

RODDIN' AT RANDOM

PROJECT GARAGE



ARIAS STRIKES AGAIN

HOT ROD reader Bud Nicholson from Denver saw the story on Mike Nordahl's 10.0L-powered Willys in the Oct. '04 issue and wrote to tell us of his own Hemi Chevy project. It's a steel-bodied '32 with a 540ci aluminum Arias motor with a 10-71 blower and EFI backed by a Turbo 400 and a Hallibrand quick-change. It also has Halibrand wheels including spindle-mount fronts. He'll have it on the road in primer next summer, then blow it apart for paint the following winter. Bud needs some paint-scheme ideas for the radical roadster, so if you're an artist with an eye for this Arias '32, send some illustrations to HOTROD@primedia.com or post them on the HOTROD.com message boards. —DAVID FREIBURGER



HOT ROD 1

In the Oct. '04 cover story about the newly available reproduction '69 Camaro bodies, we revealed Steve Stanford's illustration of how we'd build one. Now CARS in Belevs Creek, North Carolina, is turning that fantasy into sheetmetal and horsepower. Initially named Camaro ReMix, it is now dubbed HOT ROD 1, fitting for the very first all-new Camaro powered by the first test mule for the GM Performance Parts RamJet ZL1 aluminum big-block crate engine. And it's official: the car will be Rally Green. Detroit Speed & Engineering—soon moving to North Carolina but retaining the name—has contributed half the good stuff in its catalog including complete front and rear suspension. We've also got Stainless Steel brakes the size of manhole covers and a Keisler five-speed. Look for it in coming issues of HOT ROD. —DAVID FREIBURGER



THE UGLY GREEN MOPAR

The past eight months have been pretty rough on the HRM staff, and a lot of our own projects stalled while we were busy reinventing the magazine. Now they're beginning to resurface, and The Ugly Green Mopar, a beater '69 Satellite we bought with Power Tour dreams two years ago, has finally emerged from Steve Dulcich's backyard paint booth in love-it-or-hate-it green and satin black. We're going *Mad Max* on this one. Think blown Hemi and bang shifting. —DAVID FREIBURGER