



So last time you heard from me I was in Tulsa at the Starbird show. What a great show but I only had time to tell you about the 'Fine Nine,' but there was sooooo much more.

As I looked back at the pictures somethin' struck me. Not just the quality of cars shown there, but also the lengths to which some car owners will go to make their car stand out. There are storyboards, bumper stickers, banners, displays and graphics . . . oh, and I love the people who dress to match their car! You can almost get to know a person by visitin' their car display. They don't even have to be there, just check out their space.

I was amazed at Russ and Laura Freund's 'Take-Out T.' While part of the Fine Nine, they had really stepped it up a notch by includin' a schematic of parts for assembly in their display. Made me think of the directions you'd find in a model car kit . . . hmmm, maybe that's their way of sayin' that this 'T' is their toy.



Seriously, it's always like watchin' grown men act like boys again. I think I want to hang out with the guys and their . . . well, I really don't 'zactly know what it was but it looked to belong to the Clampett's poor cousins. I stood there forever and still look back at the pictures I see things I had missed in person. 'Roadkill Helper,' 'Revnooers Bewair,' and a remote control Skunk kept these guys entertained all weekend and the crowd around their display on their toes.



Dave White in his 1926 'Cadi-Rat' on the road in front of them they give him a wide berth, the bumper sticker says it all! And the creative use of Crown Royal bags as arm and headrest drew lots of smiles.

It seems that this years Starbird show had an unspoken theme... GASSERS ARE BACK!! Everywhere I looked Gassers . . . Willys Gasser, Henry J Gasser, Falcon Gasser, '55 Chevy Gasser, Crosley Gasser, Olds Gasser and then there were a few GASSERS!!!

And if I am to believe everything I read (even when written on a '41 Willys Gasser), then I believe that GASRJIM, as the license plate reads, is a 'Hotrod Hoodlum' as well as 'Rude, Crude and Socially Unacceptable'! And who knows, it might all be true, but he's got a nice car . . . Hoodlum or not!



I always have a blast at this show, but here I am, 'A Recovering Hoodlum reliving my Wasted Childhood'... how 'bout you?



It's no secret, I like Rat Rods, but I'm sure when folks in Tulsa see

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