

Randy Kunes' Car Featured In "Drive" Magazine

Randy Kunes formerly of Weedville and now living in Fairfield, CA has restored a 1953 Chrysler that was once his Dad's. Many Valley folks will remember the late Archie Kunes and his wife Dolores taking their 1953 Chrysler for Sunday afternoon jaunts. They kept it in excellent condition and it brought back the good old days to see them in it.

Randy first drove the car when he turned 16 in 1970 and it was always his hope to one day help his Dad restore it. However after joining the Air Force his visits home were limited and it never worked out to help his Dad with the car. So after his parents deaths, Randy took the car to his home in California to restore it and keep up his Dad's tradition.

It took 10 years to restore the Chrysler and Randy estimates he spent about \$29,000 doing it. Since Weedville is in the Rust Belt, there was considerable corrosion on the car when Randy loaded it onto a transporter heading west. Since the restoration has been completed the story of the car and several pictures of it were featured in the December 2005 edition of "Drive" magazine www.driveonline.com.

To quote from the article it says: "The car, with its 331.1 cubic inch Hemi V-8, gets about 13 miles per gallon, but it's a keeper. "I don't care how much gas costs," says Randy, "I'll still take it out on Sundays." He remembers when he first drove it, gas only cost .35 cents a gallon.

Congratulations Randy on restoring this family heirloom to look-like-new condition. The car is really "cool" and your Dad would be proud.

Randy was recently "home" to Weedville for a visit with many relatives and old friends.
