

Recognized Value

In late summer of 2007, Don Jones was enjoying the Wednesday night cruise by talking cars with friends when another car-guy asked Don's opinion on a certain 1947 Chevy coupe street rod that was for sale. He described the car as best he could, mentioned he was thinking about buying the coupe and respected Don enough to ask him if it would be a good purchase. A couple weeks later Don saw the same young guy again and asked him if he had gotten the car. He shrugged his shoulders and said he couldn't afford it right now as he was getting married soon. So after hearing he wasn't



interested anymore, Don, remembering how nice the car description was, asked if he could see the car. The young hotrodder said, "Sure, I'll give the owner your number." A couple days passed and the owner of the '47 Chevy called Don and made arrangements to see the car later that evening. About 5 minutes later, after hanging up, the owner called back and asked if he could just drive the coupe to Don's shop since he had the day off. Don, his interest peaked, agreed as he didn't think the car was drivable. Now he had to see this car....

When the '47 Chevy arrived at the shop, Don grabbed his son, Mike, and they checked it out together. After walking around the car, they both liked what they saw. The street rod had complete, new floors installed along with patch panels welded in place where needed. It also had new fiberglass rear fenders. The body was primed completely, but without any filler or body work done, nothing was hidden, which was a plus in Don's eyes. The power-train was all Ford; a new 429 engine with a C-6 transmission and a 9" rearend. The Ford drive train in a Chevy car didn't scare Don off, it actually made him more interested. The car also had a Heidt's front end along with Vintage Air and the same mag wheels and tires it still has today. After the owner drove the '47 away, Don and Mike realized by adding up what the owner had in car, parts alone, without the body, the asking price was the deal of the century. Don did not waste any time snatching up the car.

In the beginning of 2008, Don and Mike completed all the body work and paint. Making it the 2-tone red and black colors it is today. As such a solid project, it became a finished outstanding streetrod quickly.

Now, both Betty and Don really enjoy the car, even without the interior being totally finished. They've driven it almost 8,000 miles since it was painted. The only little issue the car had was solved by installing a shroud on the radiator to keep the engine from getting hot at stop lights on 100 degree days. Driving around in a comfortable new-looking old car with the air conditioning in the summer time does not get any better. Knowing your ride appreciates instead of depreciating makes it even better.

