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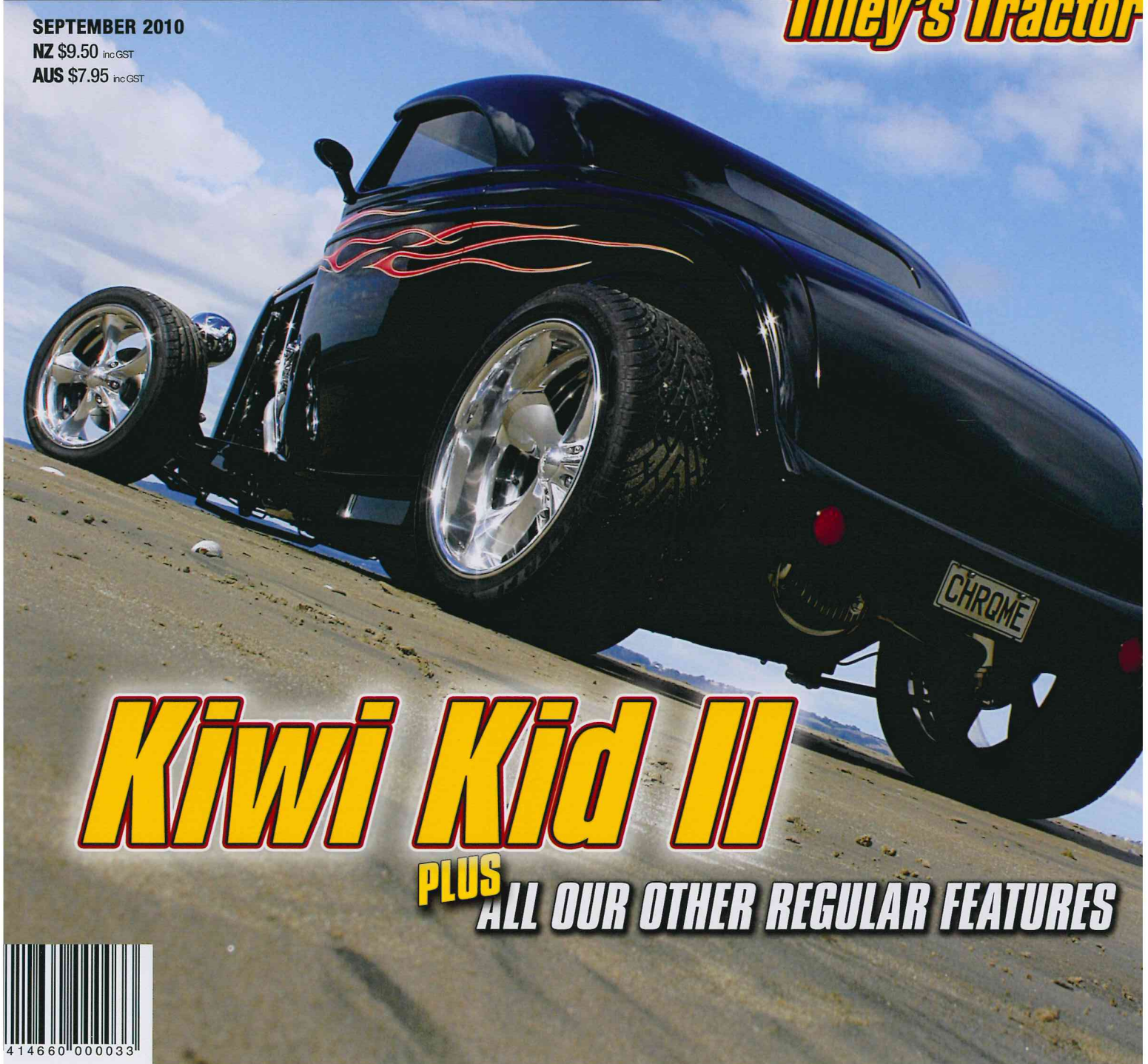
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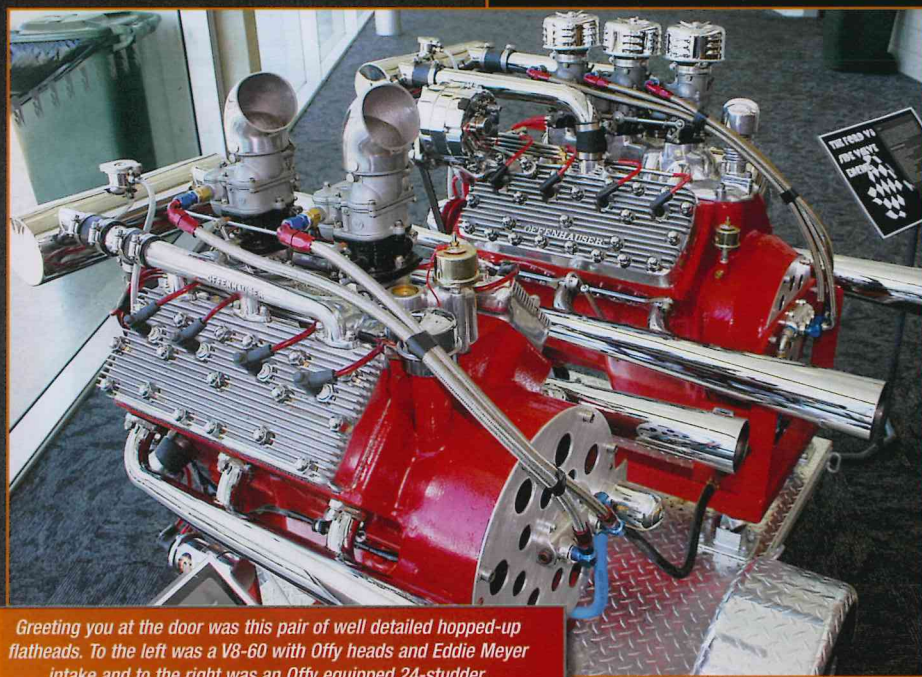
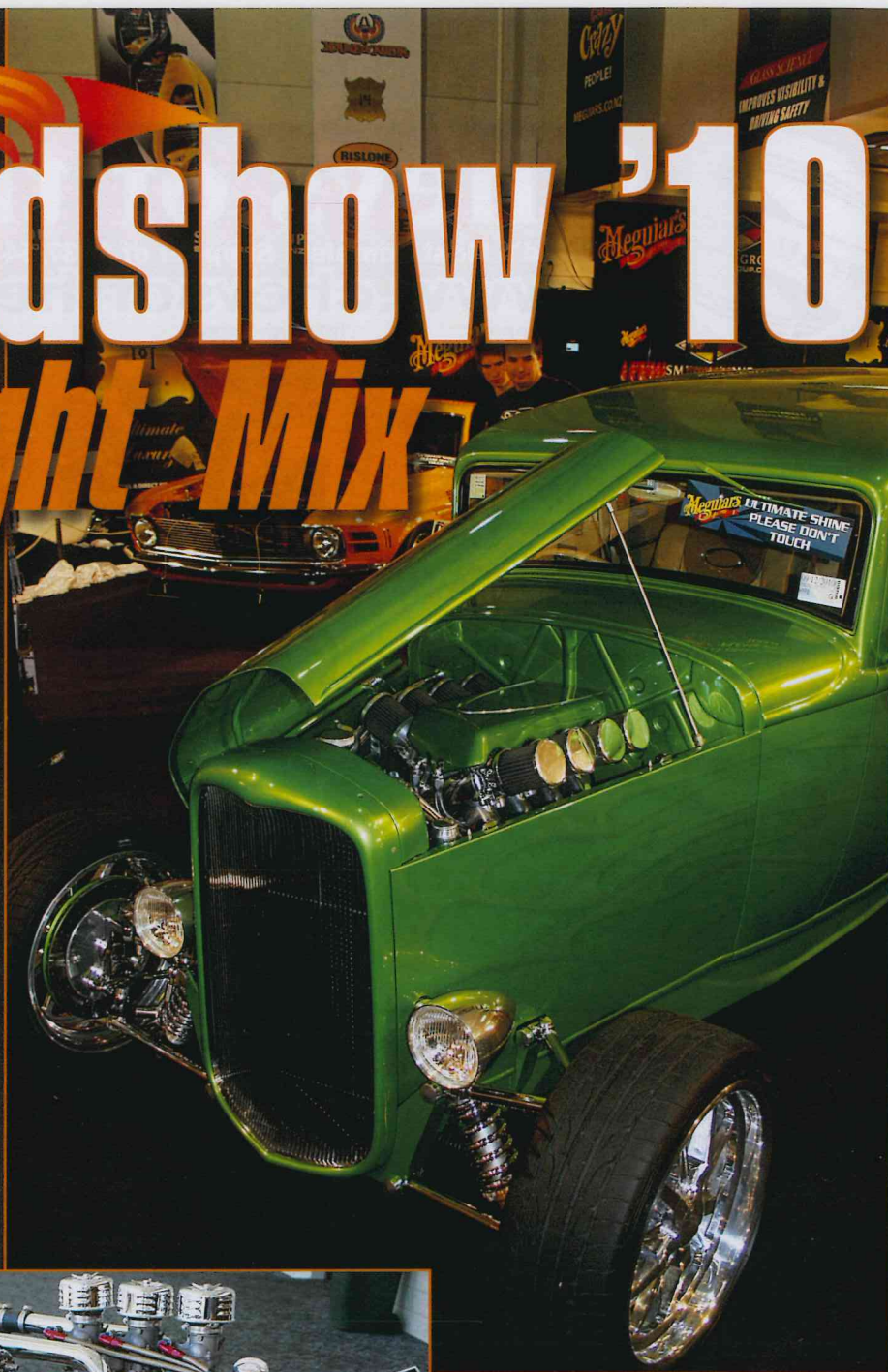
# Speedshow '10

## The Right Mix

By Greg Stokes

ONLY four years on and the Speedshow has become a motor show that has the traction of a well established event with history. This year the event held at the ASB Convention Centre in Greenlane, Auckland, was significantly larger than last year in terms of general public and the exhibitors. "When I launched this show, the initial idea was to display anything related with speed", comments show manager, Keith Sharp. "I think, this year we found our mix".

The Speedshow features all aspects of our auto industry or hobby from brand new cars to modified or race vehicles right thru to powerboats. One of the original objectives to the show has also been met where Keith felt like offering a show which appealed to non-automotive people and attracting them



Greeting you at the door was this pair of well detailed hopped-up flatheads. To the left was a V8-60 with Offy heads and Eddie Meyer intake and to the right was an Offy equipped 24-studder.

to the show with the diversity you would not see at a one-genre show.

Leading up to this year's show, with the economy being as it has been portrayed, Keith admits it has been a nervous time due to the rising costs of a show to this magnitude. Introducing more of the new vehicle market has helped in this area. "It was the pre-show jitters where you are wondering at the last minute if there is anything more you could have done", says Keith. As it turned out the show was well supported and exhibitors did some great business over the weekend.

Personally the displays which stood out for us were in fact from our advertisers like the Castrol Edge >

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This 1948 Kurtis Kraft midget featured an Offenhauser engine and was a recent import from the USA.



For brute horsepower, it's hard to beat a genuine McLaren Can Am car of the sixties.



Rod & Performance NZ displayed their Brookville '32 roadster package featuring resto rod style with a modern twist running an LS1 under the hood. This car can be yours and a lot of interest was expressed in it over the weekend.



Bryce Townsend's Open Wheel Experience gives you the opportunity to race a midget to whet your racing appetite or enhance your driving style.

Heat Treatments debuted their Jerry Bickel Nissan 350Z drag car on the Castrol Edge display zone. This car will be one to watch this season!



Ivan Segedin's Fleetwood Carpets Mustang was one for the memory banks. It shared company with Glenn Allingham's wicked Camaro.



This year was the first Speedshow for Ian Rainbow of Key West Fabrication and Supplies, showcasing the McLeod clutch range as well as Gear Vendors and Wayco workshop tools and equipment.