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GREAT RESOURCES: ATTITUDE HOT RODS - PARKER, COLORADO

Featured in this issue of We Value Cars Newsletter is a very well known shop in the Denver metro area. That shop is Attitude Hot Rods owned and operated by Dennis Summers located at 45651 Summit Road, Parker, Colorado.

Like most car guys, Dennis Summers' interest in cars started at a very young age. His father was interested in cars before Dennis was born, but the responsi-

bility of raising a family took his dad in a different direction once his kids came along. Dennis got most of his exposure to cars by watching movies and television shows when he was just a child. He also had an aunt and uncle that owned a 1955 Chevy that caught Dennis' eye when he was very young. He always liked the looks of that particular car and wanted to own one someday. Well, that very car,

pictured below left, that sparked his life long interest is now owned by Dennis and is awaiting a new custom build.

Dennis got his first car when he was twelve years old, it was a 1957 Chevy that needed a lot of work. When he was sixteen, he sold the '57 and purchased a 1923 T-bucket race car which he worked on and eventually made it street legal.

His automotive career started in 1994



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with Summers Auto Theft Repair, specializing in fixing stolen cars that had been vandalized. Dennis was the first person in Colorado to be certified to replace automotive air bags. While he was operating this business, Dennis traveled all over Colorado and got to know a lot of people in the auto body repair business.

Like many car enthusiasts that love restoring or building custom cars, Dennis is self-taught, learning his auto body skills by trial and error and asking questions of many professional acquaintances along the way. He is very grateful for those who were willing to share their expertise with him when he was young and determined to succeed. Dennis has not forgotten those people who helped him and he carries on that tradition by helping others who need a little advice.

While working his auto theft repair busi-

ness, in his spare time, he started building a few cars for friends and he built his own 1955 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery which was finished about nineteen years ago. It's a pro-street style build with a vibrant candy



red paint job and a 402 Chevy big block motor. You may have also seen his more recent build, pictured on page one, a purple 1931 Model A Ford sedan with suicide doors, powered by a vintage Desoto hemi.

As he started attending more and more car shows, people would ask him to build a

car for them. As interest grew, Dennis decided to open a full-time hot rod shop literally in his own back yard. Attitude Hot Rods has been in business now for twelve years serving customers in Colorado as well as out of state. The shop is relatively small with one full-time employee besides Dennis himself. He is also looking for another skilled full-time employee right now. At Attitude Hot Rods every step of a build is done in-house except upholstery. They specialize in full custom builds of street rods and muscle cars along with some hot rod maintenance and repair work. They usually do two or three complete builds annually.

As always, I suggest you look at all your options to find the shop that best fits your specific needs. Make Attitude Hot Rods one of the shops you consider. For more information, call Dennis at 303-841-2323 to discuss your next project. **HC**



LATE SUMMER CAR SHOW SUMMARY

If you are interested in collector cars at all, you're reading this newsletter then you must be, you know one of the things car guys and gals look forward to the most is car show season. The preparation and anticipation builds as the season approaches in the late winter and early spring each year. You may be finishing a restoration or build looking forward to its debut and the sense of accomplishment you feel when you finally get to show it off to the world. Even if you didn't restore or build your car yourself, we all get great pride when others make positive comments about our cars and recognize them as a great work of art and engineering. Car shows are about the people too. If you are involved you know it's also a great way to socialize with other people who share the same interest or hobby. As we move into the winter season, this article reminds us of the fun we had this past car show season and we know that another car show season will be here soon.

The Road Knights Blue Light Special Car Show is one of my favorite car shows every year. It was held on August 26th, 27th and 28th this year at the Larimer County Fairgrounds, "The Ranch" in Loveland. The Road Knights always put on a great car show with a lot of show activities and unbelievable giveaways from a small local car club. This car show continues to grow every year with participation this year of about 700 cars.

Another car show I always enjoy is the Good-Guys Colorado Nationals. The event this year was held on September 9th, 10th and 11th, also held at The Ranch in Loveland with the kick off party and open house event at Pinkee's Rod Shop in Windsor. This car show is always a great event with lots of giveaways, activities and several well-known parts vendors from around the country. Attendance this year was very strong both with car registrations and spectators and the weather was perfect!

I hope to see you at many car shows in 2017. Come by and say hi, I'll be there in my 1938 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery. **HC**



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