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Personal

Troy grew up in Manteno, a small town in Illinois. He and his wife Angie have three beautiful children... Carly (13), Jack (10) and Luke (7). Together Troy and Angie run one of the most successful companies in the custom automobile industry.

Troy has grown up around cars and craftsmanship. Even though he found time to play every sport possible in high school, Troy always worked in his dad's automotive shop. His grandfather taught him that "there's only one way to do things: the right way."

A competitive spirit, a passion for excellence and a "nothing's impossible" attitude have shaped Troy's life and every car he has built.

History

It all started in 1986 when his grandfather gave him a 1966 Chevelle to "fix up" for himself. After a good effort he took that car to the 1990 Du Quoins Street Machine Nationals. He was amazed at the building techniques he saw, so he redid his Chevelle shortly thereafter with a unique blend of ideas like brushed trim (taken from a John Buttera car) and Boyd wheels. The car was called Pro Box. It was a huge hit and it launched a new company.

Rad Rides by Troy was established in 1995 as a father and son business that has grown to become one of America's top automotive shops in 14 short years.

Along the way Troy has become a team builder. From the close-knit pack of fabricators, mechanics, painters and machinists that make up the company... to the essential partnerships he has forged with some of the industry's leading suppliers.

Today Rad Rides by Troy is one of the most well known and respected names in the business. In addition to building cars for many of the top car collectors in the country, Troy has worked closely with Ford, GM, Chrysler, Toyota... both sports and Hollywood celebrities... and is now developing an environmentally friendly ethanol kit that is the only EPA certified e85 kit available in America. He was featured on two "Rides" feature length shows and participated with Chip Foose on two "Overhaulin'" episodes.

The Rad Rides Difference

Troy inherited his grandfather's passion for perfection. He added his own highly diverse appetite to build everything from a Ridler winner to a Bonneville racecar. This commitment to both craftsmanship and performance is now recognized by fans all over the world.

This unique combination has produced some amazing cars, such as Chicayne, the first twin turbocharged small block street machine. Chicayne went on to win Goodguys Street Machine of the Year award in 2002 and set off a whirlwind of twin turbo cars that have tried to follow in its footsteps. That year, in a feature article on the car, Popular Hot Rodding Magazine stated that Chicayne just might be the "finest hot rod of all time."

To Troy, it's critical that the car performs as well as it looks. So, the fact that Chicayne drove the entire power tour that year was even more satisfying than all the awards and flattering comments.

2007 – A Banner Year

This year Troy has had unprecedented success. The '32 roadster he built for Roger Ritzow was one of the "75 Most Significant Roadsters," displayed at the Grand National Roadster Show in January. In March, he won the coveted Ridler award with a 1936 Ford, named First Love, which the judges described as "5 years ahead of the competition." In August the now famous 1969 Barracuda, named Blowfish, made a repeat trip to the Bonneville Salt Flats and ran over 270 mph. Then Hot Rod Magazine informed him that he was the first builder in the history of the magazine to have two different cars in their "Top Ten of the Year" list (Blowfish and First Love), with Blowfish landing the prestigious "Hot Rod of the Year" title. On top of that, the Grand National Roadster Show named Troy as their "Builder of the Year" for 2008 and Auto Week magazine asked Troy to be a featured speaker at their 15th annual "Design Forum – 2008".

Achievements

1992-1996

Pro Box ['60 Chevy Bel Air]	1990 <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine "Car of the Year" <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine cover <i>Car Craft</i> magazine cover
Bumonguous ['50 Buick Sedanette]	1992 <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine "Car of the Year" <i>Car Craft</i> magazine cover
Rumbler ['60 Rambler American Wagon]	1994 <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine "Top Ten" Goodguys "Custom Rod of the Year" finalist
Predator ['39 Chevy Coupe]	1995 <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine "Top Ten" Goodguys "Street Rod of the Year"
Sniper ['54 Plymouth]	1997 <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine cover Goodguys "Custom Rod of the Year" <i>Rod & Custom</i> magazine cover Featured in <i>Fifty Years of Hot Rodding</i> <i>Hot Rod Magazine</i> "Top Ten of All Time"
Intruder ['57 Ford Wagon]	1998 Goodguys "Custom Rod of the Year"

1999-2005

Bisquick ['61 Chevy Biscayne]	1999 <i>Super Rod</i> magazine cover
Quadradeuce ['32 Ford 4WD]	1999 Goodguys "Street Rod of the Year" finalist
Chicayne ['62 Chevy Biscayne]	2002 Goodguys "Street Machine of the Year" Mothers Shine Award GM Engineering Award
Al's Long Bed ['70 Chevy Pickup]	2003 Goodguys "Truck of the Year" finalist Cover of <i>Custom Classic Trucks</i>
Ritzow's 32 ['32 Ford Roadster]	2004 Goodguys "Street Rod of the Year" One of Ford's "75 Most Significant Roadsters"
Chocolate Thunder ['37 Ford Convertible]	2004 Mothers Shine Award
Fastforward Fastback ['67 Mustang]	2004 <i>Rides</i> TV episode <i>Hot Rod Magazine</i> Feature eBay auction for charity
Sickfish ['70 Barracuda]	2005 <i>Rides</i> TV episode

2006-2007

Blowfish ['69 Barracuda]	2006 Bonneville Salt Flats Record Holder <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine "Car of the Year" <i>Hot Rod Magazine</i> Top Ten
Hurricayne ['66 Chevy Biscayne]	2007 Goodguys "Street Machine of the Year" finalist
First Love ['36 Ford]	2007 Ridler Award Winner <i>Hot Rod</i> magazine Top Ten

2006-2007 (continued)

Grand National Roadster Show

2007 “Builder of the Year”

2008

Vision [‘40 Ford]

2008 Featured in *Street Rodder* magazine

Notorious [’70 Nova]

2008 Goodguys “Pros Pick” - Columbus, Ohio

2008 Goodguys “Street Machine of the Year” finalist

2008 Goodguys “Muscle Machine of the year”

Woodward Dream Cruise

2008 1st Grand Marshal

Blowfish [69 Barracuda]

2008 Rad Rides featured on Discovery Channel

Speed Capitol Of The World: Bonneville

2009

Summernats, AU

2009 Celebrity guest “22nd Annual Summernats Festival” Canberra, Australia

Hershey, PA

2009 Celebrity Speaker AACA Museum

Passion [’56 Chrysler 300B]

2009 Detroit Autorama “1st Place Full Hardtop”

“Casi Cup Award Winner”

“Best Custom”

Notorious [’70 Nova]

2009 Featured in *Hot Rod* magazine

2009 Detroit Autorama “Outstanding Engineered”

“Outstanding Engine”, “Outstanding Interior”,

“Outstanding Street Machine”, “2nd Place

Pro-Touring 55 to Current”

Blowfish [’69 Cuda]

2009 Featured in *Popular Hot Rodding* magazine

2009 Bonneville Salt Flats Record Holder

292 in the CBFCC Class

2010

1932 Ford Miller Hauler

2010 GNRS, Pomona, CA

2010 AMBR Outstanding Class , Sweepstake

Award Truck, Blackie Geijan Award of

Excellence

2010 Detroit Autorama “1st Place in Class Altered Rod,

1st Place in Class, “Outstanding use of Paint and

Color” “Outstanding Detail” Outstanding

Outstanding Display”

Passion [’56 Chrysler]

2010 GNRS, Pomona, CA

2010 AMBR Outstanding Class Award,

Sweepstake Award Custom, Chip Foose

Design Excellence Award

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