

It's Not What They Were Looking For...

Fred and Nancy Snyder were actually looking for a 1937 Ford when they came across this 1936 Ford two-door sedan. But they had no doubts this was the car for them.

They purchased the car last year in Claymore, OK.

“Somebody told me about it, so I called the guy,” Fred recalls. After receiving pictures, he decided to drive down for a closer look. Once he saw it in person, he said he “fell in love with it.”

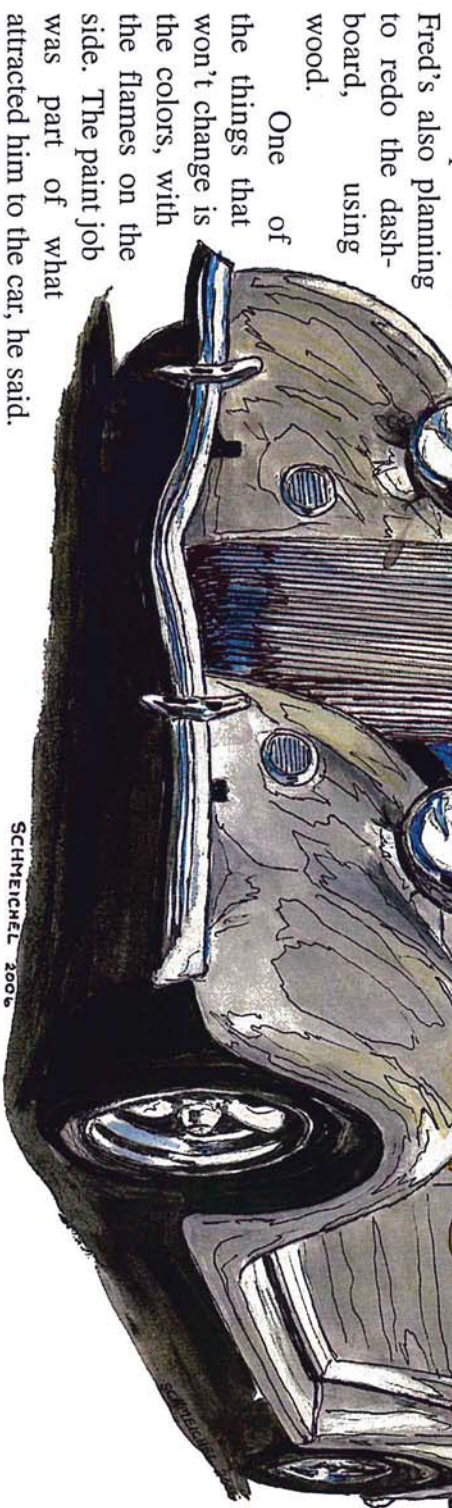
Nancy doesn't feel jealous about Fred's new love. After all, she got him started in the old car hobby, encouraging him to buy their first old car, a T-bucket hotrod, after talking him into visiting Back To The '50s in St. Paul. But that car wasn't very comfortable when the weather was wet or cold, so they decided to add to their collection.

“We got the T-bucket and it's fun, but we wanted something with a top on it,” Fred said.

“Actually, what I wanted was a '37 Ford,” he added, “but after I looked at this and it was cheap enough, I got it.” It's powered by a 302 with a C-4 transmission. A Corvette rear axle puts the power to the ground. It also features air conditioning, power steering, power brakes and a CD stereo system. It currently has a cloth interior, but Fred is planning to change that to leather in the future.

“I plan to do a lot of upgrades, some of the body parts don't fit right,” he said.

As much as he likes it, he sees it needing a few improvements. The grill and the chrome don't fit as they should, he said. But a person would have to look close to see these imperfections. Fred's also planning to redo the dashboard, using wood.



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One of the things that won't change is the colors, with the flames on the side. The paint job was part of what attracted him to the car, he said.

“It's a nice car,” Fred said. “I think what happened was the guy that built it just ran out of money, or lost interest in it.”

Lost interest in it? After getting the car to looking so good even with the little imperfections Fred has found? One man's dissatisfaction became Fred's good fortune.

