

## Hot Rod Rescued

Last May, Dave Ricci, an owner of Santa Rosa Fire Equipment Service Inc. in Santa Rosa, California, met Dave McIntosh because of McIntosh's car. Ricci heard it rumbling out in his company's parking lot. Curious, he went to see what kind of car was producing the noise—it was a "beautiful 1940 Chevy Deluxe Coupe street rod," said Ricci.

"While one of our shop guys got what Dave needed, he and I went out front and looked over his car," Ricci continued. "It was right out of one of those hot rod magazines. My son is into hot rods and has his own 1940 Pontiac Coupe and a 1955 Chevy. This car was complete. Dave told me he had \$28,000 in this car."

Ricci and McIntosh discussed his fire extinguisher needs, which included stocking his home, garage, and cars. He left with four five-pound ABC extinguishers for his house, garage, and shop, and two half-pound ABC extinguishers for his cars.

A week later, when Ricci returned to the shop from the field, an employee suggested that he go speak with a customer who was there for an extinguisher recharge. Ricci immediately recognized McIntosh.

McIntosh had been working on the Chevy Deluxe Coupe's power steering unit. When his wife turned the wheel from side to side to test it, one of the power steering hoses burst and sprayed fluid over the hot headers. A fire ignited right in front of them. He grabbed a new extinguisher and put out the fire quickly. The only damage was the steering hose and the chemical spray all over everything.

McIntosh was very pleased with the success of the extinguisher. According to Ricci, "he had worked on the car for over a year without an extinguisher in the shop or car, and said he felt very lucky that he had changed that situation. He said the car will be at the local car show this coming weekend thanks to the extinguisher we sold him!"

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## Quick-Thinking Boy Prevents Serious Fire Damage to Home & Injury

On March 2, in the heat of the moment, twelve year-old Nicholas Markos remembered that his family kept a fire extinguisher in their camper. In the afternoon, a fire that started on the stove quickly spread to some nearby paper towels and on to the cupboards. As his mother yelled to get out of the house, Nicholas remembered the extinguisher in their camper and ran to get it. He returned and showed his mother how to use it. Nicholas said he had learned about fire safety from his parents, when he toured a fire station, and as a member of the Boy Scouts.

*Source: "Firefighters Laud Boy's Action" by Ted LaBorde, MassLive.com, July 11, 2004.*

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## Extinguisher Saves Three Homes

The son of a woman who had left a pan of hot oil over a flame in their apartment's kitchen used a portable extinguisher to put out the fire and followed up by smothering it. When the fire department responded, the fire was completely out. The building owner, who also resides in the building, credited the extinguisher for saving the building and its occupants.

*Source: "Resident Knocks Down Kitchen Fire" by Kevin P. O'Connor, Pawtucket Times online (www.pawtuckettimes.com), May 22, 2004.*

## Passing Motorists Extinguish Alley Fire

Brothers Chris and Vince Beeler, service technicians for an energy company, spotted a fire in an alley near an elementary school while passing by on their way to a job on July 7. They called the fire department, took a fire extinguisher and a shovel from their truck, and attacked the fire. According to fire fighters, by the time they arrived, the Beelers had the fire almost completely out. "It was pretty much out when we got here, but as dry as it is, it could have gone right down the easement and back in behind those houses," Winters said. "Then we would have had some access issues to get into that area to fight the fire."

*Source: "Brothers Stop Neighborhood Fire" by Richard Haddad, The Payson Roundup online (www.paysonroundup.com), July 9, 2004. ♦*