

Slow but Sure

About four years ago, Jason Jellis decided to sell his 1967 Chevelle he had in storage. Normally, a person wouldn't think to sell a car like that, but Jason had a stronger desire to have an older car as one he remembered his dad Terry having when he was younger. The strong memories and fun of riding in dad's '29 Ford sedan wouldn't go away. Selling the Chevelle wasn't an issue, but it took all that summer before Jason finally found what he was searching for on eBay. It was an original '29 Ford two-door sedan located in Lake Park, Minn.

After Jason and his dad got the car home, they tore into it during the next few weeks and totally took it apart to see what was there. That following winter and next summer was spent ordering as well as finding parts at swap meets to go along with the build plan. Among the first things they did was to fully box the frame and install a complete Super Bell front-end assembly along with an 8" Ford rear end to make the frame a roller. For power, Jason found a 1984 Chevy Caprice Classic donor car priced right. Then he transplanted that engine-trans combination into the '29 frame for mobility

The third year found the body back on the frame with the top getting chopped 3 1/2" and the minor body work being done to allow the body to be painted flat black. New fiberglass front fenders were installed and original rear fenders were put in place temporarily, even though Jason has new fiberglass rear fenders he plans to use. To start enjoying the sedan, there was a hard push to get the car wired and drivable. The family enjoyed driving it but considering there was no roof, yet, it was a fair-weather cruiser. To say the occasional ride to the Sonic Drive In was a bit windy in the back seat for the kids is an understatement. However, I am sure it will be a happy, warm, summer-day memory in later years for all when someone says remember when...

Jason, Christina and the kids will be cruising to the Goodguys event in Des Moines in June of this year, along with a few club members, but not before installing a new top-wood kit and cover to keep the wind out. Near-future plans for the car include wide whites with Baby Moons and possibly a copper-colored body with matching wheels – a 50/60's look. An interior redo will follow some day, but, for now, it is just plain fun for the Jellis family.

