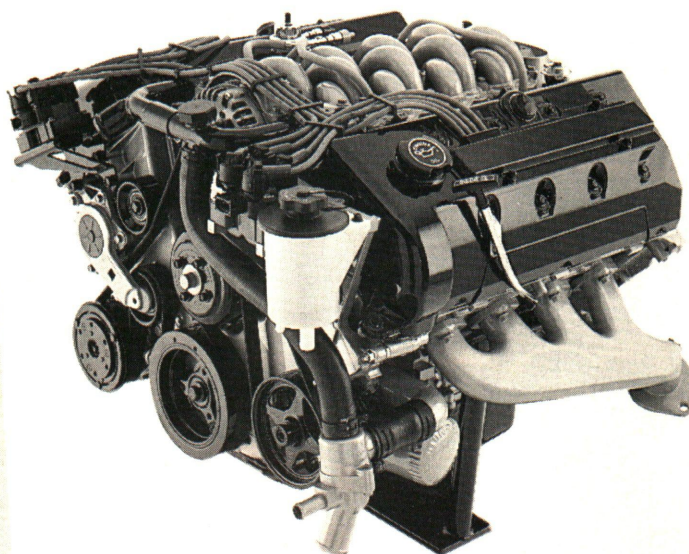


the beginning. The heavy hitters in the industry will be involved, such as Bell Tech, Boyds Wheels, Snug-top, ASC, Bullet Engineering, Whipple Industries, Borla, Car Custom, Pete Santini, PPG, Cerrullo, and Alpine, for starters. The dualie is going together at Bell Tech's facility in Fresno, California. This photo shows the truck at Bell Tech, with Anthony checking out the progress.



## MODULAR-MOTORED TRUCKS?

What you're looking at here is Ford's new 4.6-liter V8, the motivating force behind the 1993 Lincoln Mark VIII. This modular engine features an aluminum block and heads, a double overhead cam,

four-valve-per-chamber valvetrain, and all sorts of other high-tech niceties to produce a respectable 290 horsepower. That's more power (with supposedly better mileage) than the current 5.0L 302. What does this luxu-barge engine have to do with trucks? Ford has revealed that the 4.6 is destined to power truck platforms, but Ford tells us that substantial changes have to be made to the crossmember, frame, and engine compartment sheetmetal in order to make it fit. But can you just imagine a high-tech, 290-horse Ranger? We sure can. When we ask Ford's Special Vehicle Team (SVT) if they have any plans for the Ranger, they just reply with big smiles.

## BLAUPUNKT MEETS THE JETSONS

Just when you thought it was impossible for stereos to get any more high tech, Blaupunkt comes out with the ultimate system for sport truckers on the go. Now you now longer have to fiddle with controls when you're supposed to be concentrating on the road, because Blaupunkt's new head unit is voice activated. A small, noise-canceling microphone clips onto your visor or dash and allows your voice to control not only the AM/FM/cassette stereo, but also a trunk-mounted CD changer, and a built-in cellular phone. The phone plays through the stereo speakers or, if you have someone in the car and want your conversation private, through an infrared handset. The name hung on the new system is Las Vegas, so we assume that it will also scan the dial for any 24-hour, all-Wayne Newton stations. Or maybe Elvis.



It should be done by the time you read this, and rest assured we'll show it to you in all its glory once it hits the streets. We can only imagine the stereo that's going in this thing!

## INDY GRAPHICS

With the announcement that GMC is the official truck of this year's Indy 500 came a brace of trucks adorned with decals proclaiming their association with the biggest spectacle in auto racing. If you didn't get a chance to buy one of the originals, you can order the decals from Graphik Concepts (Dept. ST07, 23555 Research Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48335, 800/969-8990 or 313/473-8990 [in MI]). The photo sent to us shows the Cyclone package, but you can get them for the C/K trucks as well as Indy Hauler decals for '80, '81, '83, '86, '88, and '89 GMCs.

