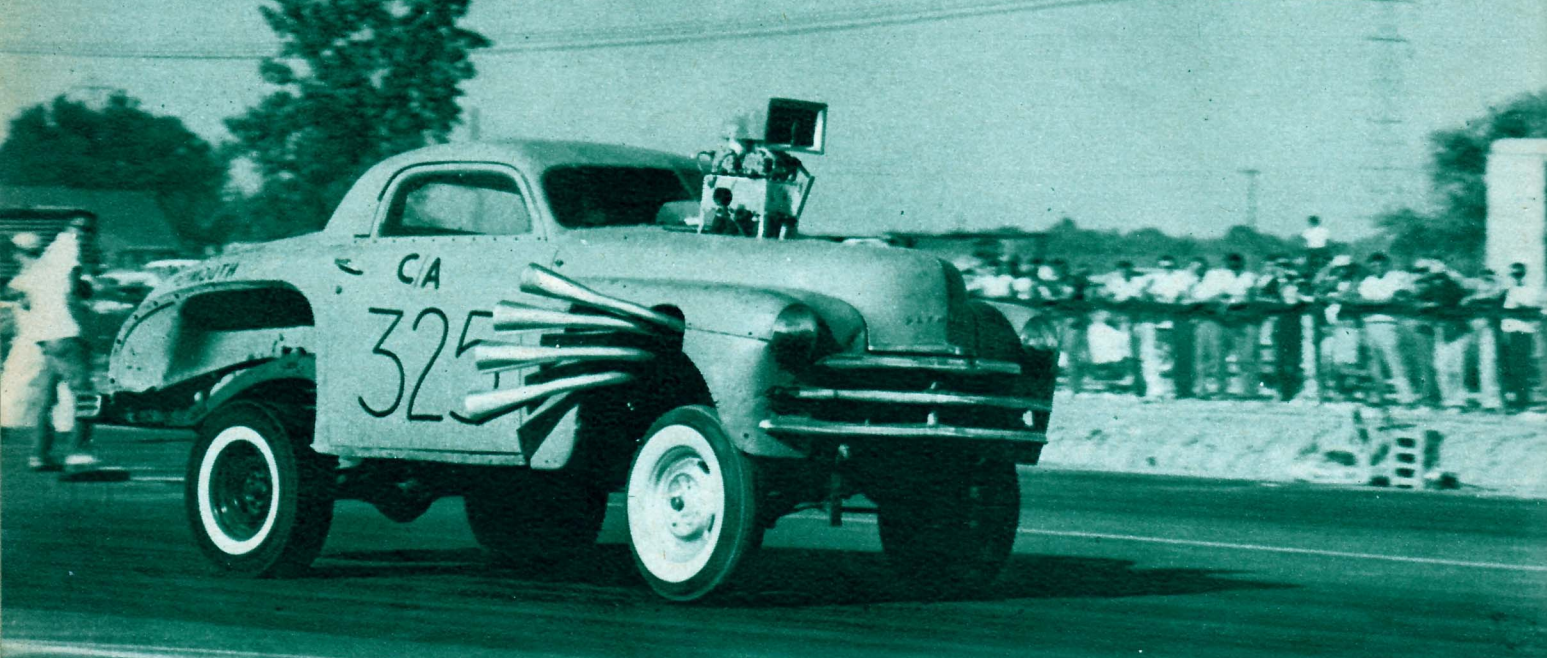


"RAM ROD" RIDES HIGH AND WIDE



Proceeding far through eliminations before being done under, the "Ram Rod" came through later with "C" Altered's fastest single run.

Even if not handsome, it took top speed in its class at the Nationals!



Detroit, Michigan

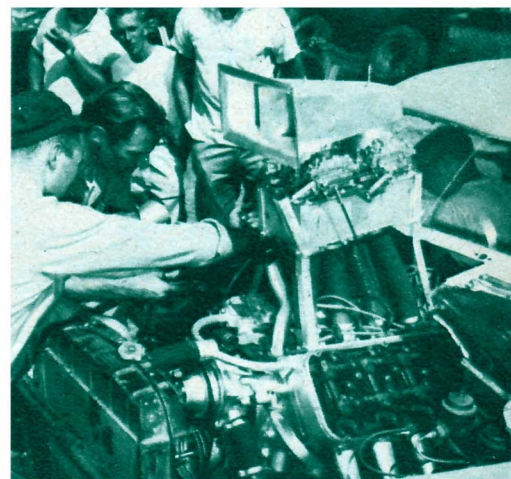
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Piloted by Herman Mozer of Detroit, Michigan, the entry of the "Ram Chargers" club of that same city copped the "C" Altered Coupe and Sedan top speed during the '59 "Big Go" with a speed of 109.75 mph. Although a record breaking performance in itself is enough to qualify a car as interesting, the "Sonoramic" entry of this group would earn that term even if it never left the line.

Unusual to begin with in the choice of construction basis, a '49 Plymouth 3-window coupe, the Ram Chargers' claim to fame takes off from there in a blazing display of ingenuity. From the top of its towering air intake to the tips of its individual funnel exhausts, here's a rod that didn't have to say "thanks for the idea" to anyone — and that's as it should be. The designer-builders of this frankly weird and wonderful creation are students at the Chrysler Engineering Institute, and have adapted sound general principles to a specific application — let's drag!



Basis of the Ram Rod is a '49 Plymouth, powered by a Chrysler V8. Ram Chargers club chopped top, installed bucket seat, roll bar; set engine back and up for improved bite. Entire car was raised as an aid to transferring weight off the line.



Power for the 3,050-pound rig emerges from this 354-inch Chrysler running 300-C ccm, Jahns pistons, Perfect Circle rings. Dual 4-barrels mount atop balance box to give individual ram tubes proper length. Megaphone type headers are also "tuned."