

Hot Rod News

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A lot has happened since the last update. A mockup motor and tranny has been installed into the chassis. The headers may only be startup headers however not sure yet.

Work has been mainly the gas tank and gas line installation. Of course none of the holes in the brand new Vintique gas tank lined up. The bolt brackets now look like a poor imitation of swiss cheese. The solution will be to weld some covers, simple project if I could weld, and sandwich the swiss in steel.

A rigid steel gas line is now bent but I need to figure out the ends. I wanted to have a formed circular bump, sort of like the kind on a fuel pump, for a rubber hose and clamp. Trouble is, the steel gas line is way to stiff for the flaring tool. My next task is to check out using brass fittings to transition from the steel fuel line to the rubber hose connecting the fuel pump and to the gas tank. I plan to hang the fuel line with Adel clamps in keeping with my 'dirty nostalgia' theme.

My EBAY 3/16" tubing bender is on the way so that I can replace one brake line and bend a hydraulic clutch line from the master to the slave. I ordered an EBAY aluminum radiator, which should be here any day now. Next two projects will be to get a driveshaft ordered and figure out emergency brake cables. Then I will need to move on to the exhaust system. I'd like to get as many of these details in place prior to getting the body. Also, I'd like to be able to paint the frame and components prior to body delivery.

Now I need to learn to weld, so I went to visit my main supplier, Mr. Kurt Schwarz. I borrowed the power band saw and welder. My first welding project will be to make steel rollers for the back wheels. As you can see, I have made green wooden rollers for the front. My first welding project for the car will be the covers for the swiss cheese!!

I need to learn how to weld and paint.....taking any bets??

So, as all of this unfolds, if you have any ideas, please let me know!