



RECURRENT DREAM

'Pipe Dream I'
made this magazine's
cover back in
September 1957. Its
successor rates
a color feature as well

Encinitas,
California



TOP RIGHT — Power for Ted Cooper's second version of "Pipe Dream" stems from stroked '51 Chrysler with 4-inch swing for 354 cubes. Cam action to rockers is all by Howard; stock diameter valves seat in '58 model 300 heads. With Grant pistons, compression is held at 8.5:1. Hilborn injectors are atop GMC 6-71 compressor, block-connected through CRAIG manifold. Vertex mag used.

RIGHT — Homemade frame of 3-inch tube supports '37 Fiat coupe body; wheelbase is 105. Tubing was also used to build leaf-sprung front axle, while Ford rear end with Halibrand center, driveshaft, and Olds axles is solidly mounted, narrowed to 46 inches. Ted's mags are at rear, holding 9-inch Bruce 8.20x15's; English Ford rims support 5.50x13's front.

RIGHT — Interior is functional. Ford trans has been converted to in-out box. Ross steering is center-mounted, fitted with hand-made wheel. Ted shows mechanism of brake pedal, master cylinder. Interior is blue-green, matches paint.

LEFT — Skylight roof and shell were filled on Topolino body prior to blue-green lacquer paint. Body is 6 inches over frame, houses roll bar.

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