

# A decade to build, hot rod receiving accolades

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said he always had a desire to one day put his own custom machine together from scratch.

He began building the frame jig for the coupe in February 2006 and for someone who was never interested in becoming a mechanic, its pieces came together over the course of the next decade. From the upholstery for the bench seats to the wiring, the chassis, right down to the knobs on the high-end stereo system, they were all put together by Henderson.

He did enlist the help of others for a couple of the car's components, including a U.S. company to complete the 525-horsepower engine block and a deceased friend who created the flames.

"I've got a lot of friends

who I talk to who are into cars for their opinions and I always have my ideas too. You build it how you want to build it because it's your dream, right? I learned a lot, made some mistakes, but it's all been worth it."

The car first hit the road in August 2016 and the Hendersons put up 3,000 kilometres last year, with the foot-long hotdogs at Rocky's Drive-In in Guelph reason enough to take it out for a spin on a nice day.

But the coupe is earning plenty of accolades on the show circuit for its one-of-a-kind design features. It won the Best Engineered Street Rod and the Best in Class awards for the Custom Rod Coupe category (1936-47) at the biggest show of the year in Canada - Motorama at the International Centre in Mississauga in March - easily the highlight so far for Henderson.

He joined fellow Halton Hills residents Jamie Watt with his 1956 Volkswagen oval window Beetle and Dave Jolly's 1938 Lincoln Zephyr among the 28 vehicles selected to show in the prestigious Grand Room at Motorama.

"You really couldn't give me anything better than that, to be recognized for the building of the car," he said proudly.

"We were just honoured to be there and I kept saying to Flo, 'I almost feel I shouldn't be here. These guys are so good at building their cars.' Then one of the judges told me he hadn't seen anything like it, and that the underside of the car was just as beautiful as the outside. That was pretty rewarding to hear."

Henderson has also been profiled for an upcoming issue of Hot Rod Magazine.



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**Samantha Thomas (right) earned the Georgetown Racquet Club's women's open title at the Club Championships held late last month, defeating Anita DeBruyn in the final.**



**Steve Kogon (left) prevailed over Steve Thomas in the men's open division final for the Georgetown Racquet Club's recent Club Championships.**

# Club champs declared at Georgetown Racquet Club

The club championships were recently held at the Georgetown Racquet Club to wrap up the 2017-18 season.

Following are the results from each of the division finals:

- Women's A**  
Samantha Thomas def. Anita DeBruyn
- Women's B**  
Chris Kogon def. Sharon Babin
- Women's C**  
Kim Lanthier def. Gudrun Eves
- Women's D**  
Bernadette Copeland def. Laurie Ross
- Women's Seniors**  
Kate Switzer def. Chris Kogon
- Women's Masters**  
Sharon Babin def. Kim Lanthier
- Women's Vets**  
Julia Fountain def. Mary Skuriat
- Open**  
Steve Kogon def. Steve Thomas
- Men's A**  
Tim Mitchell def. Jamie Shaw
- Men's B**  
Jatinder Singh def. Alberto Gregori
- Men's C**  
Conor McGucken def. Shane Findlay
- Men's D**  
John Leckie def. Mike Fargiorgio
- Men's Seniors**  
Greg Salt def. Ron Wagner
- Men's Masters**  
Abdul Sheikh def. Nick Sawrantchuck
- Men's Vets**  
Ryan Berrigan def. Peter Mumford

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