

Look, don't touch

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MANKATO— Members of the Minnesota Street Rod Association gathered at Busters in Mankato Saturday to show off their impeccably pristine cars. Dean Oslnd got some help from his friend Scott Rue cleaning his 1958 Rambler. The two men spent over 10 minutes cleaning what would appear to the average car owner to be a vehicle that couldn't get any cleaner. According to Dean Oslnd, the motivation for the obsessive cleaning is "the pride of having a nice car. You give it the respect it deserves." Oslnd uses eight different cleaners to keep his street rod shiny. Gordon Walker makes use of a "don't touch" sign to help protect his mirror-like car. Walker says cleaning is "part of the hobby."

"You spend all that time and effort on your car, you want to keep it that way."

Hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars are poured into these customized cars by their loving owners. For many of them, they are reminders of how popular hot rods were when they were teenagers. Considering what these cars represent to the owners, some obsessive waxing is understandable.



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The highly polished chrome on the back of a street rod headlight could double as a mirror. Luke Gronneberg



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They may be old, but they still have a lot of power inside of them. News 12's Nicole Winters has more on some old time classics showing off their bright coats. I don't trailer it. I built it to drive. Car lovers from all over southern MN came to show off their wheels and check out over one hundred others on display. The show and shine car show today in Mankato is part of a weekend event held in garden city for Minnesota street rod association members. The event is held every year, but every two years it's in a different town. This town wanted everyone to have fun even if they didn't have much interest in the cars. We have a limo taking the ladies back and forth to River Hills Mall all day, they're having a good time. A limo ride to the mall may have worked for some people but I found one man that would much rather rev his engine and show off his hard work. Charles Albaugh's car a 1931 Ford two door sedan, has special meaning to him he was tired of working on everyone else's cars so he built one for himself. I've done 99% of the work myself. It's a good driver. I always wanted to build one and when I retired I felt it was time to do one of my own instead of working on everybody else's. Albaugh started building his car in June of 2005 and finished it this last march. It's been a fun project I built it ground up, it was all in pieces when I bought it. Pieces that came together to make an old timer look pretty darn good. In Mankato Nicole winters news 12.