

BUCKAROO BUILDOFF

We Kick Off the Buildup of Project '40 Willys—and Hand-Fab a Complete Set of Steel Rear Fenders

Last year, in our sister publication AMERICAN RODDER, we briefly made mention of a three-vehicle bulldoff involving three completely different yet strangely similar projects: a '40 Willys, a '55 Chevy coupe and a '69 Mach 1 Mustang. The build is taking place simultaneously at Woody's Hot Rodz in Bright, Indiana, and we've dubbed it the Buckaroo Bulldoff.

The basic objective is to produce three decidedly different cars from three different genres, decades and manufacturers, using similar products on all

three. After these cars are finished, they will be put through a series of comparison tests to see how they perform individually and in comparison to each other. We will compare the cars in many areas, including on the dragstrip, road course, skidpad and slalom. We also will test the vehicles in areas of comfort, interior cabin noise, fuel economy and overall driveability.

It will be an interesting project, and each of the three cars—a steel '40 Willys coupe, a '55 Chevy and a '69 Mach 1—

will be followed by its respective Buckaroo magazine ('40 Willys—STREET ROD BUILDER, '55 Chevy—CHEVY RUMBLE, '69 Mustang—SUPER ROD) in complete detail. Obviously, here at STREET ROD BUILDER we will be following the progress of the Willys (owned by Gary Anderson of SoffSeal).

All of the cars will feature an Art Morrison chassis, built using the same basic components. The chassis will feature through-the-frame exhaust, a triangulated four-bar rear suspension with a Strange 9-inch Ford rear, Strange coilover shocks and 12-inch four-wheel Wilwood disc brakes. Each of the cars will be riding on equal BFGoodrich g-Force radial tires with 17-inch fronts and 18-inch rears.

