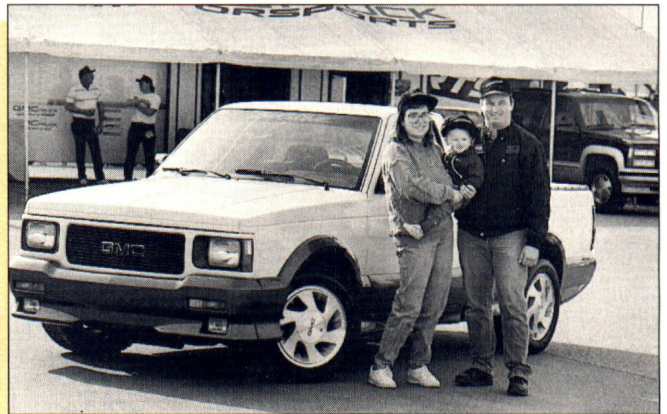


## THE LUCKIEST GUY IN THE WORLD

Well, okay, ever since Eddie Van Halen married Valerie Bertinelli, he's worn the crown of The Luckiest Guy In The World, but a close runner-up is Larry Fletcher of Mesa, Arizona. Larry is the winner of Petersen Publishing's Win A Syclone Sweepstakes, introduced in *Sport Truck* in the August '91 issue. This photo, taken in the pits at the NHRA Motorcraft-Ford Nationals in Chandler, Arizona, in front of the GMC Motorsports display, shows lucky Larry and his family standing with the Syclone. We're envious.



## SPORT TRUCKS, THE EASY WAY

Wouldn't it be nice to buy a brand-new truck that was already customized the way you wanted, and include the price of the custom work into the financing? Thanks to Trader's Truck Accessories (and several other aftermarket manufacturers as well), this is now a viable alternative to doing it yourself. This photo shows the installation center at Trader's (Dept. ST06, 12266 Rooks Rd., Whittier, CA 90601, 800/345-7008 or 310/692-7241 [in CA]) new 40,000-square-foot facility, where new trucks are converted to street-hero status for sale by factory dealers. Check out the slick Suburban in the background. If you can't find a dealer that uses Trader's service, give 'em a call and they'll be glad to point you in the right direction.

## TOP SECRET

### US AGAINST THEM

The latest weapon in the speed limit wars is the laser speed gun, which can't be detected with existing radar detectors. Manufacturers of the laser guns claim that it can't be detected at all, but Cincinnati Microwave has announced that it has indeed developed a working prototype, and could go into production if there's enough demand. The laser guns cost three times as much as a conventional radar gun, however, so there are only about 200 laser guns in use out of an estimated 200,000 speed measurement devices nationwide, meaning that demand isn't high enough to produce the laser detectors—yet. For more information, contact Escort Division, Cincinnati Microwave, Inc., Dept. ST06, One Microwave Plaza, Cincinnati, OH 45249, 513/489-5400.

## QUICK & DIRTY DEPARTMENT

- ACID RAIN**—An EPA study found that acid rain actually etches dull spots into paint because it doesn't evaporate. In fact, it becomes more concentrated as the raindrops dry. If you live in an industrial city, dry your truck right after it stops raining. Also, keep a coat of good wax on the truck for extra protection.
- KILLER METER MAIDS**—Before you start complaining about that parking ticket stuck under your

wiper, check this out. In Japan, you need a sticker on your vehicle proving you have an assigned parking place for it (spaces rent for about \$700 a month), and if you illegally park, the ticket will cost you \$1400 or up to three months in jail!

- PLUG INFO**—Have a question about spark plugs? Champion Spark Plug Company now has a tech hotline staffed by ASE-certified technicians to answer any question

pertaining to plugs. Call 419/535-2443 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EST).

- Bernstein Hits 300!**—We were all set to tell you about Petrolon Inc.'s \$50,000 prize for the first drag racer to run 300 mph in the quarter-mile when K.B. walked off with the cash. At the NHRA Gatornationals in Florida, Bernstein laid down a 301-mph pass and then *lost* to Eddie Hill's 4.82 second run on the finals!