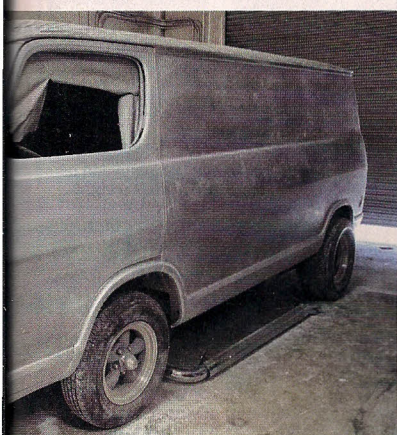




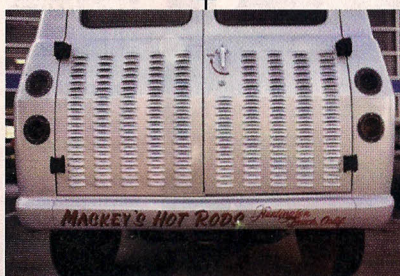
[Here, hand stripping and patching are well underway. The rockers, lower rear quarters, lower doors, and windshield area needed extensive metalwork. The side doors were welded shut, and new louvered skins were made for the rear doors. Mackey used lead around the A-pillar and windshield surround. By this time, vintage aircraft pieces for the interior, suspension rubber and upgrades, and window rubbers and paint materials had all been ordered from eBay Motors.



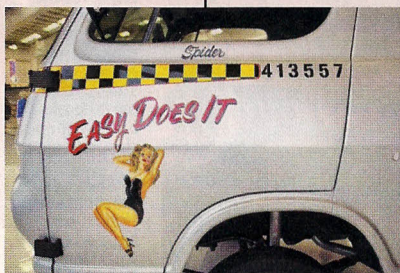
[Silver base with a Roth Metalfake enhancement and semi-gloss clearcoat gives just the right sparkle while keeping it retro warbird-looking. With less than 15 days remaining until completion due date, there's still a lot that needs to be done before that August 1 reveal.



[The interior features a cut-down steering wheel similar to an aircraft yoke. Vintage aircraft gauges and a compass, a B-17 jockey stick for a shifter handle, and safety switches round out the aluminum-skinned engine box and instrument panel.



[Vintage aircraft marker lights work well as taillights, as the original pooked and puckered lights were cut out and the holes filled. Buck-a-piece louvers add to aircraft look and were an easy addition, as new skins were needed for rusty and banged-up doors.



[Artist Sonny Mouneuv was called in to handle the vintage nose-art, lettering, and aircraft graphics. No sticker art or airbrushing was used. This was all done by hand, with fades achieved by feathering the paint—just like they did it in the day.

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[Within a month, the body had been primed and blocked, including the louvered skins for the rear doors. Mackey's decided to blend the vintage aircraft theme with Gasser look of the '60s. The van was dedicated to a friend of Brian Mackey who was a WWII Marine. If the van were to have won the Built From eBay contest, proceeds from the auction would have gone to Semper Fi Fund for injured Marines.

[The Mackey's/eBay Gasser looks the part if not exactly running like it. Stopwatch quarter-mile times were in the 12s, which is still good enough for not having touched the engine. More can be seen at [BuiltFromEbay.com](http://BuiltFromEbay.com).



[Note the elimination of the stock vents below the windshield for the mean 'n' clean look. Mackey's couldn't figure out what the vents were for in the first place. Also, note the Moon tank nestled into the bumper for the Gasser effect—with nose-up attitude adding greatly to that end.

