

# Ol' Shool Library

Reviewed by Alan Mayes

**W**ell, it's almost Christmas time and your friends and relatives don't know what to get you for a gift. "You're so hard to buy for!" Nah, they just gotta look in the right place. Like at this page. Here are a few DVDs and books that we highly recommend. Look them over and circle the ones you like, and then casually leave the mag open to this page on the coffee table. Maybe someone will get the hint. - Alan Mayes

## **How to Paint Your Motorcycle at Home - DVD** By Spritz by Fritz; [www.spritzbyfritz.com](http://www.spritzbyfritz.com); \$25

This two disk set is the best custom painting video I have ever seen. Fritz Schenck is an exceptionally talented custom painter, having painted show winning cars and motorcycles for many years. He painted many of Indian Larry's best-known motorcycles as well as his own custom creations featured in *Ol' Shool Rodz* and *Car Culture DeLuxe*. And he works out of a two-car garage like most of you.



In his video, Fritz explains everything, not only how to do it, but why to do it, and how it works; mixing the paint, mixing filler, when to sandblast and when not to, preparing the surface, what to avoid, how to do things on the cheap and still get great results, laying down designs, sanding... everything. And he does it in a way that you can understand. The DVD set contains almost 3 1/2 hours of instruction and every minute of it is worthwhile. Though the procedures are done start to finish on motorcycle parts, they work equally as well on cars. This is a must have set.

## **Vintage Torque 5 - DVD** By John Wells; [www.vintagetorque.com](http://www.vintagetorque.com); \$33

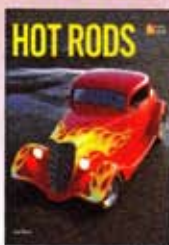
The next best thing to being there. That's the way to describe the *Vintage Torque* series, including #5. It's a two disk set and includes the same kinds of events we cover in *Ol' Shool Rodz*; in other words, your favorites (and ours): West Coast Kustoms Santa Maria, Dave Mann Chopper Fest, Mooneyes Xmas Party, Detroit Autorama, Jalopy Showdown, Lonestar Roundup, plus the art of Doug Horne, Suedes Car Club, and much more.



It's 4 hours of gearhead nirvana. Grab a copy, invite your buddies over and have a ball.

## **Hot Rods - First Gear Series** By Alan Mayes; Motorbooks (order from [www.olskoolrodz.com](http://www.olskoolrodz.com)); \$19.95

Yes, I have another book and I'm going to shamelessly plug it. Ignore the fiberglass street rod on the cover. That car is not in the book. The marketing whizzes at Motorbooks chose that cover shot because "it matched the style of the other covers in the series."



Never mind that it doesn't represent the cars that are actually in the book: show rods, rat rods, traditional rods, all cool as can be. Photos are my own plus those from several people you'll recognize the names of including Anna Marco, Mike Basso, Mitzi Valenzuela, and more. Buy this book. I need the money to finish my Riviera.

## **Custom Car & Custom Hot Rod Research Bibliography** By Mark S. Gustavson; Championship Publishing; [www.championship-publishing.com](http://www.championship-publishing.com); \$6

In what old magazine did the articles on the "Tren-dero" Ranchero appear? I want to look at a detail on the front. Well, because of this book, I know it was in the November 1961 issue of *Cars*, plus at least eight other magazines. How about Barris' "Villa Riviera"? There are ten listings for that one. If you have a huge stack of old custom and rod magazines and you like to refer to specific cars or how-to-articles once in awhile, Mark Gustavson has saved you a ton of search time. And his bibliography is a bargain besides.

## **How to Build Max-Performance Buick Engines** By Jefferson Bryant; CarTech Books; [www.carttechbooks.com](http://www.carttechbooks.com); \$24.95

This book runs the gamut of Buick engines (real ones, not the corporate Chevy ones) from the first 264 Nailhead up through the last 455 and the Turbo V-6. It talks about block and parts selection, oiling system upgrades, ignitions, assembly, everything. It's a great resource if Buick power plants are your thing.



## **How to: Airbrush Pin-Ups** By Frank Season; Art Kulture Books (Wolfgang Publications); [www.wolfpub.com](http://www.wolfpub.com); \$27.95



So that's how they do it! That's what you'll say to yourself several times while perusing the pages of this book. Follow along as seven top airbrush masters (Edward Reed, Steve Nunez, Susan Heidi, Liz Austin, Steve Leahy, Tom Nguyen, and Steve Driscoll) turn a blank canvas into the girl of your dreams. Even if you're not going to try it yourself, this book is worth owning.

## **Automotive Welding: A Practical Guide** By Jeffrey Zurschmeide & Russell Nyberg; CarTech Books; [www.carttechbooks.com](http://www.carttechbooks.com); \$24.95

All car guys want to know how to weld. It's just one of the rites of passage for us to feel complete. This book is a good starting text, explaining many of the terms plus different types of welding, safety precautions and the gear you need to do the job right without being over-equipped. It also explains techniques, and some basic formulas on how things work.

