

It Started With "You Need to See This!"

Who doesn't like auctions? About 12 years ago Candi and Bones Hanson were attending an auction that had parts listed for a Model T. They were parts shopping for a 1914 Ford touring project at the time. To cover more of the auction grounds, they decided to go in different directions. As Candi wandered and searched, she came upon a complete 1939 4-door Chevy. As she looked at it, she noticed that the body, even with its old paint, was pretty cherry. Not hesitating, Candi found Bones and escorted him toward the '39. As they approached, Candi expressed that it would make a neat street rod. Bones walked around it a couple times and agreed. Before he knew it, he was bidding and taking the '39 Chevy home.

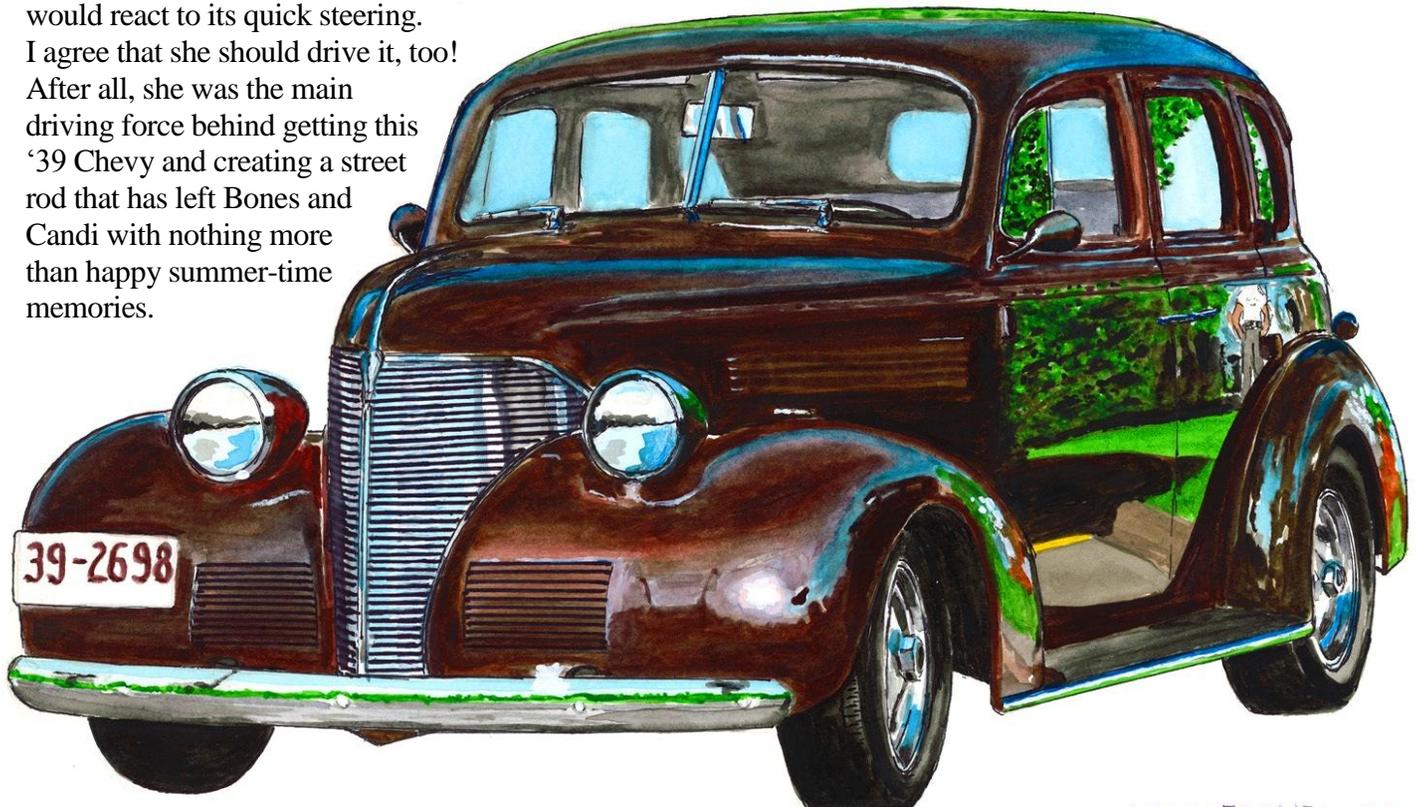


Soon thereafter, the Renner Garage crew was hired to build their new car. Once the car was completely stripped, the body and frame were sand blasted. After it was cleaned to bare metal, everyone was amazed by the straight, rust-free original body. Working through the mock-up part of the build, the Renner crew installed a Mustang II front suspension and a '55 Chevy rear-end to make the car a roller so they could move it around during the build. Then they installed a 350 crate engine that Everet Hone put together with a 350 trans. Everet was amazed at how smooth the crate engine fired up and ran right out of the box. Bones bought another '39 Chevy parts car that gave up three replacement fenders. So, with those last metal pieces, the whole car was going together with perfectly straight sheet metal without rust or Bondo.

When it came to paint, Candi loved a candy black cherry color on one of Norm Fey's hotrods. She urged and Bones agreed it was a cool color choice for their first '39 Chevy. To keep it repairable, they found a very similar 1999 Cadillac color. After choosing the color, the car came together without a hitch. Jeff and Sue Meendering matched the entire interior with new Turbo T-Bird bucket seats from a salvage yard. The exhaust by Westerguard at Exhaust Pros completed the build.

The rest is history – 24 mpg and 40,000 trouble-free miles in the last 10 years. Bones mentioned during all that time, Candi has never driven the car, yet. Although he would like her to drive it, he is not sure how she would react to its quick steering.

I agree that she should drive it, too!
After all, she was the main driving force behind getting this '39 Chevy and creating a street rod that has left Bones and Candi with nothing more than happy summer-time memories.



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