



"Bats." Hickey tube bumpers guard both ends.

This convert from Volkswagen Beetles has a hit with his first shot outside the world of Bugs. With help from friends Mike and Wayne, Flatbed Towing, Ziebart, and Sound Concepts, Jim's hybrid Jeep has racked up several first- and second-place awards in shows. With this detailed project, Jim has gained more customizing experience than most people will accrue in a lifetime. Next on the "To Do" list, he says, are Auto Meter gauges, "chrome goodies for the undercarriage," and a set of new Ground Hawgs. But with a bit of experience under his belt, Jim has some advice for the novice builder: "Do things right," he advises, "take your time, and research all areas before you start." **OR**

