

## *A Wanted Machine*

Just a little over 10 years ago while attending the Old Iron Rod Run in Spencer, Iowa, Ron and Jackie Heemstra spotted a 1934 Pontiac with a for sale sign on it. They had thought of getting a larger car to accommodate more of their family than their Model A coupe allowed at the time. After the show and shine was over, they went back to see if this car was still for sale.

Talking and looking at the car with Kenny Jo Hanson, the present owner at the time, the car proved to be exactly what they wanted. The 4-door Sedan was a nice, older restoration still with the same black lacquer paint it has today, as well as the really nice original appearing interior. The perfect old steel body had been restored by Ed Weise about 25 years earlier, and Ken street rodded the car by adding a 389 Pontiac with the 400 turbo along with a 9" rear end during the 15 years he had the car. The chrome Truespoke wire-wheels with the white wall tires gave the car a classic gangster look. Ken, like some of us, had too many projects going on at the same time, so the '34 Pontiac was for sale. After test driving the car, Ron and Jackie decided to buy it as a 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary gift for themselves.

During the last 10 years, Ron added a Vintage Air system for hot days since the car was big and black. Although Ron admits to not driving the car very much because both work and farming keep them busy, he said that will probably change the closer he gets to retirement. Ron did take time to throw together a rat rod truck last year that he has fun with, but the '34 Pontiac will always be first on his list for longer trips he and Jackie intend on taking soon. He did mention going in a southwestern direction to Route 66 and then east on that old highway to see what that part of the country has to offer for sights. Hopefully he will follow through with driving the Pontiac on a trip or two as he mentions, because the original owner of the Pontiac traced this car back to Ron just recently, and had expressed the desire to buy it back. So, this gangster-styled streetrod is a wanted machine.

