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# CHS Bio

## Ray Long Hot Rodder

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**Ray Long** is a true car person. He had a 1948 Ford Coupe at Central. Now he has restored one just like he had in 1954. In addition he restored a beautiful 1936 Ford. Since it did not win at a car show he has decided to sell it at \$51,000 which is much less than he has invested. This is true of almost all restored cars – it is much less expensive to purchase one already restored than to do it yourself.



Ray's first car - 1948 Ford restored in 2004



Ray's new Dodge highly modified with a Supercharged 650 H.P. engine. It "eats" Mustang's.

Ray says his new Dodge pick-up is his real pride. The engine is highly modified including a Supercharger. It now has 650 horsepower. He says new GT 500 Mustang's and Corvette's hate him when

he beats them. No one thinks a heavy pick-up is that quick or that powerful. He wins money drag racing them.

Ray worked for Sun Oil since 1958 and retired in 1991 – 33 years at the same place. He says he will never work again. Back in 1956 he walked down from CHS to his part-time job at Sun and then worked full time in 1958.

Ray's wife Louise still works as a secretary at Catoosa public schools and loves her job. Ray says he never had a job he loved, but has learned to live with it.

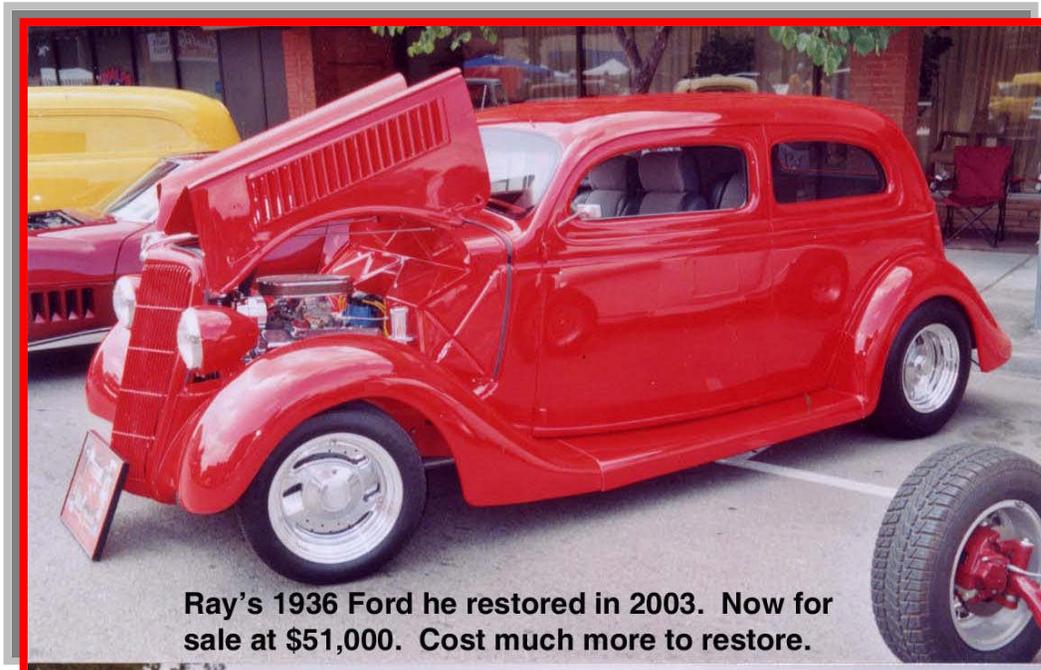
Ray attended classes at T.U. for about 8-years, at night to get a degree in accounting all while working at Sun Oil. In 1970 he went to Phoenix, AZ for an 8-week computer school sponsored by IBM. This was company paid of course. Ray says this was the hardest 8-weeks of his life. Since this time he worked full time with computers at Sun Oil.

Ray LOVES retirement. He says he gets up somewhere between 9:00 a.m. and Noon. Ray says he has a wonderful wife and two boys and two girls, a great grand-daughter who is not-so-great sometimes. He has lots of grand kids.

Ray says he plans on living to age 100. He says **Fred Benford** is now his contact for CHS and **Bobby Goddard** for Lowell Jr. High.

Ray also says he will have a new race ready Corvette sometime in the near future. And yes, he will be attending the reunion.

**See Ya at the 50<sup>th</sup> Ray!**



Ray's 1936 Ford he restored in 2003. Now for sale at \$51,000. Cost much more to restore.