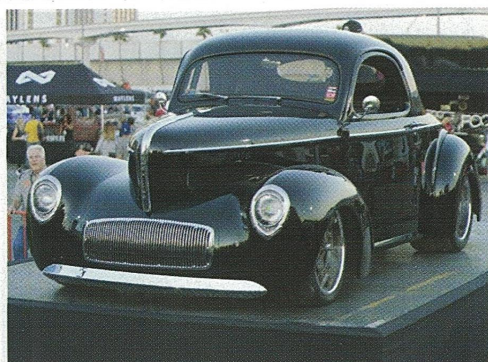




■ Kyle Tucker's '41 Willys Two-Door Coupe in the Baer Brakes booth.



'41 Willys Two-Door Coupe

Lead Builder: Kyle Tucker; Detroit Speed, Mooresville, North Carolina

Kyle Tucker is no stranger to BOTB, having won the inaugural competition in 2014 with a '69 Chevy Camaro. This time, it was an all-steel '41 Willys, which took a little over four years to build, that placed him among the top builders again.

Once set up as a drag-race vehicle, the Willys was converted into a streetable road car with show-car levels of attention to detail. Highlights include a GM LS7 dry sump crate engine with Holley valve covers. The engine makes more than 500 hp at the tires and is backed by a five-speed

Legend gearbox that delivers power to a TruTrac-equipped Ford 9-in. rearend with 3.73 gears. Schott custom wheels cover six-piston Baer brakes.

Wiring was accomplished using American Autowire materials, and Vintage Air, ididit and Classic Instruments were among the key interior suppliers. Advanced Plating did extensive chrome restoration work.

"I have been building cars and designing parts for the automotive aftermarket industry for more than 15 years," Tucker noted. "I expect our cars to not only sit right and look right but also drive and perform at a level that is uncompromised." 🏆