

# **Amazing Americans**









#### Metromania!

eff Silsbe of Phoenix, Arizona, sent us some shots of his '57 Nash Metropolitan. It features a 0.040-over 327 Chev motor and Turbo 350. A 2,200-stall converter gets the torque to a narrowed 9-inch Ford rear axle. It also sports a Mustang II IFS, Porsche 914 buckets, '70 Monte Carlo side mirrors, '96 Caddy pearl-white paint, and Mercedes cloth with MGA bows for the folding roof. The rollbar, firewall, tranny tunnel, and tons more were built by Jeff himself.

## **Optioned Right**

avid Jones of Boseman, Montana, bought this 390/T-10/4.11:1 posi Javelin in May of 1970 from the Highland Motor Company in Butte, Montana. He specified the functional ram-air hood, roof spoiler, leather interior, heavy-duty suspension, and more. Currently, a mild Crane cam, headers, and Harland Sharp roller rockers add extra grunt, while slick alloys lend a modern touch.

## Sounds Fishy...

ome with us back some 34 years ago, when fastbacks were all the rage. AMC actually helped fuel the short-lived styling trend with the Marlin, a fine example of which has been preserved by Ike Morra of Farmingdale, New York. The 270-horse AMC 327 spins 3.15:1 gears and Pacer X rims. Factory disc brakes are part of the package, as well. Nothin' fishy going on here, kids.

#### Black Box

he contents of this black box reveal something strange... a 455 Olds and Turbo 400 tranny in a '67 Rambler! Blame Jason Graber of Greeley, Colorado, for this kooky combo. The 100,000-mile bigblock has a Comp Cams 280 bumpstick, Holley 800 double-pumper, and home-ported cylinder heads. Javelin rear springs and a 3.50:1 rear keep things spritely; Olds seats and console fill in the gut. HR

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