

In a Season, It's on the Road

When Mike DeBoer and Deb Geyer bought their 1953 Chevrolet 150 two-door sedan a year ago, it was rough and didn't even run. The snows came and kept the project inside, but by the time the snow had melted and the trees were budding, they had a nice-running hotrod.

It was all stock when they purchased it, but during last winter they disassembled it down to the frame and rebuilt it. An after-market Mustang II-style front end was bolted on and a Chevy 350 V-8 dropped into place. The motor got a hotter cam and an Edlebrock 4 bbl carburetor. The rear end from a 1997 Chevy S-10 was bolted onto the original chassis to put the horsepower to the rubber. Mike noted that Bob Schmeichel helped him with the build.



The original seats were reupholstered, and the dash and metal trim were painted charcoal gray metallic, as was the roof.

That's what it looks like today, with the original green paint on the rest of the car, and Mike and Deb have been getting a lot of pleasure with it, cruising with the Great Plains Streetrodders.

But another winter is coming. This winter, they hope to repair the rust on the body and paint it purple amethyst pearl. The motor and engine bay have already been painted that color, and they've been using that example to share their dreams for the car's future with anyone who is interested.

Next will be finishing the interior, with new door panels, carpet and a headliner after the threat of paint overspray is gone.

Mike said he specifically wanted a '53 or '54 Chevy when he bought this car because the 1955-1957 Chevrolets are so much more popular. He wanted something a little different. And, "It's got to be a Chevy," he said with a big smile.



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