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1936 CHEVY COUPE

What year and make is your car, and what attracted you to it?



It's a 1936 Chevrolet Master Deluxe. I first saw an ad on a collector car web page and was attracted to the overall look of the car, the modified front end with Mini Cooper headlights molded into the front fenders, and the custom grill and the paint. The car was located in Neptune City, New Jersey. When I saw the car in person, it was obvious that someone had spent a lot of time and money rebuilding it.

Can you tell us about the history and original use of your car?

The original builder received a call from a friend in 2005 who'd just purchased an old warehouse, and found an old car in it, which was all original with almost no rust. He bought it started on it almost immediately.

Have you restored or customized the car, and if so, can you tell us about the process?

The car was 95% complete when I bought it from the builder. The front apron had been reshaped, the rear fenders sectioned and widened, and custom running boards added to match both front and rear fenders. All of the trim and outside handles had been shaved and replaced with remote door openers and an electric trunk lift. The front hood levers were replaced with specialty push button releases. The suspension was highly modified; including a boxed frame with independent front suspension with air bags on the front, leaf springs

with coil over shocks on the back. It has power disc brakes on all four corners. The original drivetrain was replaced with a 383 Chevrolet small block with 452 HP and 468 ft lbs of torque, matched to a 700 R4 automatic transmission connected to a Lokar shifter and 9" Ford with a Tru Lock differential and 3:70 gears. The interior was also completely customized. Hot Rod Air AC was added and it has an Ididit tilt steering column, Glide Engineering front seat with driver and passenger tilt back seats in black leather diamond stitching, matching rear seat, suede leather headliner and suede and leather door panels. The instruments are mounted in a Zebra wood panel surrounded by black suede leather. When I bought it, the car was not drivable. A good friend and I drove to Neptune City in January, 2020 with a trailer and hauled it back to my garage where I spent 6 months completing the car. Most work was focused on completing the headlight, tail light and engine wiring and changing out the transmission.



How often do you drive your classic, and where do you take it for drives?

Most of the time I drive it to local car cruise-ins. I have driven it to car shows in Hiawassee and Blairsville, Georgia, and last year drove it to Dawsonville, Georgia.

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What do you do to maintain it and keep it running well?

Great Question!! I am always tweaking things and making changes to improve the car's performance. I changed the intake manifold to a single four barrel manifold (It gets about 12 mpg in town and 15-16 on the highway now), fixed the brakes, repaired some electrical issues, and recently repainted the car. With an 87 year old car, you have to treat it kindly!

Are there any unique features or quirks about the car that you enjoy? And ones you don't?

Keeping up with an 87 year old car with major modifications can be a chore at times, but I love the fact that I am driving a car that my father had seen as a young teenager. People generally like the car and I get a lot of thumbs up from drivers and pedestrians.



Do you participate in any events or shows?

I am a member of the Clay County Cruzers and attend all of our shows and many other local shows.

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What is your favorite memory or experience with your car?

Driving the car to Dawsonville October 2022 was beautiful. We were at a car show there and my grandkids, son and daughter in law came up from Atlanta to see us as well as a good friend whose son lives in Dawsonville. I also love owning a piece of automotive history and telling people about cars of the 1930's.



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