

Andy Krausse's TIME CAPSULE



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Another car show, and another car with history finds me. This is the story of Andrew Krauss's '31 Roadster.

The show was the Philadelphia Modifier's "Old Time Drags" held at Atco Raceway in Atco New Jersey. The car was spotted in the show area, and pointed out by several of my "spies". I wandered over to the car and spent quite some time going over its many details.

The story goes like this....

The roadster was built in 1958 by David Krauss, Andrew's grandfather. The car was photographed by Car Craft magazine in or around 1961 and has quite a few pictures to back it up. David placed a 331 Caddy mill with three deuces on an Offy intake and raced the 1/8th mile at Hatfield PA. In 1965 the car went up for sale and wasn't seen again until 2002. That was when some friends in the Philadelphia Modifiers car club told Andrew about the car, sitting in a body shop,





being destroyed by vandals. Funny thing was, the car was only 10 miles from home! The car was pulled out of the shop and cleaned up just enough to be shown again. Just about everything remains intact, including the unique top with the diamond back window, which can be easily seen in the old photos. Other period touches are the nerf bars, the '50 Pontiac tail lights and the hand made headers. I didn't get a whole lot of info during the shoot, but from what I can see, the frame is stock Model A that's been boxed. The body has been channeled over the frame. The wishbones remain un-split. The brakes look like '40 fords and the gauges look like early green line Stewart Warners. Andrew says the car is home to stay after 40 years of being so close





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