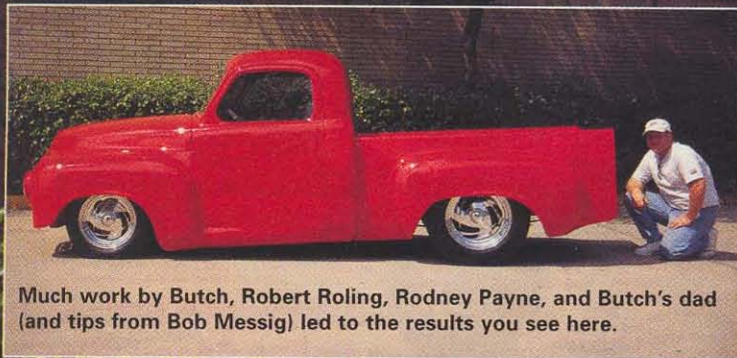


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BUTCH'S BEATER

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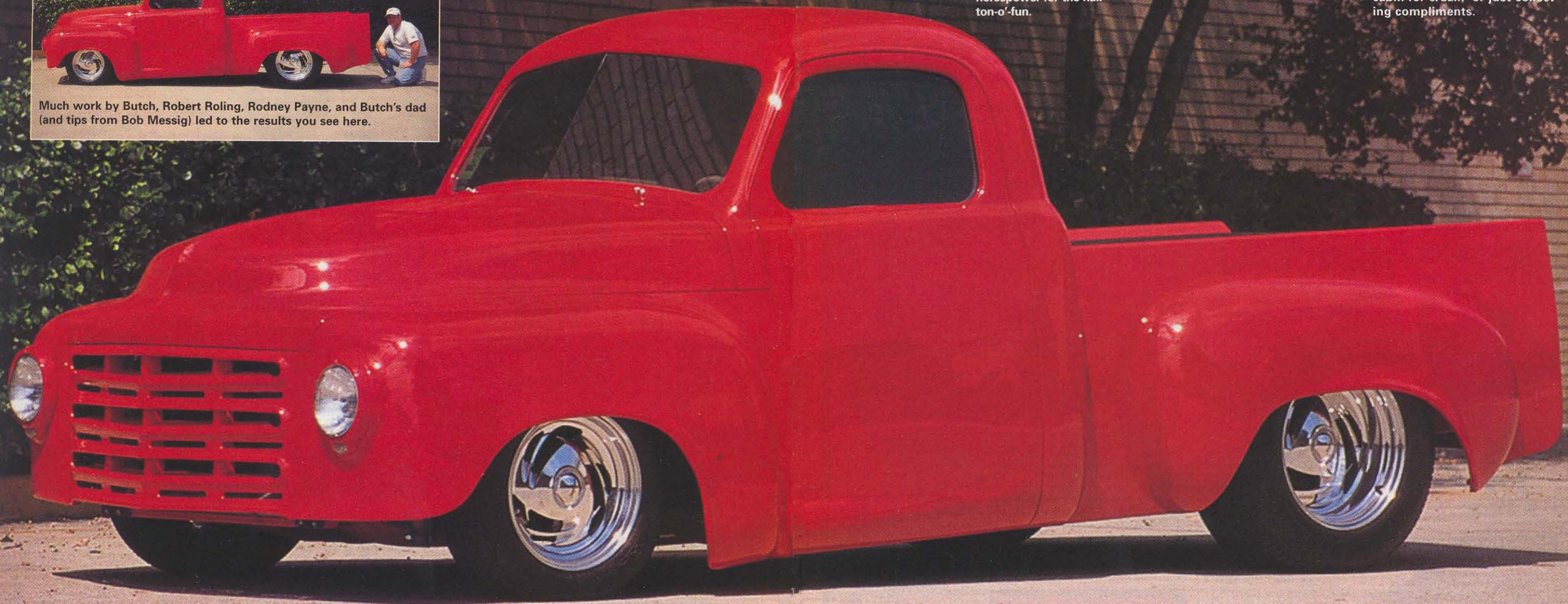


Much work by Butch, Robert Roling, Rodney Payne, and Butch's dad (and tips from Bob Messig) led to the results you see here.



A '68 Chevy 396 was bored to 402 ci. Street & Performance fuel injection, a Cam Dynamics camshaft, and Cabot Automotive headwork create plenty of horsepower for the half-ton-o'-fun.

The Paul Atkins interior in tan leather and wool sets the lil' pickup apart from the crowd. A Budnik steering wheel, Vintage Air A/C, and a Pioneer stereo system make a cozy cabin for cruisin' or just collectin' compliments.



SEVERAL YEARS AGO WE MET BUTCH BOYETTE ON Americruise (he's been to six of them). He was driving his '48 Studebaker truck in teal primer. It looked like a fun truck. Butch is a friendly guy, and one of the younger Americruisers—we found him in the Truck Corral, or maybe it was the Under 25 Corral.

We were delighted when he showed up at the NSRA

Nationals in Louisville with the Studebaker freshly painted and upholstered. Imagine our surprise when Butch's beater was selected for a one-of-a-dozen Pros' Pick. How did that happen? It was supposed to be a driver—but apparently Butch got a little carried away with the attention-to-detail.

We think the Boyettes are rather fond of the old truck, because it was dad's driver for many years—until Butch

turned 16 years old. Then it was his to drive to high school and tinker with.

As a member of Central Arkansas Rods, Butch attends a number of local events in and around Jacksonville. His buddies—Robert Roling, Bob Messig, Tony Duncan, and Rodney Payne—are credited with assisting in the transformation from a primed beater to a shiny red pick-o'-th'-litter.

A Nova subframe, a 396 big-block bored to 402ci. and a Paul Atkins interior are the most notable highlights. But look closely to see the many little changes made to the truck.

The Studebaker has transported Butch to many rod trots across the country, and he hopes to drive it to many more. The folks who see it will likely have trouble remembering the beater as it used to be—'cause there's none neater anywhere today. **RC**