



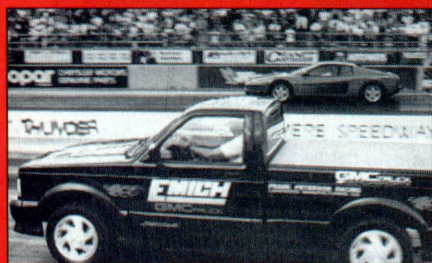
Defining Spunk

Those wacky designers at Suzuki keep pumping out cute vehicles endlessly. Now, they've come up with a Limited Edition package for the "Beep, beep, hi!" crowd to really whip things into a tizzy. The Sidekick LE debuts (at \$12,499) with a bright-aqua color and vibrant white, with pink and purple striping on the sides and hood.

But wait, there's more: an AM/FM/cassette stereo, a tachometer, cloth seats, power steering and electric power mirrors. The package is also available for current two-door Sidekicks and includes chrome wheels, outlined white-letter tires, a special white soft top with matching spare tire cover and automatic locking hubs. Watch for it at your local Suzuki dealer.

Syclone Tests A Testarossa

Maybe you've heard by now about the drag race that pitted a factory stock '91 GMC Syclone against a Ferrari Testarossa on May 25. The race was held at Bandimere Speedway in Lakewood, Colorado, at an elevation of 5800 feet. John Bandimere Jr., owner of the speedway, was at the helm of the

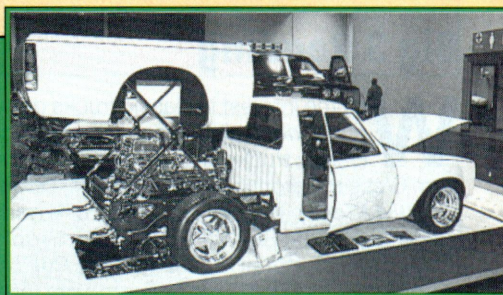


Syclone, and Lou Ficco, who races a Super Comp dragster and recently purchased the megabuck Ferrari, piloted the Testarossa down the strip.

In the best of three competition, the Frank Petersen-prepared GMC beat the Testarossa on the first two passes running a 14.53 quarter-mile with a top speed of 93.02 mph and a 14.12 at 95.59 mph respectively, while the Ferrari managed a mere 15.13 at 95.89 mph. The Syclone broke the 13-second barrier during practice runs the evening before the competition, stopping the clock at 13.96 seconds at 96 mph.

SCORE Report

The SCORE show is the biggest gathering of off-road manufacturers and suppliers in the Southwest. This year, the show returned to its home at the Anaheim (California) Convention Center after a one-year hiatus at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The move seemed to please Southern California off-roaders, as attendance was up 41 percent over the 1989 show. A truck showcase featuring two-wheel-drive street trucks was also part of this year's show. Nick Gutnecht's '80 Dodge D-50 was given *Sport Truck* magazine's Editor's Choice award. The Olds-powered truck is a consistent show winner on the national ISCA circuit.



Toyota Full-Size Truck—Not Dead Yet?

This one needs to be listed under the third-hand rumor file, but the info is intriguing enough to warrant a mention. It seems that Toyota, all the while denying that a full-size truck exists, took several prominent Toyota dealers on a tour that included the viewing of a full-size truck.

One dealer commented that the truck was well received except

for the fact that it had a six-cylinder engine. "Don't even bother if there are no plans for a V-8" was the message most of the dealers relayed to the import company's officials. The fact that a V-8 might get slipped into the Toyota Land Cruiser in a year or so should help boost the rumor quotient a few notches. ■

