

Not Meant For Good Fire Maintenance

When Terry Jellis purchased his 1930 Ford coupe three years ago, it was all original but showed many decades of use.

Terry and his son Jason immediately tore into it to make it the hotrod seen today.

“When I got that coupe, I had it for maybe four weeks and had everything taken off,” Terry said. “New Year’s Eve we cut the top off. I took 3 ½ inches out of it.”

Feltman Glass cut glass to fit the reduced windows.

After they had torn it down and boxed the frame, they installed a 350 V-8 with a Turbo 350 transmission to push the horsepower into a 1962 Chevy Nova rear-end. The engine has a light cam and was bored .030 over – not a lot of upgrades but it packs enough power to spin the rear tires at Terry’s every whim.



“I like to take it down to Larchwood to the burn-outs,” he said. “It’s got a lot of power to it.”

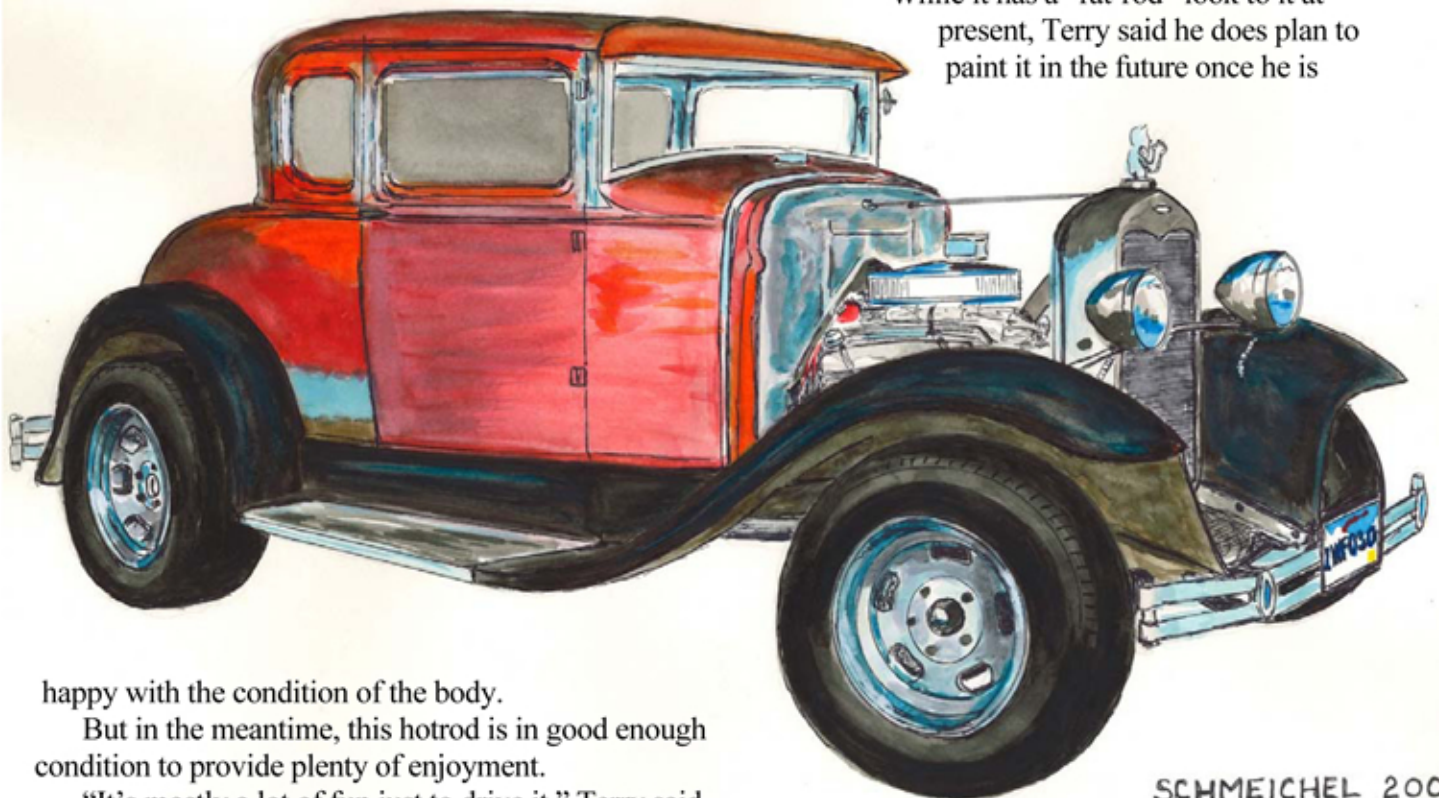
The car also features “deuce” headlamps, and many of the body joints and seams are smoothed over. Terry retained the original steering wheel and column, but put in rack and pinion steering up front.

One unique item he didn’t have to look very hard for is the hood ornament, a devil thumbing his nose in an insulting manner. A rare accessory, Terry got it from a friend who had it for a long time and is now deceased.

Terry and Jason aren’t done with this car yet. “I’m kind of collecting parts for it,” he said.

“I’m kind of looking for a deck lid. I’m just looking for good parts, real good fenders so they don’t need a lot of work,” he added.

While it has a “rat-rod” look to it at present, Terry said he does plan to paint it in the future once he is



happy with the condition of the body.

But in the meantime, this hotrod is in good enough condition to provide plenty of enjoyment.

“It’s mostly a lot of fun just to drive it,” Terry said.

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