

COOL RIDES

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Futuristic and surreal-looking are the words that come to mind when viewing this month's *Cool Ride*!

You might even imagine a motion picture superhero at the wheel.

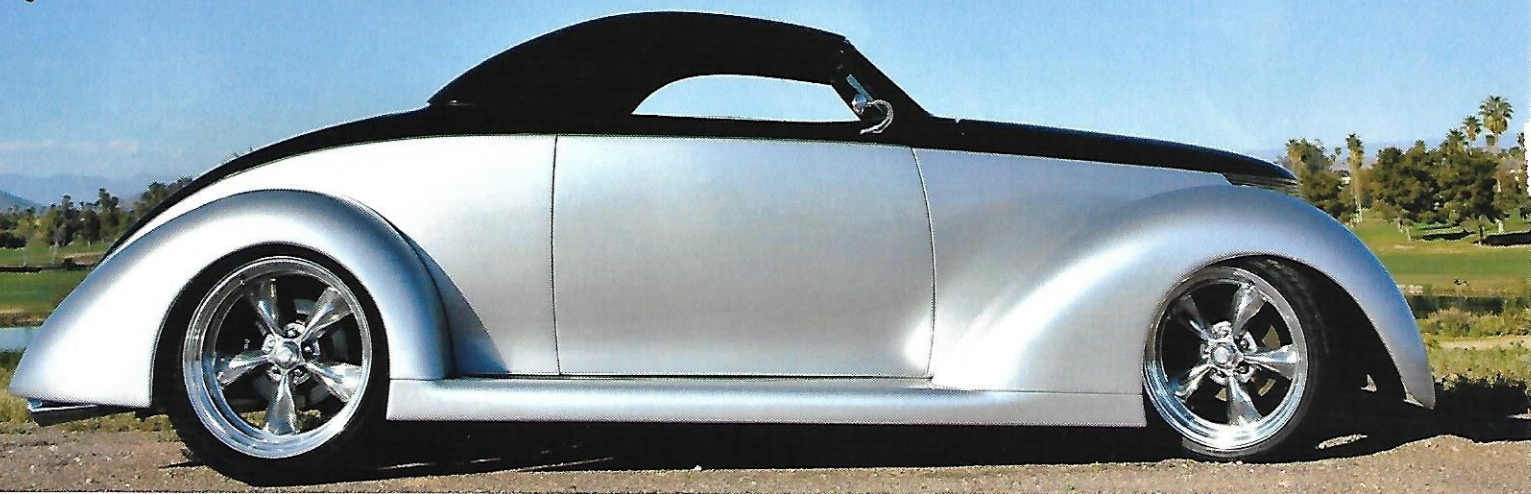
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Painted Silverstar Silver and Crystal Black, this awesome beauty is in fact a custom-built retro rod that's modeled after the classic 1937 Ford Hardtop. Originally built in Sparks, Nevada this *Cool Ride* proudly makes its home in the West Valley...

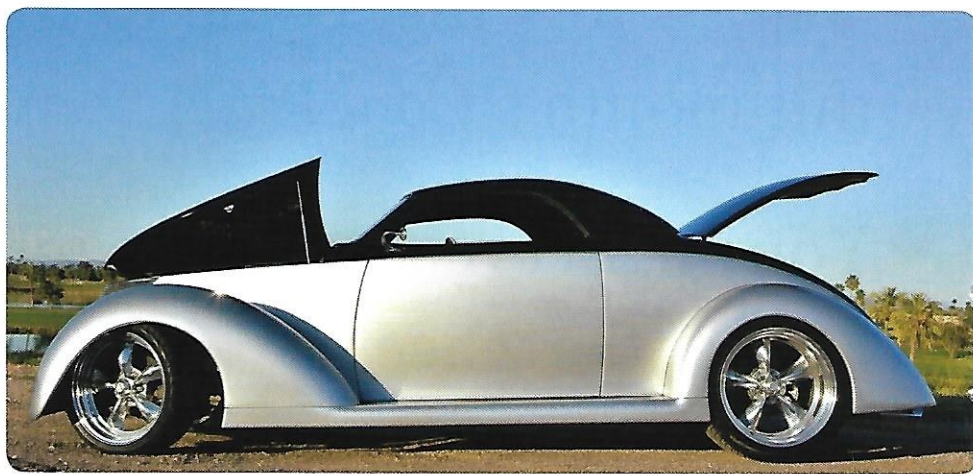
As it "poses" in the Arizona late afternoon sunlight, its flowing and sculptured body lines demand your attention.

Upfront, 18" polished American Torque Thrust Wheels grab your attention, with 20" look-a-likes at the rear.



Even with the hood and trunk opened, it still has a captivating profile against a crystal blue sky!

Under the hood, a Corvette LS1 engine supplies the power. A hand-fabricated custom engine cover adds to its contemporary sexiness.



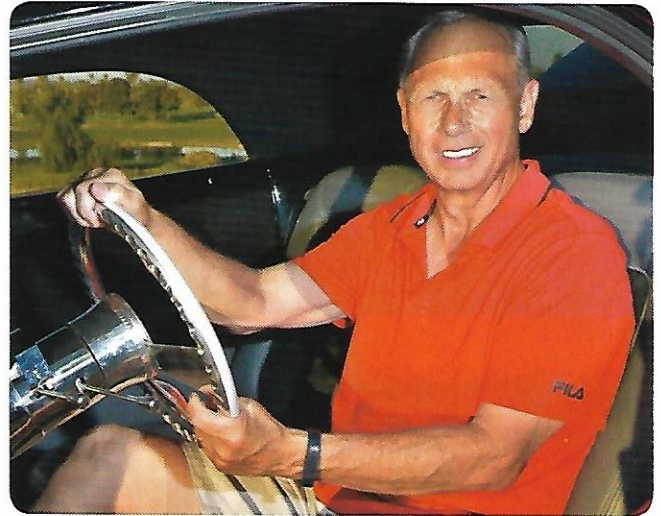
In the "cockpit", high-tech simplicity reigns with Dakota brand digital gauges and a Billet brand specialties tilt wheel is tied to power rack and pinion steering. Custom leather seating cradles the occupants. Power windows, door locks and trunk



release along with keyless entry, are all at your command. This '37 customized beauty also can be hydraulically lifted or lowered off ground level with a push of a button!

Now you should know that owner Harold Backus has owned two other street rods and several Corvettes. He's loved other special

rides for a long time, but this '37 Ford retro rod is his favorite... Harold and his lovely wife "Cookie" tell *IN Communiti* magazine, "When we first saw the '37 at a special car cruise



some years ago, we were awe-inspired. The '37 drew us to it like a 'moth to a flame' and we knew we had to make it ours! Fortunately, the prior owner was willing to sell."

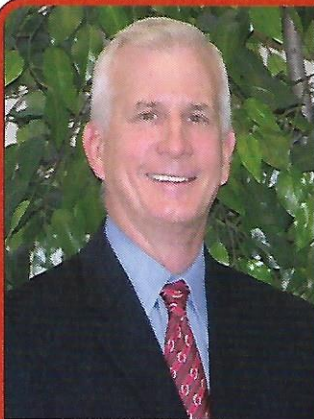
Today, this '37 is valued in a price range of \$75,000-\$100,000.

As kind of "tongue in cheek" comment, the '37's license plate reads "SINESTR"... Now the actual word sinister generally means wicked or ominous. Harold just thought that since the '37 does have sort of a threatening look, it would be an appropriate nickname... but it's all in fun!



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As the Arizona sun sets over "SINESTR", there's no doubt this *Cool Ride* seems to have something very special living deep in its automotive soul... So, let's simply bid it "sweet dreams" as it rides into the setting sunlight! 🌄



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