Eventually, Bernie replaced his Ford engine with a hopped up 1939 Mercury. A Potvin cam and ignition, Navarro intake manifold, Evans heads, custom headers and a dual exhaust system with cut outs completed the build.



Bernie campaigned his Roadster at Harpers and El Mirage from 1946-50, racing several times every season. During a one-way run at El Mirage in 1949 Bernie achieved his fastest speed, 134.32-mph.



In 1953, Bernie went into the printing business with his brother and his car sat for 30-years while he raised his family.

In 1983, Bernie retired and began a through restoration of his Roadster.



His fastest engine and many of the other racing modifications were retained. Bernie rejoined his old car club, the California Roadsters and enjoyed his beloved Roadster for the rest of his life.



Bernie Couch's

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Roadster



80-years of ownership!

