

Sometimes The Kids Come Back Home ...

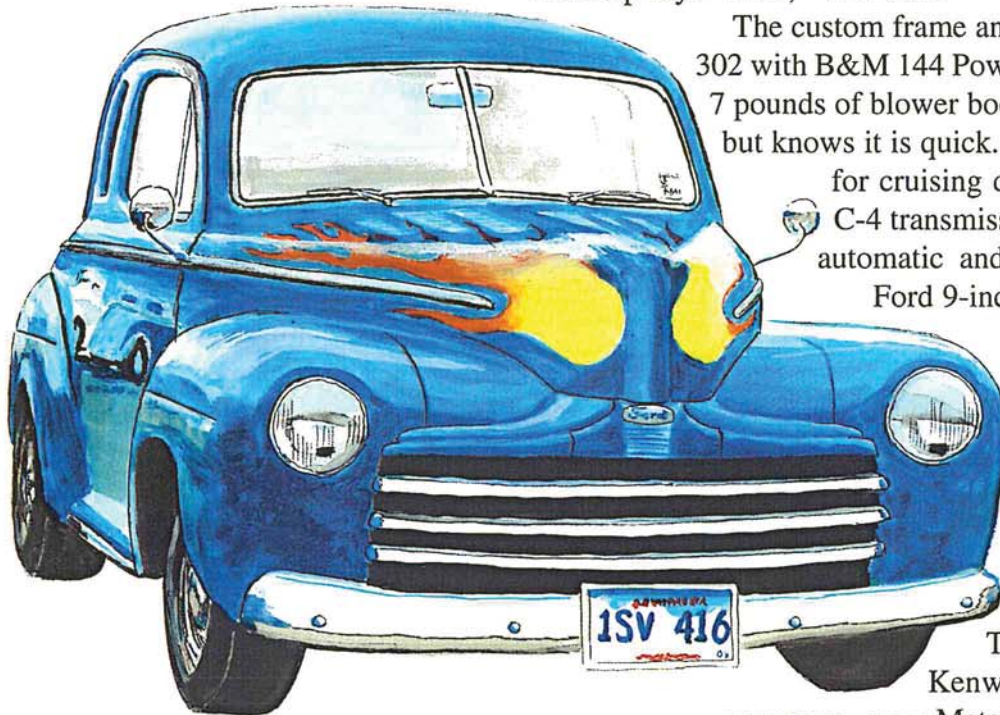
There's something familiar to Bill Kullander about the 1947 Ford Club Coupe street rod he and Lana bought on Christmas Eve from Randy DeBoer in 2002.

"It's supposed to be my old high school car, but I can't prove it," he said.

He said a couple friends were able to trace the car's history and are certain that it is the same car. But at some time while sitting in a grove of trees the VIN number was cut off for use on a different car.

A lot has changed on the Ford since Bill was in high school. Back then his '47 Ford had dual exhaust, 15-inch Ford rims on the front with 1940 Ford hub caps and beauty rings and 16-inch rims on the rear with no hub caps, and it still held its stock flat-head V-8 motor. That's not what Bill drives today.

It was rebuilt locally by Kent Malcolm, son of club members Roger & Jan Malcom, in 1992. The suspension and frame were built by club member Bob Schreiber. "Everybody that gets underneath it and looks at the workmanship says 'Wow,'" Bill said.



The custom frame and Mustang II front end hold a Ford 302 with B&M 144 Powercharger that produce 365 hp with 7 pounds of blower boost. Bill says he has never raced it, but knows it is quick. But to make the car more suitable for cruising down the highway, he swapped the C-4 transmission for a Ford AOD – EW/4R70W automatic and put Richmond 355 gears in the Ford 9-inch rear end.

"I've done a lot of things to it since I bought the car," Bill said.

The most recent changes, besides the new transmission, include cutting louvers into the hood, and having flames painted on the hood. He has received a lot of compliments on the new look.

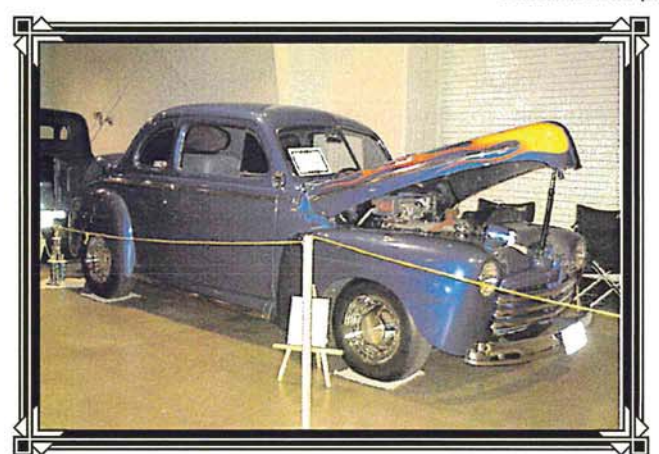
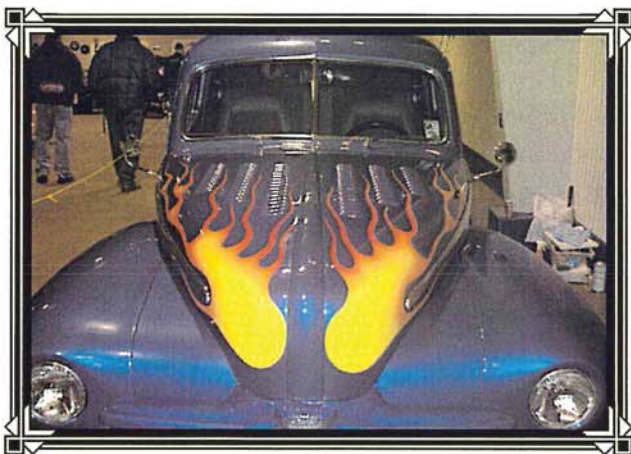
The color of the car is a 1992 Kenworth color called Electron Blue SCHMIFEL 2007 Metallic (Imron Paint).

Inside the Mustang II buckets seats up front are done in a medium blue cloth, and he said it is very comfortable to drive and ride in. The rear seat is part of the reason he bought this car. Bill said he likes the style of the Ford coupes of the 1940s but wanted something with a rear seat so he could take his grandchildren for rides.

"In high school I've owned every '40 Ford except the woody wagon. 1940 was my favorite Ford, and still is," Bill said.

"A '47 has a longer and wider wheelbase, so it's much more stable going down the road," he added.

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The style of the car with its sweeping lines holds his appeal even more than the link to his high school memories, he said. Although Ford called it a Five-Passenger Sedan Coupe, this style is better known as a club coupe, he noted.

But as a true hotrodder, Bill recognizes there are always improvements to be made to a stock old Ford. This one is nosed and decked with Blue-Dot tail-lights but has stock side chrome moldings and door handles. It also features air conditioning and heat, blue tinted windows, power steering, power disc brakes in front, oversized shoes in rear, third rear-brake light, headers, dual exhaust and chrome custom wheels.

"It's a super looking street rod with the right stance that moves out very rapidly. It is rattle free, along with a nice smooth ride," Bill said.



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