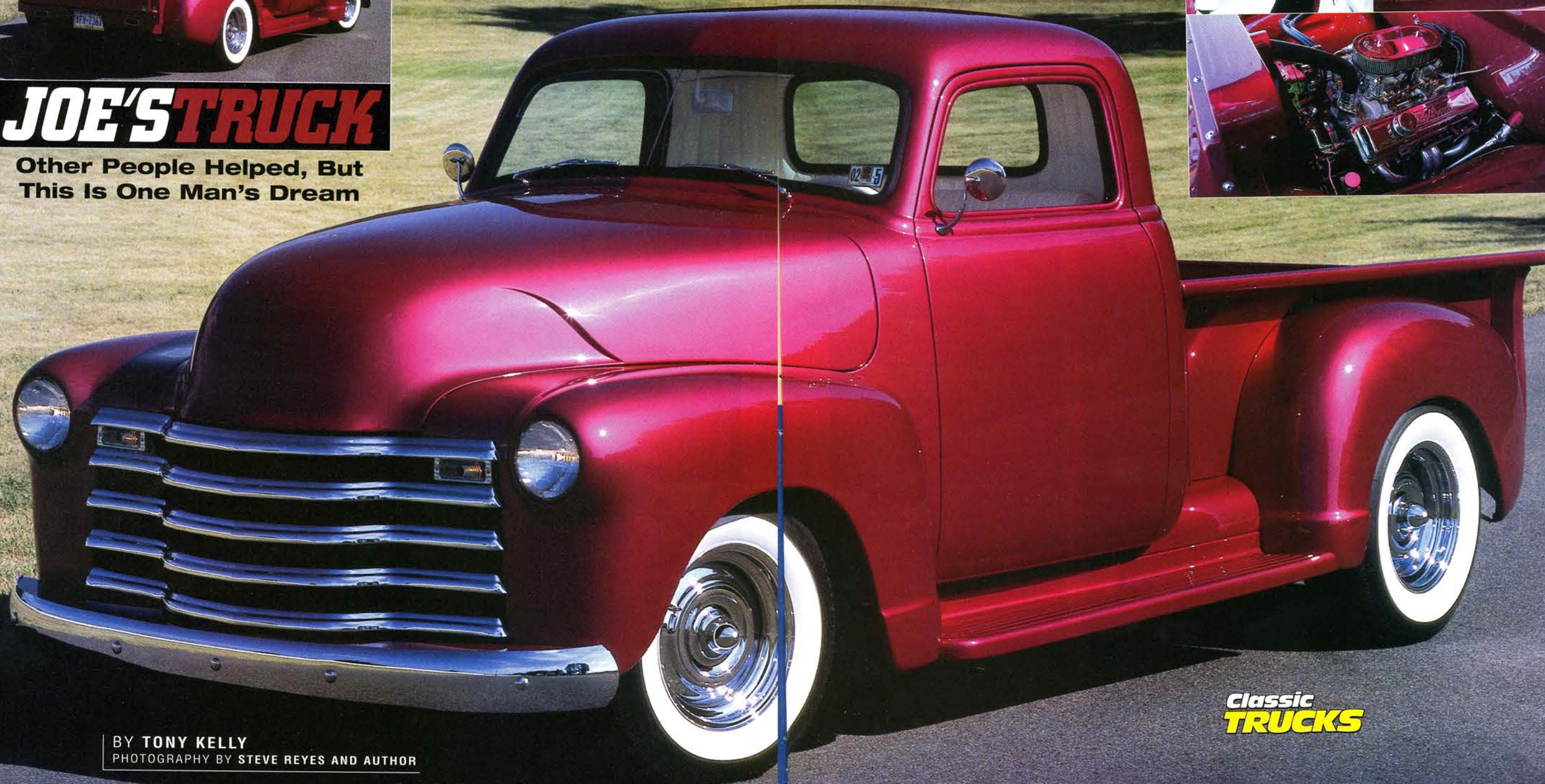




JOE'S TRUCK

Other People Helped, But This Is One Man's Dream



Classic TRUCKS

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Joe Bochnowicz is lucky to be married to Patricia. She shares his dream of having a very special truck to park at their Sellersville, Pennsylvania, home and she's traipsed through backyards, farmer's fields, and junkyards by his side in search of just the right one. In 1994 they bought three trucks out of a field and one from a newspaper ad, and began sorting out the parts—but they still weren't done. More

fields, more trucks, and more parts were hunted, found, and inspected until Joe finally began work on the project. A serious illness, however, made it clear that he couldn't complete the job by himself. Enter Ted Munsell of Trick Works in Telford, Pennsylvania. Ted took all the pieces to his shop and he worked with Joe to figure out exactly what "Joe's Truck" was going to be. Ted and his employee, Jerry Kratz, took the dream on as

their own, designing and fabricating custom parts when nothing else would do.

It was the Bochnowicz' wedding anniversary the day their truck was selected as the winner of the *Outstanding Classic Truck* award, presented by *Super Chevy* and *CLASSIC TRUCKS* magazines at the Maple Grove, Pennsylvania., Super Chevy Show. Happy anniversary!

There's a ton of custom touches and performance parts on this hauler, but there are a couple of things that make it a classic, which is what Joe and Pat never lost sight of. First the Chevy small block is a 327 cubic inch, which is what all the '50s rods, customs, and cool trucks used in the early '60s. Second, and this is the kicker; there's no radio! For everything else that's done to this half-ton, the owners say, "it's an old truck, no radio." **CT**

FACTS & FIGURES

JOE AND PATRICIA BOCHNOWICZ

Sellersville, Pennsylvania

1948 Chevy Pickup

CHASSIS

Frame / Manufacturer	.....modified stock / Chevrolet
Modifications	.....Boxed full-length, custom cross-member, molded, smoothed, painted
Rear end / Ratio	.....12 bolt / 3.42:1
Rear suspension	.....Street Rod Engineering leaves, Monroe gas shocks
Rear brakes	.....Eldorado calipers on 11 inch rotors
Front suspension	.....Heidt's Mustang II front crossmember, Heidts 2-inch drop spindles, Heidts tubular dropped A-arms, TRW springs w/4 inch drop, Monroe gas shocks
Front brakes	.....Malibu calipers on 11-inch rotors
Master cylinder	.....Corvette
Steering	.....rack-and-pinion
Steering column	.....ididit
Front wheel make, size	.....American Racing Chrome Smoothie, 15X6 w/3-inch backspacing
Rear wheel make, size	.....American Racing Chrome Smoothie, 15X7 w/4 inch backspacing
Front tire make, size	.....Coker Classic Wide Whites, 215/75-15
Rear tire make, size	.....Coker Classic Wide Whites, 215/75-15
Gas tank	.....custom, mounted at rear of frame

ENGINE

Year and make	.....'65 Chevy
Displacement	.....327 ci
Camshaft	.....GM 350 hp
Heads	.....Chevy fuelie
Valve covers	.....Edelbrock Signature
Manifold / Induction	.....Edelbrock C26 / dual Edelbrock 500cfm
Ignition	.....MSD 6AL, Pro Billet
Headers	.....Rodworks, one and 1.5 inch
Exhaust / Mufflers	.....Trick Works custom 2.5 / Flowmaster dual chamber

TRANSMISSION

Year and make	.....'65 Turbo 350
Converter	.....GM
Trans mods	.....owner
Shifter	.....ididit column mount

BODY

Body style / Material	.....pickup/steel
Body manufacturer	.....Chevrolet
Body mods	.....cab chopped 3 inches, rear window chopped 1 inch, custom front pan, custom radiator cover, door jambs molded, hand built third brake light on roof, bed seams welded
Hood	.....molded with scoops on both sides, underside molded
Grille	.....stock, chromed
Bed	.....red oak, two coats cordovan mahogany dye, nine coats clear, custom gas filler door in bed, custom tailgate and latch assembly, all fasteners (over 600) hand polished
Bodywork	.....Trickworks, Telford, PA
Painter	.....Trickworks, Telford, PA
Paint type / Color	.....PPG/GM Raspberry
Headlights / Taillights	.....frenched, '48 Chevy / frenched

INTERIOR

Dashboard	.....Custom
Gauges	.....Stewart Warner Wings
Stereo / Speakers	.....none (it's a '50s truck per the owners)
Air conditioning	.....none
Wiring	.....Trickworks
Steering wheel	.....LeCarra, Mark 10
Seats	.....'80 Cutlass Supreme
Upholsterer	.....Jim Hartmann Upholstery, Telford, PA
Material / Color	.....Leatherette / white
Carpet	.....black
Other Interior mods	.....custom alum spear across dash, custom headliner bows and retainers, relocated switches