

Continuing on with the suggestion Bud Nelson made, for members to share their stories, Cal Roe volunteered to tell his '32 Ford story for our December newsletter!

Here is my Deuce Coupe I had in 1956 thru 1958 when I was earning about \$1.75 at an epoxy resin factory. I paid \$225 and had to install hydraulic breaks before dad would let me drive it. It had a stock cubic inches with 2 pots, a Winfield R-1 cam, and Navaro heads. Later I bored the Merc block to 3 3/8 with a 1/4 inch stroke, port & relieved, Winfield full race cam, and 4 pots.

I never could get over 89 MPH at San Fernando drags. I now know the valves were shrouded by the pockets in the heads I had milled to clear the valve lift. These photos are after I had it painted Dawn Gray (kind of pink!), before I had Tijuana tuck & roll, a Lincoln rear end with 4.44 gears, and street slicks. I raced Tom Ivo once, before he was famous, but his Olds powered roadster got me at the top end. I blew the clutch plate and bell housing all over the drag strip, and that was expensive, forcing me to drive my ole' reliable '47 Studebaker.

I blew the engine beyond repair, college was coming, I installed a stock 21 stud Ford and was the consistent 2nd place winner with my 4.44 gears at the drags only to get beat by a Buick. I sold it for \$250, and saw it a month later with a Chevy S/B and gray primer.

I then went to college to end my hot rodding until I move to Big Bear Lake in 1995!



'32 Ford 5 Window Coupe

My sister Kathy, in our Burbank back yard!



Thanks Cal, sounds like you had fun with this one!