from the damp trip. The number on the door is a souvenir from the hill climbing race at the Old Style Weekend.

that definitely keeps the driver awake!

Timo chopped the roof 5 inches, and that, combined with the modified frame, makes it really low even without a suicide axle. '39 Chevrolet headlight



and taillight bodies were the starting point for the new custom made lights. He got the car on the street just before the Pistons Rumble where he was rewarded for his long work with cars.

His hot rod wasn't just built for hill climbing or having fun in the gravel! Timo and his friend, Janne Kutja drove over 400 kilometers to southern Sweden with it for the Old Style Weekend.

They met up with other friends from Finland, the guys from the Devils Car Club who had come up with Moppe's in his Lincoln. Timo had planned to stay another week in Sweden so he could drive to the Rat Fink Reunion. The idea sounded so good to Moppe's that he jumped into the sedan with Timo and Janne and let his friends drive the Lincoln back home! Can you believe it? Three grown men in a channeled and chopped Tudor, driving over 2500 kilometers in two weeks around Sweden, and it was raining almost every day!

Timo really did something different this time. ✱

