

Amelia Island Concours Spotlights Another "On the Fringe Car Builder!"

To hot rodders the word "concours" portrays an image of rare, meticulously restored old cars. But in recent years, thanks to the efforts of true hot rodders like Ken Gross, promoters of concours have real-

ized they couldn't ignore the impact of the rodding and custom car segment of man's love affair with the automobile. In 2018 the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, held in the northeastern corner of Florida, for the first time had a special display of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth cars, one of the most creative builders ever. This year in 2019, Amelia Island will be pre-

senting their twenty-fourth event and the featured builder will be Ken Fenical, better known as "POSIES." Eight of his "statements" will be on display, cars that have been reshaped in ways nobody has done before. In 1984 POSIES (he likes his name in all caps) debuted a bright yellow '36 Ford with a

the hood lines. It was one of the first old-style customs that was nose-diving instead of tail-dragging. When Rat Rods became popular he realized they needed a statement to clarify what they were trying to say, but in a craftsmanship way so he created "ThunderRoad." His "Extremeliner" statement was eloquently proclaimed by

Asked which car he's most proud of, he says unhesitant: "My red and black '38 Ford with ten-point roll cage, Henry Hi-Rise tailpipes, it's like sitting in a Cadillac, and a 427 side oiler, only it's a four-passenger hot rod. That's the one I'd like to own back."



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